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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 *un-translation*? 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*, *Hadēs*, *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*. *Hadēs* 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, *eleēsē*, 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 <u>eBible.org</u>, <u>Crosswire.org</u>, <u>unbound.Biola.edu</u>, <u>Bible4u.net</u>, and <u>NHEB.net</u>. The Aionian Bible is copyrighted with <u>creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0</u>, allowing 100% freedom to copy and print, if respecting source copyrights. Check the Reader's Guide and read online at <u>AionianBible.org</u>, with Android, and TOR network. Why purple? King Jesus' Word is royal... and purple is the color of royalty!

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Adam and Eve Driven Out of the Garden of Eden

So he drove out the man; and he stationed the cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every direction, to guard the way to the tree of life. Genesis 3:24

Genesis

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 Now the earth was formless and empty, and darkness was on the surface of the watery depths. And God's Spirit was hovering over the surface of the waters. 3 And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. 4 And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. 5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. There was evening and there was morning, one day. 6 And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." And it was so, 7 And God made the expanse, and separated the waters which were under the expanse from the waters which were above the expanse. 8 And God called the expanse Sky. And God saw that it was good. There was evening and there was morning, a second day. 9 And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered to one gathering, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. And the waters under the sky gathered to their gatherings, and the dry land appeared. 10 And God called the dry land Earth, and the gatherings of the waters he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. 11 And God said, "Let the earth produce vegetation, plants yielding seed after its kind, and fruit trees bearing fruit with seed in it after its kind, on the earth." And it was so. 12 And the earth brought forth vegetation, plants vielding seed after its kind, and fruit trees bearing fruit with seed in it after its kind, on the earth. And God saw that it was good. 13 There was evening and there was morning, a third day. 14 And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky for the illumination of the day, to give light on the earth, and to rule the day and the night, and to separate between the day and the night. And let them be for signs, and for finished his works which he had made; and he rested seasons, and for days, and for years, 15 and let them on the seventh day from all his works which he had serve as lights in the expanse of the sky to give light made. 3 So God blessed the seventh day, and made it on the earth." And it was so. 16 And God made the holy, because he rested on it from all his works which two great lights-the greater light to rule the day, and God had created and made. 4 This is the account of the the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. 17 And heavens and of the earth when they were created, at God set them in the expanse of the sky to shine on the the time when God made the earth and the heavens. 5 earth, 18 and to rule over the day and over the night, Now no bush of the field was yet in the land, and no and to separate the light from the darkness. And God plant of the field had yet sprouted; for God had not saw that it was good. 19 There was evening and there caused it to rain on the land, and there were no people was morning, a fourth day. 20 And God said, "Let the to cultivate the ground, 6 but springs came up from the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let earth and watered the whole surface of the ground. 7 flying creatures fly above the earth in the open expanse And God formed man from the dust of the ground, and of the sky." And it was so. 21 And God created the large breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man sea creatures, and every living creature that moves, became a living being. 8 And God planted a garden with which the waters swarmed, after its kind, and every eastward, in Eden, and there he put the man whom he winged flying creature after its kind. And God saw that had formed. 9 And out of the ground God made every it was good. 22 And God blessed them, saying, "Be tree to grow that is pleasant to the sight, and good for

fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let the flying creatures multiply on the earth." 23 There was evening and there was morning, a fifth day. 24 And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures after its kind: tame animals, and crawling creatures, and wild animals of the earth after its kind." And it was so. 25 And God made the wild animals of the earth after its kind, and the tame animals after its kind, and everything that crawls on the ground after its kind. And God saw that it was good. 26 And God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the flying creatures of the sky, and over the tame animals, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creature that crawls on the earth." And it was so. 27 And God created humankind in his own image. In God's image he created him; male and female he created them. 28 And God blessed them, saving, "Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the flying creatures of the sky, and over all the tame animals, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over all the creatures that crawl on the earth." 29 And God said, "Look, I have given you every plant vielding seed, which is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree, which bears fruit yielding seed. It will be your food. 30 And to every wild animal of the earth, and to every tame animal of the earth, and to every flying creature of the sky, and to every creature that crawls on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green plant for food." 31 And God saw everything that he had made, and look, it was very good. There was evening and there was morning, a sixth day.

 ${f 2}$ Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their vast array. 2 And on the sixth day God food: the tree of life also in the middle of the garden. was with her, and he ate. 7 The eves of both of them and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. 10 And were opened, and they knew that they were naked. So a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from they sewed fig leaves together, and made coverings for there it separated and became the source of four rivers. themselves. 8 They heard the voice of God walking in 11 The name of the first is Pishon; this is the one which the garden during the breeze of the day, and the man goes around the whole land of Havilah, where there and his wife hid themselves from the presence of God is gold; 12 and the gold of that land is good. There is among the trees of the garden. 9 So God called to the aromatic resin and the onyx stone. 13 And the name of man, and said to him, "Where are you?" 10 And he the second river is Gihon; it goes around the whole land said, "I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid, of Cush. 14 And the name of the third river is Hiddekel; because I was naked; so I hid myself." 11 And he said, this is the one which flows east of Ashur. And the fourth "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten river is the Perath. 15 And God took the man, and put from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?" him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and take care 12 The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be of it. 16 And God commanded the man, saying, "Of with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate." 13 Then every tree of the garden you may freely eat; 17 but of God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, you shall The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." not eat of it; for in the day that you eat of it you will 14 So God said to the serpent, "Because you have done surely die." 18 And God said, "It is not good that the this, cursed are you above every tame animal, and man should be alone; I will make him a helper suitable above every wild animal. On your belly you shall go, and for him." 19 And out of the ground God formed every you shall eat dust all the days of your life. 15 I will put tame animal, and every wild animal, and every flying enmity between you and the woman, and between your creature of the sky, and brought them to the man to see offspring and her offspring. He will bruise your head, what he would call them. And whatever the man called and you will bruise his heel." 16 And to the woman he each living creature, that was its name. 20 And the man said, "I will greatly multiply your pain in childbirth. In pain gave names to all the tame animals, and to all the flying you will bring forth children. Your desire will be for your creatures of the sky, and to every wild animal; but for husband, and he will rule over you." 17 To Adam he Adam there was not found a helper suitable for him. 21 said, "Because you have listened to your wife's voice, So God caused a deep sleep to fall on the man, and he and have eaten of the tree, of which I commanded you, slept; and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the saying, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground for flesh at that place. 22 And the rib that God had taken your sake. In toil you will eat of it all the days of your from the man he fashioned into a woman and brought life. 18 Thorns also and thistles will it bring forth to you; her to the man. 23 And the man said, "This at last is and you will eat the plants of the field. 19 By the sweat bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh. She will be of your face will you eat bread until you return to the called Woman, because this one was taken out of Man." ground, for out of it you were taken. For you are dust, 24 Therefore a man will leave his father and his mother, and to dust you shall return." 20 The man called his and will join with his wife, and the two will become one wife Eve, because she was the mother of all living. 21 flesh. 25 And they were both naked, the man and his And God made clothing out of skins for Adam and for wife, and were not ashamed.

3 Now the serpent was more shrewd than any of the wild animals which God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God really said, 'You shall not eat of any tree of the garden?" 2 And the woman said to the serpent, "Of the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat, 3 but of the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden. God has said. 'You shall not eat of it, neither shall you touch it, lest you die." 4 The serpent said to the woman, "You won't surely die, 5 for God knows that in the day you eat it, your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." 6 When

his wife, and clothed them. 22 Then God said, "Look, the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil. So now, let us send him out, lest he reach out his hand and also take of the tree of life and eat, and live forever." 23 Therefore the LORD sent him out of the garden of Eden, to till the ground from which he was taken. 24 So he drove out the man; and he stationed the cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every direction, to guard the way to the tree of life.

A Now Adam had marital relations with his wife Eve. and she conceived, and gave birth to Cain, and said, the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and "I have gotten a man from God." 2 Again she gave birth, that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to Cain's brother Abel. Abel was a keeper of sheep, but to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit, Cain was a tiller of the ground. 3 As time passed, it and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who happened that Cain brought an offering to God from the

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fruit of the ground. 4 And Abel also brought some of And a son was also born to Seth, and he named him the firstborn of his flock and of its fat. And God looked Enosh. This one began to call on the name of God. favorably on Abel and his offering, 5 but he did not look favorably on Cain and his offering. Cain was very angry, and the expression on his face fell. 6 God said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why has the expression of your face fallen? 7 If you do well, will it not be lifted up? If you do not do well, sin lies in wait at the door. It desires to control you, but you must rule over it." 8 Cain said to Abel, his brother, "Let's go into the field." It happened when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel, his brother, and killed him. 9 Then God said to Cain, "Where is Abel, your brother?" He said, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?" 10 And God said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood cries out to me from the around. 11 Now you are cursed because of the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. 12 From now on, when you till the ground, it won't yield its strength to you. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer in the earth." 13 Cain said to God, "My punishment is greater than I can bear. 14 Look, you have driven me out this day from the surface of the ground. I will be hidden from your face, and I will be a fugitive and a wanderer in the earth. It will happen that whoever finds me will kill me." 15 And God said to him. "Not so. Whoever kills Cain vengeance will be taken on him sevenfold." And God appointed a sign for Cain, lest any finding him should strike him. 16 So Cain went out from the presence of God and lived in the land of Nod, east of Eden. 17 Cain had marital relations with his wife, and she conceived and gave birth to Enoch. He built a city and called the name of the city after the name of his son, Enoch. 18 To Enoch was born Irad, and Irad became the father of Mehaiiel, and Mehaiiel became the father of Methushael, and Methushael became the father of Lamech. 19 Lamech took two wives: the name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other Zillah. 20 Adah gave birth to Jabal, who was the father of those who dwell in tents and have livestock. 21 His brother's name was Jubal, who was the father of all who play the harp and flute. 22 Zillah also gave birth to Tubal Cain. who heated metal and shaped instruments of bronze and iron. Tubal Cain's sister was Naamah. 23 Lamech said to his wives, "Adah and Zillah, hear my voice. You wives of Lamech, listen to my speech, for I have slain a man for wounding me, a young man for bruising me. 24 If Cain will be avenged seven times, truly Lamech seventy-seven times." 25 Adam had marital relations with his wife again, and she gave birth to a son, and named him Seth, saying, "For God has appointed me another child instead of Abel, for Cain killed him." 26

5 This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created humankind, he made him in God's likeness. 2 He created them male and female, and blessed them, and called their name "humankind" on the day when they were created. 3 Adam lived two hundred and thirty years, and became the father of a son in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth. 4 The days of Adam after he became the father of Seth were seven hundred years, and he became the father of sons and daughters. 5 All the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years, then he died. 6 Seth lived two hundred and five years, and became the father of Enosh. 7 Seth lived after he became the father of Enosh seven hundred and seven years, and fathered sons and daughters. 8 All the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years, then he died, 9 Enosh lived one hundred and ninety years, and became the father of Kenan. 10 Enosh lived after he became the father of Kenan, seven hundred and fifteen years, and fathered sons and daughters. 11 All the days of Enosh were nine hundred and five years, then he died. 12 Kenan lived one hundred and seventy years, and became the father of Mahalalel. 13 Kenan lived after he became the father of Mahalalel seven hundred and forty years, and fathered sons and daughters 14 and all the days of Kenan were nine hundred and ten years, then he died. 15 Mahalalel lived one hundred and sixty-five years, and became the father of Jared. 16 Mahalalel lived after he became the father of Jared seven hundred and thirty years, and fathered sons and daughters. 17 All the days of Mahalalel were eight hundred and ninetyfive years, then he died. 18 Jared lived one hundred and sixty-two years, and became the father of Enoch. 19 Jared lived after he became the father of Enoch eight hundred years, and fathered sons and daughters. 20 All the days of Jared were nine hundred and sixty-two years, then he died. 21 Enoch lived one hundred and sixty-five years, and became the father of Methuselah. 22 Enoch walked with God after he became the father of Methuselah two hundred years, and fathered sons and daughters. 23 All the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years. 24 Enoch walked with God, and then he was not there, for God took him. 25 Methuselah lived one hundred and eighty-seven years, and became the father of Lamech. 26 Methuselah lived after he became the father of Lamech seven hundred and eighty-two years, and fathered sons and daughters. 27 All the days of Methuselah were nine hundred and sixty-nine years, then he died. 28 Lamech lived one hundred and eighty-two years, and became the father of a son, 29 and he named him Noah, saying, "This one

the father of Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

And it happened, when humankind began to multiply on the face of the land, and daughters were born to them, 2 that God's sons saw that the daughters of humankind were beautiful, and they took wives for themselves, whomever they chose. 3 And God said, is indeed flesh: yet his days will be one hundred twenty years." 4 The Nephilim were on the earth in those days (and also after that), when the sons of God had sexual relations with the daughters of humankind and had children by them. They were the mighty men who were from ancient times, famous men. 5 And God saw that the wickedness of humankind was great on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, with God. 10 Noah became the father of three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. 11 The earth was corrupt God saw the earth, and look, it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. 13 And God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before me, for the earth is filled with violence through them. And look, I will destroy them with the earth. 14 Make a box-shaped ship of gopher wood. You are to make rooms in the ship, and cover it inside and outside with pitch. 15 And this is how you are to make it. The length of the ship is to be five hundred seventeen feet, its breadth eightysix feet, and its height fifty-two feet. **16** And you are to make a roof in the ship, and you are to finish it twentyone inches above. And you are to set the door of the ship in its side. You are to make it with lower, second, and third levels. 17 And as for me, look, I am bringing a flood of waters on the earth, to destroy all flesh having the breath of life from under the sky. Everything that is on the earth will die. 18 But I will establish my covenant with you. You are to come into the ship, you, your sons,

will comfort us in our labor and in the hard work of our your wife, and your sons' wives with you. 19 Of every hands, because of the ground which God has cursed." living thing of all flesh, you are to bring two of every sort 30 Lamech lived after he became the father of Noah into the ship, to keep them alive with you. They shall five hundred and ninety-five years, and fathered sons be male and female. 20 Of the flying creatures after and daughters. 31 All the days of Lamech were seven their kind, of the animals after their kind, and of every hundred and seventy-seven years, then he died. 32 crawling creature of the ground after their kind, two of Noah was five hundred years old, and Noah became every sort shall come to you, to keep them alive. 21 And as for you, take for yourself all the kinds of food that are eaten, and gather it to yourself; and it will be food for you, and for them." 22 Thus Noah did. According to all that God commanded him, so he did.

7 And God said to Noah, "Come with all of your household into the ship, for I have seen your "My Spirit will not remain in humankind forever, since he righteousness before me in this generation. 2 You shall take seven pairs of every clean animal with you, the male and his female. Of the animals that are not clean, take two, the male and his female. 3 Also of the clean flying creatures of the sky, seven pairs, a male and a female, and of all the unclean flying creatures, one pair, a male and a female, to preserve their offspring on the surface of all the earth. 4 In seven days, I will cause it to rain on the earth for forty days and forty was only evil continually. 6 God was sorry that he had nights. Every living thing that I have made, I will destroy made humankind on the earth, and he was grieved in his from the surface of the ground." 5 Noah did everything heart. 7 God said, "I will destroy humankind whom I have that God commanded him. 6 Noah was six hundred created from the face of the earth; humankind, along years old when the flood of waters came on the earth. 7 with animals, crawling creatures, and flying creatures Noah went into the ship with his sons, his wife, and his of the sky; for I am sorry that I have made them." 8 sons' wives, because of the waters of the flood. 8 Clean But Noah found favor in the sight of God. 9 These are animals, animals that are not clean, flying creatures. and everything that crawls on the ground 9 went by blameless among the people of his time. Noah walked pairs to Noah into the ship, male and female. as God commanded Noah. 10 It happened after the seven days, that the waters of the flood came on the earth. 11 In the before God, and the earth was filled with violence. 12 six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on the same day all the fountains of the great deep were burst open, and the floodgates of the sky were opened. 12 The rain was on the earth forty days and forty nights. 13 In the same day Noah, and Shem, Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, entered into the ship; 14 they, and every wild animal after its kind, and every tame animal after their kind, every creature that crawls on the earth after its kind, and every flying creature after its kind, everything with wings. 15 They went to Noah into the ship, by pairs of all flesh with the breath of life in them. 16 Those who went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God commanded him: and God shut him in. 17 The flood was forty days on the earth. The waters increased, and lifted up the ship, and it was lifted up above the earth. 18 The waters prevailed, and increased greatly on the earth; and the ship floated on the surface of the waters. 19 And the waters rose very high on the earth. earth one hundred fifty days.

Q And God remembered Noah, and all the wild animals. and all the tame animals, and all the flying creatures, and all the crawling creatures that were with him in the ship; and God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters began to recede. 2 And the fountains of the deep and the floodgates of the sky were closed, and the rain from the sky was restrained. 3 And the waters receded steadily from the land. And after the end of one hundred fifty days the waters had decreased significantly. 4 And in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, the ship came to rest on the mountains of Ararat. 5 The waters receded continually to the tenth month. In the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains became visible. 6 It happened at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ship which he had made, 7 and he sent forth a raven. It went back and forth, until the waters had dried up from the earth. 8 Then he sent forth a dove from it, to see if the waters had abated from the surface of the ground, 9 but the dove found no place to rest her foot, and she returned to him into the ship; for the waters were on the surface of the whole earth. He put forth his hand, and took her, and brought her to him into the ship. 10 And he waited yet another seven days; and again he sent forth the dove out of the ship. 11 The dove came back to him at evening, and, look, in her mouth was an olive leaf plucked off. So Noah knew that the waters had abated from the earth. 12 He stayed yet another seven days, and sent forth the dove; and she did not return to him any more. 13 And it happened in the six hundred first year of Noah's life, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters had dried up from the earth. And Noah removed the covering of the ship and looked out. And look, the surface of the ground was dry. 14 In the second month, on the twentyseventh day of the month, the earth was dry. 15 God spoke to Noah, saying, 16 "Go out of the ship, you, and your wife, and your sons, and your sons' wives with you. 17 Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of

And all the high mountains that were under the whole all flesh, of flying creatures, and animals, and every sky were covered. 20 The waters rose and covered the creature that crawls on the earth, that they may swarm highest mountains to a depth of more than twenty-six on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth." feet. 21 And all flesh died that moved on the earth, 18 And Noah went forth, with his sons, his wife, and his flying creatures, and tame animals, and wild animals, sons' wives with him. 19 And every wild animal, and and every creature that crawls on the earth, and all every tame animal, and every flying creature, and every humankind. 22 All in whose nostrils breathed the breath creature that crawls on the earth, after their families, of life, of all that was on the dry land, died. 23 Every went out of the ship. 20 Noah built an altar to God, and living thing was destroyed that was on the surface of the took of every clean animal, and of every clean flying ground, including people, animals, crawling creatures, creature, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. 21 And and flying creatures of the sky. They were destroyed God smelled the pleasing aroma, and God said in his from the earth. Only Noah was left, and those who were heart, "I will never again curse the ground because of with him in the ship. 24 The waters prevailed on the humankind, even though the inclination of his heart is evil from his youth, nor will I again destroy every living thing, as I have done. 22 While the earth remains, seed time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease."

> ${\boldsymbol g}$ God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them, "Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the earth. 2 And the fear of you and the dread of you will be on every wild animal of the earth, and on every tame animal of the earth, and on every flying creature of the sky, and on everything that crawls on the ground, and on all the fish of the sea; into your power they are given. 3 Every moving thing that lives will be food for you. As I gave the green plants, I now give you everything. 4 But flesh with its life, its blood, you shall not eat. 5 And surely I will require a reckoning for your lifeblood; from every animal I will require it, and from humans. From every human being I will require it for the life of his fellow human being. 6 Whoever takes a human life, by a human will his life be taken, for God made humankind in his own image. 7 And as for you, be fruitful and multiply, and increase abundantly on the earth, and subdue it." 8 God spoke to Noah and to his sons with him, saying, 9 "And as for me, look, I establish my covenant with you, and with your offspring after you, 10 and with every living creature that is with you: the flying creatures, and the tame animals, and every wild animal of the earth with you, of all that go out of the ship. 11 I will establish my covenant with you; and all flesh will never again be cut off by the waters of the flood, neither will there ever again be a flood to destroy the earth." 12 God said, "This is the sign of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations: 13 I set my rainbow in the cloud, and it will be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. 14 It will happen, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the rainbow will be seen in the cloud, 15 and I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh, and the waters will no more become a flood to

destroy all flesh. 16 The rainbow will be in the cloud, the Arkites, and the Sinites. 18 and the Arvadites. I will look at it, that I may remember the everlasting and the Zemarites, and the Hamathites. Afterward the covenant between me and every living creature of all families of the Canaanites were spread abroad. 19 And flesh that is on the earth." 17 God said to Noah, "This the border of the Canaanites was from Sidon, as you is the sign of the covenant which I have established go toward Gerar, to Gaza; as you go toward Sodom, between me and all flesh that is on the earth." 18 The and Gomorrah, and Admah, and Zeboiim, to Lasha. 20 sons of Noah who came out of the ship were Shem, These are the sons of Ham, after their families, after Ham, and Japheth. Ham is the father of Canaan. 19 their languages, in their lands, in their nations. 21 To These were the three sons of Noah, and from them the Shem, the father of all the children of Eber, the elder whole earth was populated. 20 Noah, a farmer, was the brother of Japheth, to him also were children born. 22 first to plant a vineyard. 21 He drank of the wine and got The sons of Shem: Elam, and Asshur, and Arpachshad, drunk. He was uncovered within his tent. 22 And Ham, and Lud, and Aram. 23 The sons of Aram: Uz, and Hul, the father of Canaan, saw his father naked and told and Gether, and Mash. 24 And Arpachshad became his two brothers outside. 23 Shem and Japheth took a the father of Kenan. And Kenan became the father of garment, and laid it on both their shoulders, went in Shelah. And Shelah became the father of Eber. 25 backwards, and covered the nakedness of their father. To Eber were born two sons, The name of the one Their faces were turned the other way, and they did not was Peleg, for in his days the earth was divided. His see their father's nakedness. 24 Noah awoke from his brother's name was Joktan. 26 And Joktan became the wine, and knew what his youngest son had done to him. father of Almodad, and Sheleph, and Hazarmaveth, 25 He said, "Canaan is cursed. He will be servant of and Jerah, 27 and Hadoram, and Uzal, and Diklah, 28 servants to his brothers." 26 He said, "Blessed be the and Obal, and Abimael, and Sheba, 29 and Ophir, and God of Shem. Let Canaan be his servant. 27 May God Havilah, and Jobab. All these were the sons of Joktan. enlarge Japheth. Let him dwell in the tents of Shem. Let 30 Their dwelling was from Mesha, as you go toward Canaan be his servant." 28 Noah lived three hundred Sephar, the mountain of the east. 31 These are the sons fifty years after the flood. 29 All the days of Noah were of Shem, after their families, after their languages, in nine hundred and fifty years, then he died.

1 Now these are the generations of the sons of Noah and of Shem, Ham, and Japheth. Sons were born to them after the flood. 2 The sons of Japheth: Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, and Tiras. 3 The sons of Gomer: Ashkenaz, Riphath, and Togarmah. 4 The sons of Javan: Elishah, Tarshish, Kittim, and Rodanim. 5 From these, the coastlands of the nations separated into their territories, every one according to its language, according to their families, in their nations. 6 The sons of Ham: Cush, Mizraim, Put, and Canaan. 7 The sons of Cush: Seba, Havilah, Sabtah, Raamah, and Sabteca. The sons of Raamah: Sheba and Dedan. 8 Cush became the father of Nimrod. He began to be a mighty one on the earth. 9 He was a mighty hunter before God. Therefore it is said, "Like Nimrod, a mighty hunter before God." 10 And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Akkad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. 11 Out of that land he went forth into Assyria, and built Nineveh, and Rehoboth Ir, and Calah, 12 and Resen, between Nineveh and the great city of Calah. 13 And Mizraim became the father of Ludim, and Anamim, and Lehabim, and Naphtuhim, 14 And Pathrusim, and Casluhim, which the Philistines descended from, and Caphtorim. 15 And Canaan became the father of Sidon, his firstborn, and Heth, 16 and the Jebusites, and the Amorites, and the Girgashites, 17 and the Hivites, and

their lands, after their nations. 32 These are the families of the sons of Noah, after their generations, in their nations, and from these the nations branched out on the earth after the flood.

11 The whole earth was of one language and of one speech. 2 It happened, as they traveled from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they settled there. 3 And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." They had brick for stone, and they used tar for mortar. 4 They said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top reaches to the sky, and let us make ourselves a name, lest we be scattered abroad on the surface of the whole earth." 5 And God came down to see the city and the tower, that humankind was building. 6 And God said, "Look, they are one people, and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do. So now nothing which they plan to do will be too difficult for them. 7 Come, let us go down, and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech." 8 Then God scattered them abroad from there on the surface of all the earth: so they ceased building the city. 9 Therefore its name was called Babel, because there God confused the language of all the earth. From there he scattered them over the face of the whole earth. 10 These are the generations of Shem. Shem was one hundred years old and became the father of Arpachshad two years after make your name great. And you will be a blessing, 3 And the flood. 11 Shem lived five hundred years after he I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse those became the father of Arpachshad, and fathered sons who treat you with contempt, and through you all the and daughters. 12 And Arpachshad lived one hundred families of the earth will be blessed." 4 So Abram left, and thirty-five years and became the father of Kenan. as God had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was 13 And Arpachshad lived four hundred and thirty years seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. 5 and daughters. And Kenan lived one hundred and thirty their possessions that they had accumulated, and the three hundred and thirty years after he had become the to go to the land of Canaan. And they came to the land father of Shelah, and fathered sons and daughters. 14 of Canaan, 6 and Abram passed through the land to the Shelah lived one hundred and thirty years, and became place of Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the the father of Eber: 15 and Shelah lived four hundred Canaanites were in the land. 7 Then God appeared and three years after he became the father of Eber, to Abram and said to him, "I will give this land to your and fathered sons and daughters. 16 Eber lived one offspring." He built an altar there to God, who appeared of Peleg. 17 Eber lived three hundred and seventy of Bethel, and pitched his tent, having Bethel on the years after he became the father of Peleg, and fathered west, and Ai on the east. There he built an altar and sons and daughters. 18 Peleg lived one hundred and called on the name of God. 9 And Abram traveled on, lived two hundred and nine years after he became the the land, so Abram went down into Egypt to sojourn father of Reu, and fathered sons and daughters. 20 Reu there, because the famine was severe in the land. 11 It lived one hundred and thirty-two years, and became the happened, when he had come near to enter Egypt, that father of Serug. 21 Reu lived two hundred and seven he said to Sarai his wife, "Look, I know what a beautiful years after he became the father of Serug, and fathered woman you are. 12 It will happen, when the Egyptians sons and daughters. 22 Serug lived one hundred and will see you, that they will say, 'This is his wife.' And thirty years, and became the father of Nahor. 23 Serug they will kill me, but they will let you live. 13 Please say lived two hundred years after he became the father of that you are my sister, that it may be well with me for seventy-nine years, and became the father of Terah. 25 happened that when Abram had come into Egypt, the Nahor lived one hundred and twenty-nine years after Egyptians saw that the woman was very beautiful. 15 he became the father of Terah, and fathered sons and The princes of Pharaoh saw her, and praised her to daughters. 26 Terah lived seventy years, and became Pharaoh; and the woman was taken into the household the father of Abram, Nahor, and Haran. 27 Now these of Pharaoh. 16 He dealt well with Abram for her sake, are the generations of Terah. Terah became the father and he acquired sheep, cattle, male donkeys, male of Abram, Nahor, and Haran. And Haran became the servants, female servants, female donkeys, and camels. father of Lot. 28 And Haran died before his father Terah 17 But God plagued Pharaoh and his house with great in the land of his birth, in Ur Kasdim. 29 And Abram and and grievous plagues because of Sarai, Abram's wife. and the name of Nahor's wife, Milcah, the daughter that you have done to me? Why did you not tell me that of Haran who was also the father of Iscah. 30 And she was your wife? 19 Why did you say, 'She is my Sarai was barren. She had no child. 31 And Terah took sister.' so that I took her to be my wife? Now therefore. Abram his son, Lot the son of Haran, his grandson, and look, your wife is before you. Take, and go." 20 Pharaoh Sarai his daughter-in-law, his son Abram's wife, and commanded men concerning him, and they sent him with them he set out from Ur Kasdim to go into the land away with his wife and all his possessions. of Canaan. But when they came to Haran, they settled there. 32 And the days of Terah were two hundred and five years. And Terah died in Haran.

1 2 Now God had said to Abram, "Go out from your country, and from your relatives, and from your father's house, to the land that I will show you. 2 And I will make of you a great nation. And I will bless you and

after he became the father of Kenan, and fathered sons Abram took Sarai his wife, Lot his brother's son, and all years and became the father of Shelah. And Kenan lived people whom they had acquired in Haran, and they left hundred and thirty-four years, and became the father to him. 8 He left from there to the mountain on the east thirty years, and became the father of Reu. 19 Peleg continuing toward the Negev. 10 There was a famine in Nahor, and fathered sons and daughters. 24 Nahor lived your sake, and that I may live because of you." 14 It Nahor took wives. The name of Abram's wife was Sarai, 18 Pharaoh summoned Abram and said, "What is this

> 3 Abram went up out of Egypt: he, his wife, and all his possessions, and Lot with him, into the Negev. 2 Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver, and in gold. 3 He went on his journeys from the Negev even to Bethel, to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai, 4 to the place where he had first built the altar. And there Abram called on the name of God. 5 Lot also, who went with Abram, had

flocks, and herds, and tents. 6 The land was not able to 9 against Kedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of support them while they stayed together, for they had Goiim, and Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of so many possessions that they were unable to remain Ellasar; four kings against the five. 10 Now the Valley together. 7 There was a strife between the herdsmen of of Siddim was full of tar pits; and the king of Sodom Abram's livestock and the herdsmen of Lot's livestock. and the king of Gomorrah fled, and they fell there, and And the Canaanite and the Perizzite lived in the land at those who remained fled to the hills. 11 They took all that time. 8 Abram said to Lot, "Please, let there be no the possessions of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their strife between me and you, and between my herdsmen food, and left. 12 They also took Lot, Abram's brother's and your herdsmen; for we are relatives. 9 Isn't the son, who lived in Sodom, and his possessions, and whole land before you? Please separate yourself from departed. 13 One who had escaped came and told me. If you go to the left hand, then I will go to the right. Abram, the Hebrew. Now he lived by the oaks of Mamre, Or if you go to the right hand, then I will go to the left." the Amorite, brother of Eshcol, and brother of Aner; and 10 Lot lifted up his eyes, and saw all the plain of the these were allies of Abram. 14 When Abram heard that Jordan, that it was well-watered everywhere, like the his relative was taken captive, he mobilized his trained garden of God, like the land of Egypt, in the direction men, born in his house, three hundred and eighteen, of Zoar. (This was before God destroyed Sodom and and pursued as far as Dan. 15 He divided his forces Gomorrah.) 11 So Lot chose the Plain of the Jordan against them at night, he and his servants, and attacked for himself. Lot traveled east, and they separated from them, and pursued them to Hobah, which is north of each other. 12 Abram lived in the land of Canaan, and Damascus. 16 He brought back all the possessions, and Lot lived in the cities of the plain, and moved his tent also brought back his relative, Lot, and his possessions, as far as Sodom. 13 Now the people of Sodom were as well as the women and the other people. 17 The king evil, sinning greatly against God. 14 And God said to of Sodom went out to meet him, after his return from the Abram after Lot had departed from him, "Now, lift up defeat of Kedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, your eyes, and look from the place where you are, at the valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). 18 northward and southward and eastward and westward, Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; 15 for all the land which you see I will give to you and to now he was priest of God Most High. 19 He blessed your offspring forever. 16 I will make your offspring as him, and said, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, the dust of the earth, so that if one can count the dust of Maker of heaven and earth: 20 and blessed be God the earth, then your offspring also could be counted. Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your 17 Arise, walk through the land in its length and in its hand." And he gave him a tenth of everything. 21 Now breadth; for I will give it to you." 18 Abram moved his the king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give me the people, tent, and came and lived by the oaks of Mamre, which and take the possessions for yourself." 22 Abram said are in Hebron, and built an altar there to God.

14 It happened in the days of Amraphel, king of Shinar, Arioch, king of Ellasar, Kedorlaomer, king of Elam, and Tidal, king of Goiim, 2 that they made war with Bera, king of Sodom, and with Birsha, king of Gomorrah, Shinab, king of Admah, and Shemeber, king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar). 3 All these joined together in the Valley of Siddim (that is, the Salt Sea). 4 Twelve years they served Kedorlaomer, and in the thirteenth year, they rebelled. 5 In the fourteenth and they took up battle positions in the Valley of Siddim And he said to him, "So will your descendants be." 6

to the king of Sodom, "I have lifted up my hand to God Most High, Maker of heaven and earth, 23 that I will not take a thread nor a sandal strap nor anything that is yours, lest you should say, 'I have made Abram rich.' 24 I will accept nothing from you except that which the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men who went with me: Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre. Let them take their portion."

15 After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, year, Kedorlaomer and the kings allied with him came Abram. I am your shield; your reward will be very great." and attacked the Rephaim in Ashteroth Karnaim, and 2 Abram said, "Lord, what will you give me, seeing I the Zuzim in Ham, and the Emim in Shaveh Kiriathaim, go childless, and the heir of my estate is Eliezer of 6 and the Horite, in the hills of Seir, to El Paran, which Damascus?" 3 Then Abram said, "Look, to me you have is near the desert. 7 They returned, and came to En given no offspring, and look, one born in my house is my Mishpat (that is, Kadesh), and attacked all the country heir." 4 And look, the word of God came to him, saying, of the Amalekites, and also the Amorites, that lived in "This man will not be your heir, but he who will come Hazazon Tamar. 8 The king of Sodom, and the king forth out of your own body will be your heir." 5 And he of Gomorrah, and the king of Admah, and the king of brought him outside, and said, "Look now toward the Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar) came out; sky, and count the stars, if you are able to count them."

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And he believed God, and it was credited to him as And she said. "I am running away from the presence of they will come out with many possessions. 15 But you Ishmael to Abram. will go to your fathers in peace. You will be buried in a good old age. 16 In the fourth generation they will come here again, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete." 17 It came to pass that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, look, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. 18 On that day God made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Perath: 19 the Kenites, the Kenizzites, the Kadmonites, 20 the Hethites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, 21 the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Hivites, the Girgashites, and the Jebusites."

16 Now Sarai, Abram's wife, bore him no children. but she had an Egyptian servant whose name was Hagar. 2 Sarai said to Abram, "Look now, God has prevented me from bearing. Please go in to my servant. It may be that I will obtain children by her." Abram listened to the voice of Sarai. 3 So Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar the Egyptian, her servant, after Abram had lived ten years in the land of Canaan, and gave her to Abram her husband to be his wife. 4 He slept with Hagar, and she conceived. When she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her eves. 5 Sarai said to Abram, "This wrong is your fault. I gave my servant into your bosom, and when she saw that she had conceived, she despised me. God judge between me and you." 6 But Abram said to Sarai, "Look, your servant is in your hand. Do to her whatever is good in your sight." Sarai dealt harshly with her, so she fled from her presence. 7 And the angel of God found her by a spring of water in the desert, by the spring on the way to Shur. 8 And he said, "Hagar, servant of Sarai, where did you come from, and where are you going?"

righteousness. 7 And he said to him, "I am God, who my mistress Sarai." 9 The angel of the LORD said to brought you out of Ur Kasdim to give you this land to her, "Return to your mistress, and submit yourself to her possess." 8 But he said, "Lord, how can I know that authority." 10 The angel of the LORD said to her, "I will I will possess it?" 9 And he said to him, "Bring me a greatly multiply your descendants, so that they will be heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a too numerous to count." 11 Then the angel of God said ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." to her, "Look, you are with child, and will bear a son. 10 He brought him all of these, and divided them in the You are to name him Ishmael, because God has heard middle, and placed each half opposite the other; but he your affliction. 12 He will be like a wild donkey among did not divide the birds. 11 And the birds of prey came men. His hand will be against every man, and every down on the carcasses, but Abram drove them away. man's hand against him. And he will live away from all 12 When the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell of his brothers." 13 And she called his name, the one on Abram. And look, a terror of great darkness fell on who spoke to her, "You are El Roi," for she said, "Here I him. 13 And he said to Abram, "Know for certain that have seen the one who sees me." 14 Therefore the well your descendants will live as foreigners in a land that is was called Beer Lahai Roi. Look, it is between Kadesh not theirs; and they will be enslaved there. And they and Bered. 15 Hagar bore a son for Abram. Abram will oppress them four hundred years. 14 But I will also called the name of his son, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael. judge that nation whom they will serve. And afterward 16 Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore

> 17 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, God appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am El Shaddai. Walk before me, and be blameless. 2 I will make my covenant between me and you, and will multiply you greatly." 3 Then Abram fell facedown, and God talked with him, saying, 4 "As for me, look, my covenant is with you. You will be the father of a multitude of nations. 5 Neither will your name any more be called Abram, but your name will be Abraham; for I will make you the father of a multitude of nations. 6 I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make nations of you. Kings will come out of you. 7 I will establish my covenant between me and you and your descendants after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your descendants after you. 8 I will give to you, and to your descendants after you, the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession. and I will be their God." 9 God said to Abraham, "As for you, you are to keep my covenant, you and your descendants after you throughout their generations. 10 This is my covenant, which you shall keep, between me and you and your descendants after you: Every male among you shall be circumcised. 11 You shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskin. It will be a sign of the covenant between me and you. 12 He who is eight days old will be circumcised among you, every male throughout your generations, he who is born in the house, or bought with money from any foreigner who is not of your descendants. 13 He who is born in your house, and he who is bought with your money, must be circumcised. My covenant will be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant. 14 And the uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin

on the eighth day, that person shall be cut off from his them. He stood by them under the tree, and they ate, 9 Then Abraham fell on his face, and laughed, and said age of childbearing. 12 Sarah laughed within herself. hundred years old? Will Sarah, who is ninety years old, husband being old also?" 13 And God said to Abraham, foreigner, were circumcised with him.

1 8 And God appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre. as he sat at the entrance to the tent in the heat of the day. 2 He lifted up his eyes and looked, and saw that three men stood opposite him. When he saw them, he ran to meet them from the entrance of the tent, and bowed himself to the earth, 3 and said, "My lord, if now I have found favor in your sight, please do not go on past your servant. 4 Now let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. 5 I will get a bit of food so you may refresh yourselves. After that you may go your way, now that you have come to your servant." They said, "Very well, do as you have said." 6 Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Quickly, get three measures of fine flour, knead it, and make bread." 7 Abraham ran to the herd, and took a tender and good calf, and gave it to the servant, and he hurried to prepare it. 8 He took curds, milk, and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before

people. He has broken my covenant." 15 God said to They said to him, "Where is Sarah, your wife? He said, Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call "See, in the tent." 10 Then he said, "I will certainly return her name Sarai, but her name will be Sarah. 16 And to you at the time of life. Look, Sarah your wife will I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son have a son." Sarah heard from the entrance of the tent, by her. And I will bless her, and she will be a mother which was behind him. 11 Now Abraham and Sarah of nations. Kings of peoples will come from her." 17 were old, well advanced in age. Sarah was past the in his heart, "Will a child be born to him who is one saying, "After I have grown old will I have pleasure, my give birth?" 18 Abraham said to God, "Oh that Ishmael "Why did Sarah laugh, saying, 'Will I really bear a child might live before you." 19 And God said, "Truly, Sarah when I am old?' 14 Is anything too difficult for God? your wife will bear you a son, and you are to name At the set time I will return to you, at the time of life, him Isaac. And I will establish my covenant with him and Sarah will have a son." 15 But Sarah denied it, as an everlasting covenant and with his descendants saying, "I did not laugh," for she was afraid. He said, after him. 20 As for Ishmael, I have heard you. Look, I "No, but you did laugh." 16 The men rose up from there, have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will and looked toward Sodom. Abraham went with them to multiply him exceedingly. He will become the father of see them on their way. 17 And God said, "Will I hide twelve princes, and I will make him a great nation. 21 from Abraham what I am about to do, 18 seeing that But my covenant I establish with Isaac, whom Sarah Abraham will surely become a great and mighty nation, will bear to you at this set time next year." 22 When he and all the nations of the earth will be blessed through finished talking with him, God went up from Abraham. him? 19 For I have made myself known to him, so that 23 Abraham took Ishmael his son, all who were born in he may command his children and his household after his house, and all who were bought with his money; him, that they may keep the way of the LORD, to do every male among the men of Abraham's house, and righteousness and justice, so that God may bring to circumcised the flesh of their foreskin in the same day, Abraham that which he has spoken to him." 20 And as God had said to him. 24 Abraham was ninety-nine God said, "Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is years old, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his great, and because their sin is so grievous, 21 I will go foreskin. 25 Ishmael, his son, was thirteen years old down now, and see whether they have done entirely when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. 26 according to the outcry which has come to me. And if In the same day both Abraham and Ishmael, his son, not, I will know." 22 The men turned from there, and were circumcised. 27 All the men of his house, those went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing born in the house, and those bought with money from a before God. 23 Abraham drew near, and said, "Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? 24 What if there are fifty righteous within the city? Will you sweep it away and not spare the place for the fifty righteous who are in it? 25 Be it far from you to do things like that, to kill the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous should be like the wicked. May that be far from you. Shouldn't the Judge of all the earth do right?" 26 And God said, "If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sake." 27 Abraham answered, "Look, I have taken it on myself to speak to the Lord. I who am but dust and ashes. 28 What if there will lack five of the fifty righteous? Will you destroy all the city for lack of five?" He said, "I will not destroy it, if I find forty-five there." 29 He spoke to him yet again, and said, "What if there are forty found there?" He said, "I will not do it for the forty's sake." 30 He said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry, and I will speak. What if there are thirty found there?" He said, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." 31 He said, "Look, I have taken it on myself to speak to the Lord. What

if there are twenty found there?" He said. "I will not to pass, when they had taken them out, that he said. What if ten are found there?" He said, "I will not destroy it for the ten's sake." 33 When he finished speaking with Abraham, he left, and Abraham returned to his place.

1 Q The two angels came to Sodom at evening. Lot sat in the gate of Sodom. Lot saw them, and rose up to meet them. He bowed himself with his face to the earth, 2 and he said, "See now, my lords, please turn aside into your servant's house, and stay all night, and wash your feet, then you may rise up early, and go on your way." They said, "No, but we will stay in the street all night." 3 But he urged them so strongly that they came in with him, and entered into his house. He made them a feast, and baked unleavened bread, and they ate. 4 But before they could lie down to sleep, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, surrounded the house, both young and old, all the people from every quarter. 5 They called to Lot, and said to him, "Where are the men who came in to you this night? Bring them out to us, that we may have sex with them." 6 Lot went out to them at the entrance, and shut the door behind him. 7 He said, "Please, my brothers, do not act so wickedly. 8 Look, I have two virgin daughters. Please let me bring them out to you, and you may do to them what seems good to you. Only do not do anything to these men, because they have come under the protection of my roof." 9 They said, "Stand back." They said, "This one fellow came in to live as a foreigner, and he appoints himself a judge. Now will we deal worse with you, than with them." They pressed hard on the man Lot, and drew near to break the door. 10 But the men reached out their hands and pulled Lot into the house to them, and shut the door. 11 They struck the men who were at the door of the house with blindness, both small and great, so that they were unable to find the door. 12 The men said to Lot, "Do you have anybody else here? Sons-inlaw, your sons, your daughters, and whoever you have in the city, bring them out of the place: 13 for we will destroy this place, because the outcry against them has grown great before God that he has sent us to destroy it." 14 Lot went out, and spoke to his sons-in-law, who were pledged to marry his daughters, and said, "Get up. Get out of this place, for God will destroy the city." But he seemed to his sons-in-law to be joking. 15 When the morning came, then the angels hurried Lot along, saying, "Get up. Take your wife, and your two daughters who are here, and get out, lest you be swept away in the punishment of the city." 16 But he hesitated, so the men grabbed his hand, his wife's hand, and his two daughters' hands, God being merciful to him; and they took him out, and set him outside of the city. 17 It came

destroy it for the twenty's sake." 32 He said, "Oh do not "Escape for your life. Do not look behind you, and do not let the Lord be angry, and I will speak just once more. stay anywhere in the plain. Escape to the mountains, or you will be swept away." 18 Lot said to them, "Oh, not so, my lord. 19 See now, your servant has found favor in your sight, and you have magnified your loving kindness, which you have shown to me in saving my life. I can't escape to the mountain, lest the disaster overtake me, and I die. 20 See now, this city is near to flee to, and it is a little one. Let me escape there--isn't it a little one?--and my life will be saved." 21 He said to him, "Look, I have granted your request concerning this thing also, that I will not overthrow the city of which you have spoken. 22 Hurry, escape there, for I can't do anything until you get there." Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar. 23 The sun had risen on the earth when Lot came to Zoar. 24 Then God rained on Sodom and on Gomorrah sulfur and fire from the sky. 25 He overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew on the ground. 26 But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt. 27 Abraham got up early in the morning to the place where he had stood before God. 28 He looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the plain, and he saw; and look, the smoke was rising from the land like smoke from a furnace. 29 It happened, when God destroyed the cities of the plain, that God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the middle of the overthrow, when he overthrew the cities in which Lot lived. 30 Lot went up out of Zoar, and lived in the mountain, and his two daughters with him; for he was afraid to live in Zoar. He lived in a cave with his two daughters. 31 The firstborn said to the younger, "Our father is old, and there is not a man in the land to sleep with us according to the custom of all the land. 32 Come, let's make our father drink wine, and we will sleep with him, that we may preserve our family through our father." 33 They made their father drink wine that night: and the firstborn went in, and slept with her father. He did not know when she lay down, nor when she arose. 34 It came to pass on the next day, that the firstborn said to the vounger. "Look. I slept last night with my father. Let us make him drink wine again tonight. You go in, and sleep with him, that we may preserve our family through our father." 35 They made their father drink wine that night also. The younger went and slept with him. He did not know when she lay down, nor when she got up. 36 Thus both of Lot's daughters became pregnant by their father. 37 The firstborn bore a son, and named him Moab. He is the father of the Moabites to this day. 38 The younger also bore a son, and called his name Ben Ammi. He is the father of the people of Ammon to this day.

20 Abraham traveled from there toward the land who was born to him, whom Sarah bore to him, Isaac. 4 Shur. He lived as a foreigner in Gerar. 2 Abraham said days old, as God had commanded him. 5 Abraham was about Sarah his wife, "She is my sister." Abimelech one hundred years old when his son, Isaac, was born to king of Gerar sent, and took Sarah. 3 But God came him. 6 Sarah said, "God has made me laugh. Everyone to Abimelech in a dream of the night, and said to him, who hears will laugh with me." 7 She said, "Who would "Look, you are a dead man, because of the woman have said to Abraham, that Sarah would nurse children? whom you have taken. For she is a man's wife." 4 For I have borne him a son in his old age." 8 The child Now Abimelech had not come near her. He said, "Lord, grew, and was weaned. Abraham made a great feast on will you kill even a righteous nation? 5 Did not he tell the day that Isaac was weaned. 9 Sarah saw the son of me, 'She is my sister?' She, even she herself, said, Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, 'He is my brother.' In the integrity of my heart and the mocking. 10 Therefore she said to Abraham, "Cast out innocence of my hands have I done this." 6 God said to this slave woman and her son. For the son of this slave him in the dream, "Yes, I know that in the integrity of woman will not be heir with my son, Isaac." 11 The thing your heart you have done this, and I also withheld you was very grievous in Abraham's sight on account of his from sinning against me. Therefore I did not allow you son. 12 God said to Abraham, "Do not let it be grievous to touch her. 7 Now therefore, restore the man's wife. in your sight because of the boy, and because of your For he is a prophet, and he will pray for you, and you slave woman. In all that Sarah says to you, listen to her will live. If you do not restore her, know for sure that you voice. For from Isaac will your descendants be called. will die, you, and all who are yours." 8 Abimelech rose 13 And I will also make a great nation of the son of early in the morning, and called all his servants, and the slave woman, because he is your offspring." 14 told all these things in their ear. The men were very Abraham rose up early in the morning, and took food scared. 9 Then Abimelech called Abraham, and said to and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it him. "What have you done to us? How have I sinned on her shoulder: and gave her the child, and sent her against you, that you have brought on me and on my away. She departed, and wandered in the wilderness of kingdom a great sin? You have done deeds to me that Beersheba. 15 The water in the skin was gone, and she ought not to be done." 10 Abimelech said to Abraham, shoved the boy under one of the shrubs. 16 She went "What were you thinking, to do this thing?" 11 Abraham and sat down opposite him, a good way off, about a said, "Because I thought, 'Surely the fear of God is not bow shot away. For she said, "Do not let me see the in this place, so they will kill me because of my wife.' death of the boy." So she sat across from him, and he 12 Besides, she is indeed my sister, the daughter of wept loudly. 17 And God heard the voice of the boy, and my father, but not the daughter of my mother; and she the angel of God called to Hagar from the sky and said became my wife. 13 It happened, when God caused to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid. For me to wander from my father's house, that I said to God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. 18 Get her, 'This is your kindness which you shall show to me. up, lift up the boy, and hold him by your hand. For I will Everywhere that we go, say of me, "He is my brother."" make him a great nation." 19 God opened her eyes, 14 Abimelech took sheep and cattle, male servants and she saw a well of water. She went and filled the and female servants, and gave them to Abraham, and skin with water and gave the boy a drink. 20 God was restored Sarah, his wife, to him. 15 Abimelech said, with the boy, and he grew. He lived in the wilderness, "Look, my land is before you. Dwell where it pleases and became, as he grew up, an archer. 21 He lived you." 16 To Sarah he said, "Look, I have given your in the wilderness of Paran. His mother got a wife for brother a thousand pieces of silver. Look, it is to cover him from the land of Equpt. 22 It happened at that time. the offense against you before all who are with you. In that Abimelech and Phicol the commander of his army front of all you are vindicated." 17 Abraham prayed to spoke to Abraham, saying, "God is with you in all that God, and God healed Abimelech, and his wife, and his you do. 23 Now, therefore, swear to me here by God female servants, and they bore children. 18 For God that you will not deal falsely with me, nor with my son, had made every woman infertile in the household of nor with my son's son. But according to the kindness Abimelech, because of Sarah, Abraham's wife.

21 Now God visited Sarah as he had said, and did to Sarah as he had spoken. 2 Sarah conceived, and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him. 3 Abraham called his son

of the Negey, and lived between Kadesh and Abraham circumcised his son, Isaac, when he was eight that I have done to you, you shall do to me, and to the land in which you have lived as a foreigner." 24 And Abraham said, "I swear." 25 Abraham complained to Abimelech because of a water well, which Abimelech's servants had violently taken away. 26 Abimelech said, "I do not know who has done this thing. Neither did you tell me, neither did I hear of it, until today." 27 Abraham instead of his son, 14 Abraham called the name of that set seven ewe lambs of the flock by themselves. 29 to Abraham a second time out of the sky, 16 and said, "I Abimelech said to Abraham, "What do these seven ewe have sworn by myself," says the LORD, "because you lambs which you have set by themselves mean?" 30 He have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, this well." 31 Therefore he called that place Beersheba, sky, and like the sand which is on the seashore; and a tamarisk tree in Beersheba, and called there on the rose up and went together to Beersheba. Abraham lived days.

22 It happened after these things, that God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham, Abraham." He said, "Here I am." 2 He said, "Now take your son, your only one, whom you love, even Isaac, and go into the land of Moriah. Offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains which I will tell you of." 3 Abraham rose early in the morning, and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son. He split the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went to the place of which God had told him. 4 On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place far off. 5 Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey. The boy and I will go over there, and we will worship, and come back to you." 6 Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. He took in his hand the fire and the knife. They both went together. 7 Isaac spoke to Abraham his father, and said, "My father?" He said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Here is the fire and the 8 wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God will provide himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they both went together. 9 They came to the place which God had told him of. Abraham built the altar there and arranged the wood, and bound his son Isaac and placed him on the altar, on top of the wood. 10 Abraham reached out his hand, and took the knife to kill his son. 11 But an angel of God called to him out of the sky, and said, "Abraham, Abraham." And he said, "Here I am." 12 He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy, neither do anything to him. For now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only one, from me." 13 And Abraham looked up and saw behind him a ram caught in the thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up as a burnt offering the land, saying, "But if you will, please hear me. I will

took sheep and cattle, and gave them to Abimelech, place Elohim Yireh. As it is said to this day, "On the and the two of them made a covenant. 28 Abraham mountain, God will provide." 15 The angel of God called said, "You shall take these seven ewe lambs from my your only one, from me, 17 I will indeed bless you, and I hand, that it may be a witness to me, that I have dug will greatly multiply your offspring like the stars of the because they both swore there. 32 So they made a your offspring will possess the gate of their enemies. 18 covenant at Beersheba. Abimelech rose up with Phicol, And through your offspring all the nations of the earth the commander of his army, and they returned into will be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice." the land of the Philistines. 33 And Abraham planted 19 So Abraham returned to his young men, and they name of the LORD, the Everlasting God. 34 Abraham at Beersheba. 20 It happened after these things, that it lived as a foreigner in the land of the Philistines many was told Abraham, saying, "Look, Milcah also has borne children to your brother Nahor: 21 Uz his firstborn, Buz his brother, Kemuel the father of Aram, 22 Kesed, Hazo, Pildash, Jidlaph, and Bethuel." 23 Bethuel became the father of Rebekah. These eight Milcah bore to Nahor, Abraham's brother. 24 His secondary wife, whose name was Reumah, also bore Tebah, Gaham, Tahash, and Maacah.

> 23 Sarah lived one hundred twenty-seven years. This was the length of Sarah's life. 2 Sarah died in Kiriath Arba (that is, Hebron), in the land of Canaan. Abraham came to mourn for Sarah, and to weep for her. 3 Abraham rose up from before his dead, and spoke to the sons of Heth, saving, 4 "I am a stranger and a foreigner living with you. Give me a possession of a burying-place with you, that I may remove my dead for burial." 5 The sons of Heth answered Abraham, saying to him, 6 "Hear us, my lord. You are a prince of God among us. Bury your dead in the best of our tombs. None of us will withhold from you his tomb to prevent you from burying your dead." 7 Abraham rose up, and bowed himself to the people of the land, to the sons of Heth. 8 He talked with them, saying, "If you agree that I may remove my dead for burial, hear me, and approach Ephron the son of Zohar for me, 9 that he may give me the cave of Machpelah, which he owns; it is at the end of his field. For the full price let him give it to me in your presence as a burial place." 10 Now Ephron was sitting among the sons of Heth. Ephron the Hethite answered Abraham in the hearing of the sons of Heth, even of all who went in at the gate of his city, saying, 11 "No, my lord, hear me. I give you the field, and I give you the cave that is in it. In the presence of the sons of my people I give it to you. Bury your dead." 12 Abraham bowed himself down before the people of the land. 13 He spoke to Ephron in the audience of the people of give the price of the field. Take it from me, and I will

bury my dead there." 14 Ephron answered Abraham, will also give your camels a drink.'-let her be the one saying to him, 15 "My lord, listen to me. What is a piece you have appointed for your servant Isaac. By this I will me and you? Therefore bury your dead." 16 Abraham happened, before he had finished speaking, that look, silver which he had named in the audience of the sons Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, with her of Heth, four hundred shekels of silver, according to the pitcher on her shoulder. 16 The young woman was very current merchants' standard. 17 So the field of Ephron, beautiful to look at, a virgin; no man had ever slept with which was in Machpelah, which was before Mamre, the her. She went down to the spring, filled her pitcher, and field, the cave which was in it, and all the trees that came up. 17 The servant ran to meet her, and said, were in the field, that were in all of its borders, were "Please give me a drink, a little water from your pitcher." deeded 18 to Abraham as a possession in the presence 18 She said, "Drink, my lord." She hurried, and let down of the sons of Heth, before all who went in at the gate of her pitcher to her hands, and gave him a drink. 19 his city. 19 After this, Abraham buried Sarah his wife in When she had finished giving him drink, she said, "I the cave of the field of Machpelah before Mamre (that will also draw for your camels, until they have finished is, Hebron), in the land of Canaan. 20 The field, and drinking." 20 She hurried, and emptied her pitcher into the cave that is in it, were deeded to Abraham as a the trough, and ran again to the well to draw, and drew possession for a burial place by the sons of Heth.

74 Now Abraham was old, and well advanced in years. The LORD had blessed Abraham in all things. 2 Abraham said to his servant, the elder of his house, who ruled over all that he had, "Please put your hand under my thigh. 3 I will make you swear by the God of heaven and earth, that you shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I live. 4 But you shall go to my country, and to my relatives, and take a wife for my son Isaac." 5 The servant said to him, "What if the woman isn't willing to follow me to this land? Must I then bring your son back to the land from which you came?" 6 Abraham said to him, "Be careful that you do not take my son back there. 7 Now the God of heaven, who took me from my father's house, and from the land of my birth, who spoke to me, and who swore to me, saying, 'I will give this land to your offspring' -- he will send his angel before you, and you shall take a wife for my son from there. 8 If the woman isn't willing to follow you, then you shall be free from this oath to me. Only you shall not bring my son there again." 9 The servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master, and swore to him concerning this matter. 10 The servant took ten camels, of his master's camels, and departed, having a variety of good things of his master's with him. He arose, and went to Aram Naharaim, to the city of Nahor. 11 He made the camels kneel down outside the city by the well of water at the time of evening, the time that women go out to draw water. 12 He said, "God of my master Abraham, please give me success this day, and show kindness to my master Abraham. 13 Look, I am standing by the spring of water. The daughters of the men of the city are coming out to draw water. 14 Let it happen, that the young woman to whom I will say, 'Please let down your pitcher, that I may drink,' and she will say, 'Drink, and I

of land worth four hundred shekels of silver between know that you have shown kindness to my master." 15 It listened to Ephron. Abraham weighed to Ephron the Rebekah came out, who was born to Bethuel the son of for all his camels. 21 The man looked steadfastly at her, remaining silent, to know whether God had made his journey prosperous or not. 22 It happened, as the camels had finished drinking, that the man took a gold ring weighing a beka, which he put on her nose, and two bracelets for her hands weighing ten [shekels] of gold, 23 and said, "Whose daughter are you? Please tell me. Is there room in your father's house for us to lodge in?" 24 She said to him, "I am the daughter of Bethuel the son of Milcah, whom she bore to Nahor." 25 She said moreover to him, "We have plenty of straw and feed, and room to lodge in." 26 The man bowed his head, and worshiped God. 27 He said, "Blessed be the God of my master Abraham, who has not forsaken his loving kindness and his truth toward my master. As for me, he has led me on the journey to the house of my master's relatives." 28 The young woman ran, and told her mother's house about these words. 29 Rebekah had a brother, and his name was Laban. Laban ran out to the man, to the spring. 30 It happened, when he saw the nose ring, and the bracelets on his sister's hands, and when he heard the words of Rebekah his sister, saying, "This is what the man said to me," that he came to the man. Look, he was standing by the camels at the spring, 31 He said, "Come in, you blessed of God, Why do you stand outside? For I have prepared the house, and room for the camels." 32 The man came into the house, and he unloaded the camels. He gave straw and feed for the camels, and water to wash his feet and the feet of the men who were with him. 33 Food was set before him to eat, but he said, "I will not eat until I have told my message." He said, "Speak on." 34 He said, "I am Abraham's servant. 35 The Lord has blessed my master greatly. He has become great. He has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male servants and female servants, and camels and donkeys. 36 Sarah, was old. He has given all that he has to him. 37 My said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a will go." 59 They sent away Rebekah, their sister, with wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in her nurse, Abraham's servant, and his men. 60 They whose land I live, 38 but you shall go to my father's blessed Rebekah, and said to her, "Our sister, may you house, and to my relatives, and take a wife for my son.' be the mother of thousands of ten thousands, and let 39 I said to my master. What if the woman will not follow your descendants possess the gate of those who hate me?' 40 He said to me, 'God, before whom I walk, will them." 61 Rebekah arose with her female servants. send his angel with you, and prosper your journey. You They rode on the camels, and followed the man. The shall take a wife for my son of my relatives, and of my servant took Rebekah, and went his way. 62 Isaac came father's house. 41 Then will you be free from my oath, from the way of Beer Lahai Roi, for he lived in the land when you come to my relatives. If they do not give her to of the Negev. 63 Isaac went out to walk in the field at you, you shall be free from my oath.' 42 I came this day the evening. He lifted up his eyes, and saw, and, look, to the spring, and said, 'God of my master Abraham, if there were camels coming. 64 Rebekah lifted up her now you will prosper my journey in which I go- 43 look, eves, and when she saw Isaac, she dismounted from I am standing by this spring of water. Let it happen, that the camel, 65 She said to the servant. "Who is the man the virgin who comes out to draw, to whom I will say, who is walking in the field to meet us?" The servant "Please give me a little water from your pitcher to drink," said, "It is my master." She took her veil, and covered 44 and she will tell me, "Drink, and I will also draw for herself. 66 The servant told Isaac all the things that he your camels,"--let her be the woman who has been had done. 67 Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's appointed for my master's son.' 45 Before I had done tent, and took Rebekah, and she became his wife. He speaking in my heart, look, Rebekah came out with her loved her. Isaac was comforted after his mother's death. pitcher on her shoulder. She went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her. 'Please give me a drink.' 46 She hurried and let down her pitcher from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and I will also give your camels a drink.' So I drank, and she made the camels drink also, 47 I asked her, and said, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel. Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her hands. 48 I bowed my head, and worshiped God, and blessed the God of my master Abraham, who had led me in the right way to take the granddaughter of my master's brother for his son. 49 Now if you will deal kindly and truly with my master, tell me. If not, tell me, that I may turn to the right hand, or to the left." 50 Then Laban and Bethuel answered, "The thing proceeds from God. We can't speak to you bad or good. 51 Look, Rebekah is before you. Take, and go, and let her be the wife of your master's son, as God has spoken." 52 It happened that when Abraham's servant heard their words, he bowed himself down to the ground. 53 The servant brought out articles of silver and articles of gold. and clothing, and gave them to Rebekah. He also gave valuable gifts to her brother and her mother. 54 They ate and drank, he and the men who were with him, and stayed all night. They rose up in the morning, and he said, "Send me away to my master." 55 Her brother and her mother said, "Let the young woman stay with us a few days, at least ten. After that she will go." 56 He said to them, "Do not hinder me, seeing that he has prospered my journey. Send me away that I may go to my master." 57 They said, "We will call the young

my master's wife, bore a son to my master when she woman, and ask her." 58 They called Rebekah, and

25 Abraham took another wife, and her name was Keturah. 2 She bore him Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak, and Shuah. 3 Jokshan became the father of Sheba, and Dedan. The sons of Dedan were Asshurim, Letushim, and Leummim, 4 The sons of Midian: Ephah, Epher, Hanoch, Abida, and Eldaah. All these were the children of Keturah. 5 And Abraham gave all that he owned to his son Isaac, 6 and to the sons of Abraham's secondary wives, Abraham gave gifts. He sent them away from Isaac his son, while he was still living, eastward, to the east country, 7 This was the length of Abraham's life: one hundred seventy-five years. 8 Abraham breathed his last, and died in a good old age, an old man and satisfied, and was gathered to his people. 9 Isaac and Ishmael, his sons, buried him in the cave of Machpelah, in the field of Ephron, the son of Zohar the Hethite, which is near Mamre, 10 the field which Abraham purchased from the sons of Heth. Abraham was buried there with Sarah, his wife. 11 It happened after the death of Abraham that God blessed Isaac, his son. Isaac lived by Beer Lahai Roi. 12 Now these are the generations of Ishmael, Abraham's son, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah's servant, bore to Abraham. 13 These are the names of the sons of Ishmael, by their names, according to the order of their birth: the firstborn of Ishmael, Nebaioth, then Kedar, Adbeel, Mibsam, 14 Mishma, Dumah, Massa, 15 Hadad, Tema, Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah. 16 These are the sons of Ishmael, and these are their names, by their villages, and by their encampments: twelve princes,

according to their clans. 17 These are the years of was afraid to say, "My wife," lest, he thought, "the men up, and went his way. So Esau despised his birthright.

There was a famine in the land, besides the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. Isaac went to Abimelech king of the Philistines, to Gerar. 2 And God appeared to him, and said, "Do not go down into Egypt. Live in the land I will tell you about. 3 Sojourn in this land, and I will be with you, and will bless you. For to you, and to your descendants, I will give all these lands, and I will establish the oath which I swore to Abraham your father. 4 I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the sky, and will give to your descendants all these lands, and by your descendants will all the nations of the earth be blessed, 5 because Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my requirements, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws." 6 So Isaac settled in Gerar. 7 The men of the place asked him about his wife. He said, "She is my sister," for he

the life of Ishmael: one hundred thirty-seven years. He of the place might kill me for Rebekah, because she is breathed his last and died, and was gathered to his beautiful to look at." 8 It happened, when he had been people. 18 They lived from Havilah to Shur, which is there a long time, that Abimelech king of the Philistines near Egypt, all the way to Asshur. He settled near all looked out at a window, and saw, and look, Isaac was his kinsmen. 19 These are the generations of Isaac, caressing Rebekah, his wife. 9 Abimelech called Isaac, Abraham's son. Abraham became the father of Isaac. and said, "Look, surely she is your wife. Why did you 20 Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah, say, 'She is my sister?'" Isaac said to him, "Because I the daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan Aram, thought, 'Lest I die because of her.'" 10 Abimelech said, the sister of Laban the Aramean, to be his wife. 21 "What is this you have done to us? One of the people Isaac prayed for his wife, because she was barren. And might easily have slept with your wife, and you would God was moved by his prayer, and Rebekah his wife have brought guilt on us." 11 Abimelech commanded all conceived. 22 The children struggled together within her. the people, saying, "He who touches this man or his She said, "If all is well, why am I like this?" She went to wife will surely be put to death." 12 Isaac sowed in that inquire of God. 23 And he said to her, "Two nations are land, and reaped in the same year one hundred times in your womb. Two peoples will be separated from your what he planted. And God blessed him. 13 The man body. The one people will be stronger than the other became wealthy, and prospered more and more until people. The elder will serve the younger." 24 When the he became very wealthy. 14 He had possessions of time came for her to give birth, look, there were twins flocks, possessions of herds, and a great household. in her womb. 25 The first came out red all over, like a The Philistines envied him. 15 Now all the wells which hairy garment. They named him Esau. 26 After that, his father's servants had dug in the days of Abraham his brother came out, and his hand had hold on Esau's his father, the Philistines had stopped, and filled with heel. He was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old earth. 16 Abimelech said to Isaac, "Go from us, for when she bore them. 27 The boys grew. Esau was a you are much mightier than we." 17 Isaac departed skillful hunter, a man of the field. Jacob was a guiet man, from there, camped in the valley of Gerar, and lived living in tents. 28 And Isaac loved Esau, because he there. 18 Isaac dug again the wells which the servants had a taste for wild animals, but Rebekah loved Jacob. of his father Abraham had dug. For the Philistines had 29 Now Jacob was cooking stew, and Esau came in stopped them after the death of Abraham. And he called from the field, and he was famished. 30 Esau said to their names after the names by which his father had Jacob, "Please feed me with that same red stew, for I called them. 19 Isaac's servants dug in the valley, and am famished." Therefore his name was called Edom. 31 found there a well of flowing water. 20 The herdsmen Jacob said, "First, sell me your birthright." 32 Esau said, of Gerar argued with Isaac's herdsmen, saying, "The "Look, I am about to die. What good is the birthright to water is ours." He called the name of the well Esek, me?" 33 Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to because they contended with him. 21 They dug another him, and he sold his birthright to Jacob. 34 Jacob gave well, and they argued over that, also. He called its Esau bread and stew of lentils. He ate and drank, rose name Sitnah. 22 He left that place, and dug another well. They did not argue over that one. He called it Rehoboth. He said, "For now God has made room for us, and we will be fruitful in the land." 23 He went up from there to Beersheba. 24 And God appeared to him the same night, and said, "I am the God of Abraham vour father. Do not be afraid, for I am with you, and will bless you, and multiply your descendants for my servant Abraham's sake." 25 He built an altar there, and called on the name of the LORD, and pitched his tent there. There Isaac's servants dug a well. 26 Then Abimelech went to him from Gerar, and Ahuzzath his friend, and Phicol the commander of his army. 27 Isaac said to them, "Why have you come to me, since you hate me, and have sent me away from you?" 28 They said, "We saw plainly that God was with you. We said, 'Let there now be an oath between us, even between us and you, and let us make a covenant with you, 29 that you will do

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us no harm, as we have not touched you, and as we your firstborn. I have done what you asked me to do. forty years old, he married Judith, the daughter of Beeri Hethite. 35 They brought grief to Isaac and Rebekah.

27 It happened, that when Isaac was old, and his evesight was failing so that he could not see, he called Esau his elder son, and said to him. "My son?" He said to him, "Here I am." 2 He said, "Look, I am old now. I do not know the day of my death. 3 Now therefore, please take your weapons, your guiver and your bow, and go out to the field, and hunt down a wild animal for me. 4 Make me the tasty food that I love and bring it to me to eat, so that I may bless you before I die." 5 Rebekah heard when Isaac spoke to Esau his son. And Esau went out to the field to hunt for a wild animal and bring it back to his father. 6 And Rebekah spoke to Jacob her son, saying, "Look, I heard your father speak to Esau your brother, saying, 7 'Bring me a wild animal and prepare for me some tasty food, that I may eat it and bless you in my presence before my death.' 8 Now therefore, my son, obey my voice according to that which I command you. 9 Go now to the flock, and get me from there two choice young goats. I will prepare them in a tasty way for your father. the way he likes it. 10 You shall bring it to your father, that he may eat, so that he may bless you before his death." 11 Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, "Look, Esau my brother is a hairy man, and I am a smooth man. 12 What if my father touches me? I will seem to him as a deceiver, and I would bring a curse on myself. and not a blessing." 13 His mother said to him, "Let your curse be on me, my son. Only obey my voice, and go get them for me." 14 He went, and got them, and brought them to his mother. His mother prepared some tasty food, just the way his father liked it. 15 Rebekah took the good clothes of Esau, her elder son, which were with her in the house, and put them on Jacob, her younger son. 16 She put the skins of the young goats on his hands, and on the smooth of his neck. 17 She handed the tasty food and the bread which she had prepared to her son Jacob. 18 He came to his father, and said, "My father?" He said, "Here I am. Who are you, my son?" 19 Jacob said to his father, "I am Esau

have done to you nothing but good, and have sent you Please sit up and eat what I hunted so that you can away in peace.' You are now the blessed of God." 30 bless me." 20 Isaac said to his son. "How is it that you He made them a feast, and they ate and drank. 31 They have found it so guickly, my son?" He said, "Because rose up some time in the morning, and swore an oath to your God gave me success." 21 Isaac said to Jacob, each other. Isaac sent them away, and they departed "Please come near, that I may feel you, my son, whether from him in peace. 32 It happened the same day, that you are really my son Esau or not." 22 Jacob went near Isaac's servants came, and told him concerning the well to Isaac his father. He felt him, and said, "The voice is which they had dug, and said to him, "We have found Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau," 23 water." 33 He called it Shibah. Therefore the name of He did not recognize him, because his hands were hairy the city is Beersheba to this day. 34 When Esau was like those of his brother Esau. So he blessed him. 24 He said, "Are you really my son Esau?" He said, "I am." 25 the Hethite, and Basemath, the daughter of Elon the He said, "Bring it near to me, and I will eat of what my son caught so that I can bless you." He brought it near to him, and he ate. He brought him wine, and he drank. 26 His father Isaac said to him. "Come near now, and kiss me, my son." 27 He came near, and kissed him. He smelled the scent of his clothing, and blessed him, and said, "Look, the scent of my son is as the scent of a field which God has blessed. 28 God give you of the dew of the sky, of the fatness of the earth, and plenty of grain and new wine. 29 Let peoples serve you, and nations bow down to you. Be lord over your brothers. Let your mother's sons bow down to you. Cursed be everyone who curses you. Blessed be everyone who blesses you." 30 It happened, as soon as Isaac had finished blessing Jacob, and Jacob had just left the presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting. 31 He also made some tasty food. and brought it to his father. He said to his father, "Let my father get up and eat of what his son caught, so that you may bless me." 32 Isaac his father said to him, "Who are vou?" He said. "I am your son, your firstborn. Esau." 33 Isaac trembled violently, and said, "Who was it then that hunted an animal and brought it to me, and I ate it all before you came, and have blessed him? Yes, he will be blessed." 34 When Esau heard the words of his father, he cried out loudly and bitterly, and said to his father, "Bless me, even me also, my father." 35 He said, "Your brother came with deceit, and has taken away your blessing." 36 He said, "Isn't he rightly named Jacob? For he has taken what should have been mine these two times. He took away my birthright. Look, now he has taken away my blessing." He said. "Haven't you reserved a blessing for me?" 37 Isaac answered Esau, "Look, I have made him your lord, and I have made all of his brothers his servants. And I have sustained him with grain and new wine. What then can I do for you, my son?" 38 Esau said to his father. "Have vou but one blessing, my father? Bless me, even me also, my father." Esau lifted up his voice, and wept. 39 Isaac his father answered him, "Look, of the fatness of the earth will be your dwelling, and of the dew of the sky from

above. 40 By your sword will you live, and you will serve descendants. 14 Your descendants will be as the dust daughters of the land, what good is my life?"

28 Isaac called Jacob, blessed him, and commanded him, "You must not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan. 2 Arise, go to Paddan Aram, to the house of Bethuel your mother's father. Take a wife from there from the daughters of Laban, your mother's brother. **3 29** Then Jacob went on his journey, and came to May El Shaddai bless you, and make you fruitful, and multiply you, that you may be a company of peoples, 4 and give you the blessing of Abraham, to you, and to your descendants with you, that you may inherit the the flocks. The stone on the well's mouth was large. 3 land where you travel, which God gave to Abraham." 5 Isaac sent Jacob away. He went to Paddan Aram to Laban, son of Bethuel the Aramean, Rebekah's brother, Jacob's and Esau's mother. 6 Now Esau saw that Isaac its place. 4 Jacob said to them, "My brothers, where are had blessed Jacob and sent him away to Paddan Aram, to take him a wife from there, and that as he blessed him he gave him a command, saying, "You must not They said, "We know him." 6 He said to them, "Is it take a wife from the daughters of Canaan," 7 and that Jacob obeyed his father and his mother, and left daughter, is coming with the sheep." 7 He said, "Look, for Paddan Aram. 8 Esau saw that the daughters of it is still the middle of the day, not time to gather the Canaan did not please Isaac, his father. 9 Esau went livestock together. Water the sheep, and go, pasture to Ishmael, and took, besides the wives that he had, them." 8 They said, "We can't, until all the flocks are Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael, Abraham's son, the gathered together, and they roll the stone from the well's sister of Nebaioth, to be his wife. 10 Jacob went out mouth. Then we water the sheep." 9 While he was from Beersheba, and went toward Haran. 11 He came yet speaking with them, Rachel came with her father's to a certain place, and stayed there all night, because sheep, for she was tending them. 10 It happened, when the sun had set. He took one of the stones of the place, Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of Laban, his mother's and put it under his head, and lay down in that place to brother, and the sheep of Laban, his mother's brother, sleep. 12 And he dreamed. And look, a stairway was set that Jacob went over and rolled the stone from the well's upon the earth, and its top reached to heaven. And look, mouth and watered the flock of Laban his mother's the angels of God were ascending and descending on brother. 11 Jacob kissed Rachel, and wept loudly. 12 it. 13 And God stood above it, and said, "I am the God Jacob told Rachel that he was her father's brother, of Abraham your grandfather, and the God of Isaac. The and that he was Rebekah's son. She ran and told her land on which you are lying I will give to you and to your

your brother. It will happen, when you will break loose, of the earth, and you will spread out to the west, and to that you shall shake his yoke from off your neck." 41 the east, and to the north, and to the south. And through Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing with which you and through your descendants will all the families his father blessed him. Esau said in his heart, "The days of the earth be blessed. 15 And look, I am with you, of mourning for my father are at hand. Then I will kill my and will watch over you wherever you go, and will bring brother Jacob." 42 The words of Esau, her elder son, you again into this land. For I will not leave you, until I were told to Rebekah. She sent and called Jacob, her have done that which I have spoken of to you." 16 Then younger son, and said to him, "Look, your brother Esau Jacob woke up from his sleep, and said, "Surely God is comforts himself about you by planning to kill you. 43 in this place, and I did not know it." 17 He was afraid, Now therefore, my son, obey my voice. Arise, flee to and said, "How awesome is this place. This is none Laban, my brother, in Haran. 44 Stay with him a few other than God's house, and this is the gate of heaven." days, until your brother's fury turns away; 45 until your 18 And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took brother's anger against you subsides, and he forgets the stone that he had put under his head, and set it up what you have done to him. Then I will send for you as a standing-stone, and poured oil on top of it. 19 He and get you from there. Why should I lose both of you called the name of that place Bethel, though previously in one day?" 46 Rebekah said to Isaac, "I loathe my the city was named Luz. 20 Then Jacob made a vow, life because of the daughters of Heth. If Jacob takes a saying, "If God will be with me, and will watch over me wife from the daughters of Heth, like these, from the on this journey I am taking, and will give me food to eat, and clothing to put on, 21 so that I return to my father's house safely, then he will be my God, 22 and this stone, which I have set up as a standing-stone, will be God's house. Of all that you will give me I will surely give the tenth to you."

> the land of the people of the east. 2 He looked and saw a well in the field, and look, three flocks of sheep lying there by it. For out of that well they watered Now all the flocks would be gathered there, and they would roll the stone from the well's mouth, and water the sheep, and put the stone again on the well's mouth in you from?" They said, "We are from Haran." 5 He said to them, "Do you know Laban, the grandson of Nahor?" well with him?" They said, "It is well. See, Rachel, his

Jacob, his sister's son, that he ran to meet Jacob, and Jacob became very angry with Rachel, and he said, embraced him, and kissed him, and brought him to his "Am I in God's place, who has withheld from you the to him, "Surely you are my bone and my flesh." He lived Bilhah. Sleep with her, so that she will bear children you are my brother, should you therefore serve me for So she gave him Bilhah her servant as a wife, and nothing? Tell me what your wages should be?" 16 Laban Jacob slept with her. 5 Bilhah conceived, and bore and the name of the younger was Rachel. 17 Leah has also heard my voice, and has given me a son." looked rather plain, but Rachel was beautiful in form Therefore she called his name Dan. 7 Bilhah, Rachel's and beautiful in appearance. 18 Jacob loved Rachel. handmaid, conceived again, and bore Jacob a second He said, "I will serve you seven years for Rachel, your son. 8 Rachel said, "I have wrestled mightily with my younger daughter." 19 Laban said, "It is better that I sister, and have prevailed." So she named him Naphtali. give her to you, than that I should give her to another 9 When Leah saw that she had stopped bearing, she man. Stay with me." 20 Jacob served seven years for took Zilpah, her servant, and gave her to Jacob as a Rachel, and it seemed only a few days to him because wife. 10 Zilpah, Leah's handmaid, bore Jacob a son. 11 of his love for her. 21 Jacob said to Laban, "Give me Leah said, "How fortunate." So she named him Gad. my wife, for my time is completed, so that I may sleep 12 Zilpah, Leah's servant, bore Jacob a second son. with her." 22 Laban gathered together all the people 13 Leah said, "Happy am I, for the women will call me evening, that he took Leah his daughter and brought out during the wheat harvest and found mandrakes in her to him, and he slept wit her. 24 Laban gave Zilpah the field, and brought them to his mother, Leah. Then his female servant to his daughter Leah as a servant. Rachel said to Leah, "Please give me some of your 25 It happened in the morning that, look, it was Leah. He son's mandrakes." 15 She said to her, "Is it a small said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I matter that you have taken away my husband? Would not work for you to have Rachel? Why then have you you take away my son's mandrakes, also?" Rachel deceived me?" 26 Laban said, "It is not our custom here said, "Therefore he may sleep with you tonight for your to give the younger before the firstborn. 27 Finish the son's mandrakes." 16 Jacob came from the field in the week of this one, and I will give you the other also in evening, and Leah went out to meet him, and said, exchange for the work which you are to serve with me "You must sleep with me; for I have surely hired you fulfilled her week. He gave him Rachel his daughter night. 17 God listened to Leah, and she conceived, as wife. 29 Laban gave to Rachel his daughter Bilhah, and bore Jacob a fifth son. 18 Leah said, "God has his female servant, to be her servant. 30 So he slept given me my wages, because I gave my servant to LORD saw that Leah was unloved, so he made her Leah said, "God has given me a good gift. Now my fertile, but Rachel was barren. 32 Leah conceived, and husband will live with me, because I have borne him bore a son, and she named him Reuben. For she said, six sons." So she named him Zebulun. 21 Afterwards, "Because God has looked at my affliction, and given she bore a daughter, and named her Dinah. 22 God me a son. For now my husband will love me." 33 She remembered Rachel, and God listened to her, and made conceived again, and bore a son, and said, "Because her fertile. 23 She conceived, bore a son, and said, God has heard that I am unloved, he has therefore "God has taken away my shame." 24 So she named this time my husband will become attached to me, since Jacob said to Laban, "Send me away, that I may go I have given him three sons." Therefore he was named to my own place, and to my country. 26 Give me my Levi. 35 She conceived again, and bore a son. She wives and my children for whom I have served you, said, "This time will I praise God." Therefore she named and let me go; for you know the service I have given him Judah. Then she stopped bearing.

30 When Rachel saw that she was not bearing Jacob any children, Rachel envied her sister. She said to

father, 13 It happened, when Laban heard the news of Jacob, "Give me children, or else I will die," 2 Then house. Jacob told Laban all these things. 14 Laban said fruit of the womb?" 3 She said, "Look, my servant with him for a month. 15 Laban said to Jacob, "Because for me, that I too may have children through her." 4 had two daughters. The name of the older was Leah, Jacob a son. 6 Rachel said, "God has judged me, and of the place, and gave a feast. 23 It happened in the happy." So she named him Asher. 14 Reuben went for another seven years." 28 Then Jacob did so, and with my son's mandrakes." So he slept with her that with Rachel also, and he loved Rachel more than Leah. my husband." So she named him Issachar. 19 Leah And he worked with him another seven years. 31 The conceived again, and bore a sixth son to Jacob. 20 given me this son also." So she named him Simeon. 34 him Joseph, saving, "May God add another son to me." She conceived again, and bore a son. She said, "Now 25 It happened, when Rachel had borne Joseph, that you." 27 Laban said to him, "If now I have found favor in your eyes, stay here, for I have learned by divination that God has blessed me for your sake." 28 He said,

"Name your wages, and I will pay it." 29 He said to him. father's face, that it is not what it was before. But the male servants, and camels and donkeys.

31 He heard the words of Laban's sons, saying, "Jacob has taken away all that was our father's. From that which was our father's he has gained all this wealth." 2 Jacob saw the expression on Laban's face, and look, it was not as it had been. 3 Then God said to Jacob, "Return to the land of your fathers, and to your relatives, and I will be with you." 4 Jacob sent and called Rachel and Leah to the field where his flock was, 5 and said to them, "I see the expression on your

"You know how I have served you, and how well your God of my father has been with me. 6 You know that I livestock have done with me. 30 For you had little before have served your father with all of my strength. 7 Yet I came, and it has increased abundantly. And God has your father has cheated me and changed my wages ten blessed you wherever I worked. Now when will I also times, but God did not allow him to hurt me. 8 If he said provide for my own household?" 31 He said, "What this, 'The speckled will be your wages,' then all the flock should I give you?" Jacob said, "You do not need to bore speckled. If he said this, 'The streaked will be your give me anything. If you will do this one thing for me, I wages,' then all the flock bore streaked. 9 Thus God will again pasture your flock and take care of it. 32 I will has taken away your father's livestock and given them pass through all your flock today, removing from there to me. 10 And it came about at the time when the flocks every speckled and spotted one, and every black one were breeding I looked up and saw in a dream, and among the sheep, and the spotted and speckled among look, the male goats which leaped on the flock were the goats. This will be my wages. 33 So my honesty will streaked, speckled, and spotted. 11 The angel of God testify for me later on, when the subject of my wages said to me in the dream, 'Jacob,' and I said, 'Here I am.' comes before you. Every one that is not speckled and 12 He said, 'Now lift up your eyes, and look, all the male spotted among the goats, and black among the sheep goats which leap on the flock are streaked, speckled, that I have in my possession, will be counted as stolen." and spotted, for I have seen all that Laban has done to 34 Laban said, "Look, let it be as you have said." 35 That you. 13 I am the God of Bethel, where you anointed a day, he removed the male goats that were streaked and standing-stone, where you made a vow to me. Now spotted, and all the female goats that were speckled and arise, go out from this land and return to the land of your spotted, every one that had white in it, and all the black birth." 14 Rachel and Leah answered him, "Is there yet ones among the sheep, and put them in the care of his any portion or inheritance for us in our father's house? sons. 36 He set three days' journey between himself and 15 Aren't we regarded by him as foreigners? For he Jacob, and Jacob pastured the rest of Laban's flocks. has sold us, and he has used up what was paid for us. 37 Jacob took fresh branches from poplar, almond and 16 For all the wealth which God has taken away from plane trees and made white streaks by peeling them, our father, that is ours and our children's. Now then, exposing white stripes on the branches. 38 He set up whatever God has said to you, do." 17 Then Jacob got the peeled branches which he had peeled opposite up and put his sons and his wives on the camels, 18 the flocks in the troughs, that is, the watering places and he took away all his livestock and all his property where the flocks came to drink. And since they bred which he had acquired, including the livestock which he when they came to drink, 39 the flocks bred in front of had gained in Paddan Aram, to go to Isaac his father in the branches, and the flocks brought bore streaked, the land of Canaan. 19 Now Laban had gone to shear speckled, and spotted. 40 Jacob separated the lambs, his sheep, and Rachel stole the idols that belonged to and made the flocks face toward the streaked and all her father. 20 Jacob outwitted Laban the Aramean by the black in the flock of Laban. So he kept his own not telling him that he intended to flee. 21 So he fled flocks separate, and did not put them into Laban's flock. with everything that he had, and he arose and crossed 41 It happened, whenever the stronger of the flock were the River, and set out toward the hill country of Gilead. breeding, that Jacob would set up the branches in front 22 Laban was told on the third day that Jacob had fled. of the flock in the troughs, so that they would breed near 23 He took his relatives with him, and pursued after the branches; 42 but for the weaker of the flock, he did him for seven days, and caught up with him in the hill not put them there. So the weaker would be Laban's, country of Gilead. 24 God came to Laban the Aramean and the stronger Jacob's. 43 Thus the man became in a dream at night, and said to him. "Be careful that you very rich, and had large flocks, female servants and do not speak to Jacob either good or bad." 25 Laban caught up with Jacob. Now Jacob had pitched his tent in the hill country, and Laban with his relatives camped in the hill country of Gilead. 26 Laban said to Jacob, "What have you done? You have deceived me, and carried away my daughters like captives taken in war? 27 Why did you flee in secret and deceive me, and not tell me, so that I might have sent you away with joy and singing, with a tambourine and with a lyre. 28 And you did not allow me to kiss my sons and my daughters? Now you have done foolishly. 29 It is in my power to

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last night, saying, 'Be careful that you do not speak to witness between me and you today." Therefore it was Jacob either good or bad.' 30 Now you have indeed named Galeed 49 and Mizpah, for he said, "God watch gone away, because you longed greatly for your father's between me and you, when we are absent one from house. But why have you stolen my gods?" 31 Jacob another. 50 If you mistreat my daughters, or if you take answered Laban, "Because I was afraid, for I thought wives besides my daughters, although no one is with that you would take your daughters from me by force.' us; see, God is witness between me and you." 51 Laban 32 Anyone you find your gods with shall not live. In the said to Jacob, "See this mound, and see the standingpresence of our relatives, identify what I have that is stone, which I have set between me and you. 52 May yours, and take it with you." For Jacob did not know that this mound be a witness, and the standing-stone be a Rachel had stolen them. 33 Laban went into Jacob's witness, that I will not pass over this mound to you, and tent, into Leah's tent, and into the tent of the two female that you will not pass over this mound and this standingservants; but he did not find them. He went out of Leah's stone to me, to do harm. 53 The God of Abraham, tent, and entered into Rachel's tent. 34 Now Rachel had and the God of Nahor, the God of their father, judge taken the idols, put them in the camel's saddle, and sat between us." Then Jacob swore by the fear of his father on them, Laban searched the whole tent, but did not Isaac, 54 Jacob offered a sacrifice on the mountain. find them. 35 She said to her father, "Do not let my lord and called his relatives to eat the meal. They ate the be angry that I can't rise up before you; for the manner meal and stayed all night on the mountain. 55 Early in of women is on me." He searched, but did not find the the morning, Laban rose up, and kissed his sons and teraphim. 36 Jacob was angry, and argued with Laban. his daughters, and blessed them. Laban departed and Jacob answered Laban, "What is my trespass? What is returned to his place. my sin, that you have hotly pursued after me? 37 Now that you have searched around in all my stuff, did you find anything from all of your household's belongings? Put it here before my relatives and your relatives, that they may judge between the two of us. 38 These twenty vears I have been with you. Your ewes and your female goats have not miscarried their young, and I haven't eaten the rams of your flocks. 39 That which was torn by animals I did not bring to you. I bore its loss. You demanded payment from me whether stolen by day or stolen by night. 40 I was consumed by the heat during the day and by the frost at night, and sleepless nights. 41 These twenty years I have been in your house. I served you fourteen years for your two daughters, and six years for your flock, and you have changed my wages ten times. 42 Unless the God of my father, the God of Abraham, and the one whom Isaac fears, had been with me, surely now you would have sent me away empty-handed. God has seen my harsh treatment and my hard work, and rebuked you last night." 43 Laban answered Jacob, "The daughters are my daughters, the children are my children, the flocks are my flocks, and all that you see is mine: and what can I do this day to these my daughters, or to their children whom they have borne? 44 So now, come, let us make a covenant, you and I, and let it be a witness between the two of us." And he said to him, "Look, there is no one with us; see, God is witness between me and you." 45 Jacob took a stone and set it up as a standing-stone. 46 Jacob said to his relatives, "Gather stones." So they took stones and made a mound. They ate there by the mound. 47 Laban called it Jegar Sahadutha, but

do you harm, but the God of your father spoke to me Jacob called it Galeed. 48 Laban said. "This mound is a

32 Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him. 2 When he saw them, Jacob said, "This is God's camp." He called the name of that place Mahanaim. 3 Jacob sent messengers ahead of him to Esau, his brother, to the land of Seir, the region of Edom. 4 He commanded them, saying, "This is what you shall tell my lord, Esau: 'This is what your servant, Jacob, says. I have lived as a foreigner with Laban, and stayed until now. 5 I have cattle, donkeys, flocks, male servants, and female servants. I have sent to tell my lord, that I may find favor in your sight." 6 The messengers returned to Jacob, saying, "We came to your brother Esau. Not only that, but he comes to meet vou, and four hundred men with him." 7 Then Jacob was very afraid and was distressed. He divided the people who were with him, and the flocks, and the herds, and the camels, into two camps; 8 and he said, "If Esau comes to the one camp, and strikes it, then the other camp will escape." 9 Jacob said, "God of my father Abraham, and God of my father Isaac, who said to me, 'Return to your country, and to your relatives, and I will do you good,' 10 I am not worthy of the least of all the loving kindnesses and of all the faithfulness which you have shown to your servant; for with just my staff I passed over this Jordan, and now I have become two camps. 11 Please deliver me from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau: for I fear that he will come and attack me and the mothers with the children. 12 You said, 'I will surely do you good and make your descendants as the sand of the sea, which can't be counted because there are so many." 13 So he spent the night there and selected from what he had acquired a present for his brother Esau: 14 they wept. 5 And he looked up and saw the women and two hundred female goats and twenty male goats, two the children, and said, "Who are these with you?" He hundred ewes and twenty rams, 15 thirty milk camels said, "The children whom God has graciously given your with their young, forty cows, ten bulls, twenty female servant." 6 Then the female servants came forward with donkeys and ten male donkeys. 16 He entrusted them their children, and they bowed themselves. 7 Leah also into the hands of his servants as separate herds, and and her children came forward, and bowed themselves. said to his servants, "Pass over before me, and keep After them, Joseph came forward with Rachel, and they some distance between the herds." 17 He instructed bowed themselves. 8 Esau said, "What do you mean by the first, saying, "When Esau my brother meets you all this company which I met?" Jacob said, "To find favor and asks you, saying, 'Whose are you? Where are you in the sight of my lord." 9 Esau said, "I have enough, going? Whose are these ahead of you?' 18 Then you my brother; keep what you have for yourself." 10 Jacob shall say, 'They are your servant, Jacob's. It is a present said, "No, please, if I have now found favor in our sight, sent to my lord Esau. And look, he also is behind us." then accept my present from my hand, because I have 19 He instructed also the second, and the third, and all seen your face, which is like seeing the face of God, that followed the herds, saying, "This is how you are to since you have accepted me. 11 Please take the gift speak to Esau, when you find him. 20 You shall say, 'Not that I brought to you, because God has been gracious only that, but look, your servant Jacob is behind us." to me, and because I have enough." Thus he urged him, For, he said, "I will appease him with the present that and he took it. 12 Esau said, "Let us take our journey, goes before me, and afterward I will meet him. Perhaps and let us go, and I will go ahead of you." 13 Jacob said he will accept me." 21 So the gift passed over before to him, "My lord knows that the children are tender, and him, and he himself stayed that night in the camp. 22 that the sheep and cattle with me have their young, and He got up that night and took his two wives, and his two if they overdrive them one day, the whole herd will die. female servants, and his eleven sons and crossed over 14 Please let my lord pass on ahead of his servant, and the ford of the Jabbok. 23 He took them and sent them I will move along slowly, at the pace of the herds that across the stream, and sent over all his possessions. are before me and at the pace of the children, until I 24 Then Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with come to my lord at Seir." 15 Esau said, "Let me now him until the rising of the dawn. 25 When he saw that he leave with you some of my people who are with me." did not defeat him, he struck the socket of his hip, and But he said, "What need is there? Please indulge me, Jacob's hip was dislocated as he wrestled with him. 26 my lord." 16 So Esau returned that day on the road to Then he said, "Let me go, for the dawn is breaking." But Seir. 17 But Jacob traveled to Succoth, and he built Jacob said, "I won't let you go unless you bless me." himself a house, and made shelters for his livestock. 27 And he said to him, "What is your name?" He said, Therefore the name of the place is called Succoth. 18 "Jacob." 28 Then he said, "Your name will no longer be After Jacob came from Paddan Aram, he arrived safely called Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled at the city of Shechem, which is in the land of Canaan, with God and with men and have prevailed." 29 Then and camped near the city. 19 He purchased the parcel Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he of land where he had pitched his tent, from the sons of said, "Why is it that you ask what my name is?" And he Hamor, Shechem's father, for a hundred kesitahs. 20 He blessed him there. 30 So Jacob called the name of the erected an altar there and called it El Elohe Israel. place Peniel: "For I have seen God face to face, and my life has been preserved." 31 The sun rose on him as he passed by Peniel, and he limped because of his hip. 32 Therefore, to this day the children of Israel do not eat the tendon of the hip socket, because he struck Jacob's hip socket near that tendon.

33 Now Jacob looked up and saw that Esau approaching, and with him four hundred men. He divided the children between Leah. Rachel, and the two female servants. 2 He put the female servants and their children in front, Leah and her children after, and Rachel and Joseph last. 3 He himself went on ahead of them, and bowed himself to the ground seven times, until he approached his brother. 4 Esau ran to meet him, embraced him, hugged his neck, and kissed him. And and they were very angry, because he had disgraced

34 Dinah, the daughter whom Leah had borne to Jacob, went out to visit the women of the region. 2 When Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, the ruler of the land, saw her, he grabbed her, and raped her, and humiliated her. 3 Then he became very attached to Dinah, the daughter of Jacob, and he loved the young woman, and spoke kindly to the young woman. 4 Shechem spoke to his father, Hamor, saying, "Get me this young woman as my wife." 5 Now Jacob heard that he had defiled Dinah, his daughter; and his sons were with his livestock in the field. Jacob remained silent until they came. 6 Hamor the father of Shechem went out to Jacob to speak with him. 7 The sons of Jacob came in from the field when they heard it. The men were grieved,

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us, and the land will be open to you. Live and trade sister like a prostitute?" in it, and acquire property in it." 11 Shechem said to her father and to her brothers, "Let me find favor in your sight, and whatever you ask of me I will give. 12 Ask me for a very expensive bride price, and I will pay whatever you ask of me, but give me the young woman as a wife." 13 The sons of Jacob replied deceitfully to Shechem and his father Hamor, because he had defiled their sister Dinah. 14 And they said to them, "We can't do this thing, to give our sister to one who is uncircumcised; for that would be a disgrace to us. 15 Only on this condition will we agree with you; that you become like us by circumcising all your males; 16 then will we give our daughters to you, and we will take your daughters to ourselves, and we will live among you and become one people. 17 But if you will not listen to us and be circumcised, then we will take our daughter and go away." 18 Their words pleased Hamor and Shechem, Hamor's son. 19 The young man did not delay to do this thing, because he was delighted with Jacob's daughter. Now he was the most important of anyone in his father's house. 20 Hamor and his son Shechem came to the gate of their city, and spoke to the men of their city, saying, 21 "These men are at peace with us. Therefore let them live in the land and travel in it. For look, the land is large enough for them. Let us take their daughters as wives for ourselves, and let us give them our daughters. 22 Only on this condition will the men agree to live with us as one people: that every male among us be circumcised, as they are circumcised. 23 Won't their livestock and their possessions and all their animals be ours? Only let us agree with them, so they will settle among us." 24 All who went out of the gate of his city agreed with Hamor and his son Shechem; and every male was circumcised, all who went out of the gate of his city. 25 It happened on the third day, when they were still in pain, that two of Jacob's sons, Simeon and Levi, Dinah's brothers, each took his sword and came into the unsuspecting city and killed all the males. 26 They killed Hamor and his son Shechem with their swords and took Dinah out of Shechem's house and left. 27 Jacob's sons entered over the dead and plundered the city, because they had defiled their sister. 28 They took their flocks, their herds, their donkeys, and whatever was in the city and was in the field, 29 and all their wealth. They took captive all their little ones and their wives, and took as plunder everything that was in the houses. 30 Jacob

Israel by sexually assaulting Jacob's daughter; a thing said to Simeon and Levi, "You have brought trouble that should not be done. 8 Hamor talked with them, on me, to make me odious to the inhabitants of the saying, "The heart of my son Shechem is set on your land, among the Canaanites and the Perizzites. I am daughter. Please give her to him as a wife. 9 Arrange few in number. They will gather themselves together marriages with us. Give your daughters to us, and take against me and attack me, and I and my household will our daughters for yourselves. 10 You may settle among be destroyed." 31 But they said, "Should he treat our

> **35** And God said to Jacob, "Arise, go up to Bethel, and live there. Make an altar there to God, who appeared to you when you fled from your brother Esau." 2 Then Jacob said to his household and to all who were with him, "Get rid of the foreign gods that you have among you, and purify yourselves and change your clothes. 3 Let us arise and go up to Bethel, and I will make an altar there to God, who answered me in the day of my distress, and has been with me wherever I went." 4 So they gave to Jacob all the foreign gods which were in their possession, and the rings that were in their ears, and Jacob buried them under the oak that was near Shechem. 5 Then they set out, and a terror of God was upon the cities that were around them, so that they did not pursue the sons of Jacob. 6 So Jacob came to Luz (that is. Bethel), which is in the land of Canaan. he and all the people who were with him. 7 He built an altar there, and called the place El Bethel, because there God had revealed himself to him when he was fleeing from his brother. 8 Now Deborah, Rebekah's nurse, died, and she was buried under an oak outside Bethel. So he called its name Allon Bakuth. 9 And God appeared to Jacob again after he returned from Paddan Aram, and blessed him, 10 God said to him, "Your name is Jacob. Your name will no longer be called Jacob, but your name will be Israel." So he called his name Israel. 11 And God said to him. "I am El Shaddai. Be fruitful and multiply. A nation and a company of nations will come from you, and kings will come from your body. 12 The land which I gave to Abraham and Isaac, I will give to you, and I will give the land to your descendants after you." 13 Then God went up from him in the place where he spoke with him. 14 And Jacob set up a standingstone in the place where he spoke with him, a pillar of stone. And he poured out a drink offering on it, and poured oil on it. 15 Jacob called the name of the place where God spoke with him Bethel. 16 Then they set out from Bethel. There was still some distance to come to Ephrath, and Rachel went into labor, and her labor was difficult. 17 When she was in the difficult labor, the midwife said to her, "Do not be afraid, for now you have another son." 18 It happened, as her life was departing (for she died), that she named him Ben-Oni, but his father named him Benjamin. 19 So Rachel died and was buried on the way to Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem). 20 Jacob set up a standing-stone on her grave. It is

the standing-stone of Rachel's grave to this day. 21 land of Edom; these are the sons of Adah. 17 These and was gathered to his people, old and full of days. Onam. 24 These are the sons of Zibeon: Aiah and Anah. And his sons Esau and Jacob buried him.

36 Now these are the generations of Esau (that is, Edom). 2 Esau took his wives from the daughters of Canaan: Adah the daughter of Elon, the Hethite; and Oholibamah the daughter of Anah, the daughter of Zibeon, the Hivite; 3 and Basemath, Ishmael's daughter, sister of Nebaioth. 4 Adah bore to Esau Eliphaz. Basemath bore Reuel. 5 Oholibamah bore Jeush, and Jalam, and Korah. These are the sons of Esau, who were born to him in the land of Canaan. 6 Esau took his wives, his sons, his daughters, and all the people of his household, with his livestock, all his animals, and all of the property he had acquired in the land of Canaan, and went out from the land of Canaan away from the presence of his brother Jacob. 7 For their possessions were too great for them to remain together, and the land in which they were traveling could not support them because of their livestock. 8 And Esau (also known as Edom) settled in the hill country of Seir. 9 These are the generations of Esau the father of the Edomites in the hill country of Seir: 10 these are the names of Esau's sons: Eliphaz, the son of Adah, the wife of Esau; and Reuel, the son of Basemath, the wife of Esau. 11 The sons of Eliphaz were Teman, Omar, Zepho, and Gatam, and Kenaz. 12 Timna was the secondary wife to Eliphaz, Esau's son; and she bore to Eliphaz Amalek. These are the sons of Adah, Esau's wife. 13 These are the sons of Reuel: Nahath, and Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah. These were the sons of Basemath, Esau's wife. 14 These were the sons of Oholibamah, the daughter of Anah, the daughter of Zibeon, Esau's wife: she bore to Esau Jeush, and Jalam, and Korah. 15 These are the chiefs of the sons of Esau: the sons of Eliphaz the firstborn of Esau: chief Teman, chief Omar, chief Zepho, chief Kenaz, 16 chief Korah, chief Gatam, chief Amalek: these are the chiefs who came of Eliphaz in the

And Israel traveled and pitched his tent beyond Migdal are the sons of Reuel, Esau's son: chief Nahath, chief Eder. 22 It happened, while Israel lived in that land, Zerah, chief Shammah, chief Mizzah: these are the that Reuben went and slept with Bilhah, his father's chiefs of Reuel in the land of Edom; these are the sons secondary wife, and Israel heard about it. Now the sons of Basemath, Esau's wife. 18 These are the sons of of Jacob were twelve. 23 The sons of Leah: Reuben, Oholibamah, Esau's wife: chief Jeush, chief Jalam, chief Jacob's firstborn, and Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Korah: these are the chiefs who came of Oholibamah Issachar, and Zebulun. 24 The sons of Rachel: Joseph the daughter of Anah, Esau's wife. 19 These are the and Benjamin. 25 And the sons of Bilhah, Rachel's sons of Esau (also known as Edom), and these are their servant: Dan and Naphtali. 26 And the sons of Zilpah, chiefs. 20 These are the sons of Seir the Horite, the Leah's servant: Gad and Asher. These are the sons inhabitants of the land: Lotan, and Shobal, and Zibeon, of Jacob who were born to him in Paddan Aram. 27 and Anah, 21 and Dishon, and Ezer, and Dishan. These So Jacob came to Isaac his father at Mamre in Kiriath are the chiefs of the Horites, the sons of Seir in the land Arba (which is Hebron), where Abraham and Isaac had of Edom. 22 The sons of Lotan were Hori and Hemam. sojourned. 28 Now the days of Isaac were one hundred Lotan's sister was Timna. 23 These are the sons of eighty years. 29 And Isaac took his last breath and died, Shobal: Alvan, and Manahath, and Ebal, Shepho, and This is the Anah who found the hot springs in the desert

as he pastured the donkeys of his father Zibeon. 25 These are the sons of Anah: Dishon, and Oholibamah the daughter of Anah. 26 These are the sons of Dishon: Hemdan, and Eshban, and Ithran, and Keran. 27 These are the sons of Ezer: Bilhan, and Zaavan, and Akan. 28 These are the sons of Dishan: Uz and Aran. 29 These are the chiefs of the Horites: chief Lotan, chief Shobal, chief Zibeon, chief Anah, 30 chief Dishon, chief Ezer, and chief Dishan: these are the chiefs who came of the Horites, according to their chiefs in the land of Seir. 31 These are the kings who reigned in the land of Edom, before any king reigned over the children of Israel. 32 Bela the son of Beor reigned in Edom. The name of his city was Dinhabah. 33 When Bela died, and Jobab, the son of Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his place. 34 And Jobab died, and Husham of the land of the Temanites reigned in his place. 35 And Husham died, and Hadad the son of Bedad who struck Midian in the field of Moab reigned in his place. The name of his city was Avith. 36 And Hadad died, and Samlah of Masrekah reigned in his place. 37 And Samlah died, and Shaul of Rehobothon-the-River reigned in his place. 38 And Shaul died, and Baal Hanan the son of Achbor reigned in his place. 39 And Baal Hanan the son of Achbor died, and Hadad reigned in his place. The name of his city was Pau. His wife's name was Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred, the daughter of Me-Zahab. 40 These are the names of the chiefs who came from Esau, according to their families, according to their places, and by their names: chief Timna, chief Alvah, chief Jetheth, 41 chief Oholibamah, chief Elah, chief Pinon, 42 chief Kenaz, chief Teman, chief Mibzar, 43 chief Magdiel, and chief Iram. These are the chiefs of Edom, according to their settlements in the land they possessed. This is Esau the father of Edom.

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37 Jacob lived in the land where his father had that is in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him"-that the generations of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen to his father. 23 It happened, when Joseph came to years old, tended the flock with his brothers; he was an his brothers, they stripped Joseph of his robe, the long assistant to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's ornamented robe that he was wearing. 24 And they wives. And Joseph brought a bad report about them to took him and threw him into the cistern. (Now the pit their father. 3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his was empty. There was no water in it.) 25 Then they sat children, because he had been born to him in his old down to eat a meal. And they looked up, and look, a age. And he made a long ornamented robe for him. 4 caravan of Ishmaelites was coming from Gilead, with His brothers saw that their father loved him more than their camels bearing aromatic gum and balm and myrrh all his brothers, and they hated him, and couldn't speak on their way to carry them down to Egypt. 26 Then a kind word to him. 5 Now Joseph had a dream, and he Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our told it to his brothers, and they hated him all the more. 6 brother and conceal his blood? 27 Come, and let's sell He said to them, "Please listen to this dream I had: 7 him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay a hand on him, for he And look, we were binding sheaves in the field, and is our brother, our flesh." And his brothers agreed. 28 look, my sheaf arose and also stood upright. And look, So the Midianites merchants passed by, and they pulled your sheaves gathered around it and bowed down to him up and lifted Joseph out of the cistern, and sold my sheaf." 8 Then his brothers said to him, "Will you Joseph to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. indeed reign over us? Or will you indeed rule over us?" And they brought Joseph to Egypt. 29 And Reuben So they hated him all the more for his dreams and for returned to the cistern and saw that Joseph wasn't in what he said. 9 And he had another dream, and told it the cistern; and he tore his clothes. 30 He went back to to his father and to his brothers, and said, "Look, I had his brothers and said, "The boy is gone. Now, what am I yet another dream, and look, the sun and the moon to do?" 31 They took Joseph's robe and killed a male and eleven stars bowed down to me." 10 When he told goat and dipped the robe in the blood. 32 And they sent it to his father and to his brothers, his father rebuked the long ornamented robe and they brought it to their him, and said to him, "What is this dream that you had? father, and said, "We found this. Please examine it to Will I and your mother and your brothers indeed come see whether it is your son's robe or not." 33 And he and bow down to the ground in front of you?" 11 His recognized it, and said, "It is my son's robe. A vicious brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept thinking animal has devoured him. Joseph is without doubt torn about the matter. 12 Now his brothers went to pasture to pieces." 34 Then Jacob tore his clothes, and put their father's flock near Shechem. 13 And Israel said to sackcloth around his waist, and mourned for his son Joseph, "Aren't your brothers pasturing the flock near many days. 35 All his sons and all his daughters rose Shechem? Come, and I will send you to them." And he up to comfort him, but he refused to be comforted. And said to him, "I am ready." 14 So he said to him, "Go he said, "Indeed, I will go down to Sheol to my son now, see whether it is well with your brothers and well mourning." And his father wept for him. (Sheol h7585) 36 with the flock, and report back to me." So he sent him Now the Midianites sold him into Egypt to Potiphar, an from the Valley of Hebron, and he came to Shechem. officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard. 15 And a man found him, and look, he was wandering in the field. And the man asked him, "What are you looking for?" 16 He said, "I am looking for my brothers. Tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." 17 The man said. "They have left here, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them in Dothan. 18 Now they saw him in the distance, and before he reached them they plotted against him to kill him. 19 And they said to one another, "Look, this dreamer is coming. 20 Come now, and let's kill him and throw him into one of the cisterns, and we will say that a vicious animal has devoured him. Then we will see what will become of his dreams." 21 But Reuben heard it, and delivered him out of their hands, and said, "Let's not take his life." 22 Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood. Throw him into this pit

sojourned, in the land of Canaan. 2 These are he might deliver him out of their hands, to restore him

38 It happened at that time that Judah moved away from his brothers and stayed with an Adullamite. whose name was Hirah. 2 There Judah saw the daughter of a Canaanite whose name was Shua. And he married her and slept with her. 3 She conceived and gave birth to a son, and he named him Er. 4 She conceived again and gave birth to a son, and she named him Onan. 5 Then she gave birth to another son, and named him Shelah. And he was at Kezib when she gave birth to him. 6 And Judah got a wife for Er, his firstborn, and her name was Tamar. 7 Now Er. Judah's firstborn. was wicked in the sight of the LORD, so God killed him. 8 Then Judah said to Onan, "Sleep with your brother's wife and fulfill the duty of a brother-in-law to her, and raise up offspring for your brother." 9 But Onan knew that the offspring wouldn't be his. So it happened when

semen on the ground, so that he would not produce the midwife took a scarlet thread and tied it on his hand, offspring for his brother. 10 And what he did was evil in saying, "This one came out first." 29 It happened, as he the sight of God, so he killed him also. 11 Then Judah drew back his hand, that look, his brother came out, said to his daughter-in-law Tamar, "Remain a widow in and she said, "How did you break through?" So he was your father's house until my son Shelah is grown up." named Perez. 30 Afterward his brother came out, that For he thought. "I do not want him to die too, like his had the scarlet thread on his hand, so he was named brothers." So Tamar went and lived in her father's house. Zerah. 12 After some time, Judah's wife, the daughter of Shua, died. And Judah finished mourning, and went up to his sheepshearers at Timnah, he and his friend Hirah the Adullamite. 13 And Tamar was told, saying, "Look, your father-in-law is going up to Timnah to shear his sheep." 14 She took off her widow's clothes and covered herself with a veil, and wrapped herself, and sat at the entrance to Enaim, which is on the way to Timnah. For she saw that Shelah was grown up, and she had not been given to him as a wife. 15 When Judah saw her, he thought that she was a prostitute because she had covered her face. 16 He went over to her by the road and said, "Please come, let me sleep with you," for he did not know that she was his daughter-in-law. She said, "What will you give me for sleeping with you?" 17 He said, "I will send you a young goat from the flock." She said. "Will you give me something as a guarantee until you send it?" 18 He said, "What kind of guarantee should I give you?" She replied, "Your signet and your cord and your staff that is in your hand." So he gave them to her, and slept with her, and she became pregnant by him. 19 And she got up and left, and took off her veil, and put on her widow's clothing. 20 Judah sent the young goat by his friend, the Adullamite, to receive the guarantee back from the woman's hand, but he did not find her. 21 Then he asked the men of the place, saying, "Where is the prostitute that was at Enaim by the road?" They said, "There has been no prostitute here." 22 He returned to Judah, and said, "I haven't found her; and also the men of the place said, 'There has been no prostitute here." 23 Judah said, "Let her keep the things, lest we be publicly shamed. Look, I sent this young goat, but you did not find her." 24 Now it happened about three months later that Judah was told, saving, "Tamar, your daughter-in-law, has turned to prostitution, and now, look, she is pregnant by prostitution." Judah said. "Bring her out, and let her be burned." 25 When she was brought out, she sent word to her father-in-law, saying, "By the man who owns these I am pregnant." She also said, "Please discern whose these are-the signet, and the cord, and the staff." 26 Then Judah recognized them, and said, "She is more righteous than I, since I did not give her to my son Shelah." He did not sleep with her again. 27 It happened when it was time for her to give birth, that look, there were twins in her

he slept with his brother's wife that he released his womb. 28 As she was in labor, one put out a hand, and

39 Now Joseph was brought down to Egypt, and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh's, the captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him down there. 2 And the LORD was with Joseph, and he became a successful man. And he was in the household of his master the Egyptian. 3 And his master saw that God was with him. and that God made everything that he did to succeed in his hands. 4 So Joseph found favor in the sight of his master, and attended him, and he made him overseer of his house, and all that he had he put under his authority. 5 And it came about that from the time that he made him overseer of his household and over all that he had, that the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house because of Joseph; and the blessing of the LORD was on all that he had, in the house and in the field, 6 So he left everything that he had in Joseph's care. He did not concern himself with anything, except for the food which he ate. Now Joseph was handsome in form and appearance. 7 And it came to pass after these things that his master's wife took notice of Joseph and she said, "Sleep with me." 8 But he refused, and said to his master's wife, "Look, my master does not concern himself with anything in his house, and he has put all that he has into my care. 9 There is no one greater in this household than I am, nor has he kept back anything from me but you, since you are his wife. How then can do such a great evil, and sin against God?" 10 And although she spoke to Joseph day after day, he did not listen to her to sleep with her or to be with her. 11 Now it happened about this time that he went into the house to do his work, and there were none of the men of the house inside. 12 She grabbed him by his garment, saying, "Sleep with me." And he left his garment in her hand and ran outside. 13 When she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and had run outside, 14 she called to the men of her house, and spoke to them, saying, "Look, he has brought in a Hebrew to us to mock us. He came in to me to sleep with me, and I cried with a loud voice. 15 It happened, when he heard that I raised my voice and cried out, that he left his garment by me and ran outside." 16 She left his garment by her. until his master came home. 17 And she told him the same story, saying, "The Hebrew servant, whom you have brought to us, came in to me to mock me, and said chief baker saw that the interpretation was favorable. and made everything he did successful.

A It happened after these things that the cupbearer of the king of Egypt and his baker offended their lord, the king of Egypt. 2 Pharaoh was angry with his two officers, the chief cupbearer and the chief baker. 3 So he put them in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, in the prison, the place where Joseph was confined. 4 The captain of the guard assigned them to Joseph, and he attended them. They stayed in prison for some time. 5 And the cupbearer and the baker for the king of Egypt, who were confined in jail, both had a dream the same night, and each dream had its own meaning. 6 Joseph met them in the morning and looked at them and saw that they were sad. 7 He asked Pharaoh's officers who were with him in custody in his master's house, saying, "Why do you look so sad today?" 8 They said to him, "We both had dreams, but there is no one who can interpret it." Joseph said to them, "Do not interpretations belong to God? Please tell it to me." 9 The chief cupbearer told his dream to Joseph, and said to him, "In my dream, look, a vine was in front of me, 10 and in the vine were three branches. When it budded, its blossoms opened, and its clusters ripened into grapes. 11 Pharaoh's cup was in my hand, and I took the grapes and squeezed them into Pharaoh's cup, and I placed the cup into Pharaoh's hand." 12 Then Joseph said to him, "This is its interpretation: the three branches are three days. 13 Within three days Pharaoh will lift up your head and restore you to your office. You will put Pharaoh's cup into his hand as you used to when you were his cupbearer. 14 But remember me when it goes well for you, and please do me the kindness to mention me to Pharaoh and get me out of this prison. 15 For indeed, I was kidnapped from the land of the Hebrews, and even here I have done nothing

to me, 'Let me sleep with you.' 18 But when I raised he said to Joseph, "I also appeared in my dream, and my voice and cried out, he left his garment beside me look, three baskets of white bread were on my head. 17 and ran outside." 19 And it happened when his master In the top basket there was all kinds of baked goods heard the words that his wife spoke to him, saying, for Pharaoh, but the birds were eating them out of the "This is what your servant did to me," that he became basket on my head." 18 Joseph answered, "This is its furious. 20 Then Joseph's master took him and put him interpretation: the three baskets are three days. 19 into the prison, the place where the king's prisoners Within three days Pharaoh will lift up your head from were bound, and he was there in prison. 21 But God off you, and impale you on a pole, and the birds will was with Joseph and showed him kindness and gave eat your flesh off you." 20 And it happened on the third him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison. 22 day, which was Pharaoh's birthday, that he gave a feast The keeper of the prison put Joseph in charge of all for all his servants, and he lifted up the head of the the prisoners who were in the prison; he was made chief cupbearer and the head of the chief baker among responsible for everything that was done there. 23 The his servants. 21 He restored the chief cupbearer to his keeper of the prison paid no attention to anything that position again, and he placed the cup into Pharaoh's was under his supervision, because God was with him, hand; 22 but he hanged the chief baker, as Joseph had interpreted to them. 23 But the chief cupbearer did not remember Joseph, but forgot him.

Now it happened at the end of two full years that Δ1 Pharaoh had a dream, and look, he was standing by the Nile. 2 And look, there came up out of the Nile seven cows, sleek and fat, and they grazed among the reeds. 3 And look, seven other cows came up after them out of the Nile, miserable-looking and thin, and stood by the other cows at the edge of the Nile. 4 The miserable-looking and thin cows ate up the seven sleek and fat cows. Then Pharaoh woke up. 5 And he slept and dreamed a second time. And look, seven heads of grain came up on one stalk, healthy and good. 6 Then look, seven heads of grain, thin and blasted with the east wind, sprouted up after them. 7 The thin heads swallowed up the seven healthy and full heads. Then Pharaoh woke up, and look, it was a dream. 8 It happened in the morning that his mind was troubled, so he summoned all of Egypt's magicians and wise men. And Pharaoh told them his dreams, but there was no one who could interpret them to Pharaoh. 9 Then the chief cupbearer spoke to Pharaoh, saying, "I remember my faults today. 10 Pharaoh was angry with his servants and put me in prison in the house of the captain of the guard, me and the chief baker. 11 We had a dream on the same night, he and I, each having a dream with its own meaning. 12 Now a young Hebrew was there with us, a servant of the captain of the guards, and we told him, and he interpreted our dreams to us, to each man he interpreted according to his own dream. 13 And it happened just the way he interpreted them to us, so it was: I was restored to my office, and he was hanged." 14 Then Pharaoh summoned Joseph, and they brought him quickly out of the pit. And he shaved himself, changed his clothes, and came in to Pharaoh. that they should have put me into the pit." 16 When the 15 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I had a dream, but there is no one who can interpret it. I have heard it

said about you that when you hear a dream you can said to his servants, "Can we find such a one as this, a interpret it." 16 And Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, man in whom is the Spirit of God?" 39 So Pharaoh said "Apart from God, the welfare of Pharaoh will receive to Joseph, "Because God has shown you all of this, no answer. " 17 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "In my there is no one as discerning and wise as you. 40 You dream, look, I stood on the edge of the Nile. 18 And will be in charge of my house, and according to your look, there came up out of the river seven cows, fat and word will all my people be ruled. Only with regard to the sleek, and they grazed among the reeds. 19 And look, throne will I be greater than you." 41 Pharaoh said to seven other cows came up after them, scrawny and Joseph, "Look, I have put you in charge over all the very miserable-looking and thin. I had never seen such land of Egypt." 42 Then Pharaoh took off his signet ring bad-looking cows in all the land of Egypt. 20 The thin from his hand and put it on Joseph's hand, and clothed and miserable-looking cows ate up the first seven fat him in robes of fine linen, and put a gold chain around cows. 21 But when they had eaten them up, no one his neck. 43 And he had him ride in the second chariot would have known that they had eaten them, for they which he had, and they called out before him, "Bow the were still as miserable-looking as at the beginning. Then knee. " So he put him in charge over the entire land of I woke up. 22 And I fell asleep, and I saw in my dream, Egypt. 44 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I am Pharaoh, and look, seven heads of grain growing on one stalk, full but without your permission no one will do anything or and good. 23 And look, seven heads of grain, withered, go anywhere in all the land of Egypt." 45 Pharaoh called thin, and blasted with the east wind, sprouted up after Joseph's name Zaphenath-Paneah. And he gave him them. 24 And the seven thin heads of grain swallowed Asenath the daughter of Potiphera, priest of On, as a up the seven good heads of grain. And I told it to the wife. So Joseph went out through the land of Egypt. 46 magicians, but no one could tell me its meaning." 25 Joseph was thirty years old when he began to serve Then Joseph said to Pharaoh, "The dreams of Pharaoh Pharaoh king of Egypt. Joseph left the presence of are one. God has told Pharaoh what he is about to Pharaoh and went throughout all the land of Egypt. 47 do. 26 The seven good cows represent seven years, During the seven years of abundance the land produced and the seven good heads of grain represent seven large harvests. 48 And he collected all the food during years. The dreams are the same. 27 And the seven thin the seven years when there was abundance in the land and miserable-looking cows that came up after them of Egypt, and put the food in the cities. He placed in represent seven years, and also the seven empty heads every city the food from the fields surrounding it. 49 of grain blasted with the east wind. They are seven Joseph stored up grain in great abundance, like the years of famine. 28 It is just as I said to Pharaoh: God sand of the sea, until he stopped measuring it, because has shown Pharaoh what he is about to do. 29 Look, it could not be measured. 50 To Joseph were born two seven years of great abundance will come throughout sons before the year of famine came, whom Asenath, all the land of Egypt. 30 But after them seven years of the daughter of Potiphera priest of On, bore to him. famine will come, and all the abundance will be forgotten 51 Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh: in the land of Egypt. The famine will devastate the land, "For God has made me forget all my trouble and all my 31 and the abundance will not be remembered in the father's household." 52 And the name of the second land because of the famine that follows it, for it will he called Ephraim: "For God has made me fruitful in be very severe. 32 Now the dream was repeated to the land of my suffering." 53 And the seven years of Pharaoh twice because the matter has been fixed by abundance that occurred in the land of Egypt came to God, and God will carry it out soon. 33 Now therefore an end. 54 Then the seven years of famine began to Pharaoh should look for a discerning and wise man, and come, just as Joseph had said. There was famine in all give him authority over the land of Egypt. 34 Pharaoh lands, but in all the land of Egypt there was food. 55 should do this, and should appoint overseers over the When all the land of Egypt experienced the famine, the land, and they should take a fifth of all the produce of people cried to Pharaoh for food. Then Pharaoh said to the land of Egypt during the seven years of abundance. all Egypt, "Go to Joseph. Whatever he says to you, do." 35 They should gather all the food during these good 56 So the famine was over all the surface of the land. years that are coming and store the grain under the Then Joseph opened all the storehouses of grain and authority of Pharaoh for food in the cities, and they sold to the Egyptians. And the famine was severe in the should preserve it. 36 That food will be a reserve for the land of Egypt. 57 And all the countries came to Egypt to land during the seven years of famine that will come Joseph to buy grain, because the famine was severe in on the land of Egypt, so that the land will survive the all the earth. famine." 37 The proposal was good in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of all his servants. **38** Pharaoh **42** Now Jacob learned that there was grain in Egypt,

so Jacob said to his sons, "Why do you look at

one another?" 2 He said. "Look. I have heard that Then he returned to them and talked with them. Then there is grain in Egypt. Go down there and buy some he took Simeon from them and bound him in front of for us from there, so that we may live and not die." them. 25 Then Joseph gave orders to fill their bags with 3 So Joseph's ten brothers went down to buy grain grain, and to restore every man's silver into his sack. from Egypt. 4 But Jacob did not send Joseph's brother and to give them food for the journey. And it was done Benjamin with his brothers, for he said, "Some harm for them. 26 They loaded their donkeys with their grain, might happen to him." 5 So the sons of Israel went and departed from there. 27 As one of them opened his to buy among the other travelers, for the famine was sack to give his donkey food at the lodging place, he in the land of Canaan. 6 Now Joseph was the ruler saw his silver. Look, it was in the mouth of his sack. 28 over the country, and it was he who sold to all the He said to his brothers, "My silver has been returned. people of the land. Joseph's brothers came and bowed Look, it is in my sack." And they were dismayed, and themselves down to him with their faces to the ground. they turned trembling to one another, saying, "What is 7 Joseph saw his brothers, and he recognized them, but this that God has done to us?" 29 Then they returned to he acted like he did not know them, and spoke harshly their father Jacob to the land of Canaan, and told him with them. And he said to them, "Where do you come all that had happened to them, saying, 30 "The man, from?" And they said. "From the land of Canaan to buy the lord of the country, spoke harshly to us, and he put food." 8 So Joseph recognized his brothers, but they us in custody as spies of the country. 31 But we said did not recognize him. 9 Then Joseph remembered the to him, 'We are honest men. We are not spies. 32 We dreams which he dreamed about them, and said to are twelve brothers, sons of our father; one is no more, them, "You are spies. You have come to look for the and the youngest is now with our father in the land of vulnerabilities of the country." 10 But they said to him, Canaan.' 33 The man, the lord of the country, said to us, "No, my lord, but your servants have come to buy food. 'By this I will know that you are honest men: leave one 11 We are all sons of one man. We are honest men. of your brothers with me, and take grain for the hunger Your servants are not spies." 12 But he said to them, of your households, and go your way. 34 Bring your "No, but you have come to look for the vulnerabilities youngest brother to me. Then I will know that you are of the country." 13 But they said, "We, your servants, not spies, but that you are honest men. So I will deliver are twelve brothers, the sons of one man in the land of your brother to you, and you may travel in the land." Canaan; and look, the youngest is now with our father, 35 Then it happened as they emptied their sacks, that and one is no more." 14 But Joseph said to them, "It look, every man's bag of silver was in his sack. When is as I said to you, saying, 'You are spies.' 15 This is they and their father saw their bags of silver, they were how you will be tested. By the life of Pharaoh, you will afraid. 36 Then their father Jacob said to them, "You not leave from here until your youngest brother comes have deprived me of my children. Joseph is no more, here. 16 Send one of you, and let him get your brother, Simeon is no more, and you want to take Benjamin and you will stay in prison, so that your words can be away. All this has come against me." 37 Reuben spoke tested, whether there is truth in you. Or else, by the to his father, saying, "Kill my two sons if I do not bring life of Pharaoh, surely you are spies." 17 So he put him to you. Put him in my care, and I will bring him back all of them together in prison for three days. 18 Then to you." 38 But he said, "My son will not go down with Joseph said to them the third day, "Do what I say, and you, for his brother is dead, and he alone is left. If harm live, for I fear God. 19 If you are honest, then let one of should happen to him on the journey you are taking, your brothers remain confined in your prison; but you then you will bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to go and carry grain for the hunger of your households. 20 But bring your youngest brother to me so that your words will be verified, and you won't die." To this they agreed. 21 Then they said to one another. "We are certainly guilty concerning our brother, because we saw how distressed he was when he pleaded with us, and we wouldn't listen. Therefore this distress has come upon us." 22 Reuben answered them, saying, "Did I not tell you, saying, 'Do not sin against the boy,' but you wouldn't listen? Therefore, look, now comes a reckoning for his blood." 23 Now they did not know that Joseph could understand them, since he was speaking through an interpreter. 24 He stepped away from them and wept.

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43 Now the famine was severe in the land. **2** So it came about when they had eaten up the grain which they had brought out of Egypt, that their father said to them, "Go again, buy us a little more food." 3 But Judah spoke to him, saying, "The man strictly warned us, saying, 'You may not see my face unless your brother is with you.' 4 If you'll send our brother with us, we'll go down and buy you food, 5 but if you will not send him, we will not go down, for the man said to us, 'You may not see my face unless your brother is with you." 6 Then Israel said, "Why did you bring this trouble 7 They said, "The man kept asking about ourselves, home, they prepared the gift they had brought with them and concerning our relatives, saying, 'Is your father into the house, and bowed themselves down to him still alive? Do you have another brother?' So we just with their face to the ground. 27 Then he asked them answered his guestions. How were we to know that he of their welfare, and said, "Is your father well, the old would say, 'Bring your brother down?"" 8 Then Judah man of whom you spoke? Is he still alive?" 28 And they said to his father Israel, "Send the boy with me and we'll answered, "Your servant, our father, is well. He is still get up and go, so that we may live and not die, both we alive." Then he said, "Blessed be that man by God." and you, and also our little ones. 9 I will be collateral And they bowed and prostrated themselves. 29 And he for him. You can hold me responsible for him. If I fail looked up and saw his brother Benjamin, his mother's to bring him to you and set him before you, then let son, and said, "Is this your youngest brother, of whom me bear the blame forever, 10 for if we hadn't delayed, you told me about?" Then he said, "God be gracious surely we would have returned a second time by now." to you, my son." 30 Then Joseph hurried out, for he 11 Then their father Israel said to them, "If it must be so, was overcome with emotion because of his brother, then do this: Take some of the best fruits of the land in and he was at the point of tears. So he entered into your bags and bring a gift for the man, a little balm, his chamber and wept there. 31 Then he washed his a little honey, spices and myrrh, pistachio nuts and face and came out. And he controlled himself and said, almonds. 12 Take twice as much silver in your hand, "Serve the food." 32 They served him by himself, and and take back the silver that was returned in the mouth them by themselves, and the Egyptians who ate with of your sacks. Perhaps it was an oversight. 13 Take your him by themselves, because the Egyptians could not brother also, and get up, go back to the man. 14 And eat food with the Hebrews, for that is disgraceful to the may El Shaddai grant you mercy before the man, that Egyptians. 33 And they sat before him, the firstborn he may release to you your other brother and Benjamin. according to his birthright, and the youngest according If I am deprived of my children, then I am deprived." 15 to his youth, and the men looked at each other with The men took this gift, and they took twice as much amazement. 34 Then he gave portions to them in front silver with them, and Benjamin. Then they got up and of him, but Benjamin's portion was five times as much went down to Egypt, and presented themselves before as any of theirs. So they drank until they all became Joseph. 16 When Joseph saw Benjamin with them, drunk. he said to the servant of his house, "Bring the men into the house, and slaughter an animal and prepare it; for the men will eat with me at noon." 17 The man did as Joseph had said, and the man brought the men to Joseph's house. 18 But the men were afraid because they were brought to Joseph's house, and they said, "It is because of the silver that was returned in our sacks the first time that we are brought here; so that he may capture us, and make us slaves, and take our donkeys." 19 So they came near to the man of Joseph's house and they spoke to him at the entrance of the house, 20 and said, "My lord, we indeed came down the first time to buy food. 21 But when we came to the lodging place, we opened our sacks, and look, every man's silver was in the mouth of his sack, our silver in full weight. So we have brought it back in our hand. 22 We have brought down additional silver with us to buy food. We do not know who put our silver in our sacks." 23 He said, "Peace to you. Do not be afraid. Your God and the God of your father has given you treasure in your sacks. I received your silver." Then he brought Simeon out to them. 24 The man brought the men into Joseph's house and gave them water, and they washed their feet. Then he gave their donkeys food. 25 They prepared the gift for Joseph's arrival at noon, for they heard that

on me by telling the man that you had another brother?" they would eat a meal there. 26 When Joseph came

44 Then he instructed the manager of his house. saying, "Fill the men's sacks with as much food as they can carry, and put each man's silver in the mouth of his sack. 2 Put my cup, the silver cup, in the sack's mouth of the youngest, along with the silver for his grain." So he did according to the word that Joseph had told him. 3 As soon as the morning dawned, the men were sent off along with their donkeys. 4 When they were far from the city, Joseph said to his manager, "Up, go after the men, and when you overtake them, ask them, 'Why have you repaid evil for good? 5 Why have you stolen my silver cup? Isn't it from this that my lord drinks and by which he indeed uses for divination? You have done evil in doing this." 6 And he caught up with them and spoke these words to them. 7 But they said to him, "Why does my lord speak such words as these? Far be it from your servants that they should do such a thing. 8 Look, the money that we found in the mouths of our sacks we brought back to you from the land of Canaan. How then could we steal silver or gold from your lord's house? 9 With whomever of your servants it is found, he must die, and we also will be my lord's slaves." 10 And he said, "Very well, then, it will be as you say. The one with whom it is found will be my slave, but you will be blameless." 11 Then

they hurried, and each man lowered his sack to the boy, a slave to my lord, and let the boy go up with his ground, and each man opened his sack. 12 And he brothers. 34 For how will I go up to my father if the boy searched, beginning with the oldest, and ending at the isn't with me? I could not bear to see the misery that voungest. And the cup was found in Benjamin's sack. 13 Then they tore their clothes, and each man loaded his donkey and returned to the city. 14 So Judah and his brothers came to Joseph's house, and he was still there, and they fell to the ground before him. 15 And Joseph said to them, "What is this deed that you have done? Didn't you know that a man like me can indeed practice divination?" 16 Then Judah said, "What can we say to my lord? What can we speak? And how can we clear ourselves? God has uncovered the guilt of your servants. Look, we are my lord's slaves, both we, and the one in whose possession the cup was found." 17 But he said. "Far be it from me that I should do so. The man in whose possession the cup was found, he will be my slave. But as for you, go up to your father in peace." 18 Then Judah approached him, and said, "My lord, please allow your servant to speak a word in the ears of my lord, and do not become angry with your servant, for you are like Pharaoh himself. 19 My lord asked his servants, saying, 'Do you have a father or a brother?' 20 And we said to my lord. 'We have a father, an old man. and a child born when he was old, a little one, and his brother is dead, and he is his mother's only child, and his father loves him.' 21 Then you said to your servants. 'Bring him down to me, so that I can see him myself.' 22 And we said to my lord. 'The boy can't leave his father: for if he should leave his father, his father would die.' 23 But you said to your servants, 'Unless your youngest brother comes down with you, you will not see my face again.' 24 And it happened when we came up to your servant my father, we told him the words of my lord. 25 But our father said, 'Go again, buy us a little food.' 26 We said, 'We can't go down. If our youngest brother is with us, then we will go down, for we cannot see the man's face unless our youngest brother is with us.' 27 Then your servant my father said to us, 'You know that my wife bore me two sons. 28 And the one disappeared from me, and I said. "Surely he is torn in pieces." And I haven't seen him since. 29 If you take this one also from me, and harm happens to him, you will bring down my grav hairs with sorrow to Sheol. (Sheol h7585) 30 So now. when I come to your servant my father and the boy is not with us, since his life is bound up in the boy's life, 31 it will happen, when he sees that the boy is not with us. that he will die. Your servants will bring down the grav hairs of your servant our father with sorrow to Sheol. (Sheol h7585) 32 For your servant became collateral for the boy to my father, saying, 'If I do not bring him to vou, then I will bear the blame to my father forever.' 33 So now, please let your servant remain instead of the

would come on my father."

45 Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood before him, so he cried out. "Send everyone away from me." So no one stood with him while Joseph made himself known to his brothers. 2 And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the house of Pharaoh heard about it. 3 Then Joseph said to his brothers. "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers couldn't answer him. for they were terrified at his presence. 4 Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please." So they moved closer. And he said, "I am Joseph, your brother, whom you sold into Egypt. 5 Now do not be upset or angry with yourselves that you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. 6 For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there will be five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. 7 God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance. 8 So now, it wasn't you who sent me here, but God, and he has made me a father to Pharaoh, lord of all his house, and ruler over all the land of Egypt. 9 Now hurry and go up to my father and tell him, 'This is what your son Joseph says, "God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me. Do not delay. 10 You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you will be near to me, you, your children, and your children's children, and your flocks, and your herds, and everything that you have. 11 There I will provide for you, for there are still five years of famine to come, otherwise you and your household and all that you have would become destitute. 12 Look, your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin, that it is my mouth which is speaking to you. 13 So you must tell my father about all my glory in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. But you must hurry and bring my father down here." 14 Then he threw his arms around his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept on his shoulder. 15 And he kissed all his brothers and wept on them. and after that his brothers talked with him. 16 Now the report of it was heard in Pharaoh's house, saying, "Joseph's brothers have come." It pleased Pharaoh and his servants. 17 And Pharaoh said to Joseph. "Tell your brothers, 'Do this: Load your animals and go. Enter the land of Canaan. 18 Take your father and your families and come to me, and I will give you the best of the land of Egypt, and you will eat the richness of the land.' 19 Now you are commanded, 'Do this: Take wagons from the land of Egypt for your little ones, and for your wives, and bring your father and come. 20 Also. do not alive. I will go and see him before I die."

16 So Israel set out with all that he had and came to Beersheba, and offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac. 2 And God spoke to Israel in a vision at night, and said, "Jacob, Jacob." And he said, "Here I am." 3 He said, "I am God, the God of your father. Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for there I will make you into a great nation. 4 I will go down with you into Egypt, and I myself will surely bring you up again, and Joseph will close your eyes." 5 Then Jacob rose up from Beersheba, and the sons of Israel carried their father Jacob, and their little ones, and their wives on the wagons which Pharaoh had sent to carry him. 6 So they took their livestock and their possessions which they had acquired in the land of Canaan, and arrived in Egypt, Jacob and all his descendants with him, 7 his sons, and his sons' sons with him, his daughters, and his sons' daughters, and he brought all his descendants with him to Egypt. 8 Now these are the names of the sons of Israel who went to Egypt, Jacob and his sons: Reuben, Jacob's firstborn. 9 And the sons of Reuben: Hanoch, and Pallu, and Hezron, and Carmi. 10 And the sons of Simeon: Jemuel, and Jamin, and Ohad, and Jakin, and Zohar, and Shaul, the son of a Canaanite woman. 11 And the sons of Levi: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. 12 And the sons of Judah: Er, and Onan, and Shelah, and Perez, and Zerah; but Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan. And the sons of Perez were Hezron and Hamuel. 13 And the sons of Issachar: Tola, and Puah, and Jashub, and Shimron. 14 And the sons of Zebulun: Sered, and Elon, and Jahleel. 15 These are

worry about your possessions, for the best of all of the the sons of Leah, whom she bore to Jacob in Paddan land of Egypt is yours." 21 So the sons of Israel did Aram, as well as his daughter Dinah. All the persons that. And Joseph gave them wagons, according to the of his sons and his daughters were thirty-three. 16 commandment of Pharaoh, and gave them provisions And the sons of Gad: Zephon, and Haggi, and Shuni, for the journey. 22 He gave to all of them, to each one, and Ezbon, and Eri, and Arodi, and Areli. 17 And the a change of clothing. But to Benjamin he gave three sons of Asher: Jimnah, and Jishvah, and Jishvi, and hundred pieces of silver and five changes of clothing. 23 Beriah, and Serah their sister. And the sons of Beriah: To his father he sent the following: ten donkeys loaded Heber, and Malkiel. 18 These are the sons of Zilpah, with the best things of Egypt, and ten female donkeys whom Laban gave to his daughter Leah, and these she loaded with grain and food and provision for his father bore to Jacob, sixteen persons. 19 The sons of Rachel, on the journey. 24 So he sent his brothers off, and as Jacob's wife: Joseph and Benjamin. 20 To Joseph in they departed he said to them, "Do not be fearful on the the land of Egypt were born Manasseh and Ephraim, journey." 25 So they went up out of Egypt and came whom Asenath the daughter of Potiphera, priest of On, into the land of Canaan to their father Jacob. 26 And bore to him. 21 And the sons of Benjamin: Bela, and they told him, saying, "Joseph is still alive, and he is Beker, and Ashbel, Gera, and Naaman, and Ahiram, ruler over all the land of Egypt." But he was unmoved, and Shuppim, and Huppim, and Ard. 22 These are the because he did not believe them. 27 But when they told sons of Rachel who were born to Jacob: all the persons him all the words of Joseph, which he had said to them, were fourteen. 23 And the sons of Dan: Shuham. 24 and when he saw the wagons which Joseph had sent to And the sons of Naphtali: Jahzeel, and Guni, and Jezer, transport him, the spirit of their father Jacob revived. 28 and Shillem. 25 These are the sons of Bilhah, whom Then Israel said, "I'm convinced. My son Joseph is still Laban gave to his daughter Rachel; and these she bore to Jacob: all the persons were seven. 26 All the persons who came with Jacob into Egypt, who were his direct descendants, not including the wives of Jacob's sons, all the persons were sixty-six. 27 And the sons of Joseph who were born to him in Egypt were two persons. All the persons of the house of Jacob who came into Equpt were seventy. 28 And he sent Judah ahead of him to Joseph to accompany him to Goshen. Then they arrived in the land of Goshen. 29 And Joseph prepared his chariot and went up to meet his father Israel in Goshen. And he presented himself to him and he threw his arms around his neck and wept for a long time. 30 Then Israel said to Joseph, "Now let me die since I have seen vour face, that you are still alive." 31 Then Joseph said to his brothers and to his father's household, "I will go up and speak with Pharaoh and will tell him, 'My brothers and my father's household who were in the land of Canaan have come to me. 32 The men are shepherds, for they have been keepers of livestock, and they have brought their flocks and their herds and all that they have.' 33 And it will come to pass, when Pharaoh summons you and says, 'What is your occupation?' 34 that you are to say. 'Your servants have looked after livestock from our youth until now, both we, and our fathers: 'in order that you may settle in the land of Goshen; since all shepherds are detestable to the Egyptians."

> **47** Then Joseph went in and told Pharaoh, and said. "My father and my brothers, with their flocks, their herds, and all that they own, have come from the land of Canaan. And look, they are in the land of Goshen." 2 And from among his brothers he took five men and presented them before Pharaoh. 3 Then Pharaoh said

to his brothers, "What is your occupation?" And they desolate." 20 So Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for said to Pharaoh, "Your servants are shepherds, both Pharaoh, because every Egyptian sold his field, since we, and our fathers." 4 And they said to Pharaoh, "We the famine was severe on them. So the land became have come to sojourn in the land, for there is no pasture Pharaoh's. 21 And as for the people, he subjugated for your servants' flocks. For the famine is severe in the them as slaves from one end of the border of Egypt to land of Canaan. So now, please let your servants live in the other end of it. 22 Only he did not buy the land of the the land of Goshen." 5 Then Pharaoh spoke to Joseph, priests, for the priests had an allotment from Pharaoh, saying, "Your father and your brothers have come to and they lived off their allotment which Pharaoh gave you, 6 and the land of Egypt is before you. Settle them. Therefore they did not have to sell their land. 23 your father and your brothers in the best of the land. Then Joseph said to the people, "Look, I have bought They may live in the land of Goshen. If you know any you and your land today for Pharaoh. Look, here is seed able men among them, then put them in charge of my for you so you can plant the seed in the land. 24 And it livestock." 7 Then Joseph brought in his father Jacob, will come to pass at the harvests that you must give a and presented him before Pharaoh, and Jacob blessed fifth to Pharaoh, and four-fifths will be yours for seed Pharaoh. 8 And Pharaoh said to Jacob, "How many are for the field, and for your food, and for those of your the days of the years of your life?" 9 So Jacob said to households, and as food for your little ones." 25 Then Pharaoh, "The days of the years of my sojourning are they said, "You have saved our lives. Let us find favor in one hundred thirty years. Few and difficult have been the sight of my lord, and we will be Pharaoh's slaves." the years of my life, and they have not attained to the 26 So Joseph made it a statute still in effect for the land days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of of Egypt, that a fifth must go to Pharaoh. Only the land their sojourning." 10 Then Jacob blessed Pharaoh and of the priests alone did not become Pharaoh's. 27 So went out from Pharaoh's presence. 11 Joseph settled Israel lived in the land of Egypt, in the land of Goshen. his father and his brothers, and gave them property in And they acquired property in it and were fertile and the land of Egypt, in the best of the land, in the land became numerous. 28 And Jacob lived in the land of of Rameses, as Pharaoh had commanded. 12 And Egypt seventeen years. So the days of Jacob, the years Joseph provided food for his father, his brothers, and all of his life, were one hundred forty-seven years. 29 And of his father's household, according to the number of the time approached for Israel to die, so he summoned their dependents. 13 Now there was no food in all the his son Joseph and said to him, "If now I have found land, for the famine was very severe, so that the land of favor in your sight, please put your hand under my thigh Egypt and the land of Canaan grew weak because of and deal kindly and truly with me. Please do not bury the famine. 14 Joseph gathered up all of the money to me in Egypt, 30 but when I lie down with my fathers you be found in the land of Egypt and in the land of Canaan, must carry me out of Egypt and bury me in their burial for the grain they were purchasing. And Joseph brought place." And he said, "I will do what you have asked." 31 the money into Pharaoh's treasury. 15 And when the Then he said, "Take an oath to me," and he took an money was all spent in the land of Egypt and in the land oath to him. Then Israel bowed over the top of his staff. of Canaan, all the Egyptians came to Joseph and said, "Give us food, for why should we die in your presence? For our money is gone." 16 Then Joseph said, "Give me your livestock and I will give you food for your livestock, if your silver is gone." 17 So they brought their livestock to Joseph, and Joseph gave them food in exchange for the horses, and for the flocks, and for the cattle, and for the donkeys. And he fed them with food in exchange for all their livestock for that year. 18 When that year was over, they came to him the next year and said to him, "We will not hide from my lord that all our silver is spent and that the herds of livestock belong to my lord. There is nothing left, as my lord can see except our bodies and our lands. 19 Why should we die before your eyes, both we and our land? Buy us and our land in exchange for food, and we and our land will be servants to Pharaoh. Give us seed so that we may live and not die, and that the land won't become

48 And it came about after these things that someone said to Joseph, "Look, your father is sick." And taking with him his two sons. Manasseh and Ephraim. he went to Jacob. 2 And someone reported to Jacob. and said, "Look, your son Joseph has come to you." Then Israel strengthened himself and sat up in the bed. 3 And Jacob said to Joseph, "El Shaddai appeared to me at Luz in the land of Canaan and blessed me, 4 and said to me, 'Look, I will make you fruitful and multiply you, and I will make of you a company of peoples, and will give this land to your descendants after you as an everlasting possession.' 5 And now your two sons, who were born to you in the land of Egypt before I came to you into Egypt, are mine; Ephraim and Manasseh will be mine, as Reuben and Simeon are. 6 And your offspring born to you after them will be yours. But in their inheritance they are to be called after the names of their brothers. 7 But as for me, when I came from

Paddan Aram, Rachel died, in my sorrow, in the land in dignity and preeminent in power. 4 Uncontrolled as of Canaan on the journey, when there was still some the waters, you will not have excel, because you went distance to go to Ephrath. And I buried her there on up to your father's bed, you went up and defiled my the way to Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem)." 8 Then Israel couch. 5 Simeon and Levi are brothers. Their swords are saw Joseph's sons, and said, "Who are these?" 9 And weapons of violence. 6 May I never enter their council. Joseph said to his father, "They are my sons, whom May my honor never be joined with their assembly. For God has given me here." And he said, "Please bring in their anger they killed men, and for pleasure they them to me, so that I can bless them." 10 Now the hamstrung oxen. 7 Cursed be their anger, for it has eyes of Israel were failing because of his age, so that been fierce, and their fury, for it was cruel. I will divide he couldn't see. Then he brought them near to him, them in Jacob, and scatter them in Israel. 8 Judah, your and he kissed them and embraced them. 11 And Israel brothers will praise you. Your hand will be on the neck of said to Joseph, "I did not expect to see your face, but your enemies. Your father's sons will bow down before look, God has let me see your offspring as well." 12 you. 9 Judah is a lion's cub. From the prey, my son, you Then Joseph brought them out from between his knees, rise up. Like a lion he crouches and lies down, as a and he bowed himself with his face to the ground. 13 lioness. Who will rouse him up? 10 The scepter will not And Joseph took them both, Ephraim in his right hand depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his toward Israel's left hand, and Manasseh in his left hand feet, until he comes to whom it belongs. And it is he toward Israel's right hand, and brought them near to whom the peoples will obey. 11 Binding his foal to the him. 14 And Israel stretched out his right hand and vine, and his donkey's colt to the choice vine. He will placed it on Ephraim's head, who was the younger, wash his garments in wine, and his robes in the blood and his left hand on Manasseh's head, crossing his of grapes. 12 His eyes will be darker than wine, and hands, although Manasseh was the firstborn. 15 Then his teeth whiter than milk. 13 Zebulun will dwell at the he blessed Joseph, and said, "The God before whom seashore, and he will be a harbor for ships, and his my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, the God who border will be at Sidon. 14 Issachar is a strong donkey has been my shepherd all my life to this day, 16 the lying down between the saddlebags. 15 When he sees Angel who has redeemed me from all evil, bless the a good resting place, that the land is pleasant, he will boys. And may my name be carried on in them, and bend his back to the burden, and become a slave doing the names of my fathers Abraham and Isaac. And may forced labor. 16 Dan will judge his people as one of the they grow into a multitude upon the earth." 17 When tribes of Israel. 17 Dan will be a serpent on the road, a Joseph saw that his father placed his right hand on the viper by the path, that bites the horse's heels so that his head of Ephraim, it displeased him, and he grasped rider falls backward. 18 I wait for your salvation, God. 19 his father's hand to move it from Ephraim's head to Gad will be attacked by raiders, but he will raid at their Manasseh's head. 18 And Joseph said to his father, heels. 20 Asher's food will be rich, and he will provide "Not so, my father, for this one is the firstborn. Put your royal delicacies. 21 Naphtali is a doe set free that bears right hand on his head." 19 But his father refused, and beautiful fawns. 22 Joseph is a fruitful son, a fruitful said, "I know, my son, I know. He also will become a son by a spring. His branches run over a wall. 23 The people, and he also will be great. However, his younger archers will attack him with bitterness, and shoot at him, brother will be greater than he, and his descendants will and harass him. 24 Yet his bow will remain steady, and become a multitude of nations." 20 So he blessed them his arms will be made agile by the hands of the Mighty that day, saying, "By you Israel will pronounce blessing, One of Jacob, by the name of the Shepherd, the Rock saying, 'God make you as Ephraim and as Manasseh." of Israel, 25 by the God of your father, who will help Thus he put Ephraim before Manasseh. 21 Then Israel you, and El Shaddai, who will bless you with blessings said to Joseph, "Look, I am about to die, but God will be of the sky above, blessings of the deep that lies below, with you, and God will bring you back from this land to and blessings of the breasts and of the womb. 26 The the land of your fathers. 22 Moreover, I give to you one blessings of your father are greater than the blessings of portion more than your brothers, which I took out of the the ancient mountains, and the bounty of the everlasting hand of the Amorites with my sword and with my bow."

10 Then Jacob summoned his sons, and said: "Gather vourselves together so that I may tell you what will happen to you in the days to come. 2 Assemble yourselves and hear, you sons of Jacob. Listen to Israel, your father. 3 Reuben, you are my firstborn, my strength, and the the firstfruits of my virility, preeminent

hills. They will be on the head of Joseph, and on the brow of the prince among his brothers. 27 Benjamin is a ravenous wolf. In the morning he will devour the prey, and at evening he will divide the plunder." 28 All these are the twelve tribes of Israel, and this is what their father said to them when he blessed them. He blessed each one with his own individual blessing. 29

Then he instructed them, and said to them, "I am to we did to him," 16 So they sent a message to Joseph. his people.

50 Then Joseph hugged his father's face, and wept over him, and kissed him. 2 Joseph commanded his servants the physicians to embalm his father. So the physicians embalmed Israel. 3 Forty days were required for it, for that is how many the days it takes for embalming. The Egyptians mourned for him for seventy days. 4 When the days for mourning for him had passed, Joseph spoke to the house of Pharaoh, saying, "If now I have found favor in your sight, please speak in the ears of Pharaoh, saying, 5 'My father made me take an oath, saying, "Look, I am dying. Bury me in the tomb that I dug for myself in the land of Canaan." Now therefore, please let me go up and bury my father, and I will return again."" 6 And Pharaoh said, "Go up, and bury your father, in keeping with your oath." 7 So Joseph went up to bury his father, and all the officials of Pharaoh went up with him, the elders of his household, and all the elders of the land of Egypt, 8 all the household of Joseph, his brothers, and his father's household. Only their little ones, and their flocks, and their herds, they left in the land of Goshen. 9 And there went up with him both chariots and horsemen. It was a very large company. 10 Then they came to the threshing floor of Atad which is across the Jordan, and they mourned there with a great and very bitter lamentation. And he observed seven days of mourning for his father. 11 When the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, saw the mourning at the threshing floor of Atad, they said, "This is a deep mourning by the Egyptians." Therefore, its name was called Abel Mizraim, which is across the Jordan. 12 So his sons did to him just as he commanded them, 13 for his sons carried him into the land of Canaan and buried him in the cave of the field of Machpelah near Mamre, which Abraham bought along with the field as a burial site from Ephron the Hethite. 14 Then after he had buried his father, Joseph returned to Egypt, he and his brothers and all that went up with him to bury his father. 15 When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us, and will pay us back in full for all of the evil that

be gathered to my people. Bury me with my fathers in saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, the cave that is in the field of Ephron the Hethite, 30 saying, 17 Thus you are to tell Joseph, "Now please in the cave that is in the field of Machpelah, which is forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, near Mamre in the land of Canaan, which Abraham because they did evil to you." And now, please forgive bought along with the field from Ephron the Hethite as a the transgression of the servants of the God of your burial place. 31 There they buried Abraham and his wife father." And Joseph wept when they spoke to him. 18 Sarah. There they buried Isaac and his wife Rebekah, Then his brothers also went and fell down in front of and there I buried Leah. 32 The field and the cave that him, and they said, "Look, we are your slaves." 19 But is in it were purchased from the sons of Heth." 33 When Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for am I in the Jacob finished instructing his sons, he drew his legs up place of God? 20 As for you, you meant evil against into the bed and breathed his last, and was gathered to me, but God turned it into good in order to bring about this present result, to save the lives of many people. 21 So therefore, do not be afraid. I will provide for you and your little ones." And he consoled them and spoke kindly to them. 22 So Joseph lived in Egypt, he, and his father's household. And Joseph lived one hundred ten years. 23 Joseph saw Ephraim's descendants to the third generation. The children also of Makir, the son of Manasseh, were counted as Joseph's own. 24 And Joseph said to his brothers, "I am about to die, but God will surely take care of you and bring you up out of this land to the land which he promised to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob." 25 Then Joseph made the sons of Israel take an oath, saying, "God will surely take care of you. Then you must carry up my bones from here." 26 So Joseph died, being one hundred ten years old, and they embalmed him and placed him in a coffin in Egypt.

Exodus

1 These are the names of the sons of Israel who came to Egypt with Jacob, each with his household: 2 Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, 3 Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin, 4 Dan and Naphtali, Gad and Asher. 5 All the people who were directly descended from Jacob were seventy-five, and Joseph was in Egypt already. 6 Joseph died, as did all his brothers, and all that generation. 7 The children of Israel were fruitful, and increased abundantly, and multiplied, and grew exceedingly mighty; and the land was filled with them. 8 Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. 9 He said to his people, "Look, the people of the sons of Israel are more and mightier than we. 10 Come, let us deal wisely with them, lest they multiply, and it happen that when any war breaks out, they also join themselves to our enemies, and fight against us, and escape out of the land." 11 Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with their burdens. They built storage cities for Pharaoh: Pithom and Rameses. 12 But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and the more they spread out. And they were in dread of the children of Israel. 13 And the Egyptians ruthlessly made the children of Israel labor, 14 and they made their lives bitter with hard labor, in mortar and in brick, and in all manner of labor in the field, all their labors which they ruthlessly made them do. 15 The king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives, of whom the name of the one was Shiphrah, and the name of the other Puah, 16 and he said, "When you perform the duty of a midwife to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birth stool; if it is a son, then you shall kill him; but if it is a daughter, then she shall live." 17 But the midwives feared God, and did not do what the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the baby boys alive. 18 The king of Egypt called for the midwives, and said to them, "Why have you done this thing, and have saved the boys alive?" 19 The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women aren't like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous, and give birth before the midwife comes to them." 20 God dealt well with the midwives, and the people multiplied, and grew very mighty. 21 It happened, because the midwives feared God, that he gave them families. 22 Pharaoh commanded all his people, saying, "You are to cast every son who is born to the Hebrews into the river, but every daughter you are to keep alive."

2 A man of the house of Levi went and took a daughter Gershom, for he said, "I have lived as a foreigner in a of Levi as his wife. 2 The woman conceived, and foreign land." 23 It happened in the course of those bore a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she many days, that the king of Egypt died, and the children hid him three months. 3 When she could no longer hide of Israel sighed because of the bondage, and they cried,

him, she took a papyrus box for him and coated it with bitumen and with pitch. And she put the child in it and put it among the rushes by the bank of the river. 4 And his sister stood at a distance, to see what would be done to him. 5 Pharaoh's daughter came down to bathe at the river. Her maidens walked along by the riverside. She saw the box among the rushes, and sent her handmaid to get it. 6 She opened it, and saw the child, and look, the baby cried. And she had compassion on him, and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children." 7 Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Should I go and call a nurse for you from the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for you?" 8 Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Go." The maiden went and called the child's mother. 9 Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child away, and nurse him for me, and I will give you your wages." The woman took the child, and nursed it. 10 The child grew, and she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, and said, "Because I drew him out of the water." 11 It happened in those days, when Moses had grown up, that he went out to his brothers, and looked at their burdens. He saw an Egyptian striking a Hebrew, one of his brothers. 12 He looked this way and that way, and when he saw that there was no one, he killed the Egyptian, and hid him in the sand. 13 He went out the second day, and look, two men of the Hebrews were fighting with each other. He said to him who did the wrong, "Why do you strike your fellow?" 14 He said, "Who made you a prince and a judge over us? Do you plan to kill me, as you killed the Egyptian yesterday?" Moses was afraid, and said, "Surely this thing is known." 15 Now when Pharaoh heard this thing, he sought to kill Moses. But Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh, and lived in the land of Midian, and he sat down by a well. 16 Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters. They came and drew water, and filled the troughs to water their father's flock. 17 The shepherds came and drove them away; but Moses stood up and helped them, and drew water for them, and watered their flock. 18 When they came to Reuel, their father, he said, "How is it that you have returned so early today?" 19 They said, "An Egyptian delivered us out of the hand of the shepherds, and moreover he drew water for us, and watered the flock." 20 He said to his daughters, "Where is he? Why is it that you have left the man? Call him, that he may eat bread." 21 And Moses was content to dwell with the man. And he gave Moses Zipporah his daughter in marriage. 22 She bore a son, and he named him Gershom, for he said, "I have lived as a foreigner in a foreign land." 23 It happened in the course of those many days, that the king of Egypt died, and the children and their cry came up to God because of the bondage. LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of 24 God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. 25 God saw the children of Israel, and God took notice.

2 Now Moses was keeping the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the back of the wilderness, and came to God's mountain, to Horeb. 2 The angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and look, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed. 3 Moses said, "I will turn aside now, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt." 4 When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the midst of the bush, and said, "Moses. Moses." He said, "Here I am." 5 He said, "Do not come close. Take your sandals off of your feet, for the place you are standing on is holy ground." 6 Moreover he said, "I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look at God. 7 The LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows. 8 I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and large land, to a land flowing with milk and not appeared to you." 2 The LORD said to him, "What honey; to the place of the Canaanites, and the Hethites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Girgashites, and the Jebusites. 9 Now, look, the it became a serpent; and Moses ran away from it. 4 The cry of the children of Israel has come to me. Moreover LORD said to Moses, "Put forth your hand, and take it I have seen the oppression with which the Egyptians by the tail." He put forth his hand, and laid hold of it, oppress them. 10 Come now therefore, and I will send and it became a staff in his hand. 5 "That they may you to Pharaoh, that you may bring forth my people, the believe that the LORD, the God of their fathers, the God children of Israel, out of Egypt." 11 And Moses said to of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, God, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I has appeared to you." 6 The LORD said furthermore to should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?" him, "Now put your hand inside your cloak." He put his 12 And God spoke to Moses, saying, "Certainly I will hand inside his cloak, and when he took it out, look, his be with you. This will be the token to you, that I have hand was leprous, as white as snow. 7 He said, "Put sent you: when you have brought forth the people out your hand inside your cloak again." He put his hand of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain." 13 inside his cloak again, and when he took it out of his And Moses said to God, "Look, when I come to the cloak, look, it had turned again as his other flesh. 8 "It children of Israel, and tell them, 'The God of your fathers will happen, if they will neither believe you nor listen to has sent me to you;' and they ask me, 'What is his the voice of the first sign, that they will believe the voice name?' What should I tell them?" 14 And God said to of the latter sign. 9 It will happen, if they will not believe Moses, "I AM THAT I AM," and he said, "You shall tell even these two signs, neither listen to your voice, that the children of Israel this: 'I AM has sent me to you.'" you shall take of the water of the river, and pour it on 15 And God said moreover to Moses, "You shall tell the dry land. The water which you take out of the river the children of Israel this, 'The LORD, the God of your will become blood on the dry land." 10 Moses said to fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the the LORD, "Please, Lord, I am not eloquent, neither God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name before now, nor since you have spoken to your servant: forever, and this is how I am to be remembered from for I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue." 11 The generation to generation. 16 Go, and gather the elders LORD said to him, "Who made man's mouth? Or who of the children of Israel together, and tell them, 'The makes the mute, the deaf, the seeing, or the blind? Is it

Isaac, and of Jacob, has appeared to me, saving, "I have surely visited you, and seen that which is done to you in Egypt; 17 and I have said, I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt to the land of the Canaanites, and the Hethites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Girgashites, and the Jebusites, to a land flowing with milk and honey." 18 They will listen to your voice, and you shall come, you and the elders of Israel, to the king of Egypt, and you shall tell him, 'The God of the Hebrews has met with us. Now please let us go three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to our God.' 19 I know that the king of Egypt won't give you permission to go, except by a mighty hand. 20 I will put forth my hand and strike Egypt with all my wonders which I will do in its midst. and after that he will let you go. 21 I will give this people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, and it will happen that when you go, you shall not go empty-handed. 22 But every woman shall ask of her neighbor, and of her who visits her house, articles of silver and articles of gold, and clothing; and you shall put them on your sons, and on your daughters. So you shall plunder the Egyptians.

▲ Moses answered, "But, look, they will not believe me, nor listen to my voice; for they will say, 'God has is that in your hand?" He said, "A staff." 3 He said, "Throw it on the ground." He threw it on the ground, and not I. God? 12 Now therefore go, and I will be with your go," 3 They said, "The God of the Hebrews has met mouth, and teach you what you shall speak." 13 He with us. Please let us go three days' journey into the said, "Oh, Lord, please send someone else." 14 The wilderness, and sacrifice to our God, lest he fall on us anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses, and with pestilence, or with the sword." 4 The king of Egypt he said, "What about Aaron, your brother, the Levite? I said to them, "Why do you, Moses and Aaron, take the know that he can speak well. Also, look, he comes forth people from their work? Get back to your burdens." 5 to meet you. When he sees you, he will be glad in his Pharaoh said, "Look, the people of the land are now heart. 15 You shall speak to him, and put the words in many, and you make them rest from their burdens." 6 his mouth. I will be with your mouth, and with his mouth, The same day Pharaoh commanded the taskmasters of and will teach you what you shall do. 16 He will be your the people, and their officers, saying, 7 "You shall no spokesman to the people; and it will happen, that he will longer give the people straw to make brick, as before. be to you a mouth, and you will be to him as God. 17 Let them go and gather straw for themselves. 8 The You shall take this staff in your hand, with which you number of the bricks, which they made before, you shall do the signs." 18 Moses went and returned to require from them. You shall not diminish anything of Jethro his father-in-law, and said to him, "Please let me it, for they are idle; therefore they cry, saying, 'Let us go and return to my brothers who are in Egypt, and see go and sacrifice to our God.' 9 Let heavier work be whether they are still alive." Jethro said to Moses, "Go laid on the men, so they may labor at it and pay no in peace." 19 The LORD said to Moses in Midian, "Go, attention to lying words." 10 The taskmasters of the return into Egypt; for all the men who sought your life people went out, and their officers, and they spoke are dead." 20 Moses took his wife and his sons, and set to the people, saying, This is what Pharaoh says: "I them on a donkey, and he returned to the land of Egypt. will not give you straw. 11 Go yourselves, get straw Moses took God's staff in his hand. 21 The LORD said where you can find it, for nothing of your work shall be to Moses, "When you go back into Egypt, see that you diminished." 12 So the people were scattered abroad do before Pharaoh all the wonders which I have put in throughout all the land of Egypt to gather dry stalks for your hand, but I will harden his heart and he will not let straw. 13 The taskmasters kept pressing them, saying, the people go. 22 You shall tell Pharaoh, 'Thus says the "Fulfill your work quota, your daily amount, as when LORD, Israel is my son, my firstborn, 23 and I have there was straw." 14 The officers of the children of said to you, "Let my son go, that he may serve me;" Israel, whom Pharaoh's taskmasters had set over them, and you have refused to let him go. Look, I will kill your were beaten, and demanded, "Why haven't you fulfilled son, your firstborn." 24 It happened on the way at a your quota both yesterday and today, in making brick as lodging place, that the LORD met him and wanted to before?" 15 Then the officers of the children of Israel kill him. 25 Then Zipporah took a flint, and cut off the came and cried to Pharaoh, saying, "Why do you deal foreskin of her son, and cast it at his feet; and she said, this way with your servants? 16 No straw is given to "Surely you are a bridegroom of blood to me." 26 So he your servants, and they tell us, 'Make bricks.' And look, let him alone. Then she said, "You are a bridegroom of your servants are beaten, but the fault is with your own blood," because of the circumcision. 27 The LORD said people." 17 But he said, "You are slackers! Slackers! to Aaron, "Go into the wilderness to meet Moses." He Therefore you say, 'Let us go and sacrifice to God.' 18 went, and met him on God's mountain, and kissed him. Go therefore now, and work, for no straw shall be given 28 Moses told Aaron all the words of the LORD with to you, yet you shall deliver the same number of bricks." which he had sent him, and all the signs with which 19 The officers of the children of Israel saw that they he had instructed him. 29 Moses and Aaron went and were in trouble, when it was said, "You shall not diminish gathered together all the elders of the children of Israel, anything from your daily guota of bricks." 20 They met 30 Aaron spoke all the words which God had spoken to Moses and Aaron, who stood in the way, as they came Moses, and did the signs in the sight of the people, 31 forth from Pharaoh; 21 and they said to them, "May God The people believed, and when they heard that God had look at you, and judge, because you have made us a visited the children of Israel, and that he had seen their stench to be abhorred in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the affliction, then they bowed their heads and worshiped.

S Afterward Moses and Aaron came, and said to Pharaoh, "This is what the LORD, God of Israel, says, 'Let my people go, that they may hold a feast to me in the wilderness." 2 Pharaoh said, "Who is the LORD, that I should listen to his voice to let Israel go? I do not know the LORD, and moreover I will not let Israel

eyes of his servants, to put a sword in their hand to kill us." 22 Moses returned to the LORD, and said, "Lord, why have you brought trouble on this people? Why is it

that you have sent me? 23 For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has brought trouble on this people; neither have you delivered your people at all."

🔓 The LORD said to Moses, "Now you shall see what The sons of Uzziel: Mishael, and Elzaphan, and Sithri. let them go, and by a strong hand he shall drive them the sister of Nahshon, as his wife; and she bore him out of his land." 2 Then God spoke to Moses, and Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar. 24 The sons of said to him, "I am the LORD. 3 And I appeared to Korah: Assir, and Elkanah, and Abiasaph; these are Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob as El Shaddai, but I the families of the Korahites. 25 Eleazar Aaron's son did not make myself known to them by my name 'the took one of the daughters of Putiel as his wife; and she LORD.' 4 And I have also established my covenant with bore him Phinehas. These are the heads of ancestral them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their houses of the Levites according to their families. 26 sojournings, in which they were foreigners. 5 Moreover I These are the Aaron and Moses to whom God said. have heard the groaning of the children of Israel, whom "Bring out the children of Israel from the land of Egypt the Egyptians keep in bondage, and I have remembered according to their regiments." 27 These are those who my covenant. 6 Therefore tell the children of Israel, 'I spoke to Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring out the children am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the of Israel from Egypt. These are that Moses and Aaron. burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their 28 It happened on the day when the LORD spoke to bondage, and I will redeem you with an outstretched Moses in the land of Egypt, 29 that the LORD spoke to arm, and with great judgments: 7 and I will take you to Moses, saying, "I am the LORD. Speak to Pharaoh king me for a people, and I will be to you a God; and you of Egypt all that I speak to you." 30 Moses said before shall know that I am the LORD your God, who brings the LORD, "Look, I am of uncircumcised lips, and how you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. 8 shall Pharaoh listen to me?" I will bring you into the land which I swore to give to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob; and I will give it to you as a possession. I am the LORD." 9 Moses spoke so to the children of Israel, but they did not listen to Moses for anguish of spirit, and for cruel bondage. 10 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 11 "Go in, speak to Pharaoh king of Egypt, that he let the children of Israel go out of his land." 12 Moses spoke before the LORD, saving, "Look, the children of Israel haven't listened to me. How then shall Pharaoh listen to me, who am of uncircumcised lips?" 13 The LORD spoke to Moses and to Aaron, and gave them a command to the children of Israel, and to Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt. 14 These are the heads of their fathers' houses. The sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel: Hanoch, and Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi; these are the families of Reuben. 15 The sons of Simeon: Jemuel, and Jamin, and Ohad, and Jakin, and Zohar, and Shaul the son of a Canaanite woman; these are the families of Simeon. 16 These are the names of the sons of Levi according to their generations: Gershon, and Kohath, and Merari: and the years of the life of Levi were one hundred thirty-seven years. 17 The sons of Gershon: Libni and Shimei, according to their families. 18 The sons of Kohath: Amram, and Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel; and the years of the life of Kohath were one hundred thirty-three years. 19 The sons of Merari: Mahli and Mushi. These are the families of the Levites according to their generations. 20 Amram took Jochebed his father's sister to himself as wife: and she bore him Aaron and Moses: and the years of the life of Amram were a hundred and thirty-seven years. 21 The sons of Izhar: Korah, and Nepheg, and Zikri. 22

I will do to Pharaoh, for by a strong hand he shall 23 Aaron took Elisheba, the daughter of Amminadab.

7 The LORD said to Moses, "Look, I have made you as God to Pharaoh; and Aaron your brother shall be your prophet. 2 You shall speak all that I command you; and Aaron your brother shall speak to Pharaoh, that he let the children of Israel go out of his land. 3 I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and multiply my signs and my wonders in the land of Egypt. 4 But Pharaoh will not listen to you, and I will lay my hand on Egypt, and bring forth my regiments, my people, the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great judgments. 5 The Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I stretch forth my hand on Egypt, and bring out the children of Israel from among them." 6 Moses and Aaron did so. As the LORD commanded them, so they did. 7 Moses was eighty years old, and Aaron eightythree years old, when they spoke to Pharaoh. 8 The LORD spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, 9 "When Pharaoh speaks to you, saving, 'Perform a miracle,' then you shall tell Aaron, 'Take your staff, and cast it down before Pharaoh, that it become a serpent." 10 Moses and Aaron went in to Pharaoh, and they did so, as the LORD had commanded: and Aaron cast down his staff before Pharaoh and before his servants, and it became a serpent. 11 Then Pharaoh also called for the wise men and the sorcerers. They also, the magicians of Egypt, did in like manner with their secret arts. 12 For they cast down every man his staff, and they became serpents: but Aaron's staff swallowed up their staffs. 13 Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he did not listen to them; as the LORD had spoken. 14 The LORD said to Moses, "Pharaoh's heart is stubborn. He refuses to let the people go. 15 Go to Pharaoh in the morning. Look, he goes out to the water; and you shall stand by the

river's bank to meet him: and the staff which was turned and I will let the people go, that they may sacrifice to tell him, 'The LORD, God of the Hebrews, has sent me honor of setting the time that I should pray for you, and me in the wilderness:" and look, until now you haven't be destroyed from you and your houses, and remain listened. 17 Thus says the LORD, "In this you shall in the river only." 10 He said, "Tomorrow." He said, river, and they shall be turned to blood. 18 The fish that shall depart from you, and from your houses, and from are in the river shall die, and the river shall become foul; your servants, and from your people. They shall remain and the Egyptians shall loathe to drink water from the in the river only." 12 Moses and Aaron went out from river."" 19 The LORD said to Moses, "Tell Aaron, 'Take Pharaoh, and Moses cried to the LORD concerning your staff, and stretch out your hand over the waters of the frogs which he had brought on Pharaoh. 13 The Egypt, over their rivers, over their streams, and over LORD did according to the word of Moses, and the their pools, and over all their ponds of water, that they frogs died out of the houses, out of the courts, and all the land of Egypt, both in vessels of wood and in heaps, and the land stank. 15 But when Pharaoh saw vessels of stone." 20 Moses and Aaron did so, as the that there was a respite, he hardened his heart, and did LORD commanded; and he lifted up the staff, and struck not listen to them, as the LORD had spoken. 16 The the waters that were in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh, LORD said to Moses, "Tell Aaron, 'Stretch out your hand were in the river were turned to blood. 21 The fish that may become lice throughout all the land of Egypt." 17 were in the river died; and the river became foul, and They did so; and Aaron stretched out his hand with the Egyptians couldn't drink water from the river; and his staff, and struck the dust of the earth, and there the blood was throughout all the land of Egypt. 22 The were lice on man, and on animal; all the dust of the arts; and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he did not The magicians tried with their secret arts to bring forth listen to them; as the LORD had spoken. 23 Pharaoh lice, but they couldn't. There were lice on man, and turned and went into his house, neither did he lay even on animal. 19 Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, this to heart. 24 All the Egyptians dug around the river "This is the finger of God:" and Pharaoh's heart was for water to drink; for they couldn't drink of the water of hardened, and he did not listen to them; as the LORD the river. 25 Seven days were fulfilled, after the LORD had spoken. 20 The LORD said to Moses, "Rise up had struck the river.

 ${f 8}$ The LORD spoke to Moses, Go in to Pharaoh, and tell him, "This is what the LORD says, 'Let my people go, that they may serve me. 2 If you refuse to let them go, look, I will plague all your borders with frogs: 3 and the river shall swarm with frogs, which shall go up and come into your house, and into your bedchamber, and on your bed, and into the house of your servants, and on your people, and into your ovens, and into your kneading troughs: 4 and the frogs shall come up both on you, and on your people, and on all your servants." 5 The LORD said to Moses, "Tell Aaron your brother, 'Stretch forth your hand with your staff over the rivers, over the streams, and over the pools, and cause frogs to come up on the land of Egypt." 6 Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt; and the frogs came up, and covered the land of Egypt. 7 The magicians did in like manner with their secret arts, and brought up frogs on the land of Egypt. 8 Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, "Pray to the LORD, that he take away the frogs from me, and from my people;

to a serpent you shall take in your hand. 16 You shall the LORD." 9 Moses said to Pharaoh, "I give you the to you, saying, "Let my people go, that they may serve for your servants, and for your people, that the frogs know that I am the LORD. Look, I will strike with the "Be it according to your word, that you may know that staff that is in my hand on the waters which are in the there is none like the LORD our God. 11 The frogs may become blood; and there shall be blood throughout out of the fields. 14 They gathered them together in and in the sight of his servants; and all the waters that with your staff, and strike the dust of the earth, that it magicians of Egypt did in like manner with their secret earth became lice throughout all the land of Egypt. 18 early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh; look, he comes forth to the water; and tell him, 'This is what the LORD says, "Let my people go, that they may serve me. 21 Else, if you will not let my people go, look, I will send swarms of flies on you, and on your servants, and on your people, and into your houses: and the houses of the Egyptians shall be full of swarms of flies, and also the ground whereon they are. 22 I will set apart in that day the land of Goshen, in which my people dwell, that no swarms of flies shall be there: to the end you may know that I am the LORD in the midst of the earth. 23 I will put a division between my people and your people: by tomorrow shall this sign be."" 24 The LORD did so; and there came grievous swarms of flies into the house of Pharaoh, and into his servants' houses: and in all the land of Egypt the land was corrupted by reason of the swarms of flies. 25 Pharaoh called for Moses and for Aaron, and said, "Go, sacrifice to your God in the land." 26 Moses said, "It isn't appropriate to do so; for we shall sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians to the LORD our God. Look, shall we sacrifice the abomination of the

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people go.

Q Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go in to Pharaoh, and tell him, 'This is what the LORD, the God of the Hebrews, says: "Let my people go, that they may serve me. 2 For if you refuse to let them go, and hold them still, 3 look, the hand of the LORD is on your livestock which are in the field, on the horses, on the donkeys, on the camels, on the herds, and on the flocks with a very grievous pestilence. 4 The LORD will make a distinction between the livestock of Israel and the livestock of Egypt; and there shall nothing die of all that belongs to the children of Israel."" 5 God appointed a set time, saying, "Tomorrow the LORD shall do this thing in the land." 6 The LORD did that thing on the next day; and all the livestock of Egypt died, but of the livestock of the children of Israel, not one died. 7 Pharaoh sent, and, look, there was not so much as one of the livestock of Israel dead. But the heart of Pharaoh was stubborn, and he did not let the people go. 8 The LORD said to Moses and to Aaron, "Take to you handfuls of ashes of the furnace, and let Moses sprinkle it toward the sky in the sight of Pharaoh. 9 It shall become small dust over all the land of Egypt, and shall be a boil breaking forth with boils on man and on animal, throughout all the land of Egypt." 10 They took ashes of the furnace, and stood before Pharaoh; and Moses sprinkled it up toward the sky; and it became a boil breaking forth with boils on man and on animal. 11 The magicians couldn't stand before Moses because of the boils; for the boils were on the magicians, and on all the Egyptians. 12 The LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh, and he did not listen to them, as the LORD had spoken to Moses. 13 The LORD said to Moses, "Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh, and tell him, 'This is what the LORD, the God of the Hebrews, says: "Let my people go, that they may serve me. 14 For this time I will send

Egyptians before their eyes, and won't they stone us? 27 all my plagues against your heart, against your officials. We will go three days' journey into the wilderness, and and against your people; that you may know that there sacrifice to the LORD our God, as he shall command is none like me in all the earth. 15 For now I would us." 28 Pharaoh said, "I will let you go, that you may have put forth my hand, and struck you and your people sacrifice to the LORD your God in the wilderness, only with pestilence, and you would have been cut off from you shall not go very far away. Pray for me." 29 Moses the earth; 16 but indeed for this purpose I have raised said, "Look, I go out from you, and I will pray to God you up, to show you my power, and that my name that the swarms of flies may depart from Pharaoh, from may be proclaimed in all the earth; 17 as you still exalt his servants, and from his people, tomorrow; only do not yourself against my people, that you won't let them go. let Pharaoh deal deceitfully any more in not letting the 18 Look, tomorrow about this time I will cause it to rain people go to sacrifice to the LORD." 30 Moses went out a very grievous hail, such as has not been in Egypt from Pharaoh, and prayed to God. 31 The LORD did since the day it was founded even until now. 19 Now according to the word of Moses, and he removed the therefore command that all of your livestock and all that swarms of flies from Pharaoh, from his servants, and you have in the field be brought into shelter. Every man from his people. There remained not one. 32 Pharaoh and animal that is found in the field, and isn't brought hardened his heart this time also, and he did not let the home, the hail shall come down on them, and they shall die.""" 20 Those who feared the word of the LORD among the servants of Pharaoh made their servants and their livestock flee into the houses. 21 Whoever did not regard the word of the LORD left his servants and his livestock in the field. 22 The LORD said to Moses, "Stretch forth your hand toward the sky, that there may be hail in all the land of Egypt, on man, and on animal, and on every plant of the field, throughout the land of Egypt." 23 Moses stretched forth his staff toward the heavens, and the LORD sent thunder, and hail, and fire fell to the earth. The LORD rained hail on the land of Egypt. 24 So there was very severe hail, and fire mixed with the hail, such as had not been in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation. 25 The hail struck throughout all the land of Egypt all that was in the field, both man and animal; and the hail struck every plant of the field, and broke every tree of the field. 26 Only in the land of Goshen, where the children of Israel were, there was no hail. 27 Pharaoh sent, and called for Moses and Aaron, and said to them, "I have sinned this time. The LORD is righteous, and I and my people are wicked. 28 Pray to the LORD; for there has been enough of God's thunder and hail and fire. I will let you go, and you shall stay no longer." 29 Moses said to him, "As soon as I have gone out of the city, I will spread abroad my hands to the LORD. The thunders shall cease, neither shall there be any more hail; that you may know that the earth is the LORD's. 30 But as for you and your servants, I know that you do not yet fear the LORD God." 31 The flax and the barley were struck, for the barley was in the ear, and the flax was in bloom. 32 But the wheat and the spelt were not struck, for they are late. 33 Moses went out of the city from Pharaoh, and spread abroad his hands to the LORD; and the thunders and hail ceased, and the rain no longer poured on the land. 34 When Pharaoh saw that the rain and the hail and the thunders were ceased, he sinned yet more, and hardened his

heart, he and his servants, 35 The heart of Pharaoh remained nothing green, either tree or plant of the field. go, just as the LORD had spoken through Moses.

1 The LORD said to Moses, "Go in to Pharaoh, for I have hardened his heart, and the heart of his servants, that I may show these my signs in the midst of them, 2 and that you may tell in the hearing of your son, and of your son's son, what things I have done to Egypt, and my signs which I have done among them; that you may know that I am the LORD." 3 Moses and Aaron went in to Pharaoh, and said to him, "This is what the LORD, the God of the Hebrews, says: 'How long will you refuse to humble yourself before me? Let my people go, that they may serve me. 4 Or else, if you refuse to let my people go, look, tomorrow I will bring locusts into your country, 5 and they shall cover the surface of the earth, so that one won't be able to see the earth. They shall eat the residue of that which has escaped, which remains to you from the hail, and shall eat every tree which grows for you out of the field. 6 Your houses shall be filled, and the houses of all your servants, and the houses of all the Egyptians; as neither your fathers nor your fathers' fathers have seen, since the day that they were on the earth to this day." He turned, and went out from Pharaoh. 7 Pharaoh's servants said to him, "How long will this man be a snare to us? Let the men go, that they may serve their God. Do you not yet know that Egypt is destroyed?" 8 Moses and Aaron were brought again to Pharaoh, and he said to them, "Go, serve your God; but who are those who will go?" 9 Moses said, "We will go with our young and with our old; with our sons and with our daughters, with our flocks and with our herds will we go; for we must hold a feast to the LORD." 10 He said to them, "The LORD be with you if I will let you go with your dependents. See, evil is clearly before your faces. 11 Not so. Go now you who are men, and serve God; for that is what you desire." he will let you go. When he lets you go, he will surely They were driven out from Pharaoh's presence. 12 The thrust you out altogether. 2 Speak now in the hearing of LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the the people, and let them ask every man of his neighbor, land of Egypt for the locusts, that they may come up and every woman of her neighbor, articles of silver and on the land of Egypt and eat every plant of the land, articles of gold, and clothing." 3 The LORD gave the even all that the hail has left." 13 Moses stretched forth people favor in the sight of the Egyptians. Moreover his staff over the land of Egypt, and the LORD brought the man Moses was very great in the land of Egypt, in an east wind on the land all that day, and all the night; the sight of Pharaoh's servants, and in the sight of the and when it was morning, the east wind brought the people. 4 And Moses said, "This is what the LORD says: locusts. 14 The locusts went up over all the land of 'About midnight I will go out into the midst of Egypt, 5 Egypt, and rested in all the borders of Egypt. They were and all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from very grievous. Before them there were no such locusts the firstborn of Pharaoh who sits on his throne, even to as they, neither after them shall be such. 15 For they the firstborn of the female servant who is behind the covered the surface of the whole earth, so that the land mill; and all the firstborn of livestock. 6 There shall be a was destroyed, and they ate every plant of the land, and great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as there all the fruit of the trees which the hail had left. There has not been, nor shall be any more. 7 But against any

was hardened, and he did not let the children of Israel through all the land of Egypt. 16 Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron in haste, and he said, "I have sinned against the LORD your God, and against you. 17 Now therefore please forgive my sin again, and pray to the LORD your God, that he may also take away from me this death." 18 He went out from Pharaoh, and prayed to God. 19 The LORD turned an exceeding strong west wind, which took up the locusts, and drove them into the Red Sea. There remained not one locust in all the borders of Egypt. 20 But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he did not let the children of Israel go. 21 The LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand toward the sky, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, even darkness which may be felt." 22 Moses stretched forth his hand toward the sky, and there was a thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days. 23 They did not see one another, neither did anyone rise from his place for three days; but all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings. 24 Then Pharaoh called to Moses and to Aaron and said, "Go, serve the LORD. Only let your flocks and your herds stay behind. Let your dependents also go with you." 25 Moses said, "You must also give into our hand sacrifices and burnt offerings, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God. 26 Our livestock must also go with us; not a hoof is left behind, for of it we must take to serve the LORD our God; and we do not know with what we must serve the LORD, until we come there." 27 But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he wouldn't let them go. 28 Pharaoh said to him, "Get away from me. Make sure you never see my face again; for in the day you see my face you shall die." 29 Moses said, "You have spoken well. I will not see your face again."

> 1 The LORD said to Moses, "Yet one plague more will I bring on Pharaoh, and on Egypt; afterwards

of the children of Israel a dog won't even bark or move that soul shall be cut off from Israel. 16 In the first day Israel. 8 All these your servants shall come down to me, shall be done in them, except that which every man and bow down themselves to me, saying, "Get out, with must eat, that only may be done by you. 17 You shall out." He went out from Pharaoh in hot anger. 9 The day have I brought your regiments out of the land of Moses and Aaron did all these wonders before Pharaoh, month, on the fourteenth day of the month at evening, not let the children of Israel go out of his land.

12 Now the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, 2 "This month shall be to you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year to you. 3 Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying, 'On the tenth day of this month, they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household: 4 and if the household is too little for a lamb, then he and his neighbor next to his house shall take one according to the number of the souls; according to what everyone can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. 5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male in its first year. You shall take it from the sheep, or from the goats: 6 and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at evening. 7 They shall take some of the blood, and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel, on the houses in which they shall eat it. 8 They shall eat the flesh in that night, roasted with fire, and unleavened bread. They shall eat it with bitter herbs. 9 Do not eat it raw, nor boiled at all with water, but roasted with fire; with its head, its legs and its inner parts. 10 You shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; but that which remains of it until the morning you shall burn with fire. 11 This is how you shall eat it: with your waist girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand: and you shall eat it in haste: it is the LORD's Passover. 12 For I will go through the land of Egypt in that night, and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and animal. Against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. 13 The blood shall be to you for a token on the houses where vou are: and when I see the blood. I will pass over you. and there shall no plague be on you to destroy you. when I strike the land of Eqvpt. 14 This day shall be to you for a memorial, and you shall keep it a feast to the LORD: throughout your generations you shall keep it a feast by an ordinance forever. 15 "Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread: even the first day you shall put away yeast out of your houses, for whoever eats leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day.

its tongue, against man or animal; that you may know there shall be to you a holy convocation, and in the that the LORD makes a distinction between Egypt and seventh day a holy convocation: no manner of work all the people who follow you;" and after that I will go observe the feast of unleavened bread; for in this same LORD said to Moses, "Pharaoh won't listen to you, that Egypt: therefore you shall observe this day throughout my wonders may be multiplied in the land of Egypt." 10 your generations by an ordinance forever. 18 In the first and the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he did you shall eat unleavened bread, until the twenty first day of the month at evening. 19 For seven days yeast must not be found in your houses, for whoever eats that which is leavened, that person must be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he is a foreigner, or one who is born in the land. 20 You must eat nothing leavened. In all your places where you live you must eat unleavened bread." 21 Then Moses called for all the elders of the children of Israel, and said to them, "Go and select lambs according to your clans, and kill the Passover lamb. 22 And you are to take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and apply it on the top and on both sides of the doorframe with the blood that is in the basin. And none of you is to go out of the door of his house until morning. 23 For the LORD will pass through to strike the Egyptians, and when he sees the blood on the top and sides of the doorframe, the LORD will pass over the door and will not allow the destroyer to enter your houses to strike you. 24 And you must observe this as an ordinance for you and your children forever. 25 And it shall come to pass when you enter the land which the LORD will give you, as he has promised, you must keep this ceremony. 26 And it shall be, when your children ask you, 'What do you mean by this ceremony?' 27 that you shall say, 'It is the sacrifice of the LORD's Passover, because he passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when he struck the Egyptians but spared our houses." And the people bowed down and worshiped. 28 Then the children of Israel went away and did as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did. 29 And it came to pass at midnight that the LORD killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the firstborn of the prisoner who was in the prison, and all the firstborn of livestock. 30 And Pharaoh got up during the night, he, and all his servants, and all Egypt, and there was loud wailing in Egypt, for there was not a house where there was not someone dead. 31 Then he summoned for Moses and Aaron during the night, and said, "Get up, get out from among my people, both you and the children of Israel; and go, serve the LORD, as you have requested. 32 Take your flocks and your herds, as you

have requested, and be gone, but bless me also," 33 LORD brought you out from this place. No leavened regiments.

13 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Set apart to me all the firstborn. Whatever is first from the womb among the children of Israel, both of man and of animal; it is mine." 3 And Moses said to the people, "Remember this day in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of slavery, for with a mighty hand the

The Egyptians were urgent with the people to send bread shall be eaten. 4 On this day, in the month of them out of the land quickly, for they said, "We will all be Abib, you are going out. 5 And it shall be, when the dead." 34 So the people took their dough before it was LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanite, and leavened, with their kneading bowls wrapped in their the Hethite, and the Amorite, and the Perizzite, and clothing on their shoulders. 35 Now the children of Israel the Girgashite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite, which did according to what Moses told them, for they had he swore to your fathers to give you, a land flowing asked the Egyptians for articles of silver and articles of with milk and honey, that you must keep this ceremony gold and clothing. 36 And the LORD gave the people in this month. 6 Six days you are to eat unleavened favor in the sight of the Egyptians, and they gave them bread, and on the seventh day is a feast to the LORD. whatever they wanted. And so they plundered Egypt. 7 Unleavened bread is to be eaten throughout the seven 37 And the children of Israel traveled from Rameses days. Nothing leavened is to be seen among you, nor is to Succoth, about six hundred thousand men on foot, any leaven to be seen among you in all your territory. 8 besides their dependents. 38 And a mixed crowd also And you are to tell your son on that day, saying, 'It is went up with them, and a huge number of livestock, because of what the LORD did for me when I came out both flocks and herds. 39 And they baked unleavened of Egypt.' 9 And it shall be as a sign to you on your hand loaves using the dough that they had brought out of and as a reminder between your eyes, so that the law Egypt; for it wasn't leavened, because they were thrust of the LORD may be in your mouth, for with a mighty out of Egypt, and couldn't wait, nor had they prepared hand the LORD brought you out of Egypt. 10 Therefore any provisions for themselves. 40 Now the time that you are to keep this ordinance at its appointed time the children of Israel lived in Egypt was four hundred from year to year. 11 "And it shall be, when the LORD and thirty years. 41 And it came to pass at the end of brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore four hundred thirty years, to the day, it came to pass to you and to your fathers, and gives it to you, 12 that that all the regiments of the LORD went out from the you are to set apart to the LORD everything that is first land of Egypt. 42 It was a night when the LORD kept from the womb. Every firstborn male animal belongs to vigil to bring them out from the land of Egypt. So on the LORD. 13 Every firstborn of a donkey you are to this night all the children of Israel must keep a vigil to redeem with a lamb, but if you will not redeem it, then the LORD throughout their generations. 43 And the you must break its neck. And every firstborn of man LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "This is the ordinance among your sons you must redeem. 14 And it shall be, of the Passover. No foreigner may eat of it, 44 but every when your son asks you in the future, saying, 'What is man's servant who is bought for money, after you have this?' then you are to tell him, 'With a mighty hand the circumcised him, may he eat of it. 45 A foreigner and a LORD brought us out from Egypt, from the house of hired servant must not eat of it. 46 It is to be eaten in slavery. 15 And it happened, when Pharaoh stubbornly one house. You must not take any of the meat outside refused to let us go, that the LORD killed all the firstborn the house, and you are not to break any of its bones. in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of people and the 47 All the congregation of Israel is to keep it. 48 If a firstborn of animals. This is why I am sacrificing to the foreigner lives with you and wants to keep the Passover LORD any male that is first from the womb of an animal, to the LORD, all his males must be circumcised, and but all my firstborn sons I redeem.' 16 So it will be as then he may take part and observe it, and he will be a sign on your hand and at the front of a headband like one who is born in the land. But no uncircumcised around your forehead, for with a mighty hand the LORD person may eat of it. 49 The same law will apply to brought us out of Egypt." 17 Then it came to pass when the native-born and to the foreigner who lives among Pharaoh had let the people go, that God did not lead you." 50 So all the children of Israel did as the LORD them by the way of the land of the Philistines, although commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did. 51 And that was nearby, for God said, "Lest the people change it happened on this very day that the LORD brought their minds when they see war and return to Egypt." the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt by their 18 So God led the people around by the way of the wilderness to the Red Sea. And the children of Israel went up from the land of Egypt prepared for battle. 19 And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him, for he had made the children of Israel swear an oath, saying, "God will surely attend to you, and you are to carry my bones up with you from this place." 20 Then they set out from Succoth and camped at Etham on the edge of the wilderness, 21 And God went before them by day in and his horsemen, 18 Then the Egyptians will know that front of the people.

1 A Now the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Speak to the children of Israel, that they turn back and camp before Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, before Baal Zephon. You shall camp opposite it by the sea. 3 Pharaoh will say of the children of Israel, 'They are wandering in the land. The wilderness has boxed them in.' 4 And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and he will pursue them. And I will gain glory because of Pharaoh and because of all his army, and the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD." And they did so. 5 And when the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, the heart of Pharaoh and his servants was turned against the people, and they said, "What is this we have done, that we have let Israel go from serving us?" 6 Then he made ready his chariot, and took his army with him: 7 and he took six hundred select chariots, and all the chariots of Egypt, and officers over all of them. 8 And the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued after the children of Israel; and the children of Israel were going out triumphantly. 9 And the Egyptians pursued after them, all the horses and chariots of Pharaoh and his horsemen and his army, and overtook them camping by the sea, beside Pihahiroth, before Baal Zephon. 10 When Pharaoh drew near, the children of Israel lifted up their eyes, and look, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they were very afraid. So the children of Israel cried out to the LORD. 11 And they said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? 12 Isn't this the word that we spoke to you in Egypt, saying, 'Leave us alone so that we may serve the Egyptians?' For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." 13 But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand still, and see the salvation of God, which he will work for you today, for the Egyptians you see today, you will never, ever see again. 14 The LORD will fight for you, and you must be still." 15 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to me? Tell the children of Israel to go forward. 16 And as for you, lift up your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, and the children of Israel will go will exalt him. 3 The LORD is a warrior. The LORD is through the midst of the sea on dry ground. 17 And his name. 4 Pharaoh's chariots and his army he hurled as for me, look, I am going to harden the hearts of the into the sea. His elite officers were drowned in the Red Egyptians so that they will go in after them, and I will Sea. 5 The depths covered them. They went down into receive glory over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots the depths like a stone. 6 Your right hand, LORD, is

a pillar of cloud to lead them on their way, and by night I am the LORD, when I receive glory over Pharaoh, his in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could chariots and his horsemen." 19 And the angel of God travel by day and by night. 22 He did not take away the who was going in front of the camp of Israel moved and pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire at night from in went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and stood behind them. 20 So it came between the camp of Egypt and the camp of Israel. Thus it was a cloud and darkness and it lit up the night so that the one did not come near the other all night. 21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. and the LORD pushed the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and made the sea into dry land, so the waters were divided. 22 Then the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea on the dry ground, and the waters were a wall to them on their right and on their left. 23 And the Egyptians pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all of Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. 24 And it happened, in the morning watch, that the LORD looked down on the Egyptian camp through the pillar of fire and cloud and threw the camp into confusion. 25 And he bound their chariot wheels so that they drove them with difficulty. And the Egyptians said, "Let's flee from before Israel, for the LORD fights for them against the Egypt." 26 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the waters may flow back on the Egyptians, on their chariots, and on their horsemen." 27 So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal state at daybreak. Now the Egyptians were trying to escape from it, but the LORD shook off the Egyptians in the midst of the sea. 28 Then the waters returned and covered the chariots, the horsemen, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea. None of them survived. 29 But the children of Israel walked on dry ground in the midst of the sea, and the waters were a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. 30 Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the power of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. 31 When Israel saw the great power which the LORD used against the Egyptians, then the people feared the LORD, and they believed God and his servant Moses.

> 15 Then Moses and the children of Israel sang this song to God, and said, "I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously. The horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea. 2 The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation. This is my God, and I will praise him; my father's God, and I

glorious in power. Your right hand, LORD, shattered you, which I have put on the Egyptians; for I am the the enemy. 7 In the greatness of your majesty you LORD who heals you. 27 They came to Elim, where overthrew those who rise up against you. You sent forth there were twelve springs of water, and seventy palm your wrath. It consumed them like stubble. 8 With the trees: and they camped there by the waters. blast of your nostrils the waters piled up. The surging waters stood upright like a wall. The depths solidified in the heart of the sea. 9 The enemy said, 'I will pursue. I will overtake. I will divide the spoil. My desire shall be satisfied on them. I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them.' 10 You blew with your breath. The sea covered them. They sank like lead in the mighty waters. 11 Who is like you, LORD, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, fearful in praises, working wonders? 12 You stretched out your right hand. The earth swallowed them. 13 "In your loving kindness you will lead the people that you have redeemed. You will guide them by your strength to your holy dwelling. 14 When the peoples hear, they will tremble. Anguish will grip the inhabitants of Philistia. 15 Then the chiefs of Edom will be terrified. Trembling will seize the leaders of Moab. All the inhabitants of Canaan will melt away. 16 Terror and dread will fall on them. By the greatness of your arm they will be as still as a stone, until your people pass over, LORD, until the people pass over whom you have purchased. 17 You shall bring them in, and plant them in the mountain of your inheritance, the place, LORD, which you have made for yourself to dwell in; the sanctuary, LORD, which your hands have established. 18 The LORD shall reign forever and ever." 19 For the horses of Pharaoh went in with his chariots and with his horsemen into the sea, and the LORD brought back the waters of the sea on them; but the children of Israel walked on dry land in the midst of the sea. 20 Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dances. 21 Miriam answered them, "Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously. The horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea." 22 Moses led Israel onward 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 When they came to Marah, they couldn't drink from the waters of Marah, for they were bitter. Therefore its name was called Marah. 24 The people murmured against Moses, saying, "What shall we drink?" 25 Then he cried to the LORD. The LORD showed him a tree, and he threw it into the waters, and the waters were made sweet. There he made a statute and an ordinance for them, and there he tested them; 26 and he said, "If you will diligently listen to the voice of the LORD your God, and will do that which is right in his eyes, and will pay attention to his commandments, and keep all his statutes. I will put none of the diseases on

16 They took their journey from Elim, and all the congregation of the children of Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after their departing out of the land of Egypt. 2 The whole congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron in the wilderness; 3 and the children of Israel said to them, "We wish that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots, when we ate our fill of bread, for you have brought us out into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger." 4 Then said the LORD to Moses, "Look, I will rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law, or not. 5 It shall come to pass on the sixth day, that they shall prepare that which they bring in, and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily." 6 Moses and Aaron said to all the children of Israel, "At evening, then you shall know that the LORD has brought you out from the land of Egypt; 7 and in the morning, then you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your murmurings against God. Who are we, that you murmur against us?" 8 Moses said, "Now the LORD shall give you meat to eat in the evening, and in the morning bread to satisfy you; because the LORD hears your murmurings which you murmur against him. And who are we? Your murmurings are not against us, but against God." 9 Moses said to Aaron, "Tell all the congregation of the children of Israel, 'Come near before God, for he has heard your murmurings." 10 It happened, as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the children of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and look, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. 11 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 12 "I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel. Speak to them, saying, 'At evening you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread: and you shall know that I am the LORD your God." 13 It happened at evening that quail came up and covered the camp; and in the morning the dew lay around the camp. 14 When the dew that lay had gone, look, on the surface of the wilderness was a small round thing, small as the frost on the ground. 15 When the children of Israel saw it, they said one to another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread which the LORD has given you to eat." 16 This is the thing which the LORD has commanded: "Gather of it everyone according to his eating; an omer a head, according to the number of camped in Rephidim; but there was no water for the your persons, you shall take it, every man for those people to drink. 2 Therefore the people guarreled with who are in his tent." 17 The children of Israel did so, Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said and gathered some more, some less. 18 When they to them, "Why do you guarrel with me? Why do you test measured it with an omer, he who gathered much had the LORD?" 3 The people were thirsty for water there; nothing left over, and he who gathered little had no and the people murmured against Moses, and said, lack. They gathered every man according to his eating. "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us, 19 Moses said to them, "Let no one leave of it until our children, and our livestock with thirst?" 4 Moses the morning." 20 Notwithstanding they did not listen to cried to the LORD, saying, "What shall I do with these Moses, but some of them left of it until the morning, and people? They are almost ready to stone me." 5 The it bred worms, and became foul: and Moses was angry LORD said to Moses, "Walk on before the people, and with them. 21 They gathered it morning by morning, take the elders of Israel with you, and take the staff in everyone according to his eating. When the sun grew your hand with which you struck the Nile, and go. 6 hot, it melted. 22 It happened that on the sixth day they Look, I will stand before you there on the rock in Horeb. gathered twice as much bread, two omers for each one, You shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it, and all the leaders of the congregation came and told that the people may drink." Moses did so in the sight of Moses. 23 He said to them, "This is that which the the elders of Israel. 7 He called the name of the place LORD has spoken, 'Tomorrow is a solemn rest, a holy Massah, and Meribah, because the children of Israel Sabbath to the LORD. Bake that which you want to guarreled, and because they tested the LORD, saying, bake, and boil that which you want to boil; and all that "Is the LORD among us, or not?" 8 Then Amalek came remains over lay up for yourselves to be kept until the and fought with Israel in Rephidim. 9 Moses said to morning." 24 They laid it up until the morning, as Moses Joshua, "Choose men for us, and go out, fight with asked, and it did not become foul, neither was there any Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with worm in it. 25 Moses said, "Eat that today, for today God's staff in my hand." 10 So Joshua did as Moses had is a Sabbath to the LORD. Today you shall not find it told him, and fought with Amalek; and Moses, Aaron, in the field. 26 Six days you shall gather it, but on the and Hur went up to the top of the hill. 11 It happened, seventh day is the Sabbath. In it there shall be none." when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed; and 27 It happened on the seventh day, that some of the when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed. 12 But people went out to gather, and they found none. 28 The Moses' hands were heavy; and they took a stone, and LORD said to Moses, "How long do you refuse to keep put it under him, and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held my commandments and my laws? 29 Look, because the up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on LORD has given you the Sabbath, therefore he gives the other side. His hands were steady until sunset. 13 you on the sixth day the bread of two days. Everyone Joshua defeated Amalek and his people with the edge stay in his place. Let no one go out of his place on the of the sword. 14 The LORD said to Moses, "Write this seventh day." 30 So the people rested on the seventh for a memorial on a scroll, and rehearse it in the ears of day. 31 The house of Israel called its name Manna, and Joshua: that I will utterly blot out the memory of Amalek it was like coriander seed, white; and its taste was like from under the sky." 15 Moses built an altar, and called wafers with honey. 32 Moses said, "This is the thing its name the LORD our Banner. 16 He said, "A hand which the LORD has commanded, 'Let an omer-full of it upon the throne of the LORD. The LORD will have war be kept throughout your generations, that they may see with Amalek from generation to generation." the bread with which I fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you forth from the land of Egypt." 33 Moses said to Aaron, "Take a jar, and put an omer-full of manna in it, and place it before God, to be kept throughout your generations." 34 As the LORD commanded Moses, so Aaron laid it up before the Testimony, to be kept. 35 The children of Israel ate the manna forty years, until they came to an inhabited land. They ate the manna until they came to the borders of the land of Canaan. 36 Now an omer is the tenth part of an ephah.

traveled from the wilderness of Sin, by their

18 Now Jethro, the priest of Midian, Moses' father-inlaw, heard of all that God had done for Moses, and for Israel his people, how that the LORD had brought Israel out of Egypt. 2 Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, received Zipporah, Moses' wife, after he had sent her away, 3 and her two sons. The name of one son was Gershom, for Moses said, "I have lived as a foreigner in a foreign land". 4 The name of the other was Eliezer, for he said, "My father's God was my help and delivered me from Pharaoh's sword." 5 Jethro, Moses' father-17 All the congregation of the children of Israel in-law, came with his sons and his wife to Moses into the wilderness where he was camped, at the Mountain journeys, according to the LORD's commandment, and of God. 6 And he said to Moses, "I, your father-in-law

sons with her." 7 Moses went out to meet his father- judged the people at all times. They brought the hard in-law, and bowed and kissed him. They asked each causes to Moses, but every small matter they judged other of their welfare, and they came into the tent. 8 themselves. 27 Moses let his father-in-law depart, and Moses told his father-in-law all that the LORD had done he went his way into his own land. to Pharaoh and to the Egyptians for Israel's sake, all the hardships that had come on them on the way, and how the LORD delivered them. 9 Jethro rejoiced for all the goodness which the LORD had done to Israel, in that he had delivered them out of the hand of the Egyptians. 10 Jethro said, "Blessed be the LORD, who has delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of Pharaoh; who has delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians. 11 Now I know that the LORD is greater than all gods because of the thing in which they dealt arrogantly against them." 12 Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, took a burnt offering and sacrifices for God. Aaron came with all of the elders of Israel, to eat bread with Moses' father-in-law before God. 13 It happened on the next day, that Moses sat to judge the people, and the people stood around Moses from the morning to the evening. 14 When Moses' father-in-law saw all that he did to the people, he said, "What is this thing that you do for the people? Why do you sit alone, and all the people stand around you from morning to evening?" 15 Moses said to his father-in-law, "Because the people come to me to inquire of God. 16 When they have a matter, they come to me, and I judge between a man and his neighbor, and I make them know the statutes of God, and his laws." 17 Moses' father-in-law said to him, "The thing that you do is not good. 18 You will surely wear away, both you, and this people that is with you; for the thing is too heavy for you. You are not able to perform it yourself alone. 19 Listen now to my voice. I will give you counsel, and God be with you. You represent the people before God, and bring the causes to God. 20 You shall teach them the statutes and the laws, and shall show them the way in which they must walk, and the work that they must do. 21 Moreover you shall provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God: men of truth, hating unjust gain; and place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens. 22 Let them judge the people at all times. It shall be that every great matter they shall bring to you, but every small matter they shall judge themselves. So shall it be easier for you, and they shall share the load with you. 23 If you will do this thing, and God commands you so, then you will be able to endure, and all of these people also will go to their place in peace." 24 So Moses listened to the voice of his father-in-law, and did all that he had said. 25 Moses chose able men out of all Israel, and made them heads over the people, rulers of thousands, rulers

Jethro, am coming to you with your wife and her two of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens. 26 They

19 In the third month after the children of Israel had gone forth out of the land of Egypt, on that same day they came into the wilderness of Sinai. 2 When they had departed from Rephidim, and had come to the wilderness of Sinai, they camped in the wilderness; and there Israel camped before the mountain. 3 Moses went up to God, and God called to him out of the mountain, saying, "This is what you shall tell the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel: 4 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings, and brought you to myself. 5 Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice, and keep my covenant, then you shall be my own possession from among all peoples: for all the earth is mine: 6 and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests, and a holy nation.' These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel." 7 Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and set before them all these words which God commanded him. 8 All the people answered together, and said, "All that God has spoken we will do." Moses reported the words of the people to God. 9 The LORD said to Moses, "Look, I come to you in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with you, and may also believe you forever." Moses told the words of the people to the LORD. 10 The LORD said to Moses, "Go to the people, and sanctify them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their garments, 11 and be ready against the third day; for on the third day the LORD will come down in the sight of all the people on Mount Sinai. 12 You shall set bounds to the people all around, saying, 'Be careful that you do not go up onto the mountain, or touch its border. Whoever touches the mountain shall be surely put to death. 13 No hand shall touch him, but he shall surely be stoned or shot through; whether it is animal or man, he shall not live.' When the trumpet sounds long, they shall come up to the mountain." 14 Moses went down from the mountain to the people, and sanctified the people; and they washed their clothes. 15 He said to the people, "Be ready by the third day. Do not have sexual relations with a woman." 16 It happened on the third day, when it was morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud on the mountain, and the sound of an exceedingly loud trumpet; and all the people who were in the camp trembled. 17 Moses led the people out of the camp to meet God; and they stood at the lower part of the mountain. 18 And Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke because God descended on it in fire; and its smoke ascended like the smoke of a furnace, and the were afraid and trembled and kept their distance. 19 people, and told them.

2 God spoke all these words, saying, 2 "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. 3 Do not have other gods before me. 4 "Do not make for yourselves

whole mountain guaked greatly. 19 When the sound of They said to Moses, "Speak with us yourself, and we the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke, and will listen; but do not let God speak with us, lest we God answered him by a voice. 20 The LORD came die." 20 Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, for down on Mount Sinai, to the top of the mountain. The God has come to test you, and that his fear may be LORD called Moses to the top of the mountain, and before you, that you won't sin." 21 The people stayed at Moses went up. 21 God said to Moses, "Go down, warn a distance, and Moses drew near to the thick darkness the people, lest they break through to God to look, and where God was. 22 The LORD said to Moses, "This is many of them perish. 22 Let the priests also, who come what you shall tell the children of Israel: 'You yourselves near to God, sanctify themselves, or the LORD will have seen that I have talked with you from heaven. 23 break out against them." 23 Moses said to God, "The You shall most certainly not make alongside of me gods people can't come up to Mount Sinai, for you warned us, of silver, or gods of gold for yourselves. 24 You shall saying, 'Set bounds around the mountain, and sanctify make an altar of earth for me, and shall sacrifice on it." 24 The LORD said to him, "Go down and you shall it your burnt offerings and your peace offerings, your bring Aaron up with you, but do not let the priests and sheep and your cattle. In every place where I record my the people break through to come up to God, or he will name I will come to you and I will bless you. 25 If you break out against them." 25 So Moses went down to the make me an altar of stone, you shall not build it of cut stones; for if you lift up your tool on it, you have polluted it. 26 Neither shall you go up by steps to my altar, that your nakedness may not be exposed to it.'

21 "Now these are the ordinances which you shall set before them. 2 "If you buy a Hebrew servant, an idol, nor any image of anything that is in the heavens he shall serve six years and in the seventh he shall go above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the out free without paying anything. 3 If he comes in by water under the earth: 5 you must not bow yourself himself, he shall go out by himself. If he is married, then down to them, nor serve them, for I, the LORD your his wife shall go out with him. 4 If his master gives him God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers a wife and she bears him sons or daughters, the wife on the children, and upon the children's children, on the and her children shall be her master's, and he shall go third and on the fourth [generation] of those who hate out by himself. 5 But if the servant shall plainly say, 'I me, 6 and showing loving kindness to thousands of love my master, my wife, and my children. I will not go those who love me and keep my commandments. 7 "Do out free;" 6 then his master shall bring him to God, and not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the shall bring him to the door or to the doorpost, and his LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in master shall bore his ear through with an awl, and he vain. 8 "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9 shall serve him for ever. 7 "If a man sells his daughter Six days you may labor, and do all your work, 10 but the to be a female servant, she shall not go out as the male seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. You servants do. 8 If she doesn't please her master, who must not do any work in it, you, nor your son, nor your has married her to himself, then he shall let her be daughter, your male servant, nor your female servant, redeemed. He shall have no right to sell her to a foreign nor your livestock, nor your stranger who is within your people, seeing he has dealt deceitfully with her. 9 If he gates: 11 for in six days the LORD made heaven and marries her to his son, he shall deal with her after the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the manner of daughters. 10 If he takes another wife to seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the seventh himself, he shall not diminish her food, her clothing, and day, and made it holy. 12 "Honor your father and your her marital rights. 11 If he doesn't do these three things mother, that it may be well with you, that your days may for her, she may go free without paying any money. 12 be long in the land which the LORD your God gives "One who strikes a man so that he dies shall surely you. 13 "Do not commit adultery. 14 "Do not murder. 15 be put to death, 13 but not if it is unintentional, but "Do not steal. 16 "Do not give false testimony against God allows it to happen: then I will appoint you a place your neighbor. 17 "Do not covet your neighbor's house. where he shall flee. 14 If a man schemes and comes Do not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, presumptuously on his neighbor to kill him, you shall nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor take him from my altar, that he may die. 15 "Anyone anything that is your neighbor's." 18 And all the people who attacks his father or his mother shall be surely put saw the thunder and the lightning and the sound of to death. 16 "Anyone who kidnaps someone and sells the trumpet and the mountain smoking, and the people him, or if he is found in his possession, he shall surely be put to death. 17 "Anyone who curses his father or his alive, whether it is ox, donkey, or sheep, he shall pay mother shall surely be put to death. 18 "If men guarrel double. 5 "If a man causes a field or vineyard to be and one strikes the other with a stone, or with his fist, eaten, and lets his animal loose, and it grazes in another and he doesn't die, but is confined to bed; 19 if he rises man's field, he shall make restitution from his own field again and walks around with his staff, then he who according to his produce; and if he shall have grazed struck him shall be cleared: only he shall pay for the loss over the whole field, he shall make restitution from the of his time, and shall provide for his healing until he is best of his own field, and from the best of his own thoroughly healed. 20 "If a man strikes his servant or his vineyard. 6 "If fire breaks out, and catches in thorns so maid with a staff, and he dies under his hand, he shall that the shocks of grain, or the standing grain, or the surely be punished. 21 Notwithstanding, if he gets up field are consumed; he who kindled the fire shall surely after a day or two, he shall not be punished, for he is his make restitution. 7 "If a man delivers to his neighbor husband demands and the judges allow. 23 But if there come near to God, to find out if he hasn't put his hand is injury, then you must take life for life, 24 eye for eye, to his neighbor's goods. 9 For every matter of trespass, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, 25 burning whether it be for ox, for donkey, for sheep, for clothing, for burning, wound for wound, and bruise for bruise. 26 or for any kind of lost thing, about which one says, 'This "If a man strikes his servant's eye, or his maid's eye, is mine,' the cause of both parties shall come before sake. 27 If he strikes out his male servant's tooth, or his neighbor. 10 "If a man delivers to his neighbor a donkey, female servant's tooth, he shall let him go free for his an ox, a sheep, or any animal to keep, and it dies or is tooth's sake. 28 "If a bull gores a man or a woman to injured, or driven away, no man seeing it; 11 the oath of not be eaten; but the owner of the bull shall not be held his hand to his neighbor's goods; and its owner shall responsible. 29 But if the bull had a habit of goring in the accept it, and he shall not make restitution. 12 But if it is past, and it has been testified to its owner, and he has stolen from him, he shall make restitution to its owner. not kept it in, but it has killed a man or a woman, the 13 If it is torn in pieces, let him bring it for evidence. He the bull gores a male servant or a female servant, thirty man entices a virgin who isn't pledged to be married, shekels of silver shall be given to their master, and the and lies with her, he shall surely pay a dowry for her to ox shall be stoned. 33 "If a man opens a pit, or if a man be his wife. 17 If her father utterly refuses to give her shall be his. 35 "If one man's bull injures another's, so death. 20 "He who sacrifices to another god, except to that it dies, then they shall sell the live bull, and divide the LORD only, shall be utterly destroyed. 21 "You shall its price: and they shall also divide the dead animal. 36 not wrong a foreigner, neither shall you oppress him, for Or if it is known that the bull was in the habit of goring in you were foreigners in the land of Egypt. 22 "You shall pay bull for bull, and the dead animal shall be his own.

"If a man steals an ox or a sheep, and kills it, or sells it; he shall pay five oxen for an ox, and four sheep for a sheep. 2 If the thief is found breaking in, and is struck so that he dies, there shall be no quilt of bloodshed for him. 3 If the sun has risen on him, there shall be guilt of bloodshed for him; he shall make restitution. If he has nothing, then he shall be sold for his theft. 4 If the stolen property is found in his hand

property. 22 "If men fight and strike a pregnant woman money or stuff to keep, and it is stolen out of the man's so that her child is born prematurely, but there is no house; if the thief is found, he shall pay double. 8 If injury, he shall be surely fined as much as the woman's the thief isn't found, then the master of the house shall and destroys it, he shall let him go free for his eye's God. He whom God condemns shall pay double to his death, the bull shall surely be stoned, and its flesh shall God shall be between them both, whether he hasn't put bull shall be stoned, and its owner shall also be put to shall not make good that which was torn. 14 "If a man death. 30 If a ransom is laid on him, then he shall give borrows anything of his neighbor's, and it is injured, or for the redemption of his life whatever is laid on him. 31 dies, its owner not being with it, he shall surely make Whether it has gored a son or has gored a daughter, restitution. 15 If its owner is with it, he shall not make it according to this judgment it shall be done to him. 32 If good. If it is a leased thing, it came for its lease. 16 "If a digs a pit and doesn't cover it, and a bull or a donkey to him, he shall pay money according to the dowry of falls into it, 34 the owner of the pit shall make it good. virgins. 18 "You shall not allow a sorceress to live. 19 He shall give money to its owner, and the dead animal "Whoever has sex with an animal shall surely be put to the past, and its owner has not kept it in, he shall surely not take advantage of any widow or fatherless child, 23 If you take advantage of them at all, and they cry at all to me, I will surely hear their cry; 24 and my wrath will grow hot, and I will kill you with the sword; and your wives shall be widows, and your children fatherless. 25 "If you lend money to any of my people with you who is poor, you shall not be to him as a creditor; neither shall you charge him interest. 26 If you take your neighbor's garment as collateral, you shall restore it to him before the sun goes down, 27 for that is his only covering, it is his garment for his skin. What would he sleep in? It will LORD your God, "You shall not boil a kid in its mother's animals in the field. You shall cast it to the dogs.

23 "You shall not spread a false report. Do not join your hand with the wicked to be an unjust witness. 2 You shall not follow a crowd to do evil; neither shall you testify in court to side with a multitude to pervert justice; 3 neither shall you favor a poor man in his cause. 4 "If you meet your enemy's ox or his donkey going astray, you shall surely bring it back to him again. 5 If you see the donkey of him who hates you fallen down under his burden, do not leave him, you shall surely help him with it. 6 "You shall not deny justice to your poor people in their lawsuits. 7 "Keep far from a false charge, and do not kill the innocent and righteous: for I will not justify the wicked. 8 "You shall take no bribe, for a bribe blinds the eves of those who have sight and perverts the words of the righteous. 9 "You shall not oppress a foreigner, for you know the heart of a foreigner, seeing you were foreigners in the land of Egypt. 10 "For six years you shall sow your land, and shall gather in its increase, 11 but the seventh year you shall let it rest and lie fallow, that the poor of your people may eat; and what they leave the animal of the field shall eat. In like manner you shall deal with your vineyard and with your olive grove. 12 "Six days you shall do your work, and on the seventh day you shall rest, that your ox and your donkey may have rest, and the son of your handmaid, and the alien may be refreshed. 13 "Be careful to do all things that I have said to you; and do not invoke the name of other elders of Israel; and worship from a distance. 2 Moses gods, neither let them be heard out of your mouth. 14 alone shall come near to God, but they shall not come You shall observe the feast of unleavened bread. Seven came and told the people all the words of God, and days you shall eat unleavened bread, as I commanded all the ordinances; and all the people answered with you, at the time appointed in the month Abib (for in it one voice, and said, "All the words which the LORD before me empty. 16 And the feast of harvest, the first of the LORD, and rose up early in the morning, and fruits of your labors, which you sow in the field: and the built an altar under the mountain, and twelve pillars for feast of harvest, at the end of the year, when you gather the twelve tribes of Israel. 5 He sent young men of in your labors out of the field. 17 Three times in the the children of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and year all your males shall appear before the Lord GOD. sacrificed peace offerings of cattle to God. 6 Moses 18 "You shall not offer the blood of my sacrifice with took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half leavened bread, neither shall the fat of my feast remain of the blood he sprinkled on the altar. 7 He took the all night until the morning. 19 The first of the first fruits book of the covenant and read it in the hearing of the of your ground you shall bring into the house of the people, and they said, "All that the LORD has spoken

happen, when he cries to me, that I will hear, for I am milk. 20 "Look, I send an angel before you, to keep gracious. 28 "You shall not blaspheme God, nor curse a you by the way, and to bring you into the place which I ruler of your people. 29 "You shall not delay to offer from have prepared. 21 Pay attention to him, and listen to your harvest and from the outflow of your presses. "You his voice. Do not provoke him, for he will not pardon shall give the firstborn of your sons to me. 30 You shall your disobedience, for my name is in him. 22 But if you do likewise with your cattle and with your sheep. Seven indeed listen to his voice, and do all that I speak, then I days it shall be with its mother, then on the eighth day will be an enemy to your enemies, and an adversary to you shall give it to me. 31 "You shall be holy men to your adversaries. 23 For my angel shall go before you, me, therefore you shall not eat any flesh that is torn by and bring you in to the Amorite, and the Hethite, and the Perizzite, and the Canaanite, and the Girgashite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite; and I will cut them off. 24 You shall not bow down to their gods, nor serve them, nor follow their practices, but you shall utterly overthrow them and demolish their pillars. 25 You shall serve the LORD your God, and I will bless your bread and your water, and I will take sickness away from your midst. 26 No one will miscarry or be barren in your land. I will fulfill the number of your days. 27 I will send my terror before you, and will confuse all the people to whom you come, and I will make all your enemies turn their backs to you. 28 I will send the hornet before you, which will drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the Hethite, from before vou. 29 I will not drive them out from before you in one year, lest the land become desolate, and the animals of the field multiply against you. 30 Little by little I will drive them out from before you, until you have increased and inherit the land. 31 I will set your border from the Red Sea even to the sea of the Philistines, and from the wilderness to the River; for I will deliver the inhabitants of the land into your hand, and you shall drive them out before you. 32 You shall make no covenant with them, nor with their gods. 33 They shall not dwell in your land, lest they make you sin against me, for if you serve their gods, it will surely be a snare to you."

24 He said to Moses, "Come up to the LORD, you, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the "You shall observe a feast to me three times a year. 15 near, neither shall the people go up with him." 3 Moses you came out from Egypt), and no one shall appear has spoken will we do." 4 Moses wrote all the words will we do, and be obedient." 8 Moses took the blood, feet eight inches shall be its length, and two feet three Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

25 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Speak to the children of Israel, that they take an offering for me. From everyone whose heart makes him willing you shall take my offering. 3 This is the offering which you shall take from them: gold, silver, bronze, 4 blue, purple, scarlet, fine linen, goats' hair, 5 rams' skins dyed red, sea cow hides, acacia wood, 6 oil for the light, spices for the anointing oil and for the sweet incense, 7 onyx stones, and stones to be set for the ephod and for the breastplate. 8 Let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them. 9 According to all that I show you, the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all of its furniture, even so you shall make it. 10 "They shall make an ark of acacia wood. Its length shall be three feet eight inches, its breadth two feet three inches, and two feet three inches its height. 11 You shall overlav it with pure gold. You shall overlay it inside and outside, and you shall make a gold molding around it. 12 You shall cast four rings of gold for it, and put them in its four feet. Two rings shall be on the one side of it, and two rings on the other side of it. 13 You shall make poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with gold. 14 You shall put the poles into the rings on the sides of the ark to carry the ark. 15 The poles shall be in the rings of the ark. They shall not be taken from it. 16 You shall put the testimony which I shall give you into the ark. 17 You shall make a mercy seat of pure gold. Three

and sprinkled it on the people, and said, "This is the inches its breadth. 18 You shall make two cherubim blood of the covenant, which God has commanded you of hammered gold. You shall make them at the two concerning all these words." 9 Then Moses, Aaron, ends of the mercy seat. 19 Make one cherub at the Nadab, Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went one end, and one cherub at the other end. You shall up. 10 They saw the God of Israel. Under his feet was make the cherubim on its two ends of one piece with like a paved work of sapphire stone, like the skies for the mercy seat. 20 The cherubim shall spread out their clearness. 11 He did not lay his hand on the nobles wings upward, covering the mercy seat with their wings, of the children of Israel. They saw God, and ate and with their faces toward one another. The faces of the drank. 12 The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me cherubim shall be toward the mercy seat. 21 You shall on the mountain, and stay here, and I will give you the put the mercy seat on top of the ark, and in the ark you tablets of stone with the law and the commands that I shall put the testimony that I will give you. 22 There I will have written, that you may teach them." 13 Moses rose meet with you, and I will tell you from above the mercy up with Joshua, his servant, and Moses went up onto seat, from between the two cherubim which are on the God's Mountain. 14 He said to the elders, "Wait here for ark of the testimony, all that I command you for the us, until we come again to you. Look, Aaron and Hur children of Israel. 23 "You shall make a table of acacia are with you. Whoever is involved in a dispute can go wood. Two feet eleven inches shall be its length, and to them." 15 Moses went up on the mountain, and the eighteen inches its breadth, and two feet three inches cloud covered the mountain. 16 The glory of God settled its height. 24 You shall overlay it with pure gold, and on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. The make a gold molding around it. 25 You shall make a rim seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the of a handbreadth around it. You shall make a golden cloud. 17 The appearance of the glory of the LORD molding on its rim around it. 26 You shall make four was like devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the rings of gold for it, and put the rings in the four corners eyes of the children of Israel. 18 Moses entered into the that are on its four legs. 27 The rings shall be close to midst of the cloud, and went up on the mountain; and the rim, for places for the poles to carry the table. 28 You shall make the poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with gold, that the table may be carried with them. 29 You shall make its dishes, its spoons, its ladles, and its bowls to pour out offerings with. You shall make them of pure gold. 30 You shall set bread of the presence on the table before me always. 31 "You shall make a lampstand of pure gold. Of hammered work shall the lampstand be made, even its base, its shaft, its cups, its buds, and its flowers, shall be of one piece with it. 32 There shall be six branches going out of its sides: three branches of the lampstand out of its one side, and three branches of the lampstand out of its other side; 33 three cups made like almond blossoms in one branch, a bud and a flower; and three cups made like almond blossoms in the other branch, a bud and a flower, so for the six branches going out of the lampstand; 34 and in the lampstand four cups made like almond blossoms, its buds and its flowers; 35 and a bud under two branches of one piece with it, and a bud under two branches of one piece with it, and a bud under two branches of one piece with it, for the six branches going out of the lampstand. 36 Their buds and their branches shall be of one piece with it, all of it one beaten work of pure gold. 37 You shall make its lamps seven, and they shall light its lamps to give light to the space in front of it. 38 Its snuffers and its snuff dishes shall be of pure gold. 39 It shall be made of a talent of pure gold, with all these

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accessories. 40 See that you make them after their side of the tabernacle, on the north side, twenty boards. pattern, which has been shown to you on the mountain.

26 "Moreover you shall make the tabernacle with ten curtains; of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, with cherubim. The work of the skillful workman you shall make them. 2 The length of each curtain shall be forty-one feet four inches, and the breadth of each curtain five feet eleven inches: all the curtains shall have one measure. 3 Five curtains shall be coupled together one to another; and the other five curtains shall be coupled one to another. 4 You shall make loops of blue on the edge of the one curtain from the edge in the coupling; and likewise you shall make in the edge of the curtain that is outmost in the second coupling. 5 You shall make fifty loops in the one curtain, and you shall make fifty loops in the edge of the curtain that is in the second coupling. The loops shall be opposite one to another. 6 You shall make fifty clasps of gold, and couple the curtains one to another with the clasps: and the tabernacle shall be a unit. 7 "You shall make curtains of goats' hair for a covering over the tabernacle. You shall make them eleven curtains. 8 The length of each curtain shall be forthy-four feet four inches, and the breadth of each curtain five feet eleven inches: the eleven curtains shall have one measure. 9 You shall couple five curtains by themselves, and six curtains by themselves, and shall double over the sixth curtain in the forefront of the tent. 10 You shall make fifty loops on the edge of the one curtain that is outmost in the coupling, and fifty loops on the edge of the curtain which is outmost in the second coupling. 11 You shall make fifty clasps of bronze, and put the clasps into the loops, and couple the tent together, that it may be one. 12 The overhanging part that remains of the curtains of the tent, the half curtain that remains, shall hang over the back of the tabernacle. 13 Eighteen inches on the one side, and eighteen inches on the other side. of that which remains in the length of the curtains of the tent, shall hang over the sides of the tabernacle on this side and on that side, to cover it. 14 You shall make a covering for the tent of rams' skins dyed red, and a covering of sea cow hides above. 15 "You shall make the boards for the tabernacle of acacia wood. standing up. 16 Seventeen feet three inches shall be height shall be five feet two inches. 2 You shall make its the length of a board, and two feet three inches the horns on its four corners; its horns shall be of one piece breadth of each board. 17 There shall be two tenons in with it: and you shall overlay it with bronze. 3 You shall each board, joined to one another: thus you shall make make its pots to take away its ashes, its shovels, its for all the boards of the tabernacle. 18 You shall make basins, its flesh hooks, and its fire pans: all its vessels the boards for the tabernacle, twenty boards for the you shall make of bronze. 4 You shall make a grating for south side southward. 19 You shall make forty sockets it of network of bronze: and on the net you shall make of silver under the twenty boards; two sockets under four bronze rings in its four corners. 5 You shall put it one board for its two tenons, and two sockets under under the ledge around the altar beneath, that the net another board for its two tenons. 20 For the second may reach halfway up the altar. 6 You shall make poles

21 and their forty sockets of silver; two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board, 22 For the far part of the tabernacle westward you shall make six boards. 23 You shall make two boards for the corners of the tabernacle in the far part. 24 They shall be double beneath, and in like manner they shall be entire to its top to one ring: thus shall it be for them both: they shall be for the two corners. 25 There shall be eight boards, and their sockets of silver, sixteen sockets; two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board. 26 "You shall make bars of acacia 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 far part westward, 28 The middle bar in the midst of the boards shall pass through from end to end. 29 You shall overlay the boards with gold. and make their rings of gold for places for the bars: and you shall overlay the bars with gold. 30 You shall set up the tabernacle according to the way that it was shown to you on the mountain. 31 "You shall make a veil of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, with cherubim. The work of the skillful workman shall it be made. 32 You shall hang it on four pillars of acacia overlaid with gold; their hooks shall be of gold, on four sockets of silver. 33 You shall hang up the veil under the clasps, and shall bring the ark of the testimony in there within the yeil: and the yeil shall separate the holy place from the most holy for you. 34 You shall put the mercy seat on the ark of the testimony in the most holy place. 35 You shall set the table outside the veil, and the lampstand over against the table on the side of the tabernacle toward the south: and you shall put the table on the north side. 36 "You shall make a screen for the door of the Tent, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, the work of the embroiderer. 37 You shall make for the screen five pillars of acacia, and overlay them with gold: their hooks shall be of gold: and you shall cast five sockets of bronze for them.

"You shall make the altar of acacia wood, eight feet seven inches long, and eight feet seven inches broad: the altar shall be foursquare: and its for the altar, poles of acacia wood, and overlay them spirit of wisdom, that they make Aaron's garments to twined linen, and their sockets of bronze. 19 All the of stones, four rows of stones: a row of ruby, topaz, their generations on the behalf of the children of Israel.

28 "Bring Aaron your brother, and his sons with him, near to you from among the children of Israel, that he may minister to me in the priest's office, even Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar, Aaron's sons. 2 You shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother, for glory and for beauty. 3 You shall speak to all who are wise-hearted, whom I have filled with the

with bronze. 7 Its poles shall be put into the rings, and sanctify him, that he may minister to me in the priest's the poles shall be on the two sides of the altar, when office. 4 These are the garments which they shall make: carrying it. 8 You shall make it with hollow planks. They a breastplate, and an ephod, and a robe, and a coat shall make it as it has been shown you on the mountain. of checker work, a turban, and a sash: and they shall 9 "You shall make the court of the tabernacle: for the make holy garments for Aaron your brother, and his south side southward there shall be hangings for the sons, that he may minister to me in the priest's office. 5 court of fine twined linen one hundred seventy-two feet They shall take the gold, and the blue, and the purple, three inches long for one side: 10 and its pillars shall be and the scarlet, and the fine linen. 6 "They shall make thirty-four feet five inches, and their sockets twenty, of the ephod of gold, of blue, and purple, scarlet, and fine bronze; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets shall be twined linen, the work of the skillful workman. 7 It shall of silver. 11 Likewise for the north side in length there have two shoulder straps joined to the two ends of it, shall be hangings one hundred seventy-two feet three that it may be joined together. 8 The skillfully woven inches, and its pillars thirty-four feet five inches, and band, which is on it, that is on him, shall be like its work their sockets thirty-four feet five inches, of bronze; the and of the same piece; of gold, of blue, and purple, and hooks of the pillars, and their fillets, of silver. 12 For the scarlet, and fine twined linen. 9 You shall take two onyx breadth of the court on the west side shall be hangings stones, and engrave on them the names of the sons of of eighty-six feet one inch; their pillars seventeen feet Israel: 10 six of their names on the one stone, and the three inches, and their sockets seventeen feet three names of the six that remain on the other stone, in the inches. 13 The breadth of the court on the east side order of their birth. 11 With the work of an engraver in eastward shall be eighty-six feet one inch. 14 The stone, like the engravings of a signet, you shall engrave hangings for the one side of the gate shall be twenty- the two stones, according to the names of the sons of five feet ten inches; their pillars five feet two inches, Israel: you shall make them to be enclosed in settings and their sockets five feet two inches. 15 For the other of gold. 12 You shall put the two stones on the shoulder side shall be hangings of twenty-five feet ten inches; straps of the ephod, to be stones of memorial for the their pillars five feet two inches, and their sockets five sons of Israel: and Aaron shall bear their names before feet two inches. 16 For the gate of the court shall be the LORD on his two shoulders for a memorial. 13 You a screen of thirty-four feet five inches, of blue, and shall make settings of gold, 14 and two chains of pure purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, the work of gold; you shall make them like cords of braided work: the embroiderer; their pillars six feet eleven inches, and and you shall put the braided chains on the settings. 15 their sockets six feet eleven inches. 17 All the pillars of "You shall make a breastplate of judgment, the work the court around shall be filleted with silver; their hooks of the skillful workman; like the work of the ephod you of silver, and their sockets of bronze. 18 The length of shall make it; of gold, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, the court shall be one hundred seventy-two feet three and fine twined linen, you shall make it. 16 It shall be inches, and the breadth eighty-six feet one inch every square and folded double; a span shall be its length of where, and the height eight feet seven inches, of fine it, and a span its breadth. 17 You shall set in it settings instruments of the tabernacle in all its service, and all its and beryl shall be the first row; 18 and the second row pins, and all the pins of the court, shall be of bronze. 20 a turquoise, a sapphire, and an emerald; 19 and the "You shall command the children of Israel, that they third row a jacinth, an agate, and an amethyst; 20 and bring to you pure olive oil beaten for the light, to cause the fourth row a chrysolite, an onyx, and a jasper: they a lamp to burn continually. 21 In the Tent of Meeting, shall be enclosed in gold in their settings, 21 The stones outside the veil which is before the testimony, Aaron and shall be according to the names of the sons of Israel, his sons shall keep it in order from evening to morning twelve, according to their names; like the engravings of before the LORD: it shall be a statute forever throughout a signet, everyone according to his name, they shall be for the twelve tribes. 22 You shall make on the breastplate chains like cords, of braided work of pure gold. 23 You shall make on the breastplate two rings of gold, and shall put the two rings on the two ends of the breastplate. 24 You shall put the two braided chains of gold in the two rings at the ends of the breastplate. 25 The other two ends of the two braided chains you shall put on the two settings, and put them on the shoulder straps of the ephod in its forepart. 26 You shall make place; that they do not bear iniquity, and die; it shall be a two rings of gold, and you shall put them on the two ends of the breastplate, on its edge, which is toward the side of the ephod inward. 27 You shall make two rings of gold, and shall put them on the two shoulder straps of the ephod underneath, in its forepart, close by its coupling, above the skillfully woven band of the ephod. 28 They shall bind the breastplate by its rings to the rings of the ephod with a lace of blue, that it may be on the skillfully woven band of the ephod, and that the breastplate may not swing out from the ephod. 29 Aaron shall bear the names of the sons of Israel on the breastplate for judging over his heart, when he goes in to the holy place, as a continual reminder before God. 30 You are to put in the breastplate for judging the Urim and the Thummim: and they are to be over Aaron's heart, when he goes in before the LORD. And Aaron will carry the means to make decisions for the children of Israel over his heart before the LORD continually. 31 "You shall make the robe of the ephod all of blue. 32 It shall have a hole for the head in its midst: it shall have a binding of woven work around its hole, as it were the hole of a coat of mail, that it not be torn. 33 On its hem vou shall make pomegranates of blue, and of purple. and of scarlet, around its hem; and bells of gold between and around them: 34 a golden bell and a pomegranate, a golden bell and a pomegranate, around the hem of the robe. 35 It shall be on Aaron to minister: and its sound shall be heard when he goes in to the holy place before the LORD, and when he comes out, that he not die. 36 "You shall make a plate of pure gold, and engrave on it, like the engravings of a signet, 'HOLY TO THE LORD.' 37 You shall put it on a lace of blue, and it shall be on the sash; on the front of the sash it shall be. 38 It shall be on Aaron's forehead, and Aaron shall bear the iniquity of the holy things, which the children of Israel shall make holy in all their holy gifts; and it shall be always on his forehead, that they may be accepted before the LORD. 39 You shall weave the coat in checker work of fine linen, and you shall make a turban of fine linen, and you shall make a sash, the work of the embroiderer. 40 "You shall make coats for Aaron's sons, and you shall make sashes for them and you shall make headbands for them, for glory and for beauty. 41 You shall put them on Aaron your brother, and on his sons with him, and shall anoint them, and consecrate them, and sanctify them, that they may minister to me in the priest's office. 42 You shall make them linen breeches to cover the flesh of their nakedness; from the waist even to the thighs they shall reach: 43 They shall be on Aaron, and on his sons, when they go in to the Tent of Meeting, or when they come near to the altar to minister in the holy

statute forever to him and to his descendants after him.

29 "This is the thing that you shall do to them to make them holy, to minister to me in the priest's office: take one young bull and two rams without blemish, 2 unleavened bread, unleavened cakes mixed with oil, and unleavened wafers anointed with oil: you shall make them of fine wheat flour. 3 You shall put them into one basket, and bring them in the basket, with the bull and the two rams. 4 You shall bring Aaron and his sons to the door of the Tent of Meeting, and shall wash them with water. 5 You shall take the garments, and put on Aaron the coat, the robe of the ephod, the ephod, and the breastplate, and dress him with the skillfully woven band of the ephod: 6 and you shall set the turban on his head, and put the holy crown on the turban. 7 Then you shall take the anointing oil, and pour it on his head, and anoint him. 8 You shall bring his sons, and put coats on them. 9 You shall wrap sashes around them, and bind headbands on them: and they shall have the priesthood by a perpetual statute: and you shall consecrate Aaron and his sons. 10 "You shall bring the bull before the Tent of Meeting: and Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands on the head of the bull. 11 You shall kill the bull before the LORD, at the door of the Tent of Meeting. 12 You shall take of the blood of the bull, and put it on the horns of the altar with your finger; and you shall pour out all the blood at the base of the altar. 13 You shall take all the fat that covers the entrails, the cover of the liver, the two kidneys, and the fat that is on them, and burn them on the altar. 14 But the flesh of the bull, and its skin, and its dung, you shall burn with fire outside of the camp: it is a sin offering. 15 "You shall also take the one ram; and Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands on the head of the ram. 16 You shall kill the ram, and you shall take its blood, and sprinkle it around on the altar. 17 You shall cut the ram into its pieces, and wash its entrails, and its legs, and put them with its pieces, and with its head. 18 You shall burn the whole ram on the altar: it is a burnt offering to the LORD; it is a pleasant aroma, an offering made by fire to the LORD. 19 "You shall take the other ram; and Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands on the head of the ram. 20 Then you shall kill the ram, and take some of its blood. and put it on the tip of the right ear of Aaron, and on the tip of the right ear of his sons, and on the thumb of their right hand, and on the big toe of their right foot, and sprinkle the blood around on the altar. 21 You shall take of the blood that is on the altar, and of the anointing oil, and sprinkle it on Aaron, and on his garments, and on his sons, and on the garments of his sons with him: and he shall be made holy, and his garments, and his sons, and his sons' garments with him. 22 Also you

shall take some of the ram's fat, the fat tail, the fat shall offer at evening, and shall do to it according to the that covers the entrails, the cover of the liver, the two meal offering of the morning, and according to its drink kidneys, the fat that is on them, and the right thigh (for it offering, for a pleasant aroma, an offering made by fire is a ram of consecration), 23 and one loaf of bread, one to the LORD. 42 It shall be a continual burnt offering cake of oiled bread, and one wafer out of the basket throughout your generations at the door of the Tent of of unleavened bread that is before the LORD. 24 You Meeting before the LORD, where I will meet with you, shall put all of this in Aaron's hands, and in his sons' to speak there to you. 43 There I will meet with the hands, and shall wave them for a wave offering before children of Israel; and the place shall be sanctified by the LORD. 25 You shall take them from their hands, my glory. 44 I will sanctify the Tent of Meeting and the and burn them on the altar on the burnt offering, for a altar: Aaron also and his sons I will sanctify, to minister pleasant aroma before the LORD: it is an offering made to me in the priest's office. 45 I will dwell among the by fire to the LORD. 26 "You shall take the breast of children of Israel, and will be their God. 46 They shall Aaron's ram of consecration, and wave it for a wave know that I am the LORD their God, who brought them offering before the LORD: and it shall be your portion. forth out of the land of Egypt, that I might dwell among 27 You shall sanctify the breast of the wave offering, them: I am the LORD their God. and the thigh of the wave offering, which is waved. and which is heaved up, of the ram of consecration, even of that which is for Aaron, and of that which is for his sons: 28 and it shall be for Aaron and his sons as their portion forever from the children of Israel; for it is a wave offering: and it shall be a wave offering from the children of Israel of the sacrifices of their peace offerings, even their wave offering to the LORD. 29 "The holy garments of Aaron shall be for his sons after him. to be anointed in them, and to be consecrated in them. 30 Seven days shall the son who is priest in his place put them on, when he comes into the Tent of Meeting to minister in the holy place. 31 "You shall take the ram of consecration, and boil its flesh in a holy place. 32 Aaron and his sons shall eat the flesh of the ram, and the bread that is in the basket, at the door of the Tent of Meeting. 33 They shall eat those things with which atonement was made, to consecrate and sanctify them: but a stranger shall not eat of it, because they are holy. 34 If anything of the flesh of the consecration, or of the bread, remains to the morning, then you shall burn the remainder with fire: it shall not be eaten, because it is holy. 35 "You shall do so to Aaron, and to his sons, according to all that I have commanded you. You shall consecrate them seven days. 36 Every day you shall offer the bull of sin offering for atonement: and you shall cleanse the altar, when you make atonement for it: and you shall anoint it, to sanctify it. 37 Seven days vou shall make atonement for the altar, and sanctify it: and the altar shall be most holy; whatever touches the altar shall be holy. 38 "Now this is that which you shall offer on the altar: two lambs a year old day by day continually, a continual burnt offering. 39 The one lamb you shall offer in the morning; and the other lamb you shall offer at evening: 40 and with the one lamb a tenth part of an ephah of fine flour mixed with the fourth part of a hin of beaten oil, and the fourth part of a hin of wine for a drink offering. 41 The other lamb you

"You shall make an altar to burn incense on. You 30 shall make it of acacia wood. 2 Its length shall be a twenty-one inches, and its breadth twenty-one inches. It shall be square, and its height shall be three feet five inches. 3 You shall overlay it with pure gold, its top, its sides around it, and its horns; and you shall make a gold molding around it. 4 You shall make two golden rings for it under its molding; on its two ribs, on its two sides you shall make them; and they shall be for places for poles with which to bear it. 5 You shall make the poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with gold. 6 You shall put it before the veil that is by the ark of the testimony, before the mercy seat that is over the testimony, where I will meet with you. 7 Aaron shall burn incense of sweet spices on it every morning. When he tends the lamps, he shall burn it. 8 When Aaron lights the lamps at evening, he shall burn it, a perpetual incense before the LORD throughout your generations. 9 You shall offer no strange incense on it, nor burnt offering, nor meal offering; and you shall pour no drink offering on it. 10 Aaron shall make atonement on its horns once in the year; with the blood of the sin offering of atonement once in the year he shall make atonement for it throughout your generations. It is most holy to the LORD." 11 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 12 "When you take a census of the children of Israel, according to those who are numbered among them, then each man shall give a ransom for his soul to the LORD, when you number them; that there be no plague among them when you number them. 13 They shall give this, everyone who passes over to those who are numbered, half a shekel after the shekel of the sanctuary; (the shekel is twenty gerahs;) half a shekel for an offering to the LORD. 14 Everyone who passes over to those who are numbered, from twenty years old and upward, shall give the offering to the LORD. 15 The rich shall not give more, and the poor shall not give less, than the make atonement for your souls. 16 You shall take the atonement money from the children of Israel, and shall son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah: 3 and I have filled him appoint it for the service of the Tent of Meeting; that with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, it may be a memorial for the children of Israel before and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship, 4 the LORD, to make atonement for your souls." 17 The to devise skillful works, to work in gold, and in silver, and LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 18 "You shall also make in bronze, 5 and in cutting of stones for setting, and in a basin of bronze, and its base of bronze, in which to carving of wood, to work in all manner of workmanship. wash. You shall put it between the Tent of Meeting and 6 I, look, I have appointed with him Oholiab, the son the altar, and you shall put water in it. 19 Aaron and of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan; and in the heart of his sons shall wash their hands and their feet in it. 20 all who are wise-hearted I have put wisdom, that they When they go into the Tent of Meeting, they shall wash may make all that I have commanded you: 7 the Tent with water, that they not die; or when they come near to of Meeting, the ark of the testimony, the mercy seat the altar to minister, to burn an offering made by fire to that is on it, all the furniture of the Tent, a the table and the LORD. 21 So they shall wash their hands and their its vessels, the pure lampstand with all its vessels, the feet, that they not die: and it shall be a statute forever to altar of incense. 9 the altar of burnt offering with all its them, even to him and to his descendants throughout vessels, the basin and its base, 10 the finely worked their generations." 22 Moreover the LORD spoke to garments—the holy garments for Aaron the priest—the Moses, saving, 23 "Also take fine spices: of liquid myrrh, garments of his sons to minister in the priest's office, 11 five hundred shekels; and of fragrant cinnamon half as the anointing oil, and the incense of sweet spices for the much, even two hundred and fifty; and of fragrant cane, holy place: according to all that I have commanded you two hundred and fifty; 24 and of cassia five hundred, they shall do." 12 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, after the shekel of the sanctuary; and a hin of olive 13 "Speak also to the children of Israel, saying, 'Most oil. 25 You shall make it a holy anointing oil, a perfume certainly you shall keep my Sabbaths; for it is a sign compounded after the art of the perfumer: it shall be a between me and you throughout your generations; that holy anointing oil. 26 You shall use it to anoint the Tent you may know that I am the LORD who sanctifies you. of Meeting, the ark of the testimony. 27 the table and 14 You shall keep the Sabbath therefore; for it is holy to all its articles, the lampstand and its accessories, the you. Everyone who profanes it shall surely be put to altar of incense, 28 the altar of burnt offering with all death; for whoever does any work in it, that soul shall its utensils, and the basin with its base. 29 You shall be cut off from among his people. 15 Six days shall sanctify them, that they may be most holy. Whatever work be done, but on the seventh day is a Sabbath of touches them shall be holy. 30 You shall anoint Aaron solemn rest, holy to the LORD. Whoever does any work and his sons, and sanctify them, that they may minister on the Sabbath day shall surely be put to death. 16 to me in the priest's office. 31 You shall speak to the Therefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, children of Israel, saying, 'This shall be a holy anointing to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations, oil to me throughout your generations. 32 It shall not be for a perpetual covenant. 17 It is a sign between me poured on man's flesh, neither shall you make any like and the children of Israel forever; for in six days the it, according to its composition: it is holy. It shall be holy LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day to you. 33 Whoever compounds any like it, or whoever he rested, and was refreshed." 18 He gave to Moses, puts any of it on a stranger, he shall be cut off from his when he finished speaking with him on Mount Sinai, the people." 34 The LORD said to Moses, "Take to yourself two tablets of the testimony, stone tablets, written by the sweet spices, gum resin, and onvcha, and galbanum: finger of God. sweet spices with pure frankincense: of each shall there be an equal weight: 35 and you shall make incense of it. a perfume after the art of the perfumer, seasoned with salt, pure and holy: 36 and you shall beat some of it very small, and put some of it before the testimony in the Tent of Meeting, where I will meet with you. It shall be to you most holy. 37 The incense which you shall make, according to its composition you shall not make for yourselves: it shall be to you holy for the LORD. 38 Whoever shall make any like that, to smell of it, he shall be cut off from his people."

half shekel, when they give the offering of the LORD, to **31** The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, **2** "Look, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, the

> 32 When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered themselves together to Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make us gods, which shall go before us; for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." 2 Aaron said to them, "Take off the golden rings, which are in the ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters, and bring them to me." 3 All the people took off the golden rings which were in their ears, and brought them to Aaron. 4 He received what they handed him, and

fashioned it with an engraving tool, and made it a molten these people do to you, that you have brought a great calf; and they said, "These are your gods, Israel, which sin on them?" 22 Aaron said, "Do not let the anger of my brought you up out of the land of Egypt." 5 When Aaron lord grow hot. You know the people, that they are set saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made a on evil. 23 For they said to me, 'Make us gods, which proclamation, and said, "Tomorrow shall be a feast to shall go before us; for this Moses, the man who brought the LORD." 6 They rose up early on the next day, and us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; has become of him.' 24 I said to them, 'Whoever has and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose any gold, let them take it off:' so they gave it to me; up to play. 7 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, and I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf." 25 "Go down at once, for your people whom you brought When Moses saw that the people had broken loose, (for up out of the land of Egypt have corrupted themselves. Aaron had let them loose for a derision among their 8 They have turned aside quickly out of the way which enemies), 26 then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, I commanded them. They have made themselves a and said, "Whoever is on the LORD's side, come to molten calf, and have worshiped it, and have sacrificed me." All the sons of Levi gathered themselves together to it, and said, 'These are your gods, Israel, which to him. 27 He said to them, "Thus says the LORD, the brought you up out of the land of Egypt." 9 The LORD God of Israel, 'Every man put his sword on his thigh, said to Moses, "I have seen these people, and look, they and go back and forth from gate to gate throughout the are a stiff-necked people. 10 Now therefore leave me camp, and every man kill his brother, and every man his alone, that my wrath may burn hot against them, and companion, and every man his neighbor." 28 The sons that I may consume them; and I will make of you a great of Levi did according to the word of Moses: and there nation." 11 Moses pleaded with the LORD his God, and fell of the people that day about three thousand men. 29 said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against And Moses said, "You have been consecrated today to your people, that you have brought forth out of the land the LORD, each one at the cost of his son and of his of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? 12 brother, so he has given a blessing to you this day." 30 Why should the Egyptians speak, saying, 'He brought It happened on the next day, that Moses said to the them forth for evil, to kill them in the mountains, and to people, "You have committed a great sin. And now I will consume them from the surface of the earth?' Turn from go up to God. Perhaps I can make atonement for your your fierce wrath, and repent of this evil against your sin." 31 Moses returned to the LORD, and said, "Oh, people. 13 Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your this people have sinned a great sin, and have made servants, to whom you swore by your own self, and themselves gods of gold. 32 Yet now, if you will, forgive said to them, 'I will multiply your descendants as the their sin-and if not, please blot me out of your book stars of the sky, and all this land that I have spoken of I which you have written." 33 The LORD said to Moses, will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it "Whoever has sinned against me, him will I blot out of forever." 14 The LORD changed his mind about the my book. 34 Now go, lead the people to the place of disaster which he said he would do to his people. 15 which I have spoken to you. Look, my angel shall go Moses turned, and went down from the mountain, with before you. Nevertheless in the day when I punish, I the two tablets of the testimony in his hand; tablets that will punish them for their sin." 35 The LORD struck were written on both their sides; on the one side and on the people, because they made the calf, which Aaron the other they were written. 16 The tablets were the made. work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, engraved on the tables. 17 When Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said to Moses. "There is the noise of war in the camp." 18 He said, "It isn't the voice of those who shout for victory, neither is it the voice of those who cry for being overcome; but the noise of those who sing that I hear." 19 It happened, as soon as he came near to the camp, that he saw the calf and the dancing: and Moses' anger grew hot, and he threw the tablets out of his hands, and broke them beneath the mountain. 20 He took the calf which they had made, and burnt it with fire, ground it to powder, and scattered it on the water, and made the children of Israel drink of it. 21 Moses said to Aaron, "What did

33 The LORD spoke to Moses, "Depart, go up from here, you and the people that you have brought up out of the land of Egypt, to the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants.' 2 I will send an angel before you; and I will drive out the Canaanite, and the Amorite, and the Hethite, and the Perizzite, and the Girgashite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite: 3 to a land flowing with milk and honey: for I will not go up in the midst of you, for you are a stiff-necked people, lest I consume you in the way." 4 When the people heard this evil news, they mourned: and no one put on his jewelry. 5 The LORD said to Moses, "Tell the children of Israel, 'You are a stiff-necked people. If I were to go up into your midst for one moment. I would consume you. Therefore morning to Mount Sinai, and station yourself there to me now take off your jewelry from you, that I may know on the top of the mountain. 3 No one shall come up what to do to you." 6 The children of Israel stripped with you; neither let anyone be seen throughout all the themselves of their jewelry from Mount Horeb onward. 7 mountain; neither let the flocks nor herds feed before Now Moses used to take the tent and to pitch it outside that mountain." 4 He chiseled two tablets of stone like the camp, far away from the camp, and he called it "The the first; and Moses rose up early in the morning, and Tent of Meeting." It happened that everyone who sought went up to Mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded the LORD went out to the Tent of Meeting, which was him, and took in his hand two stone tablets. 5 The outside the camp. 8 It happened that when Moses went LORD descended in the cloud, and stood with him out to the Tent, that all the people rose up, and stood, there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. 6 The everyone at their tent door, and watched Moses, until he LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, "The had gone into the Tent. 9 It happened, when Moses LORD, the LORD, a merciful and gracious God, slow to entered into the Tent, that the pillar of cloud descended, anger, and abundant in loving kindness and truth, 7 stood at the door of the Tent, and spoke with Moses. 10 keeping loving kindness for thousands, forgiving iniquity All the people saw the pillar of cloud stand at the door and transgression and sin; and that will by no means of the Tent, and all the people rose up and worshiped, clear [the guilty], visiting the iniquity of the fathers on everyone at their tent door. 11 The LORD spoke to the children, and upon the children's children, upon the Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. He third and upon the fourth [generation]." 8 Moses hurried turned again into the camp, but his servant Joshua, the and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshiped. 9 son of Nun, a young man, did not depart out of the Tent. He said, "If now I have found favor in your sight, please 12 Moses said to the LORD, "Look, you tell me, 'Bring let my Lord go in the midst of us; although this is a stiffup this people:' and you haven't let me know whom you necked people; pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by us for your inheritance." 10 He said, "Look, I make a name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' 13 covenant: before all your people I will do marvels, such Now therefore, if I have found favor in your sight, please as have not been worked in all the earth, nor in any show me now your ways, that I may know you, so that nation; and all the people among which you are shall I may find favor in your sight: and consider that this see the work of the LORD; for it is an awesome thing nation is your people." 14 He said, "My presence will go that I do with you. 11 Observe that which I command you with you, and I will give you rest." 15 He said to him, "If this day. Look, I drive out before you the Amorite, and your presence doesn't go with me, do not carry us up the Canaanite, and the Hethite, and the Girgashite, and from here. 16 For how would people know that I have the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite. 12 Be found favor in your sight, I and your people? Isn't it in careful, lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants that you go with us, so that we are separated, I and of the land where you are going, lest it be for a snare your people, from all the people who are on the surface in the midst of you: 13 but you shall break down their of the earth?" 17 The LORD said to Moses, "I will do altars, and dash in pieces their pillars, and you shall cut this thing also that you have spoken; for you have found down their Asherim; 14 for you shall worship no other favor in my sight, and I know you by name." 18 He said, god: for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous "Please show me your glory." 19 He said, "I will make all God. 15 Do not make a covenant with the inhabitants of my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim the the land, lest they play the prostitute after their gods, name of the LORD before you. I will be gracious to and sacrifice to their gods, and one call you and you whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom eat of his sacrifice; 16 and you take of their daughters I will show mercy." 20 He said. "You cannot see my to your sons, and their daughters play the prostitute face, for man may not see me and live." 21 The LORD after their gods, and make your sons play the prostitute also said, "Look, there is a place by me, and you are to after their gods. 17 You shall make no cast idols for station yourself on the rock. 22 It will happen, while my yourselves. 18 "You shall keep the feast of unleavened glory passes by, that I will put you in a cleft of the rock, bread. Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, as I and will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; commanded you, at the time appointed in the month 23 then I will take away my hand, and you will see my Abib; for in the month Abib you came out from Egypt. back; but my face shall not be seen."

31 The LORD said to Moses, "Chisel two stone tablets like the first: and I will write on the tablets the words that were on the first tablets, which you broke. 2 Be ready by the morning, and come up in the

19 All firstborn of the womb are mine, and all your male cattle, the firstborn of ox or sheep. 20 The firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb: and if you will not redeem it, then you shall break its neck. All the firstborn of your sons you shall redeem. No one shall appear

before me empty. 21 "Six days you shall work, but on 6 blue, purple, scarlet, fine linen, goats' hair, 7 rams' the seventh day you shall rest: in plowing time and in skins dyed red, sea cow hides, acacia wood, 8 oil for harvest you shall rest. 22 You shall observe the feast of the light, spices for the anointing oil and for the sweet weeks with the first fruits of wheat harvest, and the feast incense, 9 onyx stones, and stones to be set for the of harvest at the year's end. 23 Three times in the year ephod and for the breastplate. 10 "Let every wiseall your males shall appear before the Lord GOD, the hearted man among you come, and make all that the God of Israel. 24 For I will drive out nations before you LORD has commanded: 11 the tabernacle, its outer and enlarge your borders; neither shall any man desire covering, its roof, its clasps, its boards, its bars, its your land when you go up to appear before the LORD, pillars, and its sockets; 12 the ark, and its poles, the your God, three times in the year. 25 "You shall not offer mercy seat, the curtain to screen it; 13 the table with its the blood of my sacrifice with leavened bread; neither poles and all its vessels, and the show bread; 14 the shall the sacrifice of the feast of the Passover be left to lampstand also for the light, with its vessels, its lamps, the morning. 26 You shall bring the first of the first fruits and the oil for the light; 15 and the altar of incense of your ground to the house of the LORD your God. You with its poles, the anointing oil, the sweet incense, the shall not boil a young goat in its mother's milk." 27 The screen for the door, at the door of the tabernacle; 16 LORD said to Moses, "Write you these words: for in the altar of burnt offering, with its grating of bronze, its accordance with these words I have made a covenant poles, and all its vessels, the basin and its base; 17 with you and with Israel." 28 He was there with the the hangings of the court, its pillars, their sockets, and LORD forty days and forty nights; he neither ate bread, the screen for the gate of the court; 18 the pins of the nor drank water. He wrote on the tablets the words of tabernacle, the pins of the court, and their cords; 19 the covenant, the ten commandments. 29 It happened, the finely worked garments, for ministering in the holy when Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two place, the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the tablets of the testimony in Moses' hand, when he came garments of his sons, to minister in the priest's office." down from the mountain, that Moses did not know that 20 All the congregation of the children of Israel departed the skin of his face shone by reason of his speaking with from the presence of Moses. 21 They came, everyone him. 30 When Aaron and all the children of Israel saw whose heart stirred him up, and everyone whom his Moses, look, the skin of his face shone; and they were spirit made willing, and brought the LORD's offering, for afraid to come near him. 31 Moses called to them, and the work of the Tent of Meeting, and for all of its service, Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned and for the holy garments. 22 They came, both men and to him; and Moses spoke to them. 32 Afterward all the women, as many as were willing-hearted, and brought children of Israel came near, and he gave them all of brooches, earrings, signet rings, and armlets, all jewels the commandments that the LORD had spoken with him of gold; even every man who offered an offering of gold on Mount Sinai. 33 When Moses was done speaking to the LORD. 23 Everyone, with whom was found blue, with them, he put a veil on his face. 34 But when Moses purple, scarlet, fine linen, goats' hair, rams' skins dyed went in before the LORD to speak with him, he took the red, and sea cow hides, brought them. 24 Everyone veil off, until he came out; and he came out, and spoke who did offer an offering of silver and bronze brought to the children of Israel that which he was commanded. the LORD's offering; and everyone, with whom was 35 The children of Israel saw Moses' face, that the skin found acacia wood for any work of the service, brought of Moses' face shone: and Moses put the veil on his it. 25 All the women who were wise-hearted spun with face again, until he went in to speak with him.

35 Moses assembled all the congregation of the children of Israel, and said to them, "These are the words which the LORD has commanded, that you should do them. 2 'Six days shall work be done, but on the seventh day there shall be a holy day for you, a Sabbath of solemn rest to the LORD: whoever does any work in it shall be put to death. 3 You shall kindle no fire throughout your habitations on the Sabbath day." 4 Moses spoke to all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying, "This is the thing which the LORD commanded, saying, 5 'Take from among you an offering to the LORD. Whoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it, the LORD's offering: gold, silver, bronze,

their hands, and brought that which they had spun,

the blue, the purple, the scarlet, and the fine linen. 26 All the women whose heart stirred them up in wisdom spun the goats' hair. 27 And the leaders brought the onyx stones, and the stones to be set, for the ephod and for the breastplate; 28 and the spice, and the oil for the light, for the anointing oil, and for the sweet incense. 29 The children of Israel brought a freewill offering to the LORD; every man and woman, whose heart made them willing to bring for all the work, which the LORD had commanded to be made by Moses. 30 Moses said to the children of Israel, "Look, God has called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. 31 He has filled him with the Spirit

of God, in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, over the tabernacle. He made them eleven curtains, works.

36 "Bezalel and Oholiab shall work with every wisehearted man, in whom the LORD has put wisdom and understanding to know how to work all the work for the service of the sanctuary, according to all that the LORD has commanded." 2 Moses called Bezalel and Oholiab, and every wise-hearted man, in whose heart God had put wisdom, even everyone whose heart stirred him up to come to the work to do it: 3 and they received from Moses all the offering which the children of Israel had brought for the work of the service of the sanctuary, with which to make it. They brought yet to him freewill offerings every morning. 4 All the wise men, who performed all the work of the sanctuary, each came from his work which they did. 5 They spoke to Moses, saving, "The people bring much more than enough for the service of the work which the LORD commanded to make." 6 Moses gave commandment, and they caused it to be proclaimed throughout the camp, saying, "Let neither man nor woman make anything else for the offering for the sanctuary." So the people were restrained from bringing. 7 For the stuff they had was sufficient for all the work to make it, and too much. 8 All the wise-hearted men among those who did the work made the tabernacle with ten curtains; of fine twined linen, blue, purple, and scarlet, with cherubim, the work of the skillful workman, they made them. 9 The length of each curtain was forty-eight feet three inches, and the breadth of each curtain six feet eleven inches. All the curtains were the same size. 10 He coupled five curtains to one another, and the other five curtains he coupled one to another. 11 He made loops of blue on the edge of the one curtain from the edge in the coupling. Likewise he made in the edge of the curtain that was outmost in the second coupling. 12 He made fifty loops in the one curtain, and he made fifty loops in the edge of the curtain that was in the second coupling. The loops were opposite one to another. 13 He made fifty clasps of gold, and coupled the curtains one to another with the clasps: so the tabernacle was a unit. 14 He made curtains of goats' hair for a covering

and in all manner of workmanship; 32 and to make 15 The length of each curtain was fifty-one feet eight skillful works, to work in gold, in silver, in bronze, 33 in inches, and six feet eleven inches the breadth of each cutting of stones for setting, and in carving of wood, to curtain. The eleven curtains were the same size. 16 He work in all kinds of skillful workmanship. 34 He has put coupled five curtains by themselves, and six curtains in his heart that he may teach, both he, and Oholiab, by themselves. 17 He made fifty loops on the edge of the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan. 35 He has the curtain that was outmost in the coupling, and he filled them with wisdom of heart, to work all manner of made fifty loops on the edge of the curtain which was workmanship, of the engraver, of the skillful workman, outmost in the second coupling. 18 He made fifty clasps and of the embroiderer, in blue, in purple, in scarlet, of bronze to couple the tent together, that it might be and in fine linen, and of the weaver, even of those who a unit. 19 He made a covering for the tent of rams' do any workmanship, and of those who make skillful skins dyed red, and a covering of sea cow hides above. 20 He made the boards for the tabernacle of acacia wood, standing up. 21 Seventeen feet three inches was the length of a board, and two feet seven inches the breadth of each board. 22 Each board had two tenons, joined one to another. He made all the boards of the tabernacle this way. 23 He made the boards for the tabernacle: twenty boards for the south side southward. 24 He made forty sockets of silver under the twenty boards; two sockets under one board for its two tenons, and two sockets under another board for its two tenons. 25 For the second side of the tabernacle, on the north side, he made twenty boards. 26 and their forty sockets of silver; two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board. 27 For the far part of the tabernacle westward he made six boards. 28 He made two boards for the corners of the tabernacle in the far part. 29 They were double beneath, and in like manner they were all the way to its top to one ring. He did thus to both of them in the two corners. 30 There were eight boards, and their sockets of silver, sixteen sockets; under every board two sockets. 31 He made bars of acacia 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 at the rear westward. 33 He made the middle bar to pass through in the midst of the boards from the one end to the other. 34 He overlaid the boards with gold, and made their rings of gold for places for the bars, and overlaid the bars with gold. 35 He made the veil of blue, purple, scarlet, and fine twined linen; with cherubim. He made it the work of a skillful workman. 36 He made four pillars of acacia for it, and overlaid them with gold. Their hooks were of gold. He cast four sockets of silver for them. 37 He made a screen for the door of the tent, of blue, purple, scarlet, and fine twined linen, the work of an embroiderer; 38 and the five pillars of it with their hooks. He overlaid their capitals and their fillets with gold, and their five sockets were of bronze.

> 37 Bezalel made the ark of acacia wood. Its length was four feet four inches, and its breadth two feet seven inches, and two feet seven inches its height. 2 He

a molding of gold for it around it. 3 He cast four rings of and its horns. He made a gold molding around it. 27 He gold for it, in its four feet; even two rings on its one side, made two golden rings for it under its molding crown, and two rings on its other side. 4 He made poles of on its two ribs, on its two sides, for places for poles acacia wood, and overlaid them with gold. 5 He put the with which to carry it. 28 He made the poles of acacia poles into the rings on the sides of the ark, to bear the wood, and overlaid them with gold. 29 He made the ark. 6 He made a mercy seat of pure gold. Its length holy anointing oil and the pure incense of sweet spices. was four feet four inches, and two feet seven inches, its after the art of the perfumer. breadth. 7 He made two cherubim of gold. He made them of beaten work, at the two ends of the mercy seat; 8 one cherub at the one end, and one cherub at the other end. He made the cherubim of one piece with the mercy seat at its two ends. 9 The cherubim spread out their wings on high, covering the mercy seat with their wings, with their faces toward one another. The faces of the cherubim were toward the mercy seat. 10 He made the table of acacia wood. Its length was three feet five inches, and its breadth was twenty-one inches, and its height was two feet seven inches. 11 He overlaid it with pure gold, and made a gold molding around it. 12 He made a border of a handbreadth around it, and made a golden molding on its border around it. 13 He cast four rings of gold for it, and put the rings in the four corners that were on its four feet. 14 The rings were close by the border, the places for the poles to carry the table. 15 He made the poles of acacia wood, and overlaid them with gold, to carry the table. 16 He made the vessels which were on the table, its dishes, its spoons, its bowls, and its pitchers with which to pour out, of pure gold. 17 He made the lampstand of pure gold. He made the lampstand of beaten work. Its base, its shaft, its cups, its buds, and its flowers were of one piece with it. 18 There were six branches going out of its sides: three branches of the lampstand out of its one side, and three branches of the lampstand out of its other side: 19 three cups made like almond blossoms in one branch, a bud and a flower, and three cups made like almond blossoms in the other branch. a bud and a flower: so for the six branches going out of the lampstand. 20 In the lampstand were four cups made like almond blossoms, its buds and its flowers: 21 and a bud under two branches of one piece with it, and a bud under two branches of one piece with it, and a bud under two branches of one piece with it. for the six branches going out of it. 22 Their buds and their branches were of one piece with it. The whole thing was one beaten work of pure gold. 23 He made its seven lamps, and its snuffers, and its snuff dishes, of pure gold. 24 He made it of a talent of pure gold, with all its vessels. 25 He made the altar of incense of acacia wood. It was square: its length was twenty-one inches, and its breadth twenty-one inches. Its height was three feet five inches. Its horns were of one piece with it. 26

overlaid it with pure gold inside and outside, and made He overlaid it with pure gold, its top, its sides around it,

38 He made the altar of burnt offering of acacia wood. It was square. Its length was eight feet seven inches, its breadth was eight feet seven inches, and its height was five feet two inches. 2 He made its horns on its four corners. Its horns were of one piece with it, and he overlaid it with bronze. 3 He made all the vessels of the altar, the pots, the shovels, the basins, the forks, and the fire pans. He made all its vessels of bronze. 4 He made for the altar a grating of a network of bronze. under the ledge around it beneath, reaching halfway up. 5 He cast four rings for the four ends of bronze grating. to be places for the poles. 6 He made the poles of acacia wood, and overlaid them with bronze. 7 He put the poles into the rings on the sides of the altar, with which to carry it. He made it hollow with planks. 8 He made the basin of bronze, and its base of bronze, out of the mirrors of the ministering women who ministered at the door of the Tent of Meeting. 9 He made the court: for the south side southward the hangings of the court were of fine twined linen, one hundred seventy-two feet three inches; 10 their pillars were thirty-four feet five inches, and their sockets thirty-four feet five inches, of bronze; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets were of silver. 11 For the north side one hundred seventy-two feet three inches; their pillars thirty-four feet five inches, and their sockets thirty-four feet five inches, of bronze; the hooks of the pillars, and their fillets, of silver, 12 For the west side were hangings of eighty-six feet one inch, their pillars seventeen feet three inches, and their sockets seventeen feet three inches; the hooks of the pillars, and their fillets, of silver. 13 For the east side eastward eighty-six feet one inch. 14 The hangings for the one side were twenty-five feet ten inches; their pillars five feet two inches, and their sockets five feet two inches; 15 and so for the other side: on this hand and that hand by the gate of the court were hangings of twenty-five feet ten inches; their pillars five feet two inches, and their sockets five feet two inches. 16 All the hangings around the court were of fine twined linen. 17 The sockets for the pillars were of bronze. The hooks of the pillars and their fillets were of silver; and the overlaving of their capitals, of silver; and all the pillars of the court were filleted with silver. 18 The screen for the gate of the court was the work of the embroiderer, of blue, purple, scarlet, and fine twined linen. Thirty-like its work; of gold, of blue, purple, scarlet, and fine the breadth was eight feet seven inches, like to the worked the onyx stones, enclosed in settings of gold, bronze. 21 This is the amount of material used for the workman, like the work of the ephod; of gold, of blue, tabernacle, even the Tabernacle of the Testimony, as purple, scarlet, and fine twined linen. 9 It was square. gold that was used for the work in all the work of the according to the names of the sons of Israel, twelve, sanctuary, even the gold of the offering, was twenty- according to their names; like the engravings of a signet, nine talents, and seven hundred thirty shekels, after everyone according to his name, for the twelve tribes. bronze altar, the bronze grating for it, all the vessels of loose from the ephod, as the LORD commanded Moses. all the pins around the court.

39 Of the blue, purple, and scarlet, they made finely worked garments, for ministering in the holy place, and made the holy garments for Aaron; as the LORD commanded Moses. 2 He made the ephod of gold, blue, purple, scarlet, and fine twined linen. 3 They beat the gold into thin plates, and cut it into wires, to work it in the blue, in the purple, in the scarlet, and in the fine linen, the work of the skillful workman. 4 They made shoulder straps for it, joined together. At the two ends it was joined together. 5 The skillfully woven band that was on it, with which to fasten it on, was of the same piece.

four feet five inches was the length, and the height in twined linen; as the LORD commanded Moses. 6 They hangings of the court. 19 Their pillars were six feet engraved with the engravings of a signet, according to eleven inches, and their sockets six feet eleven inches, the names of the sons of Israel. 7 He put them on the of bronze; their hooks of silver, and the overlaying shoulder straps of the ephod, to be stones of memorial of their capitals, and their fillets, of silver. 20 All the for the children of Israel, as the LORD commanded pins of the tabernacle, and around the court, were of Moses. 8 He made the breastplate, the work of a skillful they were counted, according to the commandment of They made the breastplate double. Its length was a Moses, for the service of the Levites, by the hand of span, and its breadth a span, being double. 10 They Ithamar, the son of Aaron the priest. 22 Bezalel the son set in it four rows of stones. A row of ruby, topaz, of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, made all and beryl was the first row; 11 and the second row, a that the LORD commanded Moses. 23 With him was turquoise, a sapphire, and an emerald; 12 and the third Oholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan, an row, a jacinth, an agate, and an amethyst; 13 and the engraver, and a skillful workman, and an embroiderer in fourth row, a chrysolite, an onyx, and a jasper. They blue, in purple, in scarlet, and in fine linen. 24 All the were enclosed in gold settings. 14 The stones were the shekel of the sanctuary. 25 The silver of those who 15 They made on the breastplate chains like cords, of were numbered of the congregation was one hundred braided work of pure gold. 16 They made two settings talents, and one thousand seven hundred seventy-five of gold, and two gold rings, and put the two rings on shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary: 26 a beka the two ends of the breastplate. 17 They put the two a head, that is, half a shekel, after the shekel of the braided chains of gold in the two rings at the ends of the sanctuary, for everyone who passed over to those who breastplate. 18 The other two ends of the two braided were numbered, from twenty years old and upward, chains they put on the two settings, and put them on the for six hundred three thousand five hundred fifty men. shoulder straps of the ephod, in its front. 19 They made 27 The one hundred talents of silver were for casting two rings of gold, and put them on the two ends of the the sockets of the sanctuary, and the sockets of the breastplate, on its edge, which was toward the side of veil; one hundred sockets for the one hundred talents, the ephod inward. 20 They made two rings of gold, a talent for a socket. 28 Of the one thousand seven and put them on the two shoulder straps of the ephod hundred seventy-five shekels he made hooks for the underneath, in its front, close by its coupling, above the pillars, overlaid their capitals, and made fillets for them. skillfully woven band of the ephod. 21 They bound the 29 The bronze of the offering was seventy talents, and breastplate by its rings to the rings of the ephod with a two thousand four hundred shekels. 30 With this he lace of blue, that it might be on the skillfully woven band made the sockets to the door of the Tent of Meeting, the of the ephod, and that the breastplate might not come the altar, 31 the sockets around the court, the sockets of 22 He made the robe of the ephod of woven work, all of the gate of the court, all the pins of the tabernacle, and blue. 23 The opening of the robe in its midst was like the opening of a coat of mail, with a binding around its opening, that it should not be torn. 24 They made on the skirts of the robe pomegranates of blue, purple, scarlet, and twined linen. 25 They made bells of pure gold, and put the bells between the pomegranates around the skirts of the robe, between the pomegranates; 26 a bell and a pomegranate, a bell and a pomegranate, around the skirts of the robe, to minister in, as the LORD commanded Moses. 27 They made the coats of fine linen of woven work for Aaron, and for his sons, 28 and the turban of fine linen, and the linen headbands of fine linen, and the linen breeches of fine twined linen, 29 blessed them.

1 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "On the first day of the first month you shall raise up the tabernacle of the Tent of Meeting. 3 You shall put the ark of the testimony in it, and you shall veil the ark with the curtain. 4 You shall bring in the table, and set in order the things that are on it. You shall bring in the lampstand, and light its lamps. 5 You shall set the golden altar for incense before the ark of the testimony, and put the screen of the door to the tabernacle. 6 You shall set the altar of burnt offering before the door of the tabernacle of the Tent of Meeting, 7 You shall set the basin between the Tent of Meeting and the altar, and shall put water in it. 8 You shall set up the court around it, and hang up the screen of the gate of the court. 9 You shall take the anointing oil, and anoint the tabernacle, and all that is in it, and shall make it holy, and all its furniture: and it will be holy. 10 You shall anoint the altar of burnt offering, with all its vessels, and sanctify the altar: and the altar will be most holy. 11 You shall anoint the basin and its base, and sanctify it. 12 You shall bring Aaron and his sons to the door of the Tent of Meeting, and shall wash

and the sash of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, them with water. 13 You shall put on Aaron the holy and scarlet, the work of the embroiderer, as the LORD garments; and you shall anoint him, and sanctify him, commanded Moses. 30 They made the plate of the holy that he may minister to me in the priest's office. 14 You crown of pure gold, and wrote on it a writing, like the shall bring his sons, and put coats on them. 15 You shall engravings of a signet: "HOLY TO THE LORD." 31 They anoint them, as you anointed their father, that they may tied to it a lace of blue, to fasten it on the turban above, minister to me in the priest's office. Their anointing shall as the LORD commanded Moses. 32 Thus all the work be to them for an everlasting priesthood throughout their of the tabernacle of the Tent of Meeting was finished. generations." 16 Moses did so. According to all that the The children of Israel did according to all that the LORD LORD commanded him, so he did. 17 It happened in commanded Moses; so they did. 33 They brought the the first month in the second year, on the first day of the tabernacle to Moses, the tent, with all its furniture, its month, that the tabernacle was set up. 18 And Moses clasps, its boards, its bars, its pillars, its sockets, 34 erected the tabernacle, and put its sockets in place, the covering of rams' skins dyed red, the covering of and set up its hooks and its boards, and put in its bars, sea cow hides, the veil of the screen, 35 the ark of the and he erected its pillars. 19 He spread the covering testimony with its poles, the mercy seat, 36 the table, all over the tent, and put the roof of the tabernacle above its vessels, the show bread, 37 the pure lampstand, its on it, as the LORD commanded Moses. 20 He took lamps, even the lamps to be set in order, all its vessels, and put the testimony into the ark, and set the poles the oil for the light, 38 the golden altar, the anointing oil, on the ark, and put the mercy seat above on the ark. the sweet incense, the screen for the door of the Tent, 21 He brought the ark into the tabernacle, and set up 39 the bronze altar, its grating of bronze, its poles, all of the curtain as the screen, and concealed the ark of the its vessels, the basin and its base, 40 the hangings of testimony, as the LORD commanded Moses. 22 He the court, its pillars, its sockets, the screen for the gate put the table in the Tent of Meeting, on the side of the of the court, its cords, its pins, all the instruments of the tabernacle northward, outside of the veil. 23 He set the service of the tabernacle, for the Tent of Meeting, 41 bread in order on it before the LORD, as the LORD the finely worked garments for ministering in the holy commanded Moses. 24 He put the lampstand in the place, the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the Tent of Meeting, opposite the table, on the side of the garments of his sons, to minister in the priest's office. tabernacle southward. 25 He lit the lamps before the 42 According to all that the LORD commanded Moses, LORD, as the LORD commanded Moses. 26 He put so the children of Israel did all the work. 43 Moses saw the golden altar in the Tent of Meeting before the veil; all the work, and look, they had done it as the LORD 27 and he burnt incense of sweet spices on it, as the had commanded, even so had they done it: and Moses LORD commanded Moses. 28 He put up the screen of the door to the tabernacle. 29 He set the altar of burnt offering at the door of the tabernacle of the Tent of Meeting, and offered on it the burnt offering and the meal offering, as the LORD commanded Moses. 30 He set the basin between the Tent of Meeting and the altar, and put water in it, with which to wash. 31 Moses, Aaron, and his sons washed their hands and their feet there. 32 When they went into the Tent of Meeting, and when they came near to the altar, they washed, as the LORD commanded Moses. 33 He raised up the court around the tabernacle and the altar, and set up the screen of the gate of the court. So Moses finished the work. 34 Then the cloud covered the Tent of Meeting. and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. 35 Moses wasn't able to enter into the Tent of Meeting, because the cloud stayed on it, and the LORD's glory filled the tabernacle. 36 When the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the children of Israel went onward, throughout all their journeys; 37 but if the cloud wasn't taken up, then they did not travel until the day that it was taken up. 38 For the cloud of the LORD was on the tabernacle by day, and there was fire in the

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cloud by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys.

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1 The LORD called to Moses, and spoke to him out of the Tent of Meeting, saying, 2 "Speak to the children of Israel, and tell them, 'When anyone of you offers an offering to the LORD, you shall offer your offering of the livestock, from the herd and from the flock. 3 "If his offering is a burnt offering from the herd, he shall offer a male without blemish. He shall offer it at the door of the Tent of Meeting, that he may be accepted before the LORD. 4 He shall lay his hand on the head of the burnt offering, and it shall be accepted for him to make atonement for him. 5 And he shall kill the bull before the LORD. Aaron's sons, the priests, shall present the blood and sprinkle the blood around on the altar that is at the door of the Tent of Meeting. 6 And he shall skin the burnt offering, and cut it into pieces. 7 The sons of Aaron the priest shall put fire on the altar, and lay wood in order on the fire; 8 and Aaron's sons, the priests, shall lay the pieces, the head, and the fat in order on the wood that is on the fire which is on the altar; 9 but its entrails and its legs he shall wash with water. The priest shall burn the whole on the altar, for a burnt offering, an offering made by fire, of a pleasant aroma to the LORD. 10 "If his offering is from the flock, from the sheep, or from the goats, for a burnt offering, he shall offer a male without blemish. 11 He shall kill it on the north side of the altar before the LORD. Aaron's sons, the priests, shall sprinkle its blood around on the altar. 12 He shall cut it into its pieces, with its head and its fat. The priest shall lay them in order on the wood that is on the fire which is on the altar, 13 but the entrails and the legs he shall wash with water. The priest shall offer the whole, and burn it on the altar. It is a burnt offering, an offering made by fire, of a pleasant aroma to the LORD. 14 "If his offering to the LORD is a burnt offering of birds, then he shall offer his offering of turtledoves, or of young pigeons. 15 The priest shall bring it to the altar, and wring off its head, and burn it on the altar; and its blood shall be drained out on the side of the altar; 16 and he shall take away its crop with its filth, and cast it beside the altar on the east part, in the place of the ashes. 17 He shall tear it by its wings, but shall not divide it apart. The priest shall burn it on the altar, on the wood that is on the fire. It is a burnt offering, an offering made by fire, of a pleasant aroma to the LORD.

2 "When anyone offers a grain offering to the LORD, his offering shall be of fine flour; and he shall pour oil on it, and put frankincense on it. **2** He shall bring it to Aaron's sons, the priests; and he shall take his handful of its fine flour, and of its oil, with all its frankincense; and the priest shall burn its memorial on the altar, an offering

made by fire, of a pleasant aroma to the LORD. 3 That which is left of the meal offering shall be Aaron's and his sons'. It is a most holy thing of the offerings of the LORD made by fire. 4 "When you offer an offering of a meal offering baked in the oven, it shall be unleavened cakes of fine flour mixed with oil, or unleavened wafers anointed with oil. 5 If your offering is a meal offering of the griddle, it shall be of unleavened fine flour, mixed with oil. 6 You shall cut it in pieces, and pour oil on it. It is a meal offering. 7 If your offering is a meal offering of the pan, it shall be made of fine flour with oil. 8 And you shall bring the meal offering that is made of these things to the LORD, and it shall be presented to the priest, and he shall bring it to the altar. 9 The priest shall take from the meal offering its memorial, and shall burn it on the altar, an offering made by fire, of a pleasant aroma to the LORD. 10 That which is left of the meal offering shall be Aaron's and his sons'. It is a thing most holy of the offerings of the LORD made by fire. 11 "No meal offering, which you shall offer to the LORD, shall be made with yeast; for you shall burn no yeast, nor any honey, as an offering made by fire to the LORD. 12 As an offering of firstfruits you shall offer them to the LORD: but they shall not ascend for a pleasant aroma on the altar. 13 Every offering of your meal offering you shall season with salt; neither shall you allow the salt of the covenant of your God to be lacking from your meal offering. With all your offerings you shall offer salt. 14 "If you offer a meal offering of first fruits to the LORD, you shall offer for the meal offering of your first fruits grain in the ear parched with fire, bruised grain of the fresh ear. 15 You shall put oil on it, and lay frankincense on it: it is a meal offering. 16 The priest shall burn as its memorial, part of its bruised grain, and part of its oil, along with all its frankincense: it is an offering made by fire to the LORD.

3 "If his offering is a sacrifice of peace offerings; if he offers it from the herd, whether male or female, he shall offer it without blemish before the LORD. 2 He shall lay his hand on the head of his offering, and kill it at the door of the Tent of Meeting: and Aaron's sons, the priests shall sprinkle the blood around on the altar. 3 He shall offer of the sacrifice of peace offerings an offering made by fire to the LORD; the fat that covers the entrails, and all the fat that is on the entrails, 4 and the two kidneys, and the fat that is on them, which is by the loins, and the cover on the liver, with the kidneys, he shall take away. 5 Aaron's sons shall burn it on the altar on the burnt offering, which is on the wood that is on the fire: it is an offering made by fire, of a pleasant aroma to the LORD. 6 "If his offering for a sacrifice of peace offerings to the LORD is from the flock; male or female, his offering, then he shall offer it before the LORD; 8 all its flesh, with its head, and with its legs, its entrails, by fire to God; its fat, the entire tail fat, he shall take congregation of Israel sins, and the thing is hidden from inwards, and all the fat that is on the inwards, 10 and the things which the LORD has commanded not to be the loins, and the cover on the liver, with the kidneys, he sinned is known, then the assembly shall offer a young the sons of Aaron shall sprinkle its blood around on Tent of Meeting: 17 and the priest shall dip his finger in the altar. 14 He shall offer from it as his offering, an the blood, and sprinkle it seven times before the LORD, vour dwellings, that you shall eat neither fat nor blood."

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Speak to the children of Israel, saying, 'If anyone sins unintentionally, in any of the things which the LORD has commanded not to be done, and does any one of them: 3 if the anointed priest sins so as to bring guilt on the people, then let him offer for his sin, which he has sinned, a young bull without blemish to the LORD for a sin offering. 4 He shall bring the bull to the door of the Tent of Meeting before the LORD; and he shall lay his hand on the head of the bull and kill the bull before the LORD. 5 The anointed priest shall take some of the blood of the bull, and bring it to the Tent of Meeting. 6 The priest shall dip his finger in the blood, and sprinkle some of the blood seven times before the LORD, before the veil of the sanctuary. 7 The priest shall put some of the blood on the horns of the altar of sweet incense before the LORD, which is in the Tent of Meeting; and he shall pour out all of rest of the blood of the bull at the base of the altar of burnt offering, which is at the door of the Tent of Meeting. 8 He shall take all the fat of the bull of the sin offering off of it; the fat that covers the entrails, and all the fat that is on the entrails, 9 and the two kidneys, and the fat that is on them, which is by the loins, and the cover on the liver, with the kidneys, he shall take away, 10 as it is taken off of the bull of the sacrifice of peace offerings. The priest shall burn

he shall offer it without blemish. 7 If he offers a lamb for them on the altar of burnt offering. 11 The bull's skin. and he shall lay his hand on the head of his offering, and and its dung, 12 even the whole bull shall he carry forth kill it before the Tent of Meeting: and Aaron's sons shall outside the camp to a clean place, where the ashes are sprinkle its blood around on the altar. 9 He shall offer poured out, and burn it on wood with fire. Where the from the sacrifice of peace offerings an offering made ashes are poured out it shall be burned. 13 "If the whole away close to the backbone; and the fat that covers the the eyes of the assembly, and they have done any of the two kidneys, and the fat that is on them, which is by done, and are guilty; 14 when the sin in which they have shall take away. 11 And the priest shall offer it up in bull for a sin offering, and bring it before the Tent of smoke on the altar; it is food, an offering made by fire to Meeting. 15 The elders of the congregation shall lay the LORD. 12 "If his offering is a goat, then he shall their hands on the head of the bull before the LORD; offer it before the LORD: 13 and he shall lay his hand and the bull shall be killed before the LORD. 16 The on its head, and kill it before the Tent of Meeting; and anointed priest shall bring of the blood of the bull to the offering made by fire to the LORD; the fat that covers before the veil. 18 He shall put some of the blood on the the entrails, and all the fat that is on the entrails, 15 and horns of the altar which is before the LORD, that is in the two kidneys, and the fat that is on them, which is by the Tent of Meeting; and the rest of the blood he shall the loins, and the cover on the liver, with the kidneys, he pour out at the base of the altar of burnt offering, which shall take away. 16 The priest shall burn them on the is at the door of the Tent of Meeting. 19 All its fat he altar: it is the food of the offering made by fire, for a shall take from it, and burn it on the altar. 20 Thus shall pleasant aroma; all the fat is the LORD's. 17 "It shall be he do with the bull; as he did with the bull of the sin a perpetual statute throughout your generations in all offering, so shall he do with this; and the priest shall make atonement for them, and they shall be forgiven. 21 He shall carry forth the bull outside the camp, and burn it as he burned the first bull. It is the sin offering for the assembly. 22 "When a ruler sins, and unwittingly does any one of all the things which the LORD his God has commanded not to be done, and is guilty; 23 if his sin, in which he has sinned, is made known to him, he shall bring as his offering a goat, a male without blemish. 24 He shall lay his hand on the head of the goat, and kill it in the place where they kill the burnt offering before the LORD. It is a sin offering. 25 The priest shall take some of the blood of the sin offering with his finger, and put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering. He shall pour out the rest of its blood at the base of the altar of burnt offering. 26 All its fat he shall burn on the altar, like the fat of the sacrifice of peace offerings: and the priest shall make atonement for him concerning his sin, and he will be forgiven. 27 "If anyone of the common people sins unwittingly, in doing any of the things which the LORD has commanded not to be done, and is guilty; 28 if his sin, which he has sinned, is made known to him, then he shall bring for his offering a goat, a female without blemish, for his sin which he has sinned. 29 He shall lav his hand on the head of the sin offering, and kill the sin offering in the place of burnt offering. 30 The priest shall take some of its blood with his finger, and put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering; and the

rest of its blood he shall pour out at the base of the if he can't afford two turtledoves, or two young pigeons. the altar. 35 All its fat he shall take away, like the fat and sins unwittingly, in the holy things of the LORD; has sinned, and he will be forgiven.

5 "If anyone sins, in that he hears the voice of adjuration, he being a witness, whether he has seen or known, if he doesn't report it, then he shall bear his iniquity. 2 "Or if anyone touches any unclean thing, whether it is the carcass of an unclean animal, or the carcass of unclean livestock, or the carcass of unclean crawling creatures, and it is hidden from him, and he is unclean, then he shall be guilty. 3 "'Or if he touches the uncleanness of man. whatever his uncleanness is with which he is unclean, and it is hidden from him; when he knows of it, then he shall be guilty. 4 "Or if anyone swears rashly with his lips to do evil. or to do good. whatever it is that a man might utter rashly with an oath, and it is hidden from him; when he knows of it, then he shall be guilty of one of these. 5 It shall be, when deals falsely with his neighbor in a matter of deposit, or he is guilty of one of these, he shall confess that in of bargain, or of robbery, or has oppressed his neighbor, which he has sinned: 6 and he shall bring his trespass 3 or has found what was lost and lies about it and offering to the LORD for his sin which he has sinned, swears falsely concerning any of the sinful things that a a female from the flock, a lamb or a goat, for a sin man may do; 4 then it shall be, if he has sinned, and is offering; and the priest shall make atonement for him guilty, he shall restore that which he took by robbery, concerning his sin. 7 "If he can't afford a lamb, then or the thing which he has gotten by oppression, or the he shall bring his trespass offering for that in which he deposit which was committed to him, or the lost thing has sinned, two turtledoves, or two young pigeons, to which he found, 5 or any thing about which he has the LORD; one for a sin offering, and the other for a sworn falsely; he shall restore it even in full, and shall burnt offering. 8 He shall bring them to the priest, who add a fifth part more to it. To him to whom it belongs shall first offer the one which is for the sin offering, and he shall give it, in the day of his being found guilty. wring off its head from its neck, but shall not sever it 6 He shall bring his trespass offering to the LORD, a completely. 9 He shall sprinkle some of the blood of ram without blemish from the flock, according to your the sin offering on the side of the altar; and the rest estimation, for a trespass offering, to the priest. 7 The of the blood shall be drained out at the base of the priest shall make atonement for him before the LORD. altar. It is a sin offering. 10 He shall offer the second for and he will be forgiven concerning whatever he does to a burnt offering, according to the ordinance; and the become guilty." 8 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, priest shall make atonement for him concerning his sin 9 "Command Aaron and his sons, saying, 'This is the which he has sinned, and he shall be forgiven. 11 "But law of the burnt offering: the burnt offering shall be on

altar. 31 All its fat he shall take away, like the fat is taken then he shall bring his offering for that in which he has away from off of the sacrifice of peace offerings; and the sinned, the tenth part of an ephah of fine flour for a sin priest shall burn it on the altar for a pleasant aroma offering. He shall put no oil on it, neither shall he put to the LORD; and the priest shall make atonement for any frankincense on it, for it is a sin offering. 12 He shall him, and he will be forgiven. 32 "If he brings a lamb as bring it to the priest, and the priest shall take his handful his offering for a sin offering, he shall bring a female of it as the memorial portion, and burn it on the altar, without blemish. 33 He shall lay his hand on the head of on the offerings of the LORD made by fire. It is a sin the sin offering, and kill it for a sin offering in the place offering. 13 The priest shall make atonement for him where they kill the burnt offering. 34 The priest shall concerning his sin that he has sinned in any of these take some of the blood of the sin offering with his finger, things, and he will be forgiven; and the rest shall be and put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering; and the priest's, as the meal offering." 14 The LORD spoke all the rest of its blood he shall pour out at the base of to Moses, saying, 15 "If anyone commits a trespass, of the lamb is taken away from the sacrifice of peace then he shall bring his trespass offering to the LORD, a offerings; and the priest shall burn them on the altar, on ram without blemish from the flock, according to your the offerings of the LORD made by fire; and the priest estimation in silver by shekels, after the shekel of the shall make atonement for him concerning his sin that he sanctuary, for a trespass offering. 16 He shall make restitution for that which he has done wrong in the holy thing, and shall add a fifth part to it, and give it to the priest; and the priest shall make atonement for him with the ram of the trespass offering, and he will be forgiven. 17 "If anyone sins, and does any of the things which the LORD has commanded not to be done; though he did not know it, yet he is guilty, and shall bear his iniguity. 18 He shall bring a ram without blemish from of the flock, according to your estimation, for a trespass offering, to the priest; and the priest shall make atonement for him concerning the thing in which he sinned and did not know it, and he will be forgiven. 19 It is a trespass offering. He is certainly guilty before the LORD."

> 6 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "If anyone sins, and commits a trespass against the LORD, and

the hearth on the altar all night until the morning; and rinsed in water, 29 Every male among the priests shall the fire of the altar shall be kept burning on it. 10 The eat of it: it is most holy. 30 No sin offering, of which any priest shall put on his linen garment, and he shall put on of the blood is brought into the Tent of Meeting to make his linen breeches upon his body; and he shall remove atonement in the Holy Place, shall be eaten: it shall be the ashes from where the fire has consumed the burnt burned with fire. offering on the altar, and he shall put them beside the altar. 11 He shall take off his garments, and put on other garments, and carry the ashes outside the camp to a clean place. 12 The fire on the altar shall be kept burning on it, it shall not go out; and the priest shall burn wood on it every morning: and he shall lay the burnt offering in order upon it, and shall burn on it the fat of the peace offerings. 13 Fire shall be kept burning on the altar continually; it shall not go out. 14 "This is the law of the meal offering: the sons of Aaron shall offer it before the LORD, before the altar. 15 He shall take from there his handful of the fine flour of the meal offering, and of its oil, and all the frankincense which is on the meal offering, and shall burn it on the altar for a pleasant aroma, as its memorial, to the LORD. 16 That which is left of it Aaron and his sons shall eat. It shall be eaten without yeast in a holy place. They shall eat it in the court of the Tent of Meeting 17 It shall not be baked with yeast. I have given it as their portion of my offerings made by fire. It is most holy, as the sin offering, and as the trespass offering. 18 Every male among the descendants of Aaron shall eat of it. as their portion forever throughout your generations, from the offerings of the LORD made by fire. Whoever touches them shall be holy." 19 The LORD spoke to Moses, saving. 20 "This is the offering of Aaron and of his sons, which they shall offer to the LORD in the day when he is anointed: the tenth part of an ephah of fine flour for a meal offering perpetually, half of it in the morning, and half of it in the evening. 21 It shall be made with oil in a griddle. When it is soaked, you shall bring it in. You shall offer the meal offering in baked pieces for a pleasant aroma to the LORD. 22 The anointed priest that will be in his place from among his sons shall offer it. By a statute forever, it shall be wholly burnt to the LORD. 23 Every meal offering of a priest shall be wholly burned. It shall not be eaten." 24 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 25 "Speak to Aaron and to his sons, saving, 'This is the law of the sin offering: in the place where the burnt offering is killed, the sin offering shall be killed before the LORD. It is most holy. 26 The priest who offers it for sin shall eat it. It shall be eaten in a holy place, in the court of the Tent of Meeting. 27 Whatever shall touch its flesh shall be holy. When there is any of its blood sprinkled on a garment, you shall wash that on which it was sprinkled in a holy place. 28 But the earthen vessel in which it is boiled shall be broken; and if it is boiled in a bronze vessel, it shall be scoured, and

"This is the law of the trespass offering. It is most holy. 2 In the place where they kill the burnt offering, he shall kill the trespass offering; and its blood he shall sprinkle around on the altar. 3 He shall offer all of its fat: the fat tail, and the fat that covers the entrails, 4 and the two kidneys, and the fat that is on them, which is by the loins, and the cover on the liver, with the kidneys, shall he take away; 5 and the priest shall burn them on the altar for an offering made by fire to the LORD: it is a trespass offering. 6 Every male among the priests may eat of it. It shall be eaten in a holy place. It is most holy. 7 "As is the sin offering, so is the trespass offering; there is one law for them. The priest who makes atonement with them shall have it. 8 The priest who offers any man's burnt offering, even the priest shall have for himself the skin of the burnt offering which he has offered. 9 Every meal offering that is baked in the oven, and all that is dressed in the pan, and on the griddle, shall be the priest's who offers it. 10 Every meal offering, mixed with oil or dry, belongs to all the sons of Aaron, one as well as another. 11 "This is the law of the sacrifice of peace offerings, which one shall offer to the LORD. 12 If he offers it for a thanksgiving, then he shall offer with the sacrifice of thanksgiving unleavened cakes mixed with oil, and unleavened wafers anointed with oil, and cakes mixed with oil. 13 With cakes of leavened bread he shall offer his offering with the sacrifice of his peace offerings for thanksgiving. 14 Of it he shall offer one out of each offering for a heave offering to the LORD. It shall be the priest's who sprinkles the blood of the peace offerings. 15 The flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offerings for thanksgiving shall be eaten on the day of his offering. He shall not leave any of it until the morning. 16 "But if the sacrifice of his offering is a vow, or a freewill offering, it shall be eaten on the day that he offers his sacrifice; and on the next day what remains of it shall be eaten: 17 but what remains of the flesh of the sacrifice on the third day shall be burned with fire. 18 If any of the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offerings is eaten on the third day, it will not be accepted, neither shall it be imputed to him who offers it. It will be an abomination, and the soul who eats any of it will bear his iniquity. 19 "The flesh that touches any unclean thing shall not be eaten. It shall be burned with fire. As for the flesh, everyone who is clean may eat it; 20 but the soul who eats of the flesh of the sacrifice of peace offerings, that belongs to the LORD, having his uncleanness on him, that soul shall be cut off from his

people. 21 When anyone touches any unclean thing, and the congregation was assembled at the door of the uncleanness of man, or an unclean animal, or any the Tent of Meeting. 5 Moses said to the congregation, unclean abomination, and eats some of the flesh of the "This is the thing which the LORD has commanded to sacrifice of peace offerings, which belong to the LORD, be done." 6 Moses brought Aaron and his sons, and that soul shall be cut off from his people." 22 The LORD washed them with water. 7 He put the coat on him, tied spoke to Moses, saying, 23 "Speak to the children of the sash on him, clothed him with the robe, put the Israel, saying, 'You shall eat no fat, of bull, or sheep, or ephod on him, and he tied the skillfully woven band of goat. 24 The fat of that which dies of itself, and the fat the ephod on him, and fastened it to him with it. 8 He of that which is torn of animals, may be used for any placed the breastplate on him; and in the breastplate he other service, but you shall in no way eat of it. 25 For put the Urim and the Thummim. 9 He set the turban whoever eats the fat of the animal, of which men offer on his head; and on the turban, in front, he set the an offering made by fire to the LORD, even the soul golden plate, the holy crown; as the LORD commanded who eats it shall be cut off from his people. 26 You shall Moses. 10 Moses took the anointing oil, and anointed not eat any blood, whether it is of bird or of animal, in the tabernacle and all that was in it, and sanctified them. any of your dwellings. 27 Whoever it is who eats any 11 He sprinkled it on the altar seven times, and anointed blood, that soul shall be cut off from his people." 28 the altar and all its vessels, and the basin and its base, The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 29 "Speak to the to sanctify them. 12 He poured some of the anointing oil children of Israel, saying, 'He who offers the sacrifice of on Aaron's head, and anointed him, to sanctify him. 13 his peace offerings to the LORD shall bring his offering Moses brought Aaron's sons, and clothed them with to the LORD out of the sacrifice of his peace offerings. coats, and tied sashes on them, and put headbands 30 With his own hands he shall bring the offerings of on them; as the LORD commanded Moses. 14 He the LORD made by fire. He shall bring the fat with brought the bull of the sin offering, and Aaron and his the breast, that the breast may be waved for a wave sons laid their hands on the head of the bull of the sin offering before the LORD. 31 The priest shall burn the offering. 15 He killed it; and Moses took the blood, and fat on the altar, but the breast shall be Aaron's and his put it around on the horns of the altar with his finger, sons'. 32 The right thigh you shall give to the priest and purified the altar, and poured out the blood at the for a heave offering out of the sacrifices of your peace base of the altar, and sanctified it, to make atonement offerings. 33 He among the sons of Aaron who offers for it. 16 He took all the fat that was on the entrails, the blood of the peace offerings, and the fat, shall have and the cover of the liver, and the two kidneys, and the right thigh for a portion. 34 For the waved breast their fat; and Moses burned it on the altar. 17 But the and the heaved thigh I have taken from the children of bull, and its skin, and its flesh, and its dung, he burned Israel out of the sacrifices of their peace offerings, and with fire outside the camp; as the LORD commanded have given them to Aaron the priest and to his sons Moses. 18 He presented the ram of the burnt offering: as their portion forever from the children of Israel." 35 and Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of This is the anointing portion of Aaron, and the anointing the ram. 19 He killed it; and Moses sprinkled the blood portion of his sons, out of the offerings of the LORD around on the altar. 20 He cut the ram into its pieces; made by fire, in the day when he presented them to and Moses burned the head, and the pieces, and the minister to the LORD in the priest's office; 36 which the fat. 21 He washed the entrails and the legs with water; LORD commanded to be given them of the children and Moses burned the whole ram on the altar. It was a of Israel, in the day that he anointed them. It is their burnt offering for a pleasant aroma. It was an offering portion forever throughout their generations. 37 This is made by fire to the LORD; as the LORD commanded the law of the burnt offering, of the meal offering, and of Moses. 22 He presented the other ram, the ram of the sin offering, and of the trespass offering, and of the consecration: and Aaron and his sons laid their hands consecration, and of the sacrifice of peace offerings; 38 on the head of the ram. 23 He killed it; and Moses took which the LORD commanded Moses in Mount Sinai, in some of its blood, and put it on the tip of Aaron's right the day that he commanded the children of Israel to offer ear, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the their offerings to the LORD, in the wilderness of Sinai.

R The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Take Aaron and his sons with him, and the garments, and the anointing oil, and the bull of the sin offering, and the two rams, and the basket of unleavened bread; 3 and assemble all the congregation at the door of the Tent of Meeting." 4 Moses did as the LORD commanded him;

great toe of his right foot. 24 He brought Aaron's sons; and Moses put some of the blood on the tip of their right ear, and on the thumb of their right hand, and on the great toe of their right foot; and Moses sprinkled the blood around on the altar. 25 He took the fat, and the fat tail, and all the fat that was on the entrails, and the cover of the liver, and the two kidneys, and their fat, and the right thigh: 26 and out of the basket of himself. 9 The sons of Aaron presented the blood to unleavened bread, that was before the LORD, he took him; and he dipped his finger in the blood, and put it on one unleavened cake, and one cake of oiled bread, and the horns of the altar, and poured out the blood at the one wafer, and placed them on the fat, and on the right base of the altar: 10 but the fat, and the kidneys, and thigh. 27 He put all these in Aaron's hands and in his the cover from the liver of the sin offering, he burned sons' hands, and waved them for a wave offering before upon the altar; as the LORD commanded Moses. 11 the LORD. 28 Moses took them from their hands, and The flesh and the skin he burned with fire outside the burned them on the altar on the burnt offering. They camp. 12 He killed the burnt offering; and Aaron's sons were a consecration for a pleasant aroma. It was an delivered the blood to him, and he sprinkled it around offering made by fire to the LORD. 29 Moses took the on the altar. 13 They delivered the burnt offering to him, breast, and waved it for a wave offering before the piece by piece, and the head: and he burned them upon LORD. It was Moses' portion of the ram of consecration, the altar. 14 He washed the entrails and the legs, and as the LORD commanded Moses. 30 Moses took some burned them on the burnt offering on the altar. 15 He of the anointing oil, and some of the blood which was presented the people's offering, and took the goat of the on the altar, and sprinkled it on Aaron, on his garments, sin offering which was for the people, and killed it, and and on his sons, and on his sons' garments with him, offered it for sin, like the first. 16 He presented the burnt and sanctified Aaron, his garments, and his sons, and offering, and offered it according to the ordinance. 17 his sons' garments with him. 31 Moses said to Aaron He presented the meal offering, and filled his hand from and to his sons, "Boil the flesh at the door of the Tent of there, and burned it upon the altar, besides the burnt Meeting, and there eat it and the bread that is in the offering of the morning. 18 He also killed the bull and basket of consecration, as I commanded, saying, 'Aaron the ram, the sacrifice of peace offerings, which was for and his sons shall eat it.' 32 What remains of the flesh the people: and Aaron's sons delivered to him the blood, and of the bread you shall burn with fire. 33 You shall which he sprinkled around on the altar, 19 and the fat not go out from the door of the Tent of Meeting seven of the bull and of the ram, the fat tail, and that which days, until the days of your consecration are fulfilled: for covers the entrails, and the kidneys, and the cover of he shall consecrate you seven days. 34 What has been the liver: 20 and they put the fat upon the breasts, and done this day, so the LORD has commanded to do, to he burned the fat on the altar: 21 and the breasts and make atonement for you. 35 You shall stay at the door the right thigh Aaron waved for a wave offering before of the Tent of Meeting day and night seven days, and the LORD, as Moses commanded. 22 Aaron lifted up keep the LORD's command, that you do not die: for so his hands toward the people, and blessed them; and I am commanded." 36 Aaron and his sons did all the he came down from offering the sin offering, and the things which the LORD commanded by Moses.

Q It happened on the eighth day, that Moses called Aaron and his sons, and the elders of Israel; 2 and he said to Aaron, "Take a calf from the herd for a sin offering, and a ram for a burnt offering, without blemish, and offer them before the LORD. 3 You shall speak to the children of Israel, saying, 'Take a male goat for a sin offering; and a calf and a lamb, both a year old, without blemish, for a burnt offering; 4 and a bull and a ram for peace offerings, to sacrifice before the LORD; and a meal offering mixed with oil: for today the LORD appears to you." 5 They brought what Moses commanded before the Tent of Meeting: and all the congregation drew near and stood before the LORD. 6 Moses said, "This is the thing which the LORD commanded that you should do: and the glory of the LORD shall appear to you." 7 Moses said to Aaron, "Draw near to the altar, and offer your sin offering, and your burnt offering, and make atonement for yourself, and for the people; and offer the offering of the people, and make atonement for them; as the LORD commanded." 8 So Aaron drew near to the altar, and killed the calf of the sin offering, which was for

burnt offering, and the peace offerings. 23 Moses and Aaron went into the Tent of Meeting, and came out, and blessed the people: and the glory of the LORD appeared to all the people. 24 There came forth fire from before the LORD, and consumed the burnt offering and the fat upon the altar: and when all the people saw it, they shouted, and fell on their faces.

10 And the two sons of Aaron, Nadab and Abihu. each took his censer and put fire in it, and laid incense on it, and offered strange fire before the LORD, which he had not commanded them. 2 And fire came forth from before the LORD, and devoured them, and they died before the LORD. 3 Then Moses said to Aaron, "This is what the LORD spoke of, saying, 'I will show myself holy to those who come near me, and before all the people I will be glorified." Aaron held his peace. 4 Moses called Mishael and Elzaphan, the sons of Uzziel the uncle of Aaron, and said to them, "Draw near, carry your brothers from before the sanctuary out of the camp." 5 So they drew near, and carried them in their coats out of the camp, as Moses had said. 6 Moses said to Aaron, and to Eleazar and to Ithamar, his

sons. "Do not let the hair of your heads go loose, neither you shall not eat of those that chew the cud, or of tear your clothes; that you do not die, and that he not be those who part the hoof: the camel, because he chews angry with all the congregation: but let your brothers, the cud but doesn't have a parted hoof, he is unclean the whole house of Israel, bewail the burning which the to you. 5 The coney, because he chews the cud but LORD has kindled. 7 You shall not go out from the door doesn't have a parted hoof, he is unclean to you. 6 of the Tent of Meeting, lest you die; for the anointing The hare, because she chews the cud but doesn't part oil of the LORD is on you." They did according to the the hoof, she is unclean to you. 7 The pig, because word of Moses. 8 The LORD spoke to Aaron, saying, 9 he has a split hoof, and is cloven-footed, but doesn't "Drink no wine nor strong drink, you, nor your sons with chew the cud, he is unclean to you. 8 Of their flesh you you, when you go into the Tent of Meeting, that you shall not eat, and their carcasses you shall not touch; do not die: it shall be a statute forever throughout your they are unclean to you. 9 "These you may eat of all generations: 10 and that you are to make a distinction that are in the waters: whatever has fins and scales in between the holy and the common, and between the the waters, in the seas, and in the rivers, that you may unclean and the clean; 11 and that you are to teach the eat. 10 All that do not have fins and scales in the seas, children of Israel all the statutes which the LORD has and in the rivers, of all that move in the waters, and of spoken to them by Moses." 12 Moses spoke to Aaron, all the living creatures that are in the waters, they are and to Eleazar and to Ithamar, his sons who were left, an abomination to you, 11 and you detest them. You "Take the meal offering that remains of the offerings of shall not eat of their flesh, and you shall detest their the LORD made by fire, and eat it without yeast beside carcasses. 12 Whatever has no fins nor scales in the the altar; for it is most holy; 13 and you shall eat it in a waters, that is an abomination to you. 13 "These you holy place, because it is your portion, and your sons' shall detest among the birds; they shall not be eaten, portion, of the offerings of the LORD made by fire: for so they are an abomination: the eagle, and the vulture, I am commanded. 14 The waved breast and the heaved and the black vulture, 14 and the red kite, any kind of thigh you shall eat in a clean place, you, and your sons, black kite, 15 any kind of raven, 16 the horned owl, the and your daughters with you: for they are given as your screech owl, and the gull, any kind of hawk, 17 the little portion, and your sons' portion, out of the sacrifices of owl, the cormorant, the great owl, 18 the white owl, the the peace offerings of the children of Israel. 15 The desert owl, the osprey, 19 the stork, any kind of heron, heaved thigh and the waved breast they shall bring with the hoopoe, and the bat. 20 "All flying insects that walk the offerings made by fire of the fat, to wave it for a wave on all fours are an abomination to you. 21 Yet you may offering before the LORD: and it shall be yours, and eat these: of all winged crawling creatures that go on all your sons' with you, as a portion forever; as the LORD fours, which have legs above their feet, with which to has commanded." 16 Moses diligently inquired about hop on the earth. 22 Even of these you may eat: any the goat of the sin offering, and, look, it was burned: and kind of locust, any kind of katydid, any kind of cricket, he was angry with Eleazar and with Ithamar, the sons of and any kind of grasshopper. 23 But all winged crawling Aaron who were left, saying, 17 "Why haven't you eaten creatures which have four feet, are an abomination to the sin offering in the place of the sanctuary, seeing it is you. 24 "By these you will become unclean: whoever most holy, and he has given it you to bear the iniquity of touches the carcass of them shall be unclean until the the congregation, to make atonement for them before evening. 25 Whoever carries any part of their carcass the LORD? 18 Look, its blood was not brought into the shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the evening. inner part of the sanctuary: you certainly should have 26 "Every animal which parts the hoof, and is not cloveneaten it in the sanctuary, as I commanded." 19 Aaron footed, nor chews the cud, is unclean to you. Everyone spoke to Moses, "Look, this day they have offered their who touches them shall be unclean, 27 Whatever goes sin offering and their burnt offering before the LORD; on its paws, among all animals that go on all fours, they and such things as these have happened to me: and if I are unclean to you. Whoever touches their carcass shall had eaten the sin offering today, would it have been be unclean until the evening. 28 He who carries their pleasing in the sight of the LORD?" 20 When Moses carcass shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until heard that, it was pleasing in his sight.

11 The LORD spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying to them, 2 "Speak to the children of Israel, saying, 'These are the living things which you may eat among all the animals that are on the earth. 3 Whatever parts the hoof, and is cloven-footed, and chews the cud among the animals, that you may eat. 4 "Nevertheless these

the evening. They are unclean to you. 29 "These are they which are unclean to you among the creatures that crawl on the earth: the weasel, the rat, any kind of great lizard, 30 the gecko, and the monitor lizard, the wall lizard, the skink, and the chameleon. 31 These are they which are unclean to you among all that crawl. Whoever touches them when they are dead, shall be unclean until the evening. 32 On whatever any of them 5 But if she bears a female child, then she shall be falls when they are dead, it shall be unclean; whether unclean two weeks, as in her period; and she shall it is any vessel of wood, or clothing, or skin, or sack, continue in the blood of purification sixty-six days. 6 whatever vessel it is, with which any work is done, it "When the days of her purification are completed, for a must be put into water, and it shall be unclean until son, or for a daughter, she shall bring to the priest at the the evening; then it will be clean. 33 Every earthen door of the Tent of Meeting, a year old lamb for a burnt vessel, into which any of them falls, all that is in it shall offering, and a young pigeon, or a turtledove, for a sin be unclean, and you shall break it. 34 All food which offering: 7 and he shall offer it before the LORD, and may be eaten, that on which water comes, shall be make atonement for her; and she shall be cleansed unclean; and all drink that may be drunk in every such from the fountain of her blood. "This is the law for her vessel shall be unclean. 35 Everything whereupon part who bears, whether a male or a female. 8 If she cannot of their carcass falls shall be unclean; whether oven, or afford a lamb, then she shall take two turtledoves, or range for pots, it shall be broken in pieces: they are two young pigeons; the one for a burnt offering, and unclean, and shall be unclean to you. 36 Nevertheless a the other for a sin offering: and the priest shall make spring or a cistern in which water is a gathered shall atonement for her, and she shall be clean." be clean: but that which touches their carcass shall be unclean. 37 If part of their carcass falls on any sowing seed which is to be sown, it is clean. 38 But if water is put on the seed, and part of their carcass falls on it, it is unclean to you. 39 "If any animal, of which you may eat, dies; he who touches its carcass shall be unclean until the evening. 40 He who eats of its carcass shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the evening. He also who carries its carcass shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the evening. 41 "Every swarming thing that swarms on the earth is an abomination. It shall not be eaten. 42 Whatever goes on its belly, and whatever goes on all fours, or whatever has many feet, even all creatures that crawl on the earth, them you shall not eat; for they are an abomination. 43 You shall not make yourselves abominable with any crawling creature that crawls, neither shall you make yourselves unclean with them, that you should be defiled thereby. 44 For I am the LORD your God. Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be holy; for I am holy: neither shall you defile yourselves with any kind of crawling creature that moves on the earth. 45 For I am the LORD who brought you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy. 46 "This is the law of the animal, and of the bird, and of every living creature that moves in the waters, and of every creature that crawls on the earth. 47 to make a distinction between the unclean and the clean, and between the living thing that may be eaten and the living thing that may not be eaten."

12 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Speak to the children of Israel, saying, 'If a woman conceives, and bears a male child, then she shall be unclean seven days; as in the days of her monthly period she shall be unclean. 3 In the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised. 4 She shall continue in the blood of purification thirty-three days. feet, as far as it appears to the priest; 13 then the priest She shall not touch any holy thing, nor come into the shall examine him; and, look, if the leprosy has covered sanctuary, until the days of her purifying are completed.

3 The LORD spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying. 1 2 "When a man shall have a rising in his body's skin, or a scab, or a bright spot, and it becomes in the skin of his body the plaque of leprosy, then he shall be brought to Aaron the priest, or to one of his sons, the priests: 3 and the priest shall examine the plague in the skin of the body: and if the hair in the plague has turned white, and the appearance of the plague is deeper than the body's skin, it is the plague of leprosy; and the priest shall examine him, and pronounce him unclean. 4 If the bright spot is white in the skin of his body, and its appearance isn't deeper than the skin, and its hair hasn't turned white, then the priest shall isolate the infected person for seven days. 5 The priest shall examine him on the seventh day, and, look, if in his eyes the plaque is arrested, and the plague hasn't spread in the skin, then the priest shall isolate him for seven more days. 6 The priest shall examine him again on the seventh day: and look, if the plague has faded, and the plague hasn't spread in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him clean. It is a scab. He shall wash his clothes, and be clean. 7 But if the scab spreads on the skin, after he has shown himself to the priest for his cleansing, he shall show himself to the priest again. 8 The priest shall examine him; and look, if the scab has spread on the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean. It is leprosy. 9 "When the plague of leprosy is in a man, then he shall be brought to the priest; 10 and the priest shall examine him. Look, if there is a white rising in the skin, and it has turned the hair white, and there is raw flesh in the rising, 11 it is a chronic leprosy in the skin of his body, and the priest shall pronounce him unclean. He shall not isolate him, for he is unclean. 12 "If the leprosy breaks out all over the skin, and the leprosy covers all the skin of the infected person from his head even to his

all his flesh, he shall pronounce him clean of the plaque, shave the itch; and the priest shall shut him up who has It has all turned white: he is clean. 14 But whenever the itch seven more days. 34 On the seventh day, the raw flesh appears in him, he shall be unclean. 15 The priest shall examine the itch; and look, if the itch hasn't priest shall examine the raw flesh, and pronounce him spread in the skin, and its appearance isn't deeper than unclean: the raw flesh is unclean. It is leprosy. 16 Or the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him clean. He if the raw flesh turns again, and is changed to white, shall wash his clothes, and be clean. 35 But if the itch then he shall come to the priest; 17 and the priest shall spreads in the skin after his cleansing, 36 then the priest examine him; and, look, if the plague has turned white, shall examine him; and look, if the itch has spread in then the priest shall pronounce him clean of the plague. the skin, the priest shall not look for the yellow hair; he He is clean. 18 "When the body has a boil on its skin, is unclean. 37 But if in his eyes the itch is arrested, and and it has healed, 19 and in the place of the boil there black hair has grown in it; the itch is healed, he is clean. is a white rising, or a bright spot, reddish-white, then The priest shall pronounce him clean. 38 "When a man it shall be shown to the priest; 20 and the priest shall or a woman has bright spots in the skin of the body, examine it; and look, if its appearance is lower than the even white bright spots; 39 then the priest shall examine skin, and its hair has turned white, then the priest shall them; and look, if the bright spots on the skin of their pronounce him unclean. It is the plague of leprosy. It has body are a dull white, it is a harmless rash, it has broken broken out in the boil. 21 But if the priest examines it, out in the skin; he is clean. 40 "If a man's hair has fallen and look, there are no white hairs in it, and it isn't deeper from his head, he is bald. He is clean. 41 If his hair has than the skin, but is dim, then the priest shall isolate him fallen off from the front part of his head, he is forehead seven days. 22 If it spreads in the skin, then the priest bald. He is clean. 42 But if there is on the bald head, or shall pronounce him unclean. It is a plaque. 23 But if the the bald forehead, a reddish-white plaque; it is leprosy scar from the boil; and the priest shall pronounce him Then the priest shall examine him; and, look, if the rising skin, and the raw flesh of the burn becomes a bright bald forehead, like the appearance of leprosy in the skin spot, reddish-white, or white, 25 then the priest shall of the flesh, 44 he is a leprous man. He is unclean. The examine it; and look, if the hair in the bright spot has priest shall surely pronounce him unclean. His plague turned white, and its appearance is deeper than the is on his head. 45 "The leper in whom the plaque is skin; it is leprosy. It has broken out in the burning, and shall wear torn clothes, and the hair of his head shall the priest shall pronounce him unclean. It is the plague hang loose. He shall cover his upper lip, and shall cry, of leprosy. 26 But if the priest examines it, and look, 'Unclean. Unclean.' 46 All the days in which the plague there is no white hair in the bright spot, and it isn't lower is in him he shall be unclean. He is unclean. He shall than the skin, but is faded; then the priest shall isolate dwell alone. Outside of the camp shall be his dwelling. him seven days. 27 The priest shall examine him on the 47 "The garment also that the plague of leprosy is in, seventh day. If it has spread in the skin, then the priest whether it is a woolen garment, or a linen garment; shall pronounce him unclean. It is the plaque of leprosy. 48 whether it is in warp, or woof; of linen, or of wool; 28 If the bright spot stays in its place, and hasn't spread whether in a skin, or in anything made of skin; 49 if the in the skin, but is faded, it is the swelling from the burn, plague is greenish or reddish in the garment, or in the and the priest shall pronounce him clean; for it is the skin, or in the warp, or in the woof, or in anything made scar from the burn. 29 "When a man or woman has a of skin; it is the plague of leprosy, and shall be shown to plague on the head or on the beard, 30 then the priest the priest. 50 The priest shall examine the plague, and shall examine the plaque; and look, if its appearance is isolate the plaque seven days, 51 He shall examine the deeper than the skin, and the hair in it is yellow and plague on the seventh day. If the plague has spread in thin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it is the garment, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in the an itch, it is leprosy of the head or of the beard. 31 If skin, whatever use the skin is used for, the plague is a the priest examines the plague of itching, and look, destructive mildew. It is unclean. 52 He shall burn the its appearance isn't deeper than the skin, and there garment, whether the warp or the woof, in wool or in is no black hair in it, then the priest shall isolate him linen, or anything of skin, in which the plague is: for it is the person infected with itching seven days. 32 On the a destructive mildew. It shall be burned in the fire. 53 look, if the itch hasn't spread, and there is no yellow hair spread in the garment, either in the warp, or in the woof,

bright spot stays in its place, and hasn't spread, it is the breaking out in his bald head, or his bald forehead. 43 clean. 24 "Or when the body has a burn from fire on its of the plague is reddish-white in his bald head, or in his seventh day the priest shall examine the plague; and "If the priest examines it, and look, the plague hasn't in it, and the appearance of the itch isn't deeper than or in anything of skin; 54 then the priest shall command the skin, 33 then he shall be shaved, but he shall not that they wash the thing in which the plague is, and

skin, to pronounce it clean, or to pronounce it unclean.

1 Ine LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "This shall be the law of the leper in the day of his cleansing. He shall be brought to the priest, 3 and the priest shall go forth out of the camp. The priest shall examine him, and look, if the plague of leprosy is healed in the leper, 4 then the priest shall command them to take for him who is to be cleansed two living clean birds, and cedar wood. and scarlet, and hyssop. 5 The priest shall command them to kill one of the birds in an earthen vessel over running water. 6 As for the living bird, he shall take it, and the cedar wood, and the scarlet, and the hyssop, and shall dip them and the living bird in the blood of the bird that was killed over the running water. 7 He shall sprinkle on him who is to be cleansed from the leprosy seven times, and shall pronounce him clean, and shall let the living bird go into the open field. 8 "He who is to be cleansed shall wash his clothes, and shave off all his hair, and bathe himself in water; and he shall be clean. After that he shall come into the camp, but shall dwell outside his tent seven days. 9 It shall be on the seventh day, that he shall shave all his hair off his head and his beard and his eyebrows, even all his hair he shall shave off. He shall wash his clothes, and he shall bathe his body in water, then he shall be clean. 10 "On the eighth day he shall take two male lambs without blemish, and one ewe lamb a year old without blemish, and three tenths of an ephah of fine flour for a meal offering, mingled with oil, and one log of oil. 11 The priest who cleanses him shall set the man who is to be cleansed, and those things, before the LORD, at the door of the Tent of Meeting. 12 "The priest shall take one of the male lambs, and offer him for a trespass offering, with the log of oil, and wave them for a wave offering before the LORD. 13 He shall kill the male lamb in the place where they kill the sin offering and the burnt

he shall isolate it seven more days. 55 Then the priest offering, in the place of the sanctuary: for as the sin shall examine it, after the plaque is washed; and look, offering is the priest's, so is the trespass offering. It is if the plaque hasn't changed its color, and the plaque most holy. 14 The priest shall take some of the blood of hasn't spread, it is unclean; you shall burn it in the fire. the trespass offering, and the priest shall put it on the tip It is a mildewed spot, whether the bareness is inside or of the right ear of him who is to be cleansed, and on outside. 56 If the priest looks, and look, the plague has the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his faded after it is washed, then he shall tear it out of the right foot. 15 The priest shall take some of the log of oil, garment, or out of the skin, or out of the warp, or out and pour it into the palm of his own left hand. 16 The of the woof: 57 and if it appears again in the garment, priest shall dip his right finger in the oil that is in his left either in the warp, or in the woof, or in anything of skin, hand, and shall sprinkle some of the oil with his finger it is spreading. You shall burn with fire that in which the seven times before the LORD. 17 The priest shall put plague is. 58 The garment, either the warp, or the woof, some of the rest of the oil that is in his hand on the tip or whatever thing of skin it is, which you shall wash, of the right ear of him who is to be cleansed, and on if the plaque has departed from them, then it shall be the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his washed the second time, and it will be clean." 59 This is right foot, upon the blood of the trespass offering. 18 the law of the plaque of mildew in a garment of wool or The rest of the oil that is in the priest's hand he shall linen, either in the warp, or the woof, or in anything of put on the head of him who is to be cleansed, and the priest shall make atonement for him before the LORD. 19 "The priest shall offer the sin offering, and make atonement for him who is to be cleansed because of his uncleanness: and afterward he shall kill the burnt offering; 20 and the priest shall offer the burnt offering and the meal offering on the altar. The priest shall make atonement for him, and he shall be clean. 21 "If he is poor, and can't afford so much, then he shall take one male lamb for a trespass offering to be waved, to make atonement for him, and one tenth of an ephah of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal offering, and a log of oil; 22 and two turtledoves, or two young pigeons, such as he is able to afford; and the one shall be a sin offering, and the other a burnt offering. 23 "On the eighth day he shall bring them for his cleansing to the priest, to the door of the Tent of Meeting, before the LORD. 24 The priest shall take the lamb of the trespass offering, and the log of oil, and the priest shall wave them for a wave offering before the LORD. 25 He shall kill the lamb of the trespass offering. The priest shall take some of the blood of the trespass offering and put it on the tip of the right ear of him who is to be cleansed, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot. 26 The priest shall pour some of the oil into the palm of his own left hand: 27 and the priest shall sprinkle with his right finger some of the oil that is in his left hand seven times before the LORD. 28 Then the priest shall put some of the oil that is in his hand on the tip of the right ear of him who is to be cleansed, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot, on the place of the blood of the trespass offering. 29 The rest of the oil that is in the priest's hand he shall put on the head of him who is to be cleansed, to make atonement for him before the LORD. 30 He shall offer one of the turtledoves, or of the young pigeons, such as he is able to afford, 31 the one for a sin offering, and the other for

make atonement for him who is to be cleansed before water, with the living bird, with the cedar wood, with the the LORD." 32 This is the law for him in whom is the hyssop, and with the scarlet; 53 but he shall let the living plaque of leprosy, who is not able to afford the sacrifice bird go out of the city into the open field. So shall he for his cleansing. 33 The LORD spoke to Moses and make atonement for the house; and it shall be clean." to Aaron, saying, 34 "When you have come into the 54 This is the law for any plague of leprosy, and for an land of Canaan, which I give to you for a possession, itch, 55 and for the destructive mildew of a garment, and I put a spreading mildew in a house in the land and for a house, 56 and for a rising, and for a scab, and of your possession, 35 then he who owns the house for a bright spot; 57 to teach when it is unclean, and shall come and tell the priest, saving, 'There seems to when it is clean. This is the law of leprosy. me to be some sort of plague in the house.' 36 The priest shall command that they empty the house, before the priest goes in to examine the plague, that all that is in the house not be made unclean: and afterward the priest shall go in to inspect the house. 37 He shall examine the plaque; and look, if the plaque is in the walls of the house with hollow streaks, greenish or reddish, and it appears to be deeper than the wall; 38 then the priest shall go out of the house to the door of the house, and shut up the house seven days. 39 The priest shall come again on the seventh day, and look. If the plague has spread in the walls of the house, 40 then the priest shall command that they take out the stones in which is the plaque, and cast them into an unclean place outside of the city: 41 and he shall cause the inside of the house to be scraped all over, and they shall pour out the mortar, that they scraped off, outside of the city into an unclean place. 42 They shall take other stones, and put them in the place of those stones; and he shall take other mortar, and shall plaster the house. 43 "If the plague comes again, and breaks out in the house, after he has taken out the stones, and after he has scraped the house, and after it was plastered; 44 then the priest shall come in and look; and look, if the plague has spread in the house, it is a destructive mildew in the house. It is unclean. 45 And he shall break down the house, its stones, and its timber, and all the house's mortar. He shall carry them out of the city into an unclean place. 46 "Moreover he who goes into the house while it is shut up shall be unclean until the evening. 47 He who lies down in the house shall wash his clothes: and he who eats in the house shall wash his clothes. 48 "If the priest shall come in, and examine it, and look, the plaque hasn't spread in the house, after the house was plastered, then the priest shall pronounce the house clean, because the plague is healed. 49 To cleanse the house he shall take two birds. and cedar wood, and scarlet, and hyssop. 50 He shall kill one of the birds in an earthen vessel over running water. 51 He shall take the cedar wood, and the hyssop. and the scarlet, and the living bird, and dip them in the blood of the slain bird, and in the running water, and sprinkle the house seven times. 52 He shall cleanse the

a burnt offering, with the meal offering. The priest shall house with the blood of the bird, and with the running

15 The LORD spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying. 2 "Speak to the children of Israel, and tell them, When any man has a discharge from his body, because of his discharge he is unclean. 3 This shall be his uncleanness in his discharge: whether his body runs with his discharge, or his body has stopped from his discharge, it is his uncleanness. All the days of the discharge of his body, even if his body obstructs his discharge, it is his uncleanness. 4 "Every bed whereon he who has the discharge lies shall be unclean; and everything he sits on shall be unclean. 5 Whoever touches his bed shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the evening. 6 He who sits on anything whereon the man who has the discharge sat shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the evening. 7 "He who touches the body of him who has the discharge shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the evening. 8 "If he who has the discharge spits on him who is clean, then he shall wash his clothes. and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the evening. 9 "Whatever saddle he who has the discharge rides on shall be unclean. 10 Whoever touches anything that was under him shall be unclean until the evening. He who carries those things shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the evening. 11 "Whoever he who has the discharge touches, without having rinsed his hands in water, he shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the evening. 12 "The earthen vessel, which he who has the discharge touches, shall be broken; and every vessel of wood shall be rinsed in water. 13 "When he who has a discharge is cleansed of his discharge, then he shall count to himself seven days for his cleansing, and wash his clothes: and he shall bathe his flesh in running water, and shall be clean. 14 "On the eighth day he shall take two turtledoves, or two young pigeons, and come before the LORD to the door of the Tent of Meeting, and give them to the priest: 15 and the priest shall offer them, the one for a sin offering, and the other for a burnt offering. The priest shall make atonement for him before the LORD for his discharge. 16 "If any man has an emission of semen, then he shall bathe all Most Holy Place within the veil, before the mercy seat shall be washed with water, and be unclean until the into the sanctuary: with a young bull for a sin offering, unclean seven days; and every bed whereon he lies scapegoat, shall be presented alive before the LORD. as in the days of her period: she is unclean. 26 Every shall kill the bull of the sin offering which is for himself. lies with her who is unclean.

16 The LORD spoke to Moses, after the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they drew near before the LORD, and died; 2 and the LORD said to Moses, "Tell Aaron your brother, not to come at all times into the

his flesh in water, and be unclean until the evening. 17 which is on the ark; lest he die: for I will appear in the Every garment, and every skin, whereon the semen is, cloud on the mercy seat. 3 "Herewith shall Aaron come evening. 18 If a man lies with a woman and there is an and a ram for a burnt offering. 4 He shall put on the emission of semen, they shall both bathe themselves holy linen coat, and he shall have the linen breeches in water, and be unclean until the evening. 19 "If a on his body, and shall put on the linen sash, and he woman has a discharge, and her discharge in her flesh shall be dressed with the linen turban. They are the holy is blood, she shall be in her impurity seven days: and garments. He shall bathe his body in water, and put whoever touches her shall be unclean until the evening. them on. 5 He shall take from the congregation of the 20 "Everything that she lies on in her impurity shall children of Israel two male goats for a sin offering, and be unclean. Everything also that she sits on shall be one ram for a burnt offering. 6 "Aaron shall offer the unclean. 21 Whoever touches her bed shall wash his bull of the sin offering, which is for himself, and make clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until atonement for himself and for his house. 7 He shall take the evening. 22 Whoever touches anything that she sits the two goats, and set them before the LORD at the on shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, door of the Tent of Meeting. 8 Aaron shall cast lots for and be unclean until the evening. 23 If it is on the bed, the two goats; one lot for the LORD, and the other lot or on anything whereon she sits, when he touches it, he for the scapegoat. 9 Aaron shall present the goat on shall be unclean until the evening. 24 "If any man lies which the lot fell for the LORD, and offer him for a sin with her, and her monthly flow is on him, he shall be offering. 10 But the goat, on which the lot fell for the shall be unclean. 25 "If a woman has a discharge of to make atonement for him, to send him away for the her blood many days not in the time of her period, or if scapegoat into the wilderness. 11 "Aaron shall present she has a discharge beyond the time of her period; all the bull of the sin offering, which is for himself, and shall the days of the discharge of her uncleanness shall be make atonement for himself and for his house, and bed whereon she lies all the days of her discharge 12 He shall take a censer full of coals of fire from off shall be to her as the bed of her period: and everything the altar before the LORD, and two handfuls of sweet whereon she sits shall be unclean, as the uncleanness incense beaten small, and bring it within the veil: 13 and of her period. 27 Whoever touches these things shall be he shall put the incense on the fire before the LORD, unclean, and shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself that the cloud of the incense may cover the mercy seat in water, and be unclean until the evening. 28 "But if that is on the testimony, so that he will not die. 14 He she is cleansed of her discharge, then she shall count shall take some of the blood of the bull, and sprinkle to herself seven days, and after that she shall be clean. it with his finger on the mercy seat on the east; and 29 On the eighth day she shall take two turtledoves, or before the mercy seat he shall sprinkle some of the two young pigeons, and bring them to the priest, to the blood with his finger seven times. 15 "Then he shall kill door of the Tent of Meeting. 30 The priest shall offer the the goat of the sin offering, that is for the people, and one for a sin offering, and the other for a burnt offering; bring his blood within the veil, and do with his blood as and the priest shall make atonement for her before he did with the blood of the bull, and sprinkle it on the the LORD for the uncleanness of her discharge. 31 mercy seat, and before the mercy seat: 16 and he shall "Thus you shall separate the children of Israel from their make atonement for the Holy Place, because of the uncleanness, so they will not die in their uncleanness, uncleanness of the children of Israel, and because of when they defile my tabernacle that is in their midst." 32 their transgressions, even all their sins; and so he shall This is the law of him who has a discharge, and of him do for the Tent of Meeting, that dwells with them in the who has an emission of semen, so that he is unclean midst of their uncleanness. 17 There shall be no one in thereby; 33 and of her who has her period, and of a the Tent of Meeting when he enters to make atonement man or woman who has a discharge, and of him who in the Holy Place, until he comes out, and has made atonement for himself and for his household, and for all the assembly of Israel. 18 "He shall go out to the altar that is before the LORD and make atonement for it. and shall take some of the bull's blood, and some of the goat's blood, and put it around on the horns of the altar. 19 He shall sprinkle some of the blood on it with

his finger seven times, and cleanse it, and make it holy the house of Israel, who kills a bull, or lamb, or goat, from the uncleanness of the children of Israel. 20 "When in the camp, or who kills it outside the camp, 4 and he has made an end of atoning for the Holy Place, the hasn't brought it to the door of the Tent of Meeting, so Tent of Meeting, and the altar, he shall present the live as to sacrifice it for a burnt offering or peace offering to goat. 21 Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the LORD to be acceptable as a soothing aroma, and the live goat, and confess over him all the iniquities of whoever shall kill it outside, and shall not bring it to the the children of Israel, and all their transgressions, even door of the Tent of Meeting to offer it as an offering to all their sins; and he shall put them on the head of the the LORD before the tabernacle of the LORD, blood goat, and shall send him away into the wilderness by shall be imputed to that man. He has shed blood; and the hand of a man who is in readiness. 22 The goat that man shall be cut off from among his people. 5 This shall carry all their iniquities on himself to a solitary is to the end that the children of Israel may bring their land, and he shall let the goat go in the wilderness. 23 sacrifices, which they sacrifice in the open field, that "Aaron shall come into the Tent of Meeting, and shall they may bring them to the LORD, to the door of the take off the linen garments, which he put on when he Tent of Meeting, to the priest, and sacrifice them for went into the Holy Place, and shall leave them there. 24 sacrifices of peace offerings to the LORD. 6 The priest Then he shall bathe himself in water in a holy place, shall sprinkle the blood on the altar of the LORD at and put on his garments, and come out and offer his the door of the Tent of Meeting, and burn the fat for a burnt offering and the burnt offering of the people, and pleasant aroma to the LORD. 7 They shall no more make atonement for himself and for the people. 25 The sacrifice their sacrifices to the goat idols, after which fat of the sin offering he shall burn on the altar. 26 "He they play the prostitute. This shall be a statute forever who lets the goat go for the scapegoat shall wash his to them throughout their generations.' 8 "You shall say clothes, and bathe his flesh in water, and afterward to them, 'Any man there is of the house of Israel, or of he shall come into the camp. 27 The bull for the sin the strangers who live as foreigners among them, who offering, and the goat for the sin offering, whose blood offers a burnt offering or sacrifice, 9 and doesn't bring it was brought in to make atonement in the Holy Place, to the door of the Tent of Meeting, to sacrifice it to the shall be carried forth outside the camp; and they shall LORD; that man shall be cut off from his people. 10 burn their skins, their flesh, and their dung with fire. 28 "Any man of the house of Israel, or of the foreigners He who burns them shall wash his clothes, and bathe who sojourn among you, who eats any kind of blood, I his flesh in water, and afterward he shall come into will set my face against that soul who eats blood, and the camp. 29 "It shall be a statute to you forever: in will cut him off from among his people. 11 For the life the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, you of the flesh is in the blood; and I have given it to you shall humble your souls, and shall do no manner of on the altar to make atonement for your souls: for it work, both the native and the foreigner who sojourns is the blood that makes atonement by reason of the in your midst: 30 for on this day shall atonement be life. 12 Therefore I have said to the children of Israel, made for you, to cleanse you; from all your sins you "No person among you shall eat blood, neither shall shall be clean before the LORD. 31 It is a Sabbath of any stranger who lives as a foreigner among you eat solemn rest to you, and you shall afflict your souls; it is blood." 13 "Whatever man there is of the children of a statute forever. 32 The priest, who is anointed and Israel, or of the foreigners who sojourn among you, who who is consecrated to be priest in his father's place, takes in hunting any animal or bird that may be eaten; shall make the atonement, and shall put on the linen he shall pour out its blood, and cover it with dust. 14 garments, even the holy garments. 33 Then he shall For as to the life of all flesh, its blood is with its life: make atonement for the Holy Sanctuary; and he shall therefore I said to the children of Israel. "You shall not make atonement for the Tent of Meeting and for the eat the blood of any kind of flesh; for the life of all flesh altar; and he shall make atonement for the priests and is its blood. Whoever eats it shall be cut off." 15 "Every for all the people of the assembly. 34 "This shall be an person that eats what dies of itself, or that which is torn everlasting statute for you, to make atonement for the by animals, whether he is native-born or a foreigner, he children of Israel once in the year because of all their shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and sins." It was done as the LORD commanded Moses.

17 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, **2** "Speak to Aaron, and to his sons, and to all the children of Israel, and say to them: 'This is the thing which the LORD has commanded, 3 Whatever man there is of

be unclean until the evening: then he shall be clean. 16 But if he doesn't wash them, or bathe his flesh, then he shall bear his iniquity."

18 The LORD said to Moses, 2 "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them, 'I am the LORD your God. 3 You shall not do as they do in the land of Egypt,

land of Canaan, where I am bringing you; neither shall these abominations; neither the native-born, nor the you walk in their statutes. 4 You shall do my ordinances, stranger who lives as a foreigner among you; 27 (for all and you shall keep my statutes, and walk in them: I these abominations have the men of the land done, am the LORD your God. 5 You shall therefore keep that were before you, and the land became defiled); 28 my statutes and my ordinances; which if a man does, that the land not vomit you out also, when you defile he shall live in them: I am the LORD. 6 "None of you it, as it vomited out the nation that was before you. shall approach anyone who are his close relatives, 29 "For whoever shall do any of these abominations, to uncover their nakedness: I am the LORD. 7 "You even the souls that do them shall be cut off from shall not uncover the nakedness of your father, nor the among their people. 30 Therefore you shall keep my nakedness of your mother: she is your mother. You shall requirements, that you do not practice any of these not uncover her nakedness. 8 "You shall not uncover abominable customs, which were practiced before you, the nakedness of your father's wife: it is your father's and that you do not defile yourselves with them: I am nakedness. 9 "You shall not uncover the nakedness of the LORD your God." your sister, the daughter of your father, or the daughter of your mother, whether born at home, or born abroad. 10 "You shall not uncover the nakedness of your son's daughter, or of your daughter's daughter, even their nakedness: for theirs is your own nakedness. 11 "You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father's wife's daughter, conceived by your father, since she is your sister, you shall not uncover her nakedness. 12 "You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father's sister: she is your father's flesh. 13 "You shall not uncover the nakedness of your mother's sister: for she is your mother's flesh 14 "You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father's brother, you shall not approach his wife: she is your aunt. 15 "You shall not uncover the nakedness of your daughter-in-law: she is your son's wife. You shall not uncover her nakedness. 16 "You shall not uncover the nakedness of your brother's wife: it is your brother's nakedness. 17 "You shall not uncover the nakedness of a woman and her daughter. You shall not take her son's daughter, or her daughter's daughter, to uncover her nakedness; they are near kinswomen: it is wickedness. 18 "You shall not take a wife to her sister, to be a rival, to uncover her nakedness, while her sister is yet alive. 19 "You shall not approach a woman to uncover her nakedness, as long as she is impure by her uncleanness. 20 "You shall not lie carnally with your neighbor's wife, and defile yourself with her. 21 "You shall not give any of your children to sacrifice to Molech; neither shall you profane the name of your God: I am the LORD. 22 "You shall not have sexual relations with a male, as with a woman. That is detestable. 23 "You shall not have sexual relations with any animal to become defiled with it, nor shall any woman give herself to an animal to have sexual relations with it. It is a perversion. 24 "Do not defile yourselves in any of these things: for in all these the nations which I am casting out before you were defiled. 25 The land was defiled: therefore I punished its iniquity, and the land vomited out her inhabitants. 26 You therefore shall keep

where you lived: and you shall not do as they do in the my statutes and my ordinances, and shall not do any of

9 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Speak to all the congregation of the children of Israel, and tell them. 'You shall be holy: for I the LORD your God am holy. 3 "Each one of you shall respect his mother and his father. You shall keep my Sabbaths. I am the LORD your God. 4 "Do not turn to idols, nor make molten gods for yourselves. I am the LORD your God. 5 "When you offer a sacrifice of peace offerings to the LORD, you shall offer it so that you may be accepted. 6 It shall be eaten the same day you offer it, and on the next day: and if anything remains until the third day, it shall be burned with fire. 7 If it is eaten at all on the third day, it is an abomination. It will not be accepted; 8 but everyone who eats it shall bear his iniquity, because he has profaned the holy thing of the LORD, and that soul shall be cut off from his people. 9 "When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not wholly reap the corners of your field, neither shall you gather the gleanings of your harvest. 10 You shall not glean your vineyard, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and for the foreigner. I am the LORD your God. 11 "You shall not steal; neither shall you deal falsely, nor lie to one another. 12 "You shall not swear by my name falsely, and profane the name of your God. I am the LORD. 13 "You shall not oppress your neighbor, nor rob him. The wages of a hired servant shall not remain with you all night until the morning. 14 "You shall not curse the deaf, nor put a stumbling block before the blind; but you shall fear your God. I am the LORD. 15 "You shall do no injustice in judgment: you shall not be partial to the poor, nor show favoritism to the great; but you shall judge your neighbor in righteousness. 16 "You shall not go up and down as a slanderer among your people; neither shall you stand against the life of your neighbor. I am the LORD. 17 "You shall not hate your brother in your heart. You shall surely rebuke your neighbor, and not bear sin because of him. 18 "You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people; but you shall love your surely be put to death. The people of the land shall neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD. 19 "You shall stone him with stones. 3 I also will set my face against keep my statutes. "You shall not crossbreed different that person, and will cut him off from among his people kinds of animals. "you shall not sow your field with two because he has given of his offspring to Molech, to kinds of seed; "neither shall there come upon you a defile my sanctuary, and to profane my holy name. 4 garment made of two kinds of material. 20 "If a man lies If the people of the land all hide their eyes from that carnally with a woman who is a slave girl, pledged to be person, when he gives of his offspring to Molech, and married to another man, and not ransomed, or given her do not put him to death; 5 then I will set my face against freedom; they shall be punished. They shall not be put that man, and against his family, and will cut him off, to death, because she was not free. 21 He shall bring and all who play the prostitute after him, to play the his trespass offering to the LORD, to the door of the prostitute with Molech, from among their people. 6 "The Tent of Meeting, even a ram for a trespass offering. 22 person that turns to spirits of the dead, and to familiar The priest shall make atonement for him with the ram of spirits, to prostitute himself with them, I will even set the trespass offering before the LORD for his sin which my face against that person, and will cut him off from he has committed: and the sin which he has committed among his people. 7 "Sanctify yourselves therefore, shall be forgiven him. 23 "When you come into the land, and be holy; for I am the LORD your God. 8 You shall and have planted all kinds of trees for food, then you keep my statutes, and do them. I am the LORD who shall count their fruit as forbidden. Three years shall sanctifies you. 9 "For everyone who curses his father or they be forbidden to you. It shall not be eaten. 24 But in his mother shall surely be put to death: he has cursed the fourth year all its fruit shall be holy, for giving praise his father or his mother; his blood shall be upon him. 10 to the LORD. 25 In the fifth year you shall eat its fruit, "'The man who commits adultery with another man's that it may yield its increase to you. I am the LORD your wife shall surely be put to death, both the adulterer and God. 26 "You shall not eat any meat with the blood still the adulteress. 11 The man who lies with his father's in it; neither shall you practice divination, nor practice wife has uncovered his father's nakedness: both of sorcery. 27 "You shall not cut the hair on the sides of them shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be your heads, neither shall you clip off the edge of your upon them. 12 "If a man lies with his daughter-in-law, beard. 28 "You shall not make any cuttings in your both of them shall surely be put to death: they have flesh for the dead, nor tattoo any marks on you. I am committed a perversion; their blood shall be upon them. the LORD. 29 "Do not profane your daughter, to make 13 "If a man has sexual relations with a male, as with a her a prostitute; lest the land fall to prostitution, and the woman, both of them have committed an abomination: land become full of wickedness. 30 "You shall keep they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be my Sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary; I am the upon them. 14 "If a man takes a wife and her mother, it LORD. 31 "Do not turn to spirits of the dead, and do not is wickedness: they shall be burned with fire, both he inquire of familiar spirits, to be defiled by them. I am the and they; that there may be no wickedness among you. LORD your God. 32 "You shall rise up before the gray 15 "If a man lies with an animal, he shall surely be put head, and honor the face of an old man, and you shall to death; and you shall kill the animal. 16 "If a woman fear your God. I am the LORD. 33 "If a stranger lives as approaches any animal, and lies down with it, you shall a foreigner with you in your land, you shall not do him kill the woman, and the animal: they shall surely be put wrong. 34 The stranger who lives as a foreigner with you to death; their blood shall be upon them. 17 "If a man shall be to you as the native-born among you, and you takes his sister, his father's daughter, or his mother's shall love him as yourself; for you lived as foreigners in daughter, and sees her nakedness, and she sees his the land of Egypt. I am the LORD your God. 35 "You nakedness; it is a shameful thing; and they shall be shall do no unrighteousness in judgment, in measures cut off in the sight of the children of their people: he of length, of weight, or of quantity. 36 You shall have has uncovered his sister's nakedness; he shall bear just balances, just weights, a just ephah, and a just hin. his iniguity. 18 "If a man lies with a woman having her I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the monthly period, and uncovers her nakedness; he has land of Egypt. 37 You shall observe all my statutes, and made naked her fountain, and she has uncovered the all my ordinances, and do them. I am the LORD."

20 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Moreover, you shall tell the children of Israel, 'Anyone of the children of Israel, or of the foreigners who sojourn in Israel, who gives any of his offspring to Molech; he shall

fountain of her blood: and both of them shall be cut off from among their people. 19 "You shall not uncover the nakedness of your mother's sister, nor of your father's sister; for he has made naked his close relative: they shall bear their iniquity. 20 If a man lies with his uncle's wife, he has uncovered his uncle's nakedness: they shall bear their sin: they shall die childless, 21 am the LORD, 13 "He shall take a wife in her virginity. "If a man takes his brother's wife, it is an impurity: he 14 A widow, or one divorced, or a woman who has been has uncovered his brother's nakedness; they shall be defiled, or a prostitute, these he shall not marry: but childless. 22 "You shall therefore keep all my statutes, a virgin of his own people shall he take as a wife. 15 and all my ordinances, and do them; that the land, He shall not profane his offspring among his people: where I am bringing you to dwell, may not vomit you for I am the LORD who sanctifies him." 16 The LORD out. 23 You shall not walk in the customs of the nation, spoke to Moses, saying, 17 "Say to Aaron, 'None of which I am casting out before you: for they did all these your descendants throughout their generations who has things, and therefore I abhorred them. 24 But I have a blemish, may approach to offer the bread of his God. said to you, "You shall inherit their land, and I will give 18 For whatever man he is that has a blemish, he shall it to you to possess it, a land flowing with milk and not draw near: a blind man, or a lame, or he who has a honey." I am the LORD your God, who has separated flat nose, or any deformity, 19 or a man who has an you from the peoples. 25 "You shall therefore make a injured foot, or an injured hand, 20 or hunchbacked, or a distinction between the clean animal and the unclean, dwarf, or one who has a defect in his eye, or an itching and between the unclean fowl and the clean: and you disease, or scabs, or who has damaged testicles; 21 no shall not make yourselves abominable by animal, or man of the descendants of Aaron the priest, who has a by bird, or by anything with which the ground teems, blemish, shall come near to present offerings to your which I have separated from you as unclean for you. 26 God made by fire. Since he has a blemish, he shall not You shall be holy to me: for I, the LORD, am holy, and come near to offer the bread of his God. 22 He shall eat have set you apart from the peoples, that you should be the bread of his God, both of the most holy, and of the mine. 27 "A man or a woman that is a medium, or is a holy. 23 He shall not come near to the veil, nor come wizard, shall surely be put to death: they shall stone near to the altar, because he has a blemish; that he them with stones; their blood shall be upon them."

21 The LORD said to Moses, "Speak to the priests. the sons of Aaron, and say to them, 'A priest shall not defile himself for the dead among his people; 2 except for his relatives that are near to him: for his his people, to profane himself. 5 "They shall not shave which the children of Israel make holy to the LORD, prostitute, or profane; neither shall they marry a woman crawling creature, whereby he may be made unclean, consecrated to put on the garments, shall not let the hair LORD. 9 "They shall therefore follow my requirements.

may not profane my sanctuaries, for I am the LORD who sanctifies them." 24 So Moses spoke to Aaron. and to his sons, and to all the children of Israel.

22 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Tell Aaron and his sons to separate themselves from the holy mother, for his father, for his son, for his daughter, for things of the children of Israel, which they make holy to his brother, 3 and for his virgin sister who is near to him, me, and that they not profane my holy name. I am the who has had no husband; for her he may defile himself. LORD. 3 "Tell them, 'If anyone of all your descendants 4 He shall not defile himself, being a chief man among throughout your generations approaches the holy things, their heads, neither shall they shave off the corners of having his uncleanness on him, that soul shall be cut their beards, nor make any cuttings in their flesh. 6 They off from before me. I am the LORD. 4 "No man of the shall be holy to their God, and not profane the name descendants of Aaron is a leper or has an issue, may of their God; for they offer the offerings of the LORD eat of the holy things, until he is clean. Whoever touches made by fire, the bread of their God; therefore they shall anything that is unclean by the dead, a man who has be holy. 7 "They shall not marry a woman who is a had a seminal emission; 5 or whoever touches any divorced from her husband: for he is holy to his God. 8 or a man of whom he may take uncleanness, whatever You shall sanctify him therefore; for he offers the bread uncleanness he has; 6 the person that touches any of your God: he shall be holy to you: for I the LORD, such shall be unclean until the evening, and shall not who sanctify you, am holy. 9 "The daughter of any eat of the holy things, unless he bathe his body in priest, if she profanes herself by playing the prostitute, water. 7 When the sun is down, he shall be clean; and she profanes her father: she shall be burned with fire. afterward he shall eat of the holy things, because it 10 "He who is the high priest among his brothers, upon is his bread. 8 That which dies of itself, or is torn by whose head the anointing oil is poured, and that is animals, he shall not eat, defiling himself by it. I am the of his head hang loose, nor tear his clothes; 11 neither lest they bear sin for it, and die because of it, if they shall he go in to any dead body, nor defile himself for profane it. I am the LORD who sanctifies them. 10 "No his father, or for his mother; 12 neither shall he go out of stranger shall eat of the holy thing: a foreigner living the sanctuary, nor profane the sanctuary of his God; for with the priests, or a hired servant, shall not eat of the the crown of the anointing oil of his God is upon him. I holy thing. 11 But if a priest buys a slave, purchased by

his house, they shall eat of his bread. 12 If a priest's the land of Egypt, to be your God. I am the LORD." daughter is married to an outsider, she shall not eat of the heave offering of the holy things. 13 But if a priest's daughter is a widow, or divorced, and has no child, and has returned to her father's house, as in her youth, she may eat of her father's bread: but no stranger shall eat any of it. 14 "If a man eats something holy unwittingly, then he shall add the fifth part of its value to it, and shall give the holy thing to the priest. 15 The priests shall not profane the holy things of the children of Israel, which they offer to the LORD, 16 and so cause them to bear the iniquity that brings guilt, when they eat their holy things: for I am the LORD who sanctifies them." 17 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 18 "Speak to Aaron, and to his sons, and to all the children of Israel, and say to them, 'Any man of the house of Israel or the foreigners who sojourn in Israel, who offers his offering, whether it be any of their vows, or any of their freewill offerings, which they offer to the LORD for a burnt offering; 19 that you may be accepted, you shall offer a male without blemish, of the bulls, of the sheep, or of the goats. 20 But whatever has a blemish, that you shall not offer: for it shall not be acceptable for you. 21 Whoever offers a sacrifice of peace offerings to the LORD to accomplish a vow, or for a freewill offering, of the herd or of the flock, it shall be perfect to be accepted; there shall be no blemish in it. 22 Blind, injured, maimed, having a wart, festering, or having a running sore, you shall not offer these to the LORD, nor make an offering by fire of them on the altar to the LORD. 23 Either a bull or a lamb that has any deformity or lacking in his parts, that you may offer for a freewill offering; but for a vow it shall not be accepted. 24 That which has its testicles bruised, crushed, broken, or cut, you shall not offer to the LORD; neither shall you do thus in your land. 25 Neither shall you offer the bread of your God from the hand of a foreigner of any of these; because their corruption is in them. There is a blemish in them. They shall not be accepted for you." 26 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 27 "When a bull, or a sheep, or a goat, is born, then it shall remain seven days with its mother; and from the eighth day and thenceforth it shall be accepted for the offering of an offering made by fire to the LORD. 28 Whether it is an ox or a sheep, you shall not kill it and its young both in one day. 29 "When you sacrifice a sacrifice of thanksgiving to the LORD, you shall sacrifice it so that you may be accepted. 30 It shall be eaten on the same day; you shall leave none of it until the morning. I am the LORD. 31 "Therefore you shall keep my commandments, and do them. I am the LORD. 32 You shall not profane my holy name, but I will be made holy among the children of Israel. I am the

his money, he shall eat of it; and such as are born in LORD who makes you holy, 33 who brought you out of

2 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Speak LJ to the children of Israel, and tell them, 'The set feasts of the LORD, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, even these are my set feasts. 3 "Six days shall work be done: but on the seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn rest, a holy convocation; you shall do no manner of work. It is a Sabbath to the LORD in all your dwellings. 4 "These are the set feasts of the LORD, even holy convocations, which you shall proclaim in their appointed season. 5 In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month in the evening, is the LORD's Passover. 6 On the fifteenth day of the same month is the feast of unleavened bread to the LORD. Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. 7 In the first day you shall have a holy convocation. You shall do no regular work. 8 But you shall offer an offering made by fire to the LORD seven days. In the seventh day is a holy convocation: you shall do no regular work."" 9 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 10 "Speak to the children of Israel, and tell them, 'When you have come into the land which I give to you, and shall reap its the harvest, then you shall bring the sheaf of the first fruits of your harvest to the priest: 11 and he shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, to be accepted for you. On the next day after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it. 12 On the day when you wave the sheaf, you shall offer a male lamb without blemish a year old for a burnt offering to the LORD. 13 The meal offering with it shall be two tenth parts of an ephah of fine flour mingled with oil, an offering made by fire to the LORD for a pleasant aroma; and the drink offering with it shall be of wine, the fourth part of a hin. 14 You shall eat neither bread, nor roasted grain, nor fresh grain, until this same day, until you have brought the offering of your God. This is a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings. 15 "You shall count from the next day after the Sabbath, from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven Sabbaths shall be completed: 16 even to the next day after the seventh Sabbath you shall number fifty days; and you shall offer a new meal offering to the LORD. 17 You shall bring out of your habitations two loaves of bread for a wave offering made of two tenth parts of an ephah of fine flour. They shall be baked with yeast, for first fruits to the LORD. 18 You shall present with the bread seven lambs without blemish a year old, one young bull, and two rams. They shall be a burnt offering to the LORD, with their meal offering, and their drink offerings, even an offering made by fire, of a sweet aroma to the LORD. 19 You shall offer one male goat for a sin offering, and two male lambs a year old for a sacrifice of peace offerings. 20 The priest wave offering before the LORD, with the two lambs. of goodly trees, branches of palm trees, and boughs They shall be holy to the LORD for the priest, 21 You of thick trees, and willows of the brook; and you shall shall make proclamation on the same day; there shall be reioice before the LORD your God seven days. 41 You a holy convocation to you; you shall do no regular work. shall keep it a feast to the LORD seven days in the This is a statute forever in all your dwellings throughout year: it is a statute forever throughout your generations; your generations. 22 "When you reap the harvest of you shall keep it in the seventh month. 42 You shall your land, you shall not wholly reap into the corners of dwell in booths seven days. All who are native-born in your field, neither shall you gather the gleanings of your Israel shall dwell in booths, 43 that your generations harvest: you shall leave them for the poor, and for the may know that I made the children of Israel to dwell in foreigner. I am the LORD your God."" 23 The LORD booths, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt. I spoke to Moses, saying, 24 "Speak to the children of am the LORD your God." 44 Moses declared to the Israel, saving, 'In the seventh month, on the first day of children of Israel the appointed feasts of the LORD. the month, shall be a solemn rest to you, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, a holy convocation. 25 You shall do no regular work: and you shall offer an offering made by fire to the LORD." 26 The LORD spoke to Moses, saving, 27 "However on the tenth day of this seventh month is the day of atonement: it shall be a holy convocation to you, and you shall afflict yourselves; and you shall offer an offering made by fire to the LORD. 28 You shall do no manner of work in that same day; for it is a day of atonement, to make atonement for you before the LORD your God. 29 For whoever it is who shall not deny himself in that same day; shall be cut off from his people. 30 Whoever it is who does any manner of work in that same day, that person I will destroy from among his people. 31 You shall do no manner of work: it is a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings. 32 It shall be a Sabbath of solemn rest for you, and you shall deny yourselves. In the ninth day of the month at evening, from evening to evening, you shall keep your Sabbath." 33 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 34 "Speak to the children of Israel, and say. 'On the fifteenth day of this seventh month is the feast of booths for seven days to the LORD. 35 On the first day shall be a holy convocation: you shall do no regular work. 36 Seven days you shall offer an offering made by fire to the LORD. On the eighth day shall be a holy convocation to you; and you shall offer an offering made by fire to the LORD. It is a solemn assembly: you shall do no regular work. 37 "These are the appointed feasts of the LORD, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, to offer an offering made by fire to the LORD, a burnt offering, and a meal offering, a sacrifice, and drink offerings, each on its own day: 38 besides the Sabbaths of the LORD, and besides your gifts, and besides all your vows, and besides all your freewill offerings, which you give to the LORD. 39 "So on the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered in the fruits of the land, you shall keep the feast of the LORD seven days: on the first day shall be a solemn rest, and on the eighth day shall be a

shall wave them with the bread of the first fruits for a solemn rest. 40 You shall take on the first day the fruit

24 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Command the children of Israel, that they bring to you pure olive oil beaten for the light, to cause a lamp to burn continually. 3 Outside of the veil of the Testimony, in the Tent of Meeting, shall Aaron keep it in order from evening to morning before the LORD continually: it shall be a statute forever throughout your generations. 4 He shall keep in order the lamps on the pure gold lampstand before the LORD continually. 5 "You shall take fine flour, and bake twelve loaves of it: two tenth parts of an ephah shall be in one loaf. 6 You shall set them in two rows, six on a row, on the pure gold table before the LORD. 7 You shall put pure frankincense on each row, that it may be to the bread for a memorial, even an offering made by fire to the LORD. 8 Every Sabbath day he shall set it in order before the LORD continually. It is on the behalf of the children of Israel an everlasting covenant. 9 It shall be for Aaron and his sons; and they shall eat it in a holy place: for it is most holy to him of the offerings of the LORD made by fire by a perpetual statute." 10 The son of an Israelite woman, whose father was an Egyptian, went out among the children of Israel; and the son of the Israelite woman and a man of Israel strove together in the camp. 11 The son of the Israelite woman blasphemed the Name, and cursed; and they brought him to Moses. His mother's name was Shelomith, the daughter of Dibri, of the tribe of Dan. 12 They put him in custody, until the will of the LORD should be declared to them. 13 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 14 "Bring out of the camp him who cursed; and let all who heard him lay their hands on his head, and let all the congregation stone him. 15 You shall speak to the children of Israel, saving, Whoever curses his God shall bear his sin. 16 He who blasphemes the name of the LORD, he shall surely be put to death; all the congregation shall certainly stone him: the foreigner as well as the native-born, when he blasphemes the Name, shall be put to death. 17 "He who strikes any man mortally shall surely be put to death. 18 He who strikes an animal mortally shall make

it good, life for life. 19 If anyone injures his neighbor; as shall do my statutes, and keep my ordinances and do Israel did as the LORD commanded Moses.

25 The LORD said to Moses in Mount Sinai, 2 "Speak to the children of Israel, and tell them, 'When you come into the land which I give you, then the land shall keep a Sabbath to the LORD. 3 Six years you shall sow your field, and six years you shall prune your vineyard, and gather in its fruits; 4 but in the seventh year there shall be a Sabbath of solemn rest for the land, a Sabbath to the LORD. You shall not sow your field or prune your vineyard. 5 What grows of itself in your harvest you shall not reap, and the grapes of your undressed vine you shall not gather. It shall be a year of solemn rest for the land. 6 The Sabbath of the land shall be for food for you; for yourself, for your servant, for your maid, for your hired servant, and for your stranger, who lives as a foreigner with you. 7 For your livestock also, and for the animals that are in your land, shall all its increase be for food. 8 "You shall count off seven Sabbaths of years, seven times seven years; and there shall be to you the days of seven Sabbaths of years, even forty-nine years. 9 Then you shall sound the loud trumpet on the tenth day of the seventh month. On the Day of Atonement you shall sound the trumpet throughout all your land. 10 You shall make the fiftieth year holy, and proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee to you; and each of you shall return to his own property, and each of you shall return to his family. 11 That fiftieth year shall be a jubilee to you. In it you shall not sow, neither reap that which grows of itself, nor gather from the undressed vines. 12 For it is a jubilee; it shall be holy to you. You shall eat of its increase out of the field. 13 "In this Year of Jubilee each of you shall return to his property. 14 "If you sell anything to your neighbor, or buy from your neighbor, you shall not wrong one another. 15 According to the number of years after the Jubilee you shall buy from your neighbor. According to the number of years of the crops he shall sell to you. 16 According to the length of the years you shall increase its price, and according to the shortness of the years you shall diminish its price; for he is selling the number of the crops to you. 17 You shall not wrong one another; but you shall fear your God: for I am the LORD your God. 18 "Therefore you

he has done, so shall it be done to him: 20 fracture for them; and you shall dwell in the land in safety. 19 The fracture, eye for eye, tooth for tooth; as he has injured land shall yield its fruit, and you shall eat your fill, and someone, so shall it be done to him. 21 He who kills an dwell in it in safety. 20 If you said, "What shall we eat animal shall make it good; and he who kills a man shall the seventh year? Look, we shall not sow, nor gather be put to death. 22 You shall have one kind of law, for in our increase;" 21 then I will command my blessing the foreigner as well as the native-born: for I am the on you in the sixth year, and it shall bring forth fruit LORD your God." 23 Moses spoke to the children of for the three years. 22 You shall sow the eighth year. Israel; and they brought forth him who had cursed out of and eat of the fruits, the old store; until the ninth year, the camp, and stoned him with stones. The children of until its fruits come in, you shall eat the old store. 23

"The land shall not be sold in perpetuity, for the land is mine; for you are strangers and live as foreigners with me. 24 In all the land of your possession you shall grant a redemption for the land. 25 "If your brother becomes poor, and sells some of his possessions, then his kinsman who is next to him shall come, and redeem that which his brother has sold. 26 If a man has no one to redeem it, and he becomes prosperous and finds sufficient means to redeem it; 27 then let him reckon the years since its sale, and restore the surplus to the man to whom he sold it; and he shall return to his property. 28 But if he isn't able to get it back for himself, then what he has sold shall remain in the hand of him who has bought it until the Year of Jubilee: and in the Jubilee it shall be released, and he shall return to his property. 29 "If a man sells a dwelling house in a walled city, then he may redeem it within a whole year after it has been sold. For a full year he shall have the right of redemption. 30 If it isn't redeemed within the space of a full year, then the house that is in the walled city shall be made sure in perpetuity to him who bought it, throughout his generations. It shall not be released in the Jubilee. 31 But the houses of the villages which have no wall around them shall be reckoned with the fields of the country; they may be redeemed; and they shall be released in the Jubilee. 32 "Nevertheless the cities of the Levites, the houses in the cities of their possession, the Levites may redeem forever. 33 The Levites may redeem the house that was sold, and the city of his possession, and it shall be released in the Jubilee; for the houses of the cities of the Levites are their possession among the children of Israel. 34 But the field of the suburbs of their cities may not be sold; for it is their perpetual possession. 35 "If your brother has become poor, and his hand can't support him among you; then you shall uphold him. As a stranger and a sojourner he shall live with you. 36 Take no interest from him or profit, but fear your God; that your brother may live among you. 37 You shall not lend him your money at interest, nor give him your food for profit. 38 I am the LORD your God, who brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, to give you the land of Canaan, and to be your God. 39 "If your brother has grown poor him to serve as a slave. 40 As a hired servant, and as a their fruit. 5 Your threshing shall reach to the vintage. sojourner, he shall be with you; he shall serve with you and the vintage shall reach to the sowing time; and you you, he and his children with him, and shall return to his safely. 6 "I will give peace in the land, and you shall lie own family, and to the possession of his fathers. 42 For down, and no one will make you afraid; and I will remove they are my servants, whom I brought forth out of the evil animals out of the land, neither shall the sword go land of Egypt. They shall not be sold as slaves. 43 You through your land. 7 You shall chase your enemies. you, from them you may buy male and female slaves. you by the sword. 9 "I will have respect for you, and among you, of them you may buy, and of their families covenant with you. 10 You shall eat old store long kept, who are with you, which they have conceived in your and you shall move out the old because of the new. 11 land; and they will be your property. 46 You may make And I will set my tabernacle among you, and my soul 47 "If a stranger or sojourner with you becomes rich, broken the bars of your yoke, and made you go upright. himself to the stranger or foreigner living among you, these commandments; 15 and if you shall reject my sold he may be redeemed. One of his brothers may you will not do all my commandments, but break my his family may redeem him; or if he has grown rich, he consume the eves, and make the soul to pine away; yet many years, according to them he shall give back listen to me, then I will chastise you seven times more the price of his redemption out of the money that he for your sins. 19 I will break the pride of your power, was bought for. 52 If there remain but a few years to the and I will make your sky like iron, and your soil like then he shall be released in the Year of Jubilee, he, and send the wild animals among you, which will rob you his children with him. 55 For to me the children of Israel of your children, destroy your livestock, and make you are servants; they are my servants whom I brought forth few in number; and your roads will become desolate. out of the land of Egypt. I am the LORD your God.

26 "You shall make for yourselves no idols, neither shall you raise up an engraved image or a pillar, neither shall you place any figured stone in your land, to bow down to it: for I am the LORD your God. 2 "You shall keep my Sabbaths, and have reverence for my sanctuary. I am the LORD. 3 "If you walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them; 4 then I will give you your rains in their season, and the land shall

among you, and sells himself to you: you shall not make yield its increase, and the trees of the field shall yield until the Year of Jubilee: 41 then he shall go out from shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land shall not rule over him with harshness, but shall fear and they shall fall before you by the sword. 8 Five of your God. 44 "As for your male and your female slaves, you shall chase a hundred, and a hundred of you shall whom you may have; of the nations that are around chase ten thousand; and your enemies shall fall before 45 Moreover of the children of the strangers who sojourn make you fruitful, and multiply you, and will establish my them an inheritance for your children after you, to hold will not abhor you. 12 I will walk among you, and will for a possession; of them may you take your slaves be your God, and you will be my people. 13 I am the forever: but over your brothers the children of Israel LORD your God, who brought you forth out of the land you shall not rule, one over another, with harshness. of Egypt, that you should not be their slaves; and I have and your brother beside him has grown poor, and sells 14 "But if you will not listen to me, and will not do all or to a member of the stranger's family; 48 after he is statutes, and if your soul abhors my ordinances, so that redeem him; 49 or his uncle, or his uncle's son, may covenant; 16 I also will do this to you: I will appoint redeem him, or any who is a close relative to him of terror over you, even consumption and fever, that shall may redeem himself. 50 He shall reckon with him who and you will sow your seed in vain, for your enemies bought him from the year that he sold himself to him to will eat it. 17 I will set my face against you, and you the Year of Jubilee: and the price of his sale shall be will be struck before your enemies. Those who hate according to the number of years; according to the time you will rule over you; and you will flee when no one of a hired servant shall he be with him. 51 If there are pursues you. 18 "If you in spite of these things will not year of jubilee, then he shall reckon with him; according bronze; 20 and your strength will be spent in vain; for to his years of service he shall give back the price of his your land won't yield its increase, neither will the trees redemption. 53 As a servant hired year by year shall he of the land yield their fruit. 21 "If you walk contrary to be with him: he shall not rule with harshness over him in me, and won't listen to me, then I will bring seven times your sight. 54 If he isn't redeemed by these means, more plagues on you according to your sins. 22 I will 23 "If by these things you won't be reformed to me, but will walk contrary to me; 24 then I will also walk contrary to you; and I will strike you, even I, seven times for your sins. 25 I will bring a sword upon you, that will execute the vengeance of the covenant; and you will be gathered together within your cities: and I will send the pestilence among you; and you will be delivered into the hand of the enemy. 26 When I break your staff of bread, ten women shall bake your bread in one oven,

you shall eat, and not be satisfied. 27 "If you in spite ordinances and laws, which the LORD made between of this won't listen to me, but walk contrary to me; 28 him and the children of Israel in Mount Sinai by Moses. then I will walk contrary to you in wrath; and I also will chastise you seven times for your sins. 29 You will eat the flesh of your sons, and you will eat the flesh of your daughters. 30 I will destroy your high places, and cut down your incense altars, and cast your dead bodies upon the bodies of your idols; and my soul will abhor you. 31 I will lay your cities waste, and will bring your sanctuaries to desolation, and I will not take delight in the sweet fragrance of your offerings. 32 I will bring the land into desolation; and your enemies that dwell in it will be astonished at it. 33 I will scatter you among the nations, and I will draw out the sword after you: and vour land will be a desolation, and your cities shall be a waste. 34 Then the land will enjoy its sabbaths as long as it lies desolate and you are in your enemies' land. Even then the land will rest and enjoy its sabbaths. 35 As long as it lies desolate it shall have rest, even the rest which it did not have in your sabbaths, when you lived on it. 36 "As for those of you who are left, I will send a faintness into their hearts in the lands of their enemies: and the sound of a driven leaf will put them to flight; and they shall flee, as one flees from the sword; and they will fall when no one pursues. 37 They will stumble over one another, as it were before the sword. when no one pursues: and you will have no power to stand before your enemies. 38 You will perish among the nations, and the land of your enemies will eat you up. 39 Those of you who are left will rot away in their iniquity in the lands of their enemies; and also in the iniquities of their fathers shall they rot away with them. 40 "If they confess their iniquity, and the iniquity of their fathers, in their trespass which they trespassed against me, and also that, because they walked contrary to me, 41 I also walked contrary to them, and brought them into the land of their enemies: if then their uncircumcised heart is humbled, and they then accept the punishment of their iniquity; 42 then I will remember my covenant with Jacob; and also my covenant with Isaac, and also my covenant with Abraham: and I will remember the land. 43 The land also will be left by them, and will enjoy its sabbaths while it lies desolate without them: and they will accept the punishment of their iniquity; because, even because they rejected my ordinances, and their soul abhorred my statutes. 44 Yet for all that, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not reject them, neither will I abhor them, to destroy them utterly, and to break my covenant with them: for I am the LORD their God: 45 but I will for their sake remember the covenant of their ancestors, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the nations, that I might be

and they shall deliver your bread again by weight: and their God. I am the LORD." 46 These are the statutes.

27 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them, 'When a man makes a vow, the persons shall be for the LORD by your valuation. 3 Your valuation shall be of a male from twenty years old even to sixty years old, even your valuation shall be fifty shekels of silver, after the shekel of the sanctuary. 4 If it is a female, then your valuation shall be thirty shekels. 5 If the person is from five years old even to twenty years old, then your valuation shall be for a male twenty shekels, and for a female ten shekels. 6 If the person is from a month old even to five years old, then your valuation shall be for a male five shekels of silver, and for a female your valuation shall be three shekels of silver. 7 If the person is from sixty years old and upward; if it is a male, then your valuation shall be fifteen shekels, and for a female ten shekels. 8 But if he is poorer than your valuation, then he shall be set before the priest, and the priest shall value him; according to the ability of him who vowed shall the priest value him. 9 "If it is an animal, of which men offer an offering to the LORD, all that any man gives of such to the LORD becomes holy. 10 He shall not alter it, nor change it, a good for a bad, or a bad for a good: and if he shall at all change animal for animal, then both it and that for which it is changed shall be holy. 11 If it is any unclean animal, of which they do not offer as an offering to the LORD, then he shall set the animal before the priest; 12 and the priest shall value it, whether it is good or bad. As you the priest values it, so shall it be. 13 But if he will indeed redeem it, then he shall add the fifth part of it to its valuation. 14 "When a man dedicates his house to be holy to the LORD, then the priest shall evaluate it, whether it is good or bad: as the priest shall evaluate it, so shall it stand. 15 If he who dedicates it will redeem his house, then he shall add the fifth part of the money of your valuation to it, and it shall be his. 16 "If a man dedicates to the LORD part of the field of his possession, then your valuation shall be according to the seed for it: the sowing of a homer of barley shall be valued at fifty shekels of silver. 17 If he dedicates his field from the Year of Jubilee, according to your valuation it shall stand. 18 But if he dedicates his field after the Jubilee, then the priest shall reckon to him the money according to the years that remain to the Year of Jubilee; and an abatement shall be made from your valuation. 19 If he who dedicated the field will indeed redeem it, then he shall add the fifth part of the money of your valuation to it, and it shall remain his. 20 If he will not redeem the field, or if he has sold the field to

another man, it shall not be redeemed any more: 21 but the field, when it goes out in the Jubilee, shall be holy to the LORD, as a field devoted; it shall be owned by the priests. 22 "If he dedicates to the LORD a field which he has bought, which is not of the field of his possession, 23 then the priest shall reckon to him the worth of your valuation up to the Year of Jubilee; and he shall give your valuation on that day, as a holy thing to the LORD. 24 In the Year of Jubilee the field shall return to him from whom it was bought, even to him to whom the possession of the land belongs. 25 All your valuations shall be according to the shekel of the sanctuary: twenty gerahs to the shekel. 26 "Only the firstborn among animals, which is made a firstborn to the LORD, no man may dedicate it; whether an ox or sheep, it is the LORD's. 27 If it is an unclean animal, then he shall buy it back according to your valuation, and shall add to it the fifth part of it: or if it isn't redeemed, then it shall be sold according to your valuation. 28 "Notwithstanding, no devoted thing, that a man shall devote to the LORD of all that he has, whether of man or animal, or of the field of his possession, shall be sold or redeemed: every devoted thing is most holy to the LORD. 29 "No one devoted, who shall be devoted from among men, shall be ransomed; he shall surely be put to death. 30 "All the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the trees, is the LORD's. It is holy to the LORD. 31 If a man redeems anything of his tithe, he shall add a fifth part to it. 32 All the tithe of the herds or the flocks, whatever passes under the rod, the tenth shall be holy to the LORD. 33 He shall not search whether it is good or bad, neither shall he change it: and if he changes it at all, then both it and that for which it is changed shall be holy. It shall not be redeemed." 34 These are the commandments which the LORD commanded Moses for the children of Israel on Mount Sinai.

Numbers

1 The LORD spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai. in the Tent of Meeting, on the first day of the second month, in the second year after they had come out of the land of Egypt, saying, 2 "Take a census of all the congregation of the children of Israel, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, every male, one by one; 3 from twenty years old and upward, all who are able to go out to war in Israel. You and Aaron shall number them by their divisions. 4 With you there shall be a man of every tribe; everyone head of his fathers' house. 5 These are the names of the men who shall stand with you: Of Reuben: Elizur the son of Shedeur. 6 Of Simeon: Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai. 7 Of Judah: Nahshon the son of Amminadab. 8 Of Issachar: Nethanel the son of Zuar. 9 Of Zebulun: Eliab the son of Helon. 10 Of the sons Joseph: Of Ephraim: Elishama the son of Ammihud. Of Manasseh: Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur. 11 Of Benjamin: Abidan the son of Gideoni. 12 Of Dan: Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai. 13 Of Asher: Pagiel the son of Ochran. 14 Of Gad: Eliasaph the son of Reuel. 15 Of Naphtali: Ahira the son of Enan." 16 These are those who were called of the congregation, the leaders of the tribes of their fathers; they were the heads of the thousands of Israel. 17 Moses and Aaron took these men who are mentioned by name. 18 They assembled all the congregation together on the first day of the second month; and they declared their ancestry by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, one by one. 19 As the LORD commanded Moses, so he numbered them in the wilderness of Sinai. 20 Now the descendants of Reuben. Israel's firstborn. their generations, according to their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, one by one, every male from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go out to war; 21 those who were numbered of them, of the tribe of Reuben, were forty-six thousand five hundred. 22 Of the descendants of Simeon, their generations, according to their families, by their fathers' houses, those who were numbered of it, according to the number of the names, one by one, every male from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go out to war; 23 those who were numbered of them, of the tribe of Simeon, were fiftynine thousand three hundred. 24 Of the descendants of Gad, their generations, according to their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go out to war; 25 those who were numbered of them, of the tribe of Gad, were forty-five thousand

six hundred fifty. 26 Of the descendants of Judah, their generations, according to their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go out to war; 27 those who were numbered of them, of the tribe of Judah, were sixty-four thousand six hundred. 28 Of the descendants of Issachar, their generations, according to their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go out to war; 29 those who were numbered of them, of the tribe of Issachar, were fifty-four thousand four hundred. 30 Of the descendants of Zebulun, their generations, according to their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go out to war; 31 those who were numbered of them, of the tribe of Zebulun, were fifty-seven thousand four hundred. 32 Of the sons of Joseph, of the descendants of Ephraim, their generations, according to their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go out to war; 33 those who were numbered of them, of the tribe of Ephraim, were forty thousand five hundred. 34 Of the descendants of Manasseh, their generations, according to their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go out to war; 35 those who were numbered of them, of the tribe of Manasseh, were thirty-two thousand two hundred. 36 Of the descendants of Benjamin, their generations, according to their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go out to war; 37 those who were numbered of them, of the tribe of Benjamin, were thirty-five thousand four hundred. 38 Of the descendants of Dan, their generations, according to their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go forth to war; 39 those who were numbered of them, of the tribe of Dan, were sixty-two thousand seven hundred. 40 Of the descendants of Asher, their generations, according to their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go forth to war; 41 those who were numbered of them, of the tribe of Asher, were forty-one thousand five hundred. 42 Of the descendants of Naphtali, their generations, according to their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go forth to war; 43 those who were numbered of them, of the tribe of Naphtali, were fifty-three thousand four hundred. 44 These are those who were numbered, shall be Elizur the son of Shedeur, 11 His division, and to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so they did.

2 The LORD spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, 2 "The children of Israel shall camp every man by his own standard, with the banners of their fathers' houses: at a distance from the Tent of Meeting shall they camp around it." 3 Those who camp on the east side toward the sunrise shall be of the standard of the camp of Judah, according to their divisions: and the prince of the people of Judah shall be Nahshon the son of Amminadab. 4 His division, and those who were numbered of them, were seventy-four thousand six hundred. 5 Those who camp next to him shall be the tribe of Issachar: and the prince of the people of Issachar shall be Nethanel the son of Zuar. 6 His division, and those who were numbered of it, were fifty-four thousand four hundred. 7 The tribe of Zebulun: and the prince of the people of Zebulun shall be Eliab the son of Helon. 8 His division, and those who were numbered of it, were fifty-seven thousand four hundred. 9 All who were numbered of the camp of Judah were one hundred eighty-six thousand four hundred, according to their divisions. They shall set out first. 10 "On the south side shall be the standard of the camp of Reuben according to their divisions. The prince of the people of Reuben

whom Moses and Aaron numbered, and the leaders of those who were numbered of it, were forty-six thousand Israel, being twelve men; each representing his fathers' five hundred. 12 "Those who camp next to him shall house. 45 So all those who were numbered of the be the tribe of Simeon. The prince of the people of children of Israel by their fathers' houses, from twenty Simeon shall be Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai. 13 years old and upward, all who were able to go out to His division, and those who were numbered of them, war in Israel; 46 even all those who were numbered were fifty-nine thousand three hundred. 14 "The tribe were six hundred three thousand five hundred fifty. 47 of Gad: and the prince of the people of Gad shall be But the Levites after the tribe of their fathers were not Eliasaph the son of Reuel. 15 His division, and those numbered among them. 48 For the LORD spoke to who were numbered of them, were forty-five thousand Moses, saying, 49 "Only the tribe of Levi you shall six hundred fifty. 16 "All who were numbered of the not number, neither shall you take a census of them camp of Reuben were one hundred fifty-one thousand among the children of Israel; 50 but appoint the Levites four hundred fifty, according to their armies. They shall over the Tabernacle of the Testimony, and over all its set out second. 17 "Then the Tent of Meeting shall furnishings, and over all that belongs to it. They shall set out, with the camp of the Levites in the midst of carry the tabernacle, and all its furnishings; and they the camps. As they camp, so shall they set out, every shall take care of it, and shall camp around it. 51 When man in his place, by their standards. 18 "On the west the tabernacle is to move, the Levites shall take it down; side shall be the standard of the camp of Ephraim and when the tabernacle is to be set up, the Levites according to their divisions: and the prince of the people shall set it up. The unauthorized person who comes of Ephraim shall be Elishama the son of Ammihud. 19 near shall be put to death. 52 The children of Israel His division, and those who were numbered of them, shall pitch their tents, every man by his own camp, were forty thousand five hundred. 20 "Next to him shall and every man by his own standard, according to their be the tribe of Manasseh: and the prince of the people divisions. 53 But the Levites shall camp around the of Manasseh shall be Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur. 21 Tabernacle of the Testimony, that there may be no wrath His division, and those who were numbered of them, on the congregation of the children of Israel: and the were thirty-two thousand two hundred. 22 "The tribe Levites shall be responsible for the Tabernacle of the of Benjamin; and the prince of the people of Benjamin Testimony." 54 Thus the children of Israel did. According shall be Abidan the son of Gideoni. 23 His army, and those who were numbered of them, were thirty-five thousand four hundred. 24 "All who were numbered of the camp of Ephraim were one hundred eight thousand one hundred, according to their divisions. They shall set out third. 25 "On the north side shall be the standard of the camp of Dan according to their divisions: and the prince of the people of Dan shall be Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai. 26 His division, and those who were numbered of them, were sixty-two thousand seven hundred. 27 "Those who camp next to him shall be the tribe of Asher: and the prince of the people of Asher shall be Pagiel the son of Ochran. 28 His division, and those who were numbered of them, were forty-one thousand and five hundred. 29 "The tribe of Naphtali: and the prince of the people of Naphtali shall be Ahira the son of Enan. 30 His division, and those who were numbered of them, were fifty-three thousand four hundred. 31 "All who were numbered of the camp of Dan were one hundred fifty-seven thousand six hundred. They shall set out last by their standards." 32 These are those who were numbered of the children of Israel by their fathers' houses. All who were numbered of the camps according to their armies were six hundred three thousand five hundred fifty. 33 But the Levites were not numbered among the children of Israel; as the LORD commanded

Moses, 34 Thus the children of Israel did. According to seven thousand five hundred, 23 The families of the their families, according to their fathers' houses.

2 Now these are the generations of Aaron and Moses in the day that the LORD spoke with Moses in Mount Sinai. 2 These are the names of the sons of Aaron: Nadab the firstborn, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. 3 These are the names of the sons of Aaron, the priests who were anointed, whom he consecrated to minister in the priest's office. 4 Nadab and Abihu died before the LORD, when they offered strange fire before the LORD, in the wilderness of Sinai, and they had no children. Eleazar and Ithamar ministered in the priest's office in the presence of Aaron their father. 5 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 6 "Bring the tribe of Levi near, and set them before Aaron the priest, that they may minister to him. 7 They shall keep his requirements, and the requirements of the whole congregation before the Tent of Meeting, to do the service of the tabernacle. 8 They shall keep all the furnishings of the Tent of Meeting, and the obligations of the children of Israel, to do the service of the tabernacle. 9 You shall give the Levites to Aaron and to his sons. They are wholly given to him on the behalf of the children of Israel. 10 And you shall appoint Aaron and his sons, and they shall attend to their priesthood; but the unauthorized person who comes near shall be put to death." 11 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 12 "Look, I have taken the Levites from among the children of Israel instead of all the firstborn who open the womb among the children of Israel; and the Levites shall be mine: 13 for all the firstborn are mine. On the day that I struck down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt I made holy to me all the firstborn in Israel, both man and animal. They shall be mine. I am the LORD." 14 The LORD spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, saying, 15 "Count the descendants of Levi by their fathers' houses, by their families. You shall count every male from a month old and upward." 16 Moses numbered them according to the word of the LORD, as he was commanded. 17 These were the sons of Levi by their names: Gershon, and Kohath, and Merari. 18 These are the names of the sons of Gershon by their families: Libni and Shimei. 19 The sons of Kohath by their families: Amram, and Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel. 20 The sons of Merari by their families: Mahli and Mushi. These are the families of the Levites according to their fathers' houses. 21 Of Gershon was the family of the Libnites, and the family of the Shimeites: these are the families of the Gershonites. 22 Those who were numbered of them, according to the number of all the males, from a month old and upward, even those who were numbered of them were

all that the LORD commanded Moses, so they camped Gershonites shall camp behind the tabernacle westward. by their standards, and so they set out, everyone by 24 The prince of the fathers' house of the Gershonites shall be Eliasaph the son of Lael. 25 The duty of the sons of Gershon in the Tent of Meeting shall be the tabernacle, and the tent, its covering, and the screen for the door of the Tent of Meeting, 26 and the curtaining of the court, and the screen for the door of the court, which is by the tabernacle, and around the altar, and its cords for all of its service. 27 Of Kohath was the family of the Amramites, and the family of the Izharites, and the family of the Hebronites, and the family of the Uzzielites: these are the families of the Kohathites. 28 According to the number of all the males, from a month old and upward, there were eight thousand six hundred, keeping the requirements of the sanctuary. 29 The families of the sons of Kohath shall camp on the south side of the tabernacle. 30 The prince of the fathers' house of the families of the Kohathites shall be Elizaphan the son of Uzziel. 31 Their duty shall be the ark, the table, the lamp stand, the altars, the vessels of the sanctuary with which they minister, and the screen, and all its service. 32 Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest shall be chief of the leaders of the Levites, with the oversight of those who keep the requirements of the sanctuary. 33 Of Merari was the family of the Mahlites, and the family of the Mushites. These are the families of Merari. 34 Those who were numbered of them, according to the number of all the males, from a month old and upward, were six thousand two hundred. 35 The prince of the fathers' house of the families of Merari was Zuriel the son of Abihail. They shall camp on the north side of the tabernacle. 36 The appointed duty of the sons of Merari shall be the tabernacle's boards, its bars, its pillars, its sockets, all its instruments, all its service, 37 the pillars of the court around it, their sockets, their pins, and their cords. 38 Those who camp before the tabernacle eastward, in front of the Tent of Meeting toward the sunrise, shall be Moses, and Aaron and his sons, keeping the requirements of the sanctuary for the duty of the children of Israel. The stranger who comes near shall be put to death. 39 All who were numbered of the Levites, whom Moses and Aaron numbered at the commandment of the LORD, by their families, all the males from a month old and upward, were twentytwo thousand. 40 The LORD said to Moses, "Number all the firstborn males of the children of Israel from a month old and upward, and take the number of their names. 41 You shall take the Levites for me (I am the LORD) instead of all the firstborn among the children of Israel; and the livestock of the Levites instead of all the firstborn among the livestock of the children of Israel." 42 Moses numbered, as the LORD commanded him, all the old and upward, of those who were numbered of them, altar; and they shall spread on it a covering of sealskin, Levites instead of all the firstborn among the children of the sanctuary, as the camp moves forward; after that, 46 For the redemption of the two hundred seventy-three the burden of the sons of Kohath in the Tent of Meeting. you shall take them (the shekel is twenty gerahs): 48 all the tabernacle, and of all that is in it, the sanctuary, exceeded the number of those who were redeemed by but thus do to them, that they may live, and not die. commanded Moses.

The LORD spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, 2 "Take a census of the sons of Kohath from among the sons of Levi, by their families, by their fathers' houses, 3 from thirty years old and upward even until fifty years old, all who enter into the service, to do the work in the Tent of Meeting. 4 This is the service of the sons of Kohath in the Tent of Meeting, the most holy things. 5 When the camp moves forward, Aaron shall go in, and his sons, and they shall take down the veil of the screen, and cover the ark of the Testimony with it, 6 and shall put a covering of sealskin on it, and shall spread over it a cloth all of blue, and shall put in its poles. 7 On the table of show bread they shall spread a blue cloth, and put on it the dishes, the spoons, the bowls, and the pitchers for pouring with them; and the continual bread shall be on it. 8 They shall spread on them a scarlet cloth, and cover the same with a covering of sealskin, and shall put in its poles. 9 They shall take a blue cloth, and cover the lampstand of the light, and its lamps, and its snuffers, and its snuff dishes, and all its oil vessels, with which they minister to it. 10 They shall put it and all its vessels within a covering of sealskin, and shall put it on the frame. 11 On the golden altar they shall spread a blue cloth, and cover it with a covering of sealskin, and shall put in its poles. 12 They shall take all the vessels of ministry, with which they minister in the sanctuary, and put them in a blue cloth, and cover them with a covering of sealskin, and shall put them on the frame. 13 They shall take away the ashes from the altar, and spread a purple cloth on it. 14 They shall put on it all its vessels,

firstborn among the children of Israel. 43 All the firstborn with which they minister about it, the fire pans, the flesh males according to the number of names, from a month hooks, the shovels, and the basins; all the vessels of the were twenty-two thousand two hundred seventy-three. and put in its poles. 15 "When Aaron and his sons have 44 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 45 "Take the finished covering the sanctuary, and all the furniture of Israel, and the livestock of the Levites instead of their the sons of Kohath shall come to carry it; but they shall livestock; and the Levites shall be mine. I am the LORD. not touch the sanctuary, lest they die. These things are of the firstborn of the children of Israel, who exceed the 16 "The duty of Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest shall number of the Levites, 47 you shall take five shekels be the oil for the light, the sweet incense, the continual apiece for each one; after the shekel of the sanctuary meal offering, and the anointing oil, the requirements of and you shall give the money, with which the remainder and its furnishings." 17 The LORD spoke to Moses and of them is redeemed, to Aaron and to his sons." 49 to Aaron, saying, 18 "Do not cut off the tribe of the Moses took the redemption money from those who families of the Kohathites from among the Levites: 19 the Levites; 50 from the firstborn of the children of Israel when they approach to the most holy things: Aaron he took the money, one thousand three hundred sixty- and his sons shall go in, and appoint them everyone to five shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary: 51 and his service and to his burden; 20 but they shall not go Moses gave the redemption money to Aaron and to his in to see the sanctuary even for a moment, lest they sons, according to the word of the LORD, as the LORD die." 21 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 22 "Take a census of the sons of Gershon also, by their fathers' houses, by their families: 23 you shall count them from thirty years old and upward until fifty years old; all who enter in to wait on the service, to do the work in the Tent of Meeting. 24 This is the service of the families of the Gershonites, in serving and in bearing burdens: 25 they shall carry the curtains of the tabernacle, and the Tent of Meeting, its covering, and the covering of sealskin that is above on it, and the screen for the door of the Tent of Meeting, 26 and the tapestries of the court, and the screen for the door of the gate of the court, which is by the tabernacle and around the altar, and their cords, and all the instruments of their service, and whatever shall be done with them. So they are to serve. 27 At the commandment of Aaron and his sons shall be all the service of the sons of the Gershonites, in all their burden, and in all their service; and you shall appoint their duty to them in all their responsibilities. 28 This is the service of the families of the sons of the Gershonites in the Tent of Meeting: and their duty shall be under the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest. 29 "As for the sons of Merari, you shall number them by their families, by their fathers' houses; 30 you shall count them from thirty years old and upward even to fifty years old, everyone who enters on the service, to do the work of the Tent of Meeting. 31 This is the duty of their burden, according to all their service in the Tent of Meeting: the tabernacle's boards, its bars, its pillars, its sockets, 32 and the pillars of the court around it, and their sockets, and their pins, and their cords, with all their instruments, and with all their service: and

by name you shall appoint the instruments of the duty the LORD spoke to Moses, so did the children of Israel. of their burden. 33 This is the service of the families 5 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 6 "Speak to the in the Tent of Meeting, under the hand of Ithamar the sin that men commit, so as to trespass against the of them by their families were two thousand seven made to the LORD shall be the priest's; besides the hundred fifty. 37 These are those who were numbered ram of the atonement, by which atonement shall be of the families of the Kohathites, all who served in the made for him. 9 Every heave offering of all the holy according to the commandment of the LORD by Moses. priest, shall be his. 10 Every man's holy things shall be 38 Those who were numbered of the sons of Gershon, his: whatever any man gives the priest, it shall be his." their families, and by their fathers' houses, 39 from thirty 11 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 12 "Speak to years old and upward even to fifty years old, everyone the children of Israel, and tell them: If any man's wife who entered into the service, for work in the Tent of goes astray, and is unfaithful to him, 13 and a man lies Meeting, 40 even those who were numbered of them, with her carnally, and it is hidden from the eyes of her by their families, by their fathers' houses, were two husband, and is kept close, and she is defiled, and were numbered of the families of the sons of Gershon, the act; 14 and the spirit of jealousy comes on him, and all who served in the Tent of Meeting, whom Moses he is jealous of his wife, and she is defiled: or if the and Aaron numbered according to the commandment spirit of jealousy comes on him, and he is jealous of his of the LORD. 42 Those who were numbered of the wife, and she isn't defiled: 15 then the man shall bring families of the sons of Merari, by their families, by their his wife to the priest, and shall bring her offering for fathers' houses, 43 from thirty years old and upward her: the tenth part of an ephah of barley meal. He shall even to fifty years old, everyone who entered into the pour no oil on it, nor put frankincense on it, for it is a service, for work in the Tent of Meeting, 44 even those meal offering of jealousy, a meal offering of memorial, who were numbered of them by their families, were bringing iniquity to memory. 16 The priest shall bring her were numbered of the families of the sons of Merari, shall take holy water in an earthen vessel; and of the whom Moses and Aaron numbered according to the dust that is on the floor of the tabernacle the priest shall were numbered of the Levites, whom Moses and Aaron the woman before the LORD, and let the hair of the upward even to fifty years old, everyone who entered jealousy. The priest shall have in his hand the water in to do the work of service, and the work of bearing of bitterness that brings a curse. 19 The priest shall burdens in the Tent of Meeting, 48 even those who were cause her to swear, and shall tell the woman, 'If no numbered of them, were eight thousand five hundred man has lain with you, and if you haven't gone aside to eighty. 49 According to the commandment of the LORD uncleanness, being under your husband, be free from they were numbered by Moses, everyone according to this water of bitterness that brings a curse. 20 But if you his service, and according to his burden. Thus were they have gone astray, being under your husband, and if you numbered by him, as the LORD commanded Moses.

5 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Command the children of Israel that they put out of the camp every leper, and everyone who has an issue, and whoever is unclean by the dead. 3 Both you shall put male and female outside of the camp; that they not defile their camp, in the midst of which I dwell." 4 The children of Israel did so, and put them out outside of the camp; as

of the sons of Merari, according to all their service, children of Israel: When a man or woman commits any son of Aaron the priest." 34 Moses and Aaron and the LORD, and that soul is guilty; 7 then he shall confess leaders of the congregation numbered the sons of the his sin which he has done, and he shall make restitution Kohathites by their families, and by their fathers' houses, for his guilt in full, and add to it the fifth part of it, and 35 from thirty years old and upward even to fifty years give it to him in respect of whom he has been guilty. 8 old, everyone who entered into the service, for work But if the man has no kinsman to whom restitution may in the Tent of Meeting. 36 Those who were numbered be made for the quilt, the restitution for quilt which is Tent of Meeting, whom Moses and Aaron numbered things of the children of Israel, which they present to the thousand six hundred thirty. 41 These are those who there is no witness against her, and she isn't taken in three thousand two hundred. 45 These are those who near, and set her before the LORD; 17 and the priest commandment of the LORD by Moses. 46 All those who take, and put it into the water. 18 The priest shall set and the leaders of Israel numbered, by their families, woman's head go loose, and put the meal offering of and by their fathers' houses, 47 from thirty years old and memorial in her hands, which is the meal offering of are defiled, and some man has lain with you besides your husband:' 21 then the priest shall cause the woman to swear with the oath of cursing, and the priest shall tell the woman, 'The LORD make you a curse and an oath among your people, when the LORD allows your thigh to fall away, and your body to swell; 22 and this water that brings a curse will go into your bowels, and make your body swell, and your thigh fall away.' The woman

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shall say, 'Amen, Amen,' 23 "The priest shall write these make his head holy that same day, 12 He shall separate 29 "This is the law of jealousy, when a wife, being under shall offer also its meal offering, and its drink offering. bear her iniquity."

6 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Speak to the children of Israel, and tell them: When either man or woman shall make a special vow, the vow of a Nazirite, to separate himself to the LORD, 3 he shall separate himself from wine and strong drink. He shall drink no vinegar of wine, or vinegar of fermented drink, neither shall he drink any juice of grapes, nor eat fresh grapes or dried. 4 All the days of his separation he shall eat nothing that is made of the grapevine, from the seeds even to the skins. 5 "All the days of his vow of separation there shall no razor come on his head, until the days are fulfilled, in which he separates himself to the LORD. He shall be holy. He shall let the locks of the hair of his head grow long. 6 "All the days that he separates himself to the LORD he shall not go near a dead body. 7 He shall not make himself unclean for his father, or for his mother, for his brother, or for his sister, when they die: because his separation to God is on his head. 8 All the days of his separation he is holy to the LORD. 9 "If any man dies very suddenly beside him, and he defiles the head of his separation; then he shall shave his head in the day of his cleansing. On the seventh day he shall shave it. 10 On the eighth day he shall bring two turtledoves or two young pigeons to the priest, to the door of the Tent of Meeting. 11 The priest shall offer one for a sin offering, and the other for a burnt offering, and make atonement for him, because he sinned by reason of the dead, and shall

curses on a scroll, and he shall blot them out into the to the LORD the days of his separation, and shall bring water of bitterness. 24 He shall make the woman drink a male lamb a year old for a trespass offering; but the the water of bitterness that causes the curse; and the former days shall be void, because his separation was water that causes the curse shall enter into her and defiled. 13 "This is the law of the Nazirite: when the become bitter. 25 The priest shall take the meal offering days of his separation are fulfilled, he shall be brought of jealousy out of the woman's hand, and shall wave the to the door of the Tent of Meeting, 14 and he shall meal offering before the LORD, and bring it to the altar. offer his offering to the LORD, one male lamb a year 26 The priest shall take a handful of the meal offering, old without blemish for a burnt offering, and one ewe as its memorial, and burn it on the altar, and afterward lamb a year old without blemish for a sin offering, and shall make the woman drink the water. 27 When he has one ram without blemish for peace offerings, 15 and a made her drink the water, then it shall happen, if she basket of unleavened bread, cakes of fine flour mixed is defiled, and has committed a trespass against her with oil, and unleavened wafers anointed with oil, and husband, that the water that causes the curse will enter their meal offering, and their drink offerings. 16 The into her and become bitter, and her body will swell, and priest shall present them before the LORD, and shall her thigh will fall away: and the woman will be a curse offer his sin offering, and his burnt offering. 17 He shall among her people. 28 If the woman isn't defiled, but is offer the ram for a sacrifice of peace offerings to the clean; then she shall be free and will conceive children. LORD, with the basket of unleavened bread. The priest her husband, goes astray, and is defiled; 30 or when the 18 The Nazirite shall shave the head of his separation spirit of jealousy comes on a man, and he is jealous of at the door of the Tent of Meeting, and shall take the his wife; then he shall set the woman before the LORD, hair of the head of his separation, and put it on the and the priest shall execute on her all this law. 31 The fire which is under the sacrifice of peace offerings. 19 man shall be free from iniquity, and that woman shall The priest shall take the boiled shoulder of the ram. and one unleavened cake out of the basket, and one unleavened wafer, and shall put them on the hands of the Nazirite, after he has shaved the head of his separation; 20 and the priest shall wave them for a wave offering before the LORD. This is holy for the priest, together with the breast that is waved and the thigh that is offered. After that the Nazirite may drink wine. 21 "This is the law of the Nazirite who vows, and of his offering to the LORD for his separation, besides that which he is able to get. According to his vow which he vows, so he must do after the law of his separation." 22 The LORD spoke to Moses, saving, 23 "Speak to Aaron and to his sons, saying, 'This is how you shall bless the children of Israel.' You shall tell them, 24 'The LORD bless you, and keep you. 25 The LORD make his face to shine on you, and be gracious to you. 26 The LORD lift up his face toward you, and give you peace.' 27 "So they shall put my name on the children of Israel: and I will bless them."

> 7 It happened on the day that Moses had finished setting up the tabernacle, and had anointed it and sanctified it, with all its furniture, and the altar with all its vessels, and had anointed and sanctified them; 2 that the leaders of Israel, the heads of their ancestral houses. offered. These were the leaders of the tribes. These are they who were over those who were numbered: 3 and they brought their offering before the LORD, six covered wagons, and twelve oxen; a wagon for every

two of the leaders, and for each one an ox; and they cattle, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs presented them before the tabernacle. 4 The LORD a year old. This was the offering of Eliab the son of spoke to Moses, saying, 5 "Accept these from them, Helon. 30 On the fourth day Elizur the son of Shedeur, that they may be used in doing the service of the Tent prince of the people of Reuben 31 gave his offering: one of Meeting; and you shall give them to the Levites, to silver platter, the weight of which was one hundred thirty every man according to his service." 6 Moses took the shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the wagons and the oxen, and gave them to the Levites. shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour 7 He gave two wagons and four oxen to the sons of mixed with oil for a meal offering; 32 one golden ladle of Gershon, according to their service: 8 and he gave ten shekels, full of incense; 33 one young bull, one ram, four wagons and eight oxen to the sons of Merari, one male lamb a year old, for a burnt offering; 34 one according to their service, under the direction of Ithamar male goat for a sin offering; 35 and for the sacrifice of the son of Aaron the priest. 9 But to the sons of Kohath peace offerings, two head of cattle, five rams, five male he gave none, because the service of the sanctuary goats, and five male lambs a year old. This was the belonged to them; they carried it on their shoulders. offering of Elizur the son of Shedeur. 36 On the fifth day 10 And the leaders gave offerings for the dedication Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai, prince of the people of the altar in the day that it was anointed, even the of Simeon 37 gave his offering: one silver platter, the leaders gave their offerings before the altar. 11 The weight of which was one hundred thirty shekels, one LORD said to Moses, "They shall offer their offering, silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the each prince on his day, for the dedication of the altar." sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for 12 He who offered his offering the first day was Nahshon a meal offering; 38 one golden ladle of ten shekels, full the son of Amminadab, of the tribe of Judah, 13 and his of incense; 39 one young bull, one ram, one male lamb offering was: one silver platter, the weight of which was a year old, for a burnt offering; 40 one male goat for a one hundred thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy sin offering; 41 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them two head of cattle, five rams, five male goats, and five full of fine flour mixed with oil for a meal offering; 14 male lambs a year old: this was the offering of Shelumiel one golden ladle of ten shekels, full of incense; 15 one the son of Zurishaddai. 42 On the sixth day, Eliasaph young bull, one ram, one male lamb a year old, for a the son of Reuel, prince of the people of Gad 43 gave burnt offering; 16 one male goat for a sin offering; 17 his offering: one silver platter, the weight of which was and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two head of one hundred thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy cattle, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them a year old. This was the offering of Nahshon the son full of fine flour mixed with oil for a meal offering; 44 of Amminadab. 18 On the second day Nethanel the one golden ladle of ten shekels, full of incense; 45 one son of Zuar, prince of Issachar, gave his offering. 19 He young bull, one ram, one male lamb a year old, for a offered for his offering: one silver platter, the weight of burnt offering; 46 one male goat for a sin offering; 47 which was one hundred thirty shekels, one silver bowl and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two head of of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; cattle, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a meal a year old. This was the offering of Eliasaph the son offering; 20 one golden ladle of ten shekels, full of of Reuel. 48 On the seventh day Elishama the son of incense; 21 one young bull, one ram, one male lamb a Ammihud, prince of the people of Ephraim 49 gave year old, for a burnt offering; 22 one male goat for a his offering: one silver platter, the weight of which was sin offering; 23 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, one hundred thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy two head of cattle, five rams, five male goats, five male shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them lambs a year old. This was the offering of Nethanel full of fine flour mixed with oil for a meal offering; 50 the son of Zuar. 24 On the third day Eliab the son of one golden ladle of ten shekels, full of incense; 51 one Helon, prince of the people of Zebulun 25 gave his young bull, one ram, one male lamb a year old, for a offering: one silver platter, the weight of which was a burnt offering; 52 one male goat for a sin offering; 53 hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two head of shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them cattle, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs a full of fine flour mixed with oil for a meal offering; 26 year old. This was the offering of Elishama the son of one golden ladle of ten shekels, full of incense; 27 one Ammihud. 54 On the eighth day Gamaliel the son of young bull, one ram, one male lamb a year old, for a Pedahzur, prince of the people of Manasseh 55 gave burnt offering; 28 one male goat for a sin offering; 29 his offering: one silver platter, the weight of which was

and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two head of one hundred thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy

full of fine flour mixed with oil for a meal offering; 56 one year old. This was the offering of Ahira the son of Enan. golden ladle of ten shekels, full of incense; 57 one young 84 This was the dedication of the altar, on the day when bull, one ram, one male lamb a year old, for a burnt it was anointed, by the leaders of Israel: twelve silver offering; 58 one male goat for a sin offering; 59 and for platters, twelve silver bowls, twelve golden ladles; 85 the sacrifice of peace offerings, two head of cattle, five each silver platter weighing one hundred thirty shekels. rams, five male goats, and five male lambs a year old. and each bowl seventy; all the silver of the vessels This was the offering of Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur. two thousand four hundred shekels, after the shekel 60 On the ninth day Abidan the son of Gideoni, prince of the sanctuary; 86 the twelve golden ladles, full of of the people of Benjamin 61 gave his offering: one incense, weighing ten shekels apiece, after the shekel silver platter, the weight of which was one hundred thirty of the sanctuary; all the gold of the ladles weighed one shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the hundred twenty shekels; 87 all the cattle for the burnt shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour offering twelve bulls, the rams twelve, the male lambs a mixed with oil for a meal offering; 62 one golden ladle year old twelve, and their meal offering; and the male of ten shekels, full of incense; 63 one young bull, one goats for a sin offering twelve; 88 and all the cattle for ram, one male lamb a year old, for a burnt offering: 64 the sacrifice of peace offerings twenty-four bulls, the one male goat for a sin offering; 65 and for the sacrifice rams sixty, the male goats sixty, the male lambs a year of peace offerings, two head of cattle, five rams, five old sixty. This was the dedication of the altar, after it was male goats, and five male lambs a year old. This was anointed. 89 When Moses went into the Tent of Meeting the offering of Abidan the son of Gideoni. 66 On the to speak with the LORD, he heard his voice speaking to tenth day Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai, prince of the him from above the mercy seat that was on the ark of people of Dan 67 gave his offering: one silver platter, the Testimony, from between the two cherubim: and he the weight of which was one hundred thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a meal offering; 68 one golden ladle of ten shekels, full of incense: 69 one young bull, one ram. one male lamb a year old, for a burnt offering; 70 one male goat for a sin offering; 71 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two head of cattle, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai. 72 On the eleventh day Pagiel the son of Ochran, prince of the people of Asher 73 gave his offering: one silver platter, the weight of which was one hundred thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a meal offering; 74 one golden ladle of ten shekels, full of incense; 75 one young bull, one ram, one male lamb a year old, for a burnt offering; 76 one male goat for a sin offering; 77 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two head of cattle, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Pagiel the son of Ochran. 78 On the twelfth day Ahira the son of Enan, prince of the people of Naphtali 79 gave his offering: one silver platter, the weight of which was one hundred thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a meal offering; 80 one golden spoon of ten shekels, full of incense: 81 one young bull, one ram, one male lamb a year old, for a burnt offering; 82 one male goat for a sin offering; 83 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two head of

shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them cattle, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs a spoke to him.

8 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Speak to Aaron, and tell him, 'When you light the lamps, the seven lamps shall give light in front of the lampstand." 3 Aaron did so. He lit its lamps to light the area in front of the lampstand, as the LORD commanded Moses. 4 This was the workmanship of the lampstand, beaten work of gold. From its base to its flowers, it was beaten work: according to the pattern which the LORD had shown Moses, so he made the lampstand. 5 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 6 "Take the Levites from among the children of Israel, and cleanse them. 7 You shall do this to them, to cleanse them: sprinkle the water of cleansing on them, let them shave their whole bodies with a razor, and let them wash their clothes, and cleanse themselves. 8 Then let them take a young bull, and its meal offering, fine flour mixed with oil; and another young bull you shall take for a sin offering. 9 You shall present the Levites before the Tent of Meeting. You shall assemble the whole congregation of the children of Israel. 10 You shall present the Levites before the LORD. The children of Israel shall lay their hands on the Levites, 11 and Aaron shall offer the Levites before the LORD for a wave offering, on the behalf of the children of Israel, that it may be theirs to do the service of the LORD. 12 The Levites shall lay their hands on the heads of the bulls, and you shall offer the one for a sin offering, and the other for a burnt offering to the LORD. to make atonement for the Levites. 13 You shall set the Levites before Aaron, and before his sons, and offer them as a wave offering to the LORD. 14 Thus you shall

separate the Levites from among the children of Israel. Passover on that day, and they came before Moses and the Levites shall be mine. 15 "After that, the Levites and before Aaron on that day. 7 Those men said to shall go in to do the service of the Tent of Meeting: him, "We are unclean because of the dead body of a and you shall cleanse them, and offer them as a wave man. Why are we kept back, that we may not offer the offering. 16 For they are wholly given to me from among offering of the LORD in its appointed season among the the children of Israel; instead of all who open the womb, children of Israel?" 8 Moses answered them, "Wait, that even the firstborn of all the children of Israel, I have I may hear what the LORD will command concerning taken them to me. 17 For all the firstborn among the you." 9 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 10 "Say children of Israel are mine, both man and animal. On to the children of Israel, 'If any man of you or of your the day that I struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, generations is unclean by reason of a dead body, or is I sanctified them for myself. 18 I have taken the Levites on a journey far away, he shall still keep the Passover instead of all the firstborn among the children of Israel. to the LORD. 11 In the second month, on the fourteenth 19 I have given the Levites as a gift to Aaron and to day at evening they shall keep it; they shall eat it with his sons from among the children of Israel, to do the unleavened bread and bitter herbs. 12 They shall leave service of the children of Israel in the Tent of Meeting, none of it until the morning, nor break a bone of it. and to make atonement for the children of Israel; that According to all the statute of the Passover they shall there be no plague among the children of Israel, when keep it. 13 But the man who is clean, and is not on a the children of Israel come near to the sanctuary." 20 journey, and fails to keep the Passover, that soul shall Moses, and Aaron, and all the congregation of the be cut off from his people. Because he did not offer children of Israel did so to the Levites. According to the offering of the LORD in its appointed season, that all that the LORD commanded Moses concerning the man shall bear his sin. 14 If a foreigner lives among Levites, so the children of Israel did to them. 21 The you, and desires to keep the Passover to the LORD; Levites purified themselves from sin, and they washed according to the statute of the Passover, and according their clothes; and Aaron offered them for a wave offering to its ordinance, so shall he do. You shall have one before the LORD; and Aaron made atonement for them statute, both for the foreigner, and for him who is born in to cleanse them. 22 After that, the Levites went in to do the land." 15 On the day that the tabernacle was raised their service in the Tent of Meeting before Aaron, and up, the cloud covered the tabernacle, even the Tent of before his sons: as the LORD had commanded Moses the Testimony: and at evening it was over the tabernacle concerning the Levites, so they did to them. 23 The as it were the appearance of fire, until morning. 16 So it LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 24 "This is that which was continually. The cloud covered it by day, and the belongs to the Levites: from twenty-five years old and appearance of fire by night. 17 Whenever the cloud upward they shall go in to wait on the service in the was taken up from over the Tent, then after that the work of the Tent of Meeting; 25 and from the age of fifty children of Israel traveled; and in the place where the years they shall cease waiting on the work, and shall cloud remained, there the children of Israel camped. serve no more, 26 but shall minister with their brothers 18 At the commandment of the LORD, the children of in the Tent of Meeting, to perform the duty, and shall do Israel traveled, and at the commandment of the LORD no service. You shall do thus to the Levites concerning they camped. As long as the cloud remained on the their duties."

Q The LORD spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the first month of the second year after they had come out of the land of Egypt, saying, 2 "Moreover let the children of Israel keep the Passover in its appointed season. 3 On the fourteenth day of this month, at evening, you shall keep it in its appointed season-according to all its statutes, and according to all its ordinances, you shall keep it." 4 Moses spoke to the children of Israel, that they should keep the Passover. 5 They kept the Passover in the first month. on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening, in the wilderness of Sinai. According to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so the children of Israel did. 6 There were certain men, who were unclean because of the dead body of a man, so that they could not keep the

tabernacle they remained camped. 19 When the cloud stayed on the tabernacle many days, then the children of Israel kept the command of God, and did not travel. 20 Sometimes the cloud was a few days on the tabernacle; then according to the commandment of the LORD they remained camped, and according to the commandment of the LORD they traveled. 21 Sometimes the cloud was from evening until morning; and when the cloud was taken up in the morning, they traveled: or by day and by night, when the cloud was taken up, they traveled. 22 Whether it was two days, or a month, or a year that the cloud stayed on the tabernacle, remaining on it, the children of Israel remained camped, and did not travel; but when it was taken up, they traveled. 23 At the commandment of the LORD they camped, and at the commandment of the LORD they traveled. They kept the LORD's command, at the commandment of the Ammihud was over his army. 23 Gamaliel the son of LORD by Moses.

1 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Make two trumpets of silver. You shall make them of beaten work. You shall use them for the calling of the congregation, and for the journeying of the camps. 3 When they blow them, all the congregation shall gather themselves to you at the door of the Tent of Meeting. 4 But if they blow just one, then the leaders, the heads of the thousands of Israel, shall gather themselves to you. 5 When you blow an alarm, the camps that lie on the east side shall go forward. 6 When you blow an alarm the second time, the camps that lie on the south side shall go forward. They shall blow an alarm for their journeys. 7 But when the assembly is to be gathered together, you shall blow, but you shall not sound an alarm. 8 The sons of Aaron, the priests, shall blow the trumpets. This shall be to you for a statute forever throughout your generations. 9 When you go to war in your land against the adversary who oppresses you, then you shall sound an alarm with the trumpets. Then you will be remembered before the LORD your God, and you will be saved from your enemies. 10 "Also in the day of your gladness, and in your set feasts, and in the beginnings of your months, you shall blow the trumpets over your burnt offerings, and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings; and they shall be to you for a memorial before your God. I am the LORD vour God." 11 It happened in the second year. in the second month, on the twentieth day of the month, that the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle of the testimony. 12 The children of Israel went forward according to their journeys out of the wilderness of Sinai; and the cloud abode in the wilderness of Paran. 13 They first went forward according to the commandment of the LORD by Moses. 14 First, the standard of the camp of the people of Judah went forward according to their armies. Nahshon the son of Amminadab was over his army. 15 Nethanel the son of Zuar was over the army of the tribe of the people of Issachar. 16 Eliab the son of Helon was over the army of the tribe of the people of Zebulun. 17 The tabernacle was taken down; and the sons of Gershon and the sons of Merari, who bore the tabernacle, went forward. 18 The standard of the camp of Reuben went forward according to their armies. Elizur the son of Shedeur was over his army. 19 Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai was over the army of the tribe of the people of Simeon. 20 Eliasaph the son of Reuel was over the army of the tribe of the people of Gad. 21 The Kohathites set forward, bearing the sanctuary. The others set up the tabernacle before they arrived. 22 The standard of the camp of the people of Ephraim set When the dew fell on the camp in the night, the manna forward according to their armies. Elishama the son of fell on it. 10 Moses heard the people weeping throughout

Pedahzur was over the army of the tribe of the people of Manasseh. 24 Abidan the son of Gideoni was over the army of the tribe of the people of Benjamin. 25 The standard of the camp of the people of Dan, which was the rearward of all the camps, set forward according to their armies. Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai was over his army. 26 Pagiel the son of Ochran was over the army of the tribe of the people of Asher. 27 Ahira the son of Enan was over the army of the tribe of the people of Naphtali. 28 Thus were the travels of the children of Israel according to their armies; and they went forward. 29 Moses said to Hobab, the son of Reuel the Midianite, Moses' brother-in-law, "We are journeying to the place of which the LORD said, 'I will give it to you.' Come with us, and we will treat you well: for the LORD has spoken good concerning Israel." 30 He said to him, "I will not go; but I will depart to my own land, and to my relatives." 31 He said, "Do not leave us, please; because you know how we are to camp in the wilderness, and you can be our eyes. 32 And it shall be, if you go with us, that it shall be that whatever good the LORD does to us, we will do the same to you." 33 They set forward from the Mount of the LORD three days' journey. The ark of the covenant of the LORD went before them three days' journey, to seek out a resting place for them. 34 The cloud of the LORD was over them by day, when they set forward from the camp. 35 It happened, when the ark went forward, that Moses said, "Rise up, LORD, and let your enemies be scattered. Let those who hate you flee before you." 36 When it rested, he said, "Return, LORD, to the ten thousands of the thousands of Israel."

1 The people were complaining in the ears of the LORD. When the LORD heard it, his anger was kindled; and the LORD's fire burnt among them, and consumed some of the outskirts of the camp. 2 The people cried to Moses: and Moses praved to the LORD. and the fire abated. 3 The name of that place was called Taberah, because the LORD's fire burnt among them. 4 The mixed multitude that was among them lusted exceedingly: and the children of Israel also wept again, and said, "Who will give us flesh to eat? 5 We remember the fish, which we ate in Equpt for nothing: the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlic; 6 but now we have lost our appetite. There is nothing at all except this manna to look at." 7 The manna was like coriander seed, and its appearance like the appearance of bdellium. 8 The people went around, gathered it, and ground it in mills, or beat it in mortars, and boiled it in pots, and made cakes of it. Its taste was like the taste of fresh oil. 9 anger of the LORD was kindled greatly; and Moses was "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." 28 displeased. 11 Moses said to the LORD, "Why have Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of Moses, one of his you treated with your servant so badly? Why haven't chosen men, answered, "My lord Moses, forbid them." I found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of 29 Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? I all this people on me? 12 Have I conceived all this wish that all the LORD's people were prophets, that the people? Have I brought them forth, that you should LORD would put his Spirit on them." 30 Moses went into tell me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries the camp, he and the elders of Israel. 31 A wind from a nursing infant, to the land which you swore to their the LORD went out and brought quails from the sea, fathers?' 13 Where could I get meat to give to all this and let them fall by the camp, about a day's journey on people? For they weep to me, saying, 'Give us meat, this side, and a day's journey on the other side, around that we may eat.' 14 I am not able to bear all this people the camp, and about three feet above the ground. 32 alone, because it is too heavy for me. 15 If you treat me The people rose up all that day, and all the night, and all this way, please kill me right now, if I have found favor the next day, and gathered the quails. He who gathered in your sight; and do not let me see my wretchedness." least gathered ten homers; and they spread them all 16 The LORD said to Moses, "Gather to me seventy abroad for themselves around the camp. 33 While the men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the flesh was yet between their teeth, before it was chewed, elders of the people, and officers over them; and bring the anger of the LORD was kindled against the people, them to the Tent of Meeting, that they may stand there and the LORD struck the people with a very great with you. 17 I will come down and talk with you there. plague. 34 The name of that place was called Kibroth I will take of the Spirit which is on you, and will put it Hattaavah, because there they buried the people who on them; and they shall bear the burden of the people lusted. 35 From Kibroth Hattaavah the people traveled with you, that you not bear it yourself alone. 18 "Say to to Hazeroth; and they stayed at Hazeroth. the people, 'Sanctify yourselves against tomorrow, and you will eat flesh; for you have wept in the ears of the LORD, saying, "Who will give us flesh to eat? For it was well with us in Egypt." Therefore the LORD will give you flesh, and you will eat. 19 You will not eat one day, nor two days, nor five days, neither ten days, nor twenty days, 20 but a whole month, until it come out at your nostrils, and it is loathsome to you; because that you have rejected the LORD who is among you, and have wept before him, saying, "Why did we come out of Egypt?"" 21 Moses said, "The people, among whom I am, are six hundred thousand men on foot; and you have said, 'I will give them flesh, that they may eat a whole month.' 22 Shall flocks and herds be slaughtered for them, to be sufficient for them? Shall all the fish of the sea be gathered together for them, to be sufficient for them?" 23 The LORD said to Moses, "Has the LORD's hand grown short? Now you will see whether my word will happen to you or not." 24 Moses went out. and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people, and set them around the Tent. 25 The LORD came down in the cloud, and spoke to him, and took of the Spirit that was on him, and put it on the seventy elders: and it happened that when the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied, but they did so no more. 26 But two men remained in the camp. The name of one was Eldad, and the name of the other Medad: and the Spirit rested on them; and they were of those who were written, but had not gone out to the Tent; and they prophesied in the

their families, every man at the door of his tent; and the camp. 27 A young man ran, and told Moses, and said,

12 Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Cushite woman whom he had married; for he had married a Cushite woman. 2 They said, "Has the LORD indeed spoken only with Moses? Hasn't he spoken also with us?" And the LORD heard it. 3 Now the man Moses was very humble, above all the men who were on the surface of the earth. 4 The LORD spoke suddenly to Moses, to Aaron, and to Miriam, "You three come out to the Tent of Meeting." The three of them came out. 5 The LORD came down in a pillar of cloud, and stood at the door of the Tent, and called Aaron and Miriam; and they both came forward. 6 He said, "Hear now my words. If there is a prophet among you, I the LORD will make myself known to him in a vision. I will speak with him in a dream. 7 My servant Moses is not so. He is faithful in all my house. 8 With him I will speak mouth to mouth, even openly, and not in riddles; and he shall see the LORD's form. Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant, against Moses?" 9 The anger of the LORD was kindled against them; and he departed. 10 The cloud departed from over the Tent; and look, Miriam was leprous, as white as snow. Aaron looked at Miriam, and look, she was leprous. 11 Aaron said to Moses, "Oh, my lord, please do not count this sin against us, in which we have done foolishly, and in which we have sinned. 12 Let her not, I pray, be as one dead, of whom the flesh is half consumed when he comes out of his mother's womb." 13 Moses cried to the LORD, saying, "Heal her, God, I beg you." 14 The LORD said to Moses, "If her father had but spit in her face, shouldn't she be ashamed seven days? Let her be of Israel, to the wilderness of Paran, to Kadesh: and wilderness of Paran.

1 2 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Send men, that they may spy out the land of Canaan, which I give to the children of Israel. Of every tribe of their fathers, you shall send a man, every one a prince among them." 3 Moses sent them from the wilderness of Paran according to the commandment of the LORD: all of them men who were heads of the children of Israel. 4 These were their names: Of the tribe of Reuben, Shammua the son of Zakkur. 5 Of the tribe of Simeon. Shaphat the son of Hori. 6 Of the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of Jephunneh. 7 Of the tribe of Issachar, Igal the son of Joseph. 8 Of the tribe of Ephraim. Hoshea the son of Nun. 9 Of the tribe of Benjamin, Palti the son of Raphu. 10 Of the tribe of Zebulun. Gaddiel the son of Sodi. 11 Of the tribe of Joseph, of the tribe of Manasseh, Gaddi the son of Susi. 12 Of the tribe of Dan. Ammiel the son of Gemalli. 13 Of the tribe of Asher, Sethur the son of Michael. 14 Of the tribe of Naphtali, Nahbi the son of Vophsi. 15 Of the tribe of Gad, Geuel the son of Maki. 16 These are the names of the men who Moses sent to spy out the land. Moses called Hoshea the son of Nun Joshua. 17 Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan, and said to them, "Go up this way by the Negev, and go up into the hill country: 18 and see the land, what it is; and the people who dwell in it, whether they are strong or weak, whether they are few or many; 19 and what the land is that they dwell in, whether it is good or bad; and what cities they are that they dwell in, whether in camps, or in strongholds; 20 and what the land is, whether it is fat or lean, whether there is wood in it, or not. Be courageous, and bring of the fruit of the land. Now the time was the time of the first-ripe grapes." 21 So they went up, and spied out the land from the wilderness of Zin to Rehob, to Lebo Hamath. 22 They went up by the Negey, and came to Hebron; and Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmai, the descendants of Anak, were there. (Now Hebron was built seven years before Zoan in Egypt.) 23 They came to the Valley of Eshcol, and cut down from there a branch with one cluster of grapes on it, and they bore it on a staff between two. They also brought some of the pomegranates and figs. 24 That place was called the Valley of Eshcol, because of the cluster which the children of Israel cut down from there. 25 They returned from spying out the land at the end of forty days. 26 They went and came to Moses, and to Aaron, and to all the congregation of the children

shut up outside of the camp seven days, and after that brought back word to them, and to all the congregation, she shall be brought in again." 15 Miriam was shut up and showed them the fruit of the land. 27 They told him, outside of the camp seven days, and the people did not and said, "We came to the land where you sent us; and travel until Miriam was brought in again. 16 Afterward surely it flows with milk and honey; and this is its fruit. the people traveled from Hazeroth, and camped in the 28 However the people who dwell in the land are strong, and the cities are fortified and very large. Moreover, we saw the descendants of Anak there. 29 Amalek dwells in the land of the Negev: and the Hethites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, and the Amorites, dwell in the hill country; and the Canaanite dwells by the sea, and along by the side of the Jordan." 30 Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, "Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it." 31 But the men who went up with him said, "We aren't able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we." 32 They brought up an evil report of the land which they had spied out to the children of Israel, saying, "The land, through which we have gone to spy it out, is a land that eats up its inhabitants; and all the people who we saw in it are men of great stature. 33 There we saw the Nephilim, the sons of Anak, who come of the Nephilim: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight."

> All the congregation lifted up their voice, and cried: and the people wept that night. 2 All the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron: and the whole congregation said to them. "Would that we had died in the land of Egypt, or would that we had died in this wilderness. 3 Why does the LORD bring us to this land, to fall by the sword? Our wives and our little ones will be a prey: wouldn't it be better for us to return into Egypt?" 4 And they said to one another, "Let us make a captain, and let us return into Egypt." 5 Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the children of Israel. 6 Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, who were of those who spied out the land, tore their clothes: 7 and they spoke to all the congregation of the children of Israel, saving, "The land, which we passed through to spy it out, is an exceeding good land. 8 If the LORD delights in us, then he will bring us into this land, and give it to us; a land which flows with milk and honey. 9 Only do not rebel against the LORD, neither fear the people of the land; for they are bread for us: their defense is removed from over them, and the LORD is with us. Do not fear them." 10 But all the congregation threatened to stone them with stones. Then the glory of the LORD appeared at the Tent of Meeting to all the children of Israel. 11 The LORD said to Moses. "How long will this people despise me? And how long will they not believe in me, for all the signs

with the pestilence, and disinherit them, and I will make dead bodies shall fall in this wilderness. 33 Your children of you and your father's house a nation greater and shall be wanderers in the wilderness forty years, and mightier than they." 13 Moses said to the LORD, "Then shall bear your prostitution, until your dead bodies be the Egyptians will hear it; for you brought up this people consumed in the wilderness. 34 After the number of the in your might from among them; 14 and they will tell it to days in which you spied out the land, even forty days, the inhabitants of this land. They have heard that you for every day a year, you will bear your iniquities, even LORD are in the midst of this people; for you LORD are forty years, and you will know my alienation.' 35 I, the seen face to face, and your cloud stands over them, and LORD, have spoken, surely this will I do to all this evil you go before them, in a pillar of cloud by day, and in a congregation, who are gathered together against me: in pillar of fire by night. 15 Now if you killed this people this wilderness they shall be consumed, and there they as one man, then the nations which have heard the shall die." 36 The men, whom Moses sent to spy out fame of you will speak, saying, 16 'Because the LORD' the land, who returned, and made all the congregation was not able to bring this people into the land which to murmur against him, by bringing up an evil report he swore to them, therefore he has slain them in the against the land, 37 even those men who brought up an wilderness.' 17 Now please let the power of the Lord evil report of the land, died by the plague before the be great, according as you have spoken, saying, 18 LORD. 38 But Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the 'The LORD is slow to anger, and abundant in loving son of Jephunneh, remained alive of those men who kindness, forgiving iniguity and disobedience; and that went to spy out the land. 39 Moses told these words will by no means clear [the guilty], visiting the iniquity to all the children of Israel: and the people mourned of the fathers on the children, and upon the children's greatly. 40 They rose up early in the morning, and went children, on the third and on the fourth [generation].' 19 up to the top of the mountain, saying, "Look, we are Please pardon the iniquity of this people according to here, and will go up to the place which the LORD has the greatness of your loving kindness, and according as promised: for we have sinned." 41 Moses said, "Why you have forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now do you disobey the commandment of the LORD, now." 20 The LORD said, "I have pardoned according to since it shall not prosper? 42 Do not go up, for the your word. 21 But truly, as I live, and as all the earth LORD isn't among you; that you not be struck down shall be filled with the glory of the LORD; 22 because before your enemies. 43 For there the Amalekite and all those men who have seen my glory, and my signs, the Canaanite are before you, and you shall fall by the which I worked in Egypt and in the wilderness, yet have sword: because you are turned back from following the tempted me these ten times, and have not listened to LORD, therefore the LORD will not be with you." 44 my voice; 23 surely they shall not see the land which I But they presumed to go up to the top of the mountain: swore to their fathers, neither shall any of those who nevertheless the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and despised me see it: 24 but my servant Caleb, because Moses, did not depart out of the camp. 45 Then the he had another spirit with him, and has followed me Amalekite came down, and the Canaanite who lived in fully, him will I bring into the land into which he went; and that mountain, and struck them and beat them down, his descendants shall possess it. 25 Now the Amalekite even to Hormah. and the Canaanite dwell in the valley: tomorrow turn, and go into the wilderness by the way to the Red Sea." 26 The LORD spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, 27 "How long shall I bear with this evil congregation, that murmur against me? I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel, which they murmur against me. 28 Tell them, 'As I live, says the LORD, surely as you have spoken in my ears, so will I do to you: 29 your dead bodies shall fall in this wilderness; and all who were numbered of you, according to your whole number, from twenty years old and upward, who have murmured against me, 30 surely you shall not come into the land, concerning which I swore that I would make you dwell in it, except Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun. 31 But your little ones, that you said should be a prey, them will I bring in, and they shall know the

which I have worked among them? 12 I will strike them land which you have rejected. 32 But as for you, your

15 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Speak to the children of Israel, and tell them, 'When you have come into the land of your habitations, which I give to you, 3 and will make an offering by fire to the LORD, a burnt offering, or a sacrifice, to accomplish a vow, or as a freewill offering, or in your set feasts, to make a pleasant aroma to the LORD, of the herd, or of the flock; 4 then he who offers his offering shall offer to the LORD a meal offering of a tenth part of an ephah of fine flour mixed with the fourth part of a hin of oil: 5 and wine for the drink offering, the fourth part of a hin, you shall prepare with the burnt offering, or for the sacrifice, for each lamb. 6 "Or for a ram, you shall prepare for a meal offering two tenth parts of an ephah of fine flour mixed with the third part of a hin of oil: 7 and for the drink offering you shall offer the third part of a hin of wine, of a pleasant aroma to the The priest shall make atonement for the soul who errs. LORD. 8 When you prepare a bull for a burnt offering, when he sins unwittingly, before the LORD, to make or for a sacrifice, to accomplish a vow, or for peace atonement for him; and he shall be forgiven. 29 You shall offerings to the LORD; 9 then shall he offer with the bull have one law for him who does anything unwittingly, for a meal offering of three tenth parts of an ephah of fine him who is native-born among the children of Israel, and flour mixed with half a hin of oil: 10 and you shall offer for the stranger who lives as a foreigner among them. for the drink offering half a hin of wine, for an offering 30 "But the person who acts defiantly, whether he is made by fire, of a pleasant aroma to the LORD. 11 native-born or a foreigner, the same blasphemes God. Thus shall it be done for each bull, or for each ram, or and that person is to be cut off from among his people. for each of the male lambs, or of the young goats. 12 31 Because he has despised the word of the LORD, and According to the number that you shall prepare, so you has broken his commandment, that soul shall utterly shall do to everyone according to their number. 13 "All be cut off; his iniquity shall be on him." 32 While the who are native-born shall do these things in this way, in children of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a offering an offering made by fire, of a pleasant aroma man gathering sticks on the Sabbath day. 33 Those who to the LORD. 14 If a stranger lives as a foreigner with found him gathering sticks brought him to Moses and vou, or whoever may be among you throughout your Aaron, and to all the congregation, 34 They put him in generations, and will offer an offering made by fire, of a custody, because it had not been declared what should pleasant aroma to the LORD; as you do, so he shall do. be done to him. 35 The LORD said to Moses, "The 15 For the assembly, there shall be one statute for you, man shall surely be put to death: all the congregation and for the stranger who lives among you, a statute shall stone him with stones outside of the camp." 36 forever throughout your generations: as you are, so All the congregation brought him outside of the camp, shall the foreigner be before the LORD. 16 One law and and stoned him to death with stones; as the LORD one ordinance shall be for you, and for the stranger who commanded Moses. 37 The LORD spoke to Moses, lives as a foreigner with you." 17 The LORD spoke to saying, 38 "Speak to the children of Israel, and tell them Moses, saying, 18 "Speak to the children of Israel, and that they should make themselves fringes in the borders tell them, 'When you come into the land where I bring of their garments throughout their generations, and that you, 19 then it shall be that when you eat of the bread they put on the fringe of each border a cord of blue: 39 of the land, you shall offer up a wave offering to the and it shall be to you for a fringe, that you may look on LORD. 20 Of the first of your dough you shall offer up a it, and remember all the commandments of the LORD, cake for a wave offering: as the wave offering of the and do them; and that you not follow after your own threshing floor, so you shall heave it. 21 Of the first of heart and your own eyes, after which you use to play your dough you shall give to the LORD a wave offering the prostitute; 40 that you may remember and do all my throughout your generations. 22 "When you shall err, commandments, and be holy to your God. 41 I am the and not observe all these commandments, which the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of LORD has spoken to Moses, 23 even all that the LORD Egypt, to be your God: I am the LORD your God." has commanded you by Moses, from the day that the LORD gave commandment, and onward throughout your generations; 24 then it shall be, if it be done unwittingly, without the knowledge of the congregation, that all the congregation shall offer one young bull for a burnt offering, for a pleasant aroma to the LORD, with the meal offering of it, and the drink offering of it. according to the ordinance, and one male goat for a sin offering. 25 The priest shall make atonement for all the congregation of the children of Israel, and they shall be forgiven; for it was an error, and they have brought their offering, an offering made by fire to the LORD, and their sin offering before the LORD, for their error: 26 and all the congregation of the children of Israel shall be forgiven, and the stranger who lives as a foreigner among them; for in respect of all the people it was done unwittingly. 27 "If one person sins unwittingly, then he shall offer a female goat a year old for a sin offering. 28

6 Now Korah, the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath. 1 the son of Levi, took Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, and On, the son of Peleth, son of Reuben, 2 and they rose up before Moses, with certain of the children of Israel, two hundred fifty leaders of the congregation, called to the assembly, men of renown; 3 and they assembled themselves together against Moses and against Aaron, and said to them, "You take too much on yourself, since all the congregation are holy, everyone of them, and the LORD is among them: why then lift yourselves up above the assembly of the LORD?" 4 When Moses heard it, he fell on his face: 5 and he spoke to Korah and to all his company, saying, "In the morning the LORD will show who are his, and who is holy, and will bring him near to him. The one whom he has chosen he will bring near to him. 6 Do this: take censers, Korah, and all his company; 7 and put fire in them, and put incense on them before the LORD

tomorrow: and it shall be that the man whom the LORD not from my own mind. 29 If these men die the common chooses, he shall be holy. You have gone too far, you death of all men, or if they be visited after the visitation sons of Levi." 8 Moses said to Korah, "Hear now, you of all men; then the LORD hasn't sent me. 30 But if sons of Levi. 9 Is it a small thing to you, that the God the LORD make a new thing, and the ground open its of Israel has separated you from the congregation of mouth, and swallow them up, with all that appertain Israel, to bring you near to himself, to do the service to them, and they go down alive into Sheol; then you of the tabernacle of the LORD, and to stand before shall understand that these men have despised the the congregation to minister to them; 10 and that he LORD." (Sheol h7585) 31 It happened, as he made an has brought you near, and all your brothers the sons of end of speaking all these words, that the ground split Levi with you? and do you seek the priesthood also? apart that was under them; 32 and the earth opened its **11** Therefore you and all your company are gathered mouth, and swallowed them up, and their households, together against God. And Aaron, what is he that you and all the men who appertained to Korah, and all their murmur against him?" 12 Moses sent to call Dathan goods. 33 So they, and all that appertained to them, and Abiram, the sons of Eliab; and they said, "We won't went down alive into Sheol: and the earth closed on come up: 13 is it a small thing that you have brought us them, and they perished from among the assembly. up out of a land flowing with milk and honey, to kill us (Sheol h7585) 34 All Israel that were around them fled at in the wilderness, but you must also make yourself a their cry; for they said, "Lest the earth swallow us up." prince over us? 14 Moreover you haven't brought us 35 Fire came forth from the LORD, and devoured the into a land flowing with milk and honey, nor given us two hundred fifty men who offered the incense. 36 The inheritance of fields and vineyards: will you put out the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 37 "Speak to Eleazar eyes of these men? We won't come up." 15 Moses the son of Aaron the priest, that he take up the censers was very angry, and said to the LORD, "Do not respect out of the burning, and scatter the fire yonder; for they their offering: I have not taken one donkey from them, are holy, 38 even the censers of these sinners against neither have I hurt one of them." 16 Moses said to their own lives; and let them be made beaten plates Korah, "You and all your company go before the LORD, for a covering of the altar: for they offered them before you, and they, and Aaron, tomorrow: 17 and each man the LORD; therefore they are holy; and they shall be a take his censer, and put incense on them, and each sign to the children of Israel." 39 Eleazar the priest took man bring before the LORD his censer, two hundred the bronze censers, which those who were burnt had fifty censers; you also, and Aaron, each his censer." 18 offered; and they beat them out for a covering of the They each took his censer, and put fire in them, and laid altar, 40 to be a memorial to the children of Israel, to the incense thereon, and stood at the door of the Tent of end that no stranger, who isn't of the descendants of Meeting with Moses and Aaron. 19 Korah assembled all Aaron, comes near to burn incense before the LORD; the congregation against them to the door of the Tent that he not be as Korah, and as his company: as the of Meeting: and the glory of the LORD appeared to LORD spoke to him by Moses. 41 But on the next day all the congregation. 20 The LORD spoke to Moses all the congregation of the children of Israel murmured and to Aaron, saying, 21 "Separate yourselves from against Moses and against Aaron, saying, "You have among this congregation, that I may consume them in a killed the LORD's people." 42 It happened, when the moment." 22 They fell on their faces, and said, "God, congregation was assembled against Moses and against the God of the spirits of all flesh, shall one man sin, Aaron, that they looked toward the Tent of Meeting: and and will you be angry with all the congregation?" 23 look, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the LORD The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 24 "Speak to the appeared. 43 Moses and Aaron came to the front of congregation, saving, 'Get away from around the tent of the Tent of Meeting, 44 The LORD spoke to Moses, Korah, Dathan, and Abiram." 25 Moses rose up and saying, 45 "Get away from among this congregation, went to Dathan and Abiram; and the elders of Israel that I may consume them in a moment." They fell on followed him. 26 He spoke to the congregation, saying, their faces. 46 Moses said to Aaron, "Take your censer, "Depart, please, from the tents of these wicked men, and put fire from off the altar in it, and lay incense on and touch nothing of theirs, lest you be consumed in it, and carry it quickly to the congregation, and make all their sins." 27 So they went away from the tent of atonement for them; for wrath has gone out from the Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, on every side: and Dathan LORD. The plague has begun." 47 Aaron did as Moses and Abiram came out, and stood at the door of their said, and ran into the midst of the assembly; and look, tents, and their wives, and their sons, and their little the plaque has begun among the people: and he put on ones. 28 Moses said, "Hereby you shall know that the the incense, and made atonement for the people. 48 He

LORD has sent me to do all these works; for they are stood between the dead and the living; and the plague

was staved, 49 Now those who died by the plaque were Israel, 6 And as for me, look, I have taken your brothers who died about the matter of Korah. 50 Aaron returned plague was stayed.

17 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Speak to the children of Israel, and take of them rods, one for each fathers' house, of all their princes according to their fathers' houses, twelve rods: write every man's name on his rod. 3 You shall write Aaron's name on the rod of Levi; for there shall be one rod for each head of their fathers' houses. 4 You shall lav them up in the Tent of Meeting before the testimony, where I meet with you. 5 It shall happen, that the rod of the man whom I shall choose shall bud: and I will make to cease from me the murmurings of the children of Israel, which they murmur against you." 6 Moses spoke to the children of Israel; and all their leaders gave him rods, one for each leader, according to their ancestral houses, even twelve rods: and the rod of Aaron was among their rods. 7 Moses laid up the rods before the LORD in the tent of the testimony. 8 It happened on the next day, that Moses went into the tent of the testimony; and look, the rod of Aaron for the house of Levi was budded, and put forth buds, and produced blossoms, and bore ripe almonds. 9 Moses brought out all the rods from before the LORD to all the children of Israel: and they looked, and took every man his rod. 10 The LORD said to Moses, "Put back the rod of Aaron before the testimony, to be kept for a token against the rebels; that you may make an end of their murmurings against me, that they not die." 11 Moses did so. As the LORD commanded him, so he did. 12 The children of Israel spoke to Moses, saying, "Look, we perish. We are undone. We are all undone. 13 Everyone who comes near, who comes near to the tabernacle of the LORD, dies. Will we all perish?"

18 The LORD said to Aaron, "You and your sons and your fathers' house with you shall bear the iniquity of the sanctuary; and you and your sons with you shall bear the iniquity of your priesthood. 2 Your brothers also, the tribe of Levi, the tribe of your father, bring near with you, that they may be joined to you, and minister to you: but you and your sons with you shall be before the tent of the testimony. 3 They shall keep your commands, and the duty of all the Tent: only they shall not come near to the vessels of the sanctuary and to the altar, that they not die, neither they, nor you. 4 They shall be joined to you, and keep the responsibility of the Tent of Meeting, for all the service of the Tent: and a stranger shall not come near to you. 5 "You shall perform the duty of the sanctuary, and the duty of the altar; that there be no more wrath on the children of

fourteen thousand and seven hundred, besides those the Levites from among the children of Israel; they are a gift to you, given to the LORD, to do the service of to Moses to the door of the Tent of Meeting: and the the Tent of Meeting. 7 You and your sons with you shall keep your priesthood for everything concerning the altar, and for that inside the veil; and you shall serve: I give you the priesthood as a service of gift: and the stranger who comes near shall be put to death." 8 The LORD spoke to Aaron, "I, look, I have given you the command of my wave offerings, even all the holy things of the children of Israel; to you have I given them by reason of the anointing, and to your sons, as a portion forever. 9 This shall be yours of the most holy things from the fire: every offering of theirs, even every meal offering of theirs, and every sin offering of theirs, and every trespass offering of theirs, which they shall render to me, shall be most holy for you and for your sons. 10 You shall eat of it like the most holv things. Every male shall eat of it. It shall be holy to you. 11 "This is yours, too: the wave offering of their gift, even all the wave offerings of the children of Israel. I have given them to you, and to your sons and to your daughters with you, as a portion forever. Everyone who is clean in your house shall eat of it. 12 "All the best of the oil, and all the best of the vintage, and of the grain, the first fruits of them which they give to the LORD, to you have I given them. 13 The first-ripe fruits of all that is in their land, which they bring to the LORD, shall be yours; everyone who is clean in your house shall eat of it. 14 "Everything devoted in Israel shall be yours. 15 Everything that opens the womb, of all flesh which they offer to the LORD, both of man and animal shall be yours: nevertheless you shall surely redeem the firstborn of man, and you shall redeem the firstborn of unclean animals. 16 You shall redeem those who are to be redeemed of them from a month old, according to your estimation, for five shekels of money, after the shekel of the sanctuary, which is twenty gerahs. 17 "But you shall not redeem the firstborn of a cow, or the firstborn of a sheep, or the firstborn of a goat. They are holy. You shall sprinkle their blood on the altar, and shall burn their fat for an offering made by fire, for a pleasant aroma to the LORD. 18 Their flesh shall be yours, as the wave offering breast and as the right thigh, it shall be yours. 19 All the wave offerings of the holy things, which the children of Israel offer to the LORD, have I given you, and your sons and your daughters with you, as a portion forever: it is a covenant of salt forever before the LORD to you and to your descendants with you." 20 The LORD said to Aaron, "You shall have no inheritance in their land, neither shall you have any portion among them. I am your portion and your inheritance among the children of Israel. 21 "To the descendants of Levi, look,

I have given all the tithe in Israel for an inheritance, water, and bathe his flesh in water, and shall be unclean you not die."

1 Q The LORD spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, 2 "This is the statute of the law which the LORD has commanded: Speak to the children of Israel, that they bring you a red heifer without spot, in which is no blemish, and which was never yoked. 3 And you shall give it to Eleazar the priest, and they shall bring it outside of the camp, and they shall slaughter it in his presence. 4 And Eleazar the priest shall take of its blood with his finger, and sprinkle this blood toward the front of the Tent of Meeting seven times. 5 Then he shall burn the heifer in his sight; its skin, and its flesh, and its blood, with its dung, he shall burn. 6 And the priest shall take cedar wood, and hyssop, and scarlet, and cast it into the midst of the burning of the heifer.

in return for their service which they serve, even the until the evening. 9 "A man who is clean shall gather service of the Tent of Meeting. 22 Hereafter the children up the ashes of the heifer, and lay them up outside of of Israel shall not come near the Tent of Meeting, lest the camp in a clean place; and it shall be kept for the they bear sin, and die. 23 But the Levites shall do the congregation of the children of Israel for a water for service of the Tent of Meeting, and they shall bear their impurity: it is a sin offering. 10 He who gathers the ashes iniquity: it shall be a statute forever throughout your of the heifer shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until generations; and among the children of Israel they shall the evening: and it shall be to the children of Israel, and have no inheritance. 24 For the tithe of the children of to the stranger who lives as a foreigner among them, for Israel, which they offer as a wave offering to the LORD, a statute forever. 11 "He who touches the dead body of I have given to the Levites for an inheritance: therefore I any man shall be unclean seven days: 12 the same have said to them, 'Among the children of Israel they shall purify himself with water on the third day, and on shall have no inheritance." 25 The LORD spoke to the seventh day he shall be clean: but if he doesn't Moses, saying, 26 "Moreover you shall speak to the purify himself the third day, then the seventh day he Levites, and tell them, 'When you take of the children of shall not be clean. 13 Whoever touches a dead person, Israel the tithe which I have given you from them for the body of a man who has died, and doesn't purify your inheritance, then you shall offer up a wave offering himself, defiles the tabernacle of the LORD; and that of it for the LORD, a tithe of the tithe. 27 Your wave soul shall be cut off from Israel: because the water for offering shall be reckoned to you, as though it were the impurity was not sprinkled on him, he shall be unclean; grain of the threshing floor, and as the fullness of the his uncleanness is yet on him. 14 "This is the law when winepress. 28 Thus you also shall offer a wave offering a man dies in a tent: everyone who comes into the tent. to the LORD of all your tithes, which you receive of the and everyone who is in the tent, shall be unclean seven children of Israel; and of it you shall give the LORD's days. 15 Every open vessel, which has no covering wave offering to Aaron the priest. 29 Out of all your gifts bound on it, is unclean. 16 "Whoever in the open field you shall offer every wave offering of the LORD, of all its touches one who is slain with a sword, or a dead body, best, even the holy part of it out of it.' 30 "Therefore you or a bone of a man, or a grave, shall be unclean seven shall tell them, 'When you heave its best from it, then it days. 17 "For the unclean they shall take of the ashes of shall be reckoned to the Levites as the increase of the the burning of the sin offering; and running water shall threshing floor, and as the increase of the winepress. 31 be put thereto in a vessel: 18 and a clean person shall You shall eat it in every place, you and your households: take hyssop, and dip it in the water, and sprinkle it on for it is your reward in return for your service in the Tent the tent, and on all the vessels, and on the persons of Meeting. 32 You shall bear no sin by reason of it, who were there, and on him who touched the bone, or when you have heaved from it its best: and you shall the slain, or the dead, or the grave: 19 and the clean not profane the holy things of the children of Israel, that person shall sprinkle on the unclean on the third day, and on the seventh day: and on the seventh day he shall purify him; and he shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and shall be clean at evening. 20 But the man who shall be unclean, and shall not purify himself, that soul shall be cut off from the midst of the assembly, because he has defiled the sanctuary of the LORD: the water for impurity has not been sprinkled on him: he is unclean. 21 It shall be a perpetual statute to them: and he who sprinkles the water for impurity shall wash his clothes, and he who touches the water for impurity shall be unclean until evening. 22 "Whatever the unclean person touches shall be unclean; and the soul that touches it shall be unclean until evening."

20 The children of Israel, even the whole congregation, came into the wilderness of Zin in 7 Then the priest shall wash his clothes, and he shall the first month: and the people stayed in Kadesh; and bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he shall come Miriam died there, and was buried there. 2 There was into the camp, and the priest shall be unclean until the no water for the congregation: and they assembled evening. 8 He who burns her shall wash his clothes in themselves together against Moses and against Aaron. wish that we had died when our brothers died before came to Mount Hor. 23 The LORD spoke to Moses and the LORD. 4 Why have you brought the assembly of Aaron in Mount Hor, by the border of the land of Edom, the LORD into this wilderness, that we should die there, saying, 24 "Aaron shall be gathered to his people; for we and our animals? 5 Why have you made us to come he shall not enter into the land which I have given to the up out of Egypt, to bring us in to this evil place? It is no children of Israel, because you rebelled against my word place of seed, or of figs, or of vines, or of pomegranates; at the waters of Meribah. 25 Take Aaron and Eleazar neither is there any water to drink." 6 Moses and Aaron his son, and bring them up to Mount Hor; 26 and strip went from the presence of the assembly to the door Aaron of his garments, and put them on Eleazar his of the Tent of Meeting, and fell on their faces: and the son: and Aaron shall be taken, and shall die there." 27 glory of the LORD appeared to them. 7 The LORD Moses did as the LORD commanded: and they went up spoke to Moses, saying, 8 "Take the rod, and assemble into Mount Hor in the sight of all the congregation. 28 the congregation, you, and Aaron your brother, and Moses stripped Aaron of his garments, and put them on speak to the rock before their eyes, that it give forth its Eleazar his son; and Aaron died there on the top of the water; and you shall bring forth to them water out of mountain: and Moses and Eleazar came down from the the rock: so you shall give the congregation and their mountain. 29 When all the congregation saw that Aaron livestock drink." 9 Moses took the rod from before the was dead, they wept for Aaron thirty days, even all the LORD, as he commanded him. 10 Moses and Aaron house of Israel. gathered the assembly together before the rock, and he said to them, "Hear now, you rebels; shall we bring you water out of this rock for you?" 11 Moses lifted up his hand, and struck the rock with his rod twice: and water came forth abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their livestock. 12 The LORD said to Moses and Aaron. "Because you did not believe in me, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them." 13 These are the waters of Meribah; because the children of Israel strove with the LORD, and he was sanctified in them. 14 Moses sent messengers from Kadesh to the king of Edom, saying: "Thus says your brother Israel: You know all the travail that has happened to us: 15 how our fathers went down into Egypt, and we lived in Egypt a long time; and the Egyptians dealt ill with us, and our fathers: 16 and when we cried to the LORD, he heard our voice, and sent an angel, and brought us forth out of Egypt: and look, we are in Kadesh, a city in the uttermost of your border. 17 "Please let us pass through your land: we will not pass through field or through vineyard, neither will we drink of the water of the wells: we will go along the king's highway: we will not turn aside to the right hand nor to the left, until we have passed your border." 18 Edom said to him. "You shall not pass through me, lest I come out with the sword against you." 19 The children of Israel said to him, "We will go up by the highway; and if we drink of your water, I and my livestock, then will I give its price: let me only, without doing anything else, pass through on my feet." 20 He said, "You shall not pass through." Edom came out against him with many people, and with a strong hand. 21 Thus Edom refused to give Israel passage through his border, so Israel turned away from him. 22 They traveled from Kadesh:

3 The people strove with Moses, and spoke, saving, "We and the children of Israel, even the whole congregation.

21 When the Canaanite king of Arad who lived in the Negev heard that Israel came by the way of Atharim, then he fought against Israel, and took some of them captive. 2 Israel vowed a vow to the LORD, and said, "If you will indeed deliver this people into my hand, then I will utterly destroy their cities." 3 The LORD listened to the voice of Israel, and delivered up the Canaanites; and they utterly destroyed them and their cities: and the name of the place was called Hormah. 4 They traveled from Mount Hor by the way to the Red Sea, to compass the land of Edom: and the soul of the people was much discouraged because of the way. 5 The people spoke against God, and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no bread, and there is no water; and our soul loathes this light bread." 6 The LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and many people of Israel died. 7 The people came to Moses, and said, "We have sinned, because we have spoken against the LORD, and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us." Moses prayed for the people. 8 The LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a standard: and it shall happen, that everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." 9 Moses made a serpent of bronze, and set it on the standard: and it happened, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he looked to the serpent of bronze, he lived. 10 The children of Israel traveled, and camped in Oboth. 11 They traveled from Oboth, and camped at lyeabarim, in the wilderness which is before Moab, toward the sunrise, 12 From there they traveled, and camped in the Valley of Zered. 13 From there they traveled, and camped on the other side of the Arnon, which is in the wilderness, that comes out of the border of the Amorites: for the Arnon is the border

of Moab, between Moab and the Amorites. 14 Therefore 22 The children of Israel traveled, and camped in the it is said in the Book of the Wars of the LORD, "Waheb in Suphah, the valleys of the Arnon, 15 the slope of the Balak the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to valleys that incline toward the dwelling of Ar, leans on the Amorites. 3 Moab was very afraid of the people. the border of Moab." 16 From there they traveled to because they were many: and Moab was distressed Beer: that is the well of which the LORD said to Moses, because of the children of Israel. 4 Moab said to the "Gather the people together, and I will give them water." elders of Midian, "Now this multitude will lick up all that 17 Then sang Israel this song: "Spring up, well; sing to it: is around us, as the ox licks up the grass of the field." 18 the well, which the princes dug, which the nobles of Balak the son of Zippor was king of Moab at that time. From the wilderness they traveled to Mattanah; 19 and Pethor on the river, to the land of the people of Ammon, from Mattanah to Nahaliel; and from Nahaliel to Bamoth; to call him, saying, "Look, there is a people who came 20 and from Bamoth to the valley that is in the field of out from Egypt. Look, they cover the surface of the Moab, to the top of Pisgah, which looks down on the earth, and they are staying opposite me. 6 And now desert. 21 Israel sent messengers to Sihon king of the please come, curse this people for me, for they are too Amorites, saying, 22 "Let me pass through your land: mighty for me. Perhaps I shall prevail, that we may strike we will not turn aside into field, or into vineyard; we will them, and that I may drive them out of the land; for I not drink of the water of the wells: we will go by the know that he whom you bless is blessed, and he whom king's highway, until we have passed your border." 23 you curse is cursed." 7 The elders of Moab and the Sihon would not allow Israel to pass through his border: elders of Midian departed with the fees for divination in but Sihon gathered all his people together, and went out their hand; and they came to Balaam, and spoke to him against Israel into the wilderness, and came to Jahaz; the words of Balak. 8 And he said to them, "Lodge here and he fought against Israel. 24 Israel struck him with this night, and I will bring you word again, as the LORD the edge of the sword, and possessed his land from the shall speak to me." The princes of Moab stayed with Arnon to the Jabbok, even to the people of Ammon; for Balaam. 9 And God came to Balaam, and said, "Who the border of the people of Ammon was strong. 25 Israel are these men with you?" 10 And Balaam said to God, took all these cities: and Israel lived in all the cities of "Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, has sent to me, the Amorites, in Heshbon, and in all its towns. 26 For saying, 11 'Look, this people has come out of Egypt and Heshbon was the city of Sihon the king of the Amorites, they cover the surface of the earth. Come now, curse who had fought against the former king of Moab, and them for me; perhaps I shall be able to fight against taken all his land out of his hand, even to the Arnon. 27 them, and shall drive them out." 12 And God said to Therefore those who speak in proverbs say, "Come to Balaam, "You are not to go with them, and you are Heshbon. Let the city of Sihon be built and established; not to curse the people, for they are blessed." 13 And 28 for a fire has gone out of Heshbon, a flame from the Balaam rose up in the morning, and said to the princes city of Sihon. It has devoured Ar of Moab, swallowed up of Balak, "Go to your lord; for God refuses to permit me the high places of the Arnon. 29 Woe to you, Moab. You to go with you." 14 The princes of Moab rose up, and are undone, people of Chemosh. He has given his sons they went to Balak, and said, "Balaam refuses to come as fugitives, and his daughters into captivity, to Sihon with us." 15 Then Balak again sent princes, more in king of the Amorites. 30 And we shot at them. Heshbon number and more honorable than these. 16 They came has perished as far as Dibon. And we have laid waste to Balaam, and said to him, "Thus says Balak the son of as far as Nophah, which reaches to Medeba." 31 Thus Zippor, 'Please let nothing hinder you from coming to Israel lived in the land of the Amorites, 32 Moses sent me: 17 for I will greatly honor you, and whatever you to spy out Jazer; and they took its towns, and drove say to me I will do for you. Please come therefore, and out the Amorites who were there. 33 They turned and curse this people for me." 18 Balaam answered the went up by the way of Bashan: and Og the king of servants of Balak, "If Balak would give me his house full Bashan went out against them, he and all his people, to of silver and gold, I can't go beyond the command of the battle at Edrei. 34 The LORD said to Moses, "Do not LORD my God, to do less or more. 19 Now therefore, fear him: for I have delivered him into your hand, and you also stay here tonight, that I may know what else as you did to Sihon king of the Amorites, who lived at night, and said to him, "If the men have come to call Heshbon." 35 So they struck him, and his sons and all you, rise up, go with them; but only the word which I his people, until there was none left him remaining: and speak to you, that you shall do." 21 Balaam rose up in they possessed his land.

plains of Moab beyond the Jordan at Jericho. 2 the people dug, with the scepter, and with their staffs." 5 He sent messengers to Balaam the son of Beor, at all his people, and his land; and you shall do to him the LORD will say to me." 20 God came to Balaam at the morning, and saddled his donkey, and went with the

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princes of Moab. 22 God's anger was kindled because happened in the morning, that Balak took Balaam, and he went; and the angel of the LORD placed himself brought him up into the high places of Baal; and he saw in the way for an adversary against him. Now he was from there the utmost part of the people. riding on his donkey, and his two servants were with him. 23 The donkey saw the angel of God standing in the way, with his sword drawn in his hand; and the donkey turned aside out of the way, and went into the field: and Balaam struck the donkey, to turn her into the way. 24 Then the angel of God stood in a narrow path between the vineyards, a wall being on this side, and a wall on that side. 25 The donkey saw the angel of God, and she thrust herself to the wall, and crushed Balaam's foot against the wall: and he struck her again. 26 The angel of God went further, and stood in a narrow place, where there was no way to turn either to the right hand or to the left. 27 The donkey saw the angel of God, and she lay down under Balaam: and Balaam's anger was kindled, and he struck the donkey with his staff. 28 And God opened the mouth of the donkey, and she said to Balaam, "What have I done to you, that you have struck me these three times?" 29 Balaam said to the donkey, "Because you have mocked me, I wish there were a sword in my hand, for now I would have killed you." 30 The donkey said to Balaam. "Am I not your donkey, on which you have ridden all your life long to this day? Was I ever in the habit of doing so to you?" He said, "No." 31 Then God opened the eves of Balaam, and he saw the angel of God standing in the way, with his sword drawn in his hand; and he bowed his head, and fell on his face. 32 The angel of God said to him, "Why have you struck your donkey these three times? Look, I have come forth as an adversary, because your way is perverse before me: 33 and the donkey saw me, and turned aside before me these three times. Unless she had turned aside from me, surely now I would have killed you, and saved her alive." 34 Balaam said to the angel of the LORD, "I have sinned; for I did not know that you stood in the way against me. Now therefore, if it displeases you, I will go back again." 35 The angel of God said to Balaam, "Go with the men; but only the word that I shall speak to you, that you shall speak." So Balaam went with the princes of Balak. 36 When Balak heard that Balaam had come, he went out to meet him to the City of Moab, which is on the border of the Arnon, which is in the utmost part of the border. 37 Balak said to Balaam, "Did I not earnestly send to you to call you? Why did you not come to me? Am I not able indeed to promote you to honor?" 38 Balaam said to Balak, "Look, I have come to you: have I now any power at all to speak anything? The word that God puts in my mouth, that shall I speak." 39 Balaam went with Balak, and they came to Kiriath Huzoth. 40 Balak sacrificed cattle and sheep, and sent to Balaam, and to the princes who were with him. 41 It

23 Balaam said to Balak, "Build me here seven altars, and prepare me here seven bulls and seven rams." 2 Balak did as Balaam had spoken; and Balak and Balaam offered on every altar a bull and a ram. 3 Balaam said to Balak, "Station yourself by your burnt offering, and I will go. Perhaps God will come to meet me, and whatever he shows me I will tell you." And Balak went off and stationed himself by his offering, and Balaam called to God and went off to a barren height. 4 And God met Balaam, and he said to him, "I have prepared the seven altars, and I have offered up a bull and a ram on every altar." 5 And God put a word in Balaam's mouth, and said, "Return to Balak, and thus you shall speak." 6 He returned to him, and look, he was standing by his burnt offering, he, and all the princes of Moab. 7 He took up his parable, and said. "From Aram has Balak brought me, the king of Moab from the mountains of the East. 'Come, curse Jacob for me. Come, defy Israel.' 8 How shall I curse whom the LORD has not cursed? How shall I defy whom God has not defied? 9 For from the top of the rocks I see him. From the hills I see him. Look, it is a people that dwells alone, and not counting itself among the nations. 10 Who can count the dust of Jacob. and who has numbered the fourth part of Israel? Let me die the death of the righteous. Let my last end be like his." 11 Balak said to Balaam. "What have you done to me? I took you to curse my enemies, and look, you have blessed them altogether." 12 He answered and said. "Must I not be careful to speak that which God puts in my mouth?" 13 Balak said to him, "Please come with me to another place, where you may see them; you shall see but the utmost part of them, and shall not see them all; and curse them for me from there." 14 He took him into the field of Zophim, to the top of Pisgah, and built seven altars, and offered up a bull and a ram on every altar. 15 He said to Balak, "Station yourself here by your burnt offering, while I meet over there." 16 And God met Balaam and put a word in his mouth, and said, "Return to Balak, and say this." 17 He came to him, and look, he was standing by his burnt offering, and the princes of Moab with him. Balak said to him, "What has the LORD spoken?" 18 He took up his parable, and said, "Rise up, Balak, and hear. Listen to me, you son of Zippor. 19 God is not a man, that he should lie, nor the son of man, that he should repent. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not make it good? 20 Look, I have received a command to bless. He has blessed, and I can't reverse it. 21 He has not seen

iniquity in Jacob. Neither has he seen perverseness in Now, look, I go to my people; come, I will inform you king is among them. 22 God brings them out of Egypt. days." 15 He took up his parable, and said, "Balaam the He has as it were the strength of the wild ox. 23 Surely son of Beor says, the man whose eye was closed says; there is no enchantment with Jacob; neither is there any 16 he says, who hears the words of God, knows the of Israel, what has God done. 24 Look, the people rises Shaddai, falling down, and having his eyes open: 17 I the slain." 25 Balak said to Balaam, "Neither curse them will crush the forehead of Moab, and the crown of all the that I must do?" 27 Balak said to Balaam, "Come now, I valiantly. 19 Out of Jacob shall one have dominion, and seven altars, and prepare me here seven bulls and his parable, and said, "Your dwelling place is strong. offered up a bull and a ram on every altar.

24 When Balaam saw that it pleased the LORD to bless Israel, he did not go, as at the other times, to meet with omens, but he set his face toward the wilderness. 2 Balaam lifted up his eyes, and he saw Israel dwelling according to their tribes; and the Spirit of God came on him. 3 He took up his parable, and said, "Balaam the son of Beor says, the man whose eye was closed says; 4 he says, who hears the words of God, who sees the vision of Shaddai, falling down, and having his eyes open: 5 How goodly are your tents, Jacob, and your tents, Israel. 6 As valleys they are spread forth, as gardens by the riverside, as aloes which the LORD has planted, as cedar trees beside the waters. 7 Water shall flow from his buckets. His seed shall be in many waters. His king shall be higher than Agag. His kingdom shall be exalted. 8 God brings him out of Egypt. He has as it were the strength of the wild ox. He shall eat up the nations his adversaries. shall break their bones in pieces, and pierce them with his arrows. 9 He couched, he lav down as a lion, as a lioness; who shall rouse him up? Everyone who blesses you is blessed. Everyone who curses you is cursed." 10 Balak's anger was kindled against Balaam, and he struck his hands together; and Balak said to Balaam. "I called you to curse my enemies, and, look, you have altogether blessed them these three times. 11 Therefore now flee you to your place. I thought to promote you to great honor; but, look, the LORD has kept you back from honor." 12 Balaam said to Balak, "Did I not also tell your messengers who you sent to me, saying, 13 'lf Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I can't go beyond the word of the LORD, to do either good or bad in my heart. I will say what God says'? 14

Israel. The LORD his God is with him. The shout of a what this people shall do to your people in the latter divination with Israel. Now it shall be said of Jacob and knowledge of the Most High, and who sees the vision of up as a lioness, as a lion he lifts himself up. He shall not see him, but not now. I see him, but not near. A star will lie down until he eat of the prey, and drinks the blood of come out of Jacob. A scepter will rise out of Israel, and at all, nor bless them at all." 26 But Balaam answered sons of tumult. 18 Edom shall be a possession. Seir, his Balak, "Did I not tell you, saying, 'All that God speaks, enemies, also shall be a possession, while Israel does will take you to another place; perhaps it will please shall destroy the remnant from the city." 20 He looked at God that you may curse them for me from there." 28 Amalek, and took up his parable, and said, "Amalek Balak took Balaam to the top of Peor. that looks down was the first of the nations. But his latter end shall come on the desert. 29 Balaam said to Balak, "Build me here to destruction." 21 He looked at the Kenite, and took up seven rams." 30 Balak did as Balaam had said, and Your nest is set in the rock. 22 Nevertheless Kain shall be wasted, until Asshur carries you away captive." 23 He took up his parable, and said, "Alas, who shall live when God does this? 24 But ships shall come from the coast of Kittim. They shall afflict Asshur, and shall afflict Eber. He also shall come to destruction." 25 Balaam rose up, and went and returned to his place; and Balak also went his way.

> 25 Now Israel stayed in Shittim; and the people defiled themselves by having sexual relations with the women of Moab, 2 and they called the people to the sacrifices of their gods; and the people ate, and bowed down to their gods. 3 Israel joined himself to Baal Peor: and the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel. 4 The LORD said to Moses, "Take all the chiefs of the people, and hang them up to the LORD before the sun, that the fierce anger of the LORD may turn away from Israel." 5 Moses said to the judges of Israel, "Everyone kill his men who have joined themselves to Baal Peor." 6 Look, one of the children of Israel came and brought to his brothers a Midianite woman in the sight of Moses, and in the sight of all the congregation of the children of Israel, while they were weeping at the door of the Tent of Meeting. 7 When Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he rose up from the midst of the congregation, and took a spear in his hand; 8 and he went after the man of Israel into the pavilion, and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel, and the woman through her body. So the plague was stayed from the children of Israel. 9 Those who died by the plague were twenty-four thousand. 10 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 11 "Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, has turned my wrath away from the children of Israel, in that he was jealous with my jealousy among them, so that I did not consume

the children of Israel in my jealousy. 12 Therefore say. Ezbon, the family of the Ezbonites: of Eri, the family of 'Look, I give to him my covenant of peace: 13 and the Erites; 17 of Arodi, the family of the Arodites; of Areli, of the plague in the matter of Peor."

26 It happened after the plague, that the LORD spoke to Moses and to Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest, saying, 2 "Take a census of all the congregation of the children of Israel, from twenty years old and upward, by their fathers' houses, all who are able to go forth to war in Israel." 3 Moses and Eleazar the priest spoke with them in the plains of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho, saying, 4 "Take a census, from twenty years old and upward; as the LORD commanded Moses and the children of Israel." These are those that came out of the land of Egypt. 5 Reuben, the firstborn of Israel; the descendants of Reuben: of Hanoch, the family of the Hanochites; of Pallu, the family of the Palluites; 6 of Hezron, the family of the Hezronites; of Carmi, the family of the Carmites. 7 These are the families of the Reubenites: and those who were numbered of them were forty-three thousand seven hundred thirty. 8 The sons of Pallu: Eliab. 9 The sons of Eliab: Nemuel, and Dathan, and Abiram. These are that Dathan and Abiram, who were called of the congregation, who strove against Moses and against Aaron in the company of Korah, when they strove against the LORD, 10 and the earth opened its mouth, and swallowed them up together with Korah, when that company died; what time the fire devoured two hundred fifty men, and they became a sign. 11 Notwithstanding, the sons of Korah did not die. 12 The descendants of Simeon after their families: of Jemuel, the family of the Jemuelites; of Jamin, the family of the Jaminites; of Jakin, the family of the Jakinites; 13 of Zohar, the family of the Zoharites; of Shaul, the family of the Shaulites. 14 These are the families of the Simeonites, twenty-two thousand two hundred. 15 The descendants of Gad after their families: of Zephon, the family of the Zephonites; of Haggi, the family of the Haggites; of Shuni, the family of the Shunites; 16 of

it shall be to him, and to his descendants after him, the family of the Arelites. 18 These are the families of the covenant of an everlasting priesthood; because he the sons of Gad according to those who were numbered was jealous for his God, and made atonement for the of them, forty thousand and five hundred. 19 The sons children of Israel." 14 Now the name of the man of Israel of Judah: Er and Onan; and Er and Onan died in the that was slain, who was slain with the Midianite woman. land of Canaan, 20 The descendants of Judah after their was Zimri, the son of Salu, a prince of a fathers' house families were: of Shelah, the family of the Shelanites; among the Simeonites. 15 The name of the Midianite of Perez, the family of the Perezites; of Zerah, the woman who was slain was Cozbi, the daughter of Zur; family of the Zerahites. 21 The sons of Perez were: of he was head of the people of a fathers' house in Midian. Hezron, the family of the Hezronites; of Hamuel, the 16 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to family of the Hamuelites. 22 These are the families of the children of Israel, saving, 17 'Harass the Midianites, Judah according to those who were numbered of them, and strike them; 18 for they harassed you with their seventy-six thousand five hundred. 23 The descendants tricks, with which they have deceived you in the matter of Issachar after their families: of Tola, the family of the of Peor, and in the matter of Cozbi, the daughter of the Tolaites: of Puah, the family of the Puites: 24 of Jashub. prince of Midian, their sister, who was slain on the day the family of the Jashubites; of Shimron, the family of the Shimronites. 25 These are the families of Issachar according to those who were numbered of them, sixtyfour thousand three hundred. 26 The descendants of Zebulun after their families: of Sered, the family of the Seredites; of Elon, the family of the Elonites; of Jahleel, the family of the Jahleelites. 27 These are the families of the Zebulunites according to those who were numbered of them, sixty thousand five hundred. 28 The sons of Joseph after their families: Manasseh and Ephraim. 29 The descendants of Manasseh: of Makir. the family of the Makirites; and Makir became the father of Gilead; of Gilead, the family of the Gileadites. 30 These are the descendants of Gilead: of Abiezer, the family of the Abiezerites; of Helek, the family of the Helekites; 31 and Asriel, the family of the Asrielites; and Shechem, the family of the Shechemites; 32 and Shemida, the family of the Shemidaites; and Hepher, the family of the Hepherites. 33 Zelophehad the son of Hepher had no sons, but daughters; and these are the names of the daughters of Zelophehad: Mahlah, and Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah. 34 These are the families of Manasseh; and those who were numbered of them were fifty-two thousand seven hundred. 35 These are the descendants of Ephraim after their families: of Shuthelah, the family of the Shuthelahites; of Beker, the family of the Bekerites; of Tahan, the family of the Tahanites. 36 These are the descendants of Shuthelah: of Eden, the family of the Edenites. 37 These are the families of the descendants of Ephraim according to those who were numbered of them, thirty-two thousand five hundred. These are the descendants of Joseph after their families. 38 The descendants of Benjamin after their families: of Bela, the family of the Belaites; of Ashbel, the family of the Ashbelites; of Ahiram, the family of the Ahiramites; 39 of Shuppim, the family of the Shuppimites; of Huppim, the family of the Huppimites.

the family of the Ardites; of Naaman, the family of the given them among the children of Israel. 63 These are Naamanites. 41 These are the descendants of Benjamin those who were numbered by Moses and Eleazar the after their families; and those who were numbered of priest, who numbered the children of Israel in the plains them were forty-five thousand six hundred. 42 These are of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho. 64 But among these the descendants of Dan after their families: of Shuham, there was not a man of them who were numbered by the family of the Shuhamites. These are the families Moses and Aaron the priest, who numbered the children of Dan after their families. 43 All the families of the of Israel in the wilderness of Sinai. 65 For the LORD had Shuhamites, according to those who were numbered of said of them, They shall surely die in the wilderness. them, were sixty-four thousand four hundred. 44 The There was not left a man of them, except Caleb the son descendants of Asher after their families: of Imnah, of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun. the family of the Jimnaites; of Jishvi, the family of the Jishvites; of Beriah, the family of the Berites. 45 Of the descendants of Beriah: of Heber, the family of the Heberites; of Malkiel, the family of the Malkielites. 46 The name of the daughter of Asher was Serah. 47 These are the families of the descendants of Asher according to those who were numbered of them, fiftythree thousand and four hundred. 48 The descendants of Naphtali after their families: of Jahzeel, the family of the Jahzeelites; of Guni, the family of the Gunites; 49 of Jezer, the family of the Jezerites; of Shillem, the family of the Shillemites. 50 These are the families of Naphtali according to their families: and those who were numbered of them were forty-five thousand four hundred. 51 These are those who were numbered of the children of Israel, six hundred one thousand seven hundred thirty. 52 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 53 "To these the land shall be divided for an inheritance according to the number of names. 54 To the more you shall give the more inheritance, and to the fewer you shall give the less inheritance: to everyone according to those who were numbered of him shall his inheritance be given. 55 Notwithstanding, the land shall be divided by lot: according to the names of the tribes of their fathers they shall inherit. 56 According to the lot shall their inheritance be divided between the more and the fewer." 57 These are those who were numbered of the Levites after their families: of Gershon, the family of the Gershonites; of Kohath, the family of the Kohathites; of Merari, the family of the Merarites. 58 These are the families of Levi: the family of the Libnites, the family of the Hebronites, the family of the Mahlites, the family of the Mushites, the family of the Korahites, Kohath became the father of Amram. 59 The name of Amram's wife was Jochebed, the daughter of Levi, who was born to Levi in Egypt: and she bore to Amram Aaron and Moses, and Miriam their sister. 60 To Aaron were born Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar. 61 Nadab and Abihu died, when they offered strange fire before the LORD. 62 Those who were numbered of them were twenty-three thousand, every male from a month old and upward: for they were not numbered among the

40 The sons of Bela were Ard and Naaman: of Ard. children of Israel, because there was no inheritance

27 Then drew near the daughters of Zelophehad, the son of Hepher, the son of Gilead, the son of Makir, the son of Manasseh, of the families of Manasseh the son of Joseph; and these are the names of his daughters: Mahlah, Noah, and Hoglah, and Milcah, and Tirzah. 2 They stood before Moses, and before Eleazar the priest, and before the princes and all the congregation, at the door of the Tent of Meeting, saving, 3 "Our father died in the wilderness, and he was not among the company of those who gathered themselves together against the LORD in the company of Korah: but he died in his own sin; and he had no sons. 4 Why should the name of our father be taken away from among his family, because he had no son? Give to us a possession among the brothers of our father." 5 Moses brought their cause before the LORD. 6 The LORD spoke to Moses, saving, 7 "The daughters of Zelophehad speak right: you shall surely give them a possession of an inheritance among their father's brothers; and you shall cause the inheritance of their father to pass to them. 8 You shall speak to the children of Israel, saying, 'If a man dies, and has no son, then you shall cause his inheritance to pass to his daughter. 9 If he has no daughter, then you shall give his inheritance to his brothers. 10 If he has no brothers, then you shall give his inheritance to his father's brothers. 11 If his father has no brothers, then you shall give his inheritance to his kinsman who is next to him of his family, and he shall possess it: and it shall be to the children of Israel a statute and ordinance, as the LORD commanded Moses." 12 The LORD said to Moses. "Go up into this mountain of Abarim, and see the land which I have given to the children of Israel. 13 When you have seen it, you also shall be gathered to your people, as Aaron your brother was gathered; 14 because you rebelled against my word in the wilderness of Zin, in the strife of the congregation, to sanctify me at the waters before their eyes." (These are the waters of Meribah of Kadesh in the wilderness of Zin.) 15 Moses spoke to the LORD, saying, 16 "Let the LORD, the God of the spirits of all flesh, appoint a man over the congregation. 17 who may go out before them, and who may come in before them, and who may lead them out, wine for a bull, and the third part of a hin for the ram. and who may bring them in; that the congregation of and the fourth part of a hin for a lamb: this is the burnt the LORD not be as sheep which have no shepherd." offering of every month throughout the months of the Nun, a man in whom is the Spirit, and lay your hand shall be offered besides the continual burnt offering, and on him; 19 and set him before Eleazar the priest, and the drink offering of it. 16 "In the first month, on the before all the congregation; and commission him in their fourteenth day of the month, is the LORD's Passover. sight. 20 You shall put of your honor on him, that all 17 On the fifteenth day of this month shall be a feast: the congregation of the children of Israel may obey. seven days shall unleavened bread be eaten. 18 In the 21 He shall stand before Eleazar the priest, who shall first day shall be a holy convocation: you shall do no inquire for him by the judgment of the Urim before the servile work; 19 but you shall offer an offering made by LORD: at his word shall they go out, and at his word fire, a burnt offering to the LORD: two young bulls, and they shall come in, both he, and all the children of Israel one ram, and seven male lambs a year old; they shall be with him, even all the congregation." 22 Moses did as to you without blemish; 20 and their meal offering, fine the LORD commanded him; and he took Joshua, and flour mixed with oil: you shall offer three tenth parts for a congregation: 23 and he laid his hands on him, and tenth part for every lamb of the seven lambs; 22 and commissioned him, as the LORD spoke by Moses.

78 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Command the children of Israel, and tell them, 'My offering, my food for my offerings made by fire, of a pleasant aroma to me, you shall observe to offer to me in their due season.' 3 You shall tell them, 'This is the offering made by fire which you shall offer to the LORD: male lambs a year old without blemish, two day by day, for a continual burnt offering. 4 You shall offer the one lamb in the morning, and you shall offer the other lamb at evening; 5 with the tenth part of an ephah of fine flour for a meal offering, mixed with the fourth part of a hin of beaten oil. 6 It is a continual burnt offering, which was ordained in Mount Sinai for a pleasant aroma, an offering made by fire to the LORD. 7 Its drink offering shall be the fourth part of a hin for the one lamb. You shall pour out a drink offering of strong drink to the LORD in the holy place. 8 The other lamb you shall offer at evening: as the meal offering of the morning, and as the drink offering of it, you shall offer it, an offering made by fire, of a pleasant aroma to the LORD. 9 "On the Sabbath day two male lambs a year old without blemish, and two tenth parts of an ephah of fine flour for a meal offering, mixed with oil, and the drink offering of it: 10 this is the burnt offering of every Sabbath, besides the continual burnt offering, and the drink offering of it. 11 "In the beginnings of your months you shall offer a burnt offering to the LORD: two young bulls, and one ram, seven male lambs a year old without blemish; 12 and three tenth parts of an ephah of fine flour for a meal offering, mixed with oil, for each bull; and two tenth parts of fine flour for a meal offering, mixed with oil, for the one ram; 13 and a tenth part of fine flour mixed with oil for a meal offering to every lamb; for a burnt offering of a pleasant aroma, an offering made by fire to the LORD. 14 Their drink offerings shall be half a hin of fire to the LORD. 7 "On the tenth day of this seventh

18 The LORD said to Moses, "Take Joshua the son of year. 15 One male goat for a sin offering to the LORD; it set him before Eleazar the priest, and before all the bull, and two tenth parts for the ram, 21 You shall offer a one male goat for a sin offering, to make atonement for you. 23 You shall offer these besides the burnt offering of the morning, which is for a continual burnt offering. 24 In this way you shall offer daily, for seven days, the food of the offering made by fire, of a pleasant aroma to the LORD: it shall be offered besides the continual burnt offering, and the drink offering of it. 25 On the seventh day you shall have a holy convocation: you shall do no servile work. 26 "Also in the day of the first fruits, when you offer a new meal offering to the LORD in your feast of weeks, you shall have a holy convocation; you shall do no servile work; 27 but you shall offer a burnt offering for a pleasant aroma to the LORD: two young bulls, one ram, seven male lambs a year old; 28 and their meal offering, fine flour mixed with oil, three tenth parts for each bull, two tenth parts for the one ram, 29 a tenth part for every lamb of the seven lambs; 30 one male goat, to make atonement for you. 31 Besides the continual burnt offering, and the meal offering of it, you shall offer them (they shall be to you without blemish), and their drink offerings.

> 29 "In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall have a holy convocation; you shall do no servile work: it is a day of blowing of trumpets to you. 2 You shall offer a burnt offering for a pleasant aroma to the LORD: one young bull, one ram, seven male lambs a year old without blemish; 3 and their meal offering, fine flour mixed with oil, three tenth parts for the bull, two tenth parts for the ram, 4 and one tenth part for every lamb of the seven lambs; 5 and one male goat for a sin offering, to make atonement for you; 6 besides the burnt offering of the new moon, and the meal offering of it, and the continual burnt offering and the meal offering of it, and their drink offerings, according to their ordinance, for a pleasant aroma, an offering made by

afflict your souls: you shall do no kind of work; 8 but you rams, and for the lambs, according to their number, after shall offer a burnt offering to the LORD for a pleasant the ordinance; **31** and one male goat for a sin offering; aroma: one young bull, one ram, seven male lambs a besides the continual burnt offering, the meal offering of year old; they shall be to you without blemish; 9 and it, and the drink offerings of it. 32 "On the seventh day their meal offering, fine flour mixed with oil, three tenth seven bulls, two rams, fourteen male lambs a year old parts for the bull, two tenth parts for the one ram, 10 a without blemish; 33 and their meal offering and their tenth part for every lamb of the seven lambs: 11 one drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the male goat for a sin offering; besides the sin offering of lambs, according to their number, after the ordinance; atonement, and the continual burnt offering, and the 34 and one male goat for a sin offering; besides the meal offering of it, and their drink offerings. 12 "On continual burnt offering, the meal offering of it, and the the fifteenth day of the seventh month you shall have drink offering of it. 35 "On the eighth day you shall have a holy convocation; you shall do no servile work, and a solemn assembly; you shall do no servile work; 36 but you shall keep a feast to the LORD seven days: 13 you shall offer a burnt offering, an offering made by fire, and you shall offer a burnt offering, an offering made by of a pleasant aroma to the LORD: one bull, one ram, fire, of a pleasant aroma to the LORD; thirteen young seven male lambs a year old without blemish; 37 their bulls, two rams, fourteen male lambs a year old; they meal offering and their drink offerings for the bull, for shall be without blemish; 14 and their meal offering, the ram, and for the lambs, shall be according to their fine flour mixed with oil, three tenth parts for every bull number, after the ordinance: 38 and one male goat for a of the thirteen bulls, two tenth parts for each ram of sin offering, besides the continual burnt offering, and the the two rams, 15 and a tenth part for every lamb of meal offering of it, and the drink offering of it. 39 "You the fourteen lambs; 16 and one male goat for a sin shall offer these to the LORD in your set feasts, besides offering, besides the continual burnt offering, the meal your yows, and your freewill offerings, for your burnt offering of it, and the drink offering of it. 17 "On the offerings, and for your meal offerings, and for your drink second day you shall offer twelve young bulls, two rams, offerings, and for your peace offerings." 40 Moses told fourteen male lambs a year old without blemish; 18 the children of Israel according to all that the LORD and their meal offering and their drink offerings for the commanded Moses. bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, according to their number, after the ordinance; 19 and one male goat for a sin offering; besides the continual burnt offering, and the meal offering of it, and their drink offerings. 20 "On the third day eleven bulls, two rams, fourteen male lambs a year old without blemish: 21 and their meal offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, according to their number, after the ordinance; 22 and one male goat for a sin offering; besides the continual burnt offering, and the meal offering of it, and the drink offering of it. 23 "On the fourth day ten bulls, two rams, fourteen male lambs a year old without blemish; 24 their meal offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, according to their number, after the ordinance: 25 and one male goat for a sin offering; besides the continual burnt offering, the meal offering of it, and the drink offering of it. 26 "On the fifth day nine bulls, two rams, fourteen male lambs a year old without blemish; 27 and their meal offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, according to their number, after the ordinance; 28 and one male goat for a sin offering, besides the continual burnt offering. and the meal offering of it, and the drink offering of it. 29 "On the sixth day eight bulls, two rams, fourteen male lambs a year old without blemish; 30 and their meal

month you shall have a holy convocation; and you shall offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the

30 Moses spoke to the heads of the tribes of the children of Israel, saying, "This is the thing which the LORD has commanded. 2 When a man vows a vow to the LORD, or swears an oath to bind his soul with a bond, he shall not break his word; he shall do according to all that proceeds out of his mouth. 3 "Also when a woman vows a vow to the LORD, and binds herself by a bond, being in her father's house, in her youth, 4 and her father hears her vow, and her bond with which she has bound her soul, and her father holds his peace at her: then all her yows shall stand, and every bond with which she has bound her soul shall stand. 5 But if her father disallow her in the day that he hears, none of her vows, or of her bonds with which she has bound her soul, shall stand: and the LORD will forgive her, because her father disallowed her. 6 "If she has a husband, while her vows are on her, or the rash utterance of her lips, with which she has bound her soul, 7 and her husband hears it, and holds his peace at her in the day that he hears it; then her vows shall stand, and her bonds with which she has bound her soul shall stand. 8 But if her husband forbids her in the day that he hears it, then he shall make void her vow which is on her, and the rash utterance of her lips, with which she has bound her soul: and the LORD will forgive her. 9 "But the vow of a widow, or of her who is divorced, everything with which she has bound her soul, shall camp. 14 Moses was angry with the officers of the army. daughter, being in her youth, in her father's house.

31 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Avenge the children of Israel for the Midianites. Afterward you shall be gathered to your people." 3 Moses spoke to the people, saying, "Arm men from among you for the war, that they may go against Midian, to execute the LORD's vengeance on Midian. 4 Of every tribe one thousand, throughout all the tribes of Israel, you shall send to the war." 5 So there were delivered, out of the thousands of Israel, a thousand of every tribe, twelve thousand armed for war. 6 Moses sent them, one thousand of every tribe, to the war, them and Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, to the war, with the vessels of the sanctuary and the trumpets for the alarm in his hand. 7 They warred against Midian, as the LORD commanded Moses; and they killed every male. 8 They killed the kings of Midian with the rest of their slain: Evi, and Rekem, and Zur, and Hur, and Reba, the five kings of Midian: Balaam also the son of Beor they killed with the sword. 9 The children of Israel took captive the women of Midian and their little ones; and all their livestock, and all their flocks, and all their goods, they took for a prey. 10 All their cities in the places in which they lived, and all their encampments, they burnt with fire. 11 They took all the spoil, and all the prey, both of man and of animal. 12 They brought the captives, and the prey, and the spoil, to Moses, and to Eleazar the priest, and to the congregation of the children of Israel, to the camp at the plains of Moab, which are by the Jordan at Jericho. 13 Moses, and Eleazar the priest, and all the leaders of the congregation, went forth to meet them outside of the

stand against her. 10 "If she vowed in her husband's the captains of thousands and the captains of hundreds, house, or bound her soul by a bond with an oath, 11 who came from the service of the war. 15 Moses said to and her husband heard it, and held his peace at her, them, "Have you saved all the women alive? 16 Look, and did not disallow her; then all her vows shall stand, these caused the children of Israel, through the counsel and every bond with which she bound her soul shall of Balaam, to commit trespass against the LORD in stand. 12 But if her husband made them null and void in the matter of Peor, and so the plague was among the the day that he heard them, then whatever proceeded congregation of the LORD. 17 Now therefore kill every out of her lips concerning her vows, or concerning the male among the little ones, and kill every woman who bond of her soul, shall not stand: her husband has made has known man by lying with him. 18 But all the girls, them void; and the LORD will forgive her. 13 Every vow, who have not known man by lying with him, keep alive and every binding oath to afflict the soul, her husband for yourselves. 19 "Encamp outside of the camp seven may establish it, or her husband may make it void. 14 days: whoever has killed any person, and whoever has But if her husband says nothing to her from day to day, touched any slain, purify yourselves on the third day then he establishes all her vows, or all her bonds, which and on the seventh day, you and your captives. 20 As to are on her: he has established them, because he says every garment, and all that is made of skin, and all work nothing to her on the day that he heard them. 15 But of goats' hair, and all things made of wood, you shall if he shall make them null and void after that he has purify yourselves." 21 Eleazar the priest said to the men heard them, then he shall bear her iniquity." 16 These of war who went to the battle, "This is the statute of are the statutes, which the LORD commanded Moses, the law which the LORD has commanded Moses: 22 between a man and his wife, between a father and his however the gold, and the silver, the bronze, the iron, the tin, and the lead, 23 everything that may withstand the fire, you shall make to go through the fire, and it shall be clean; nevertheless it shall be purified with the water for impurity: and all that doesn't withstand the fire you shall make to go through the water. 24 You shall wash your clothes on the seventh day, and you shall be clean; and afterward you shall come into the camp." 25 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 26 "Take the sum of the prey that was taken, both of man and of animal, you, and Eleazar the priest, and the heads of the ancestral houses of the congregation; 27 and divide the prev into two parts: between the men skilled in war, who went out to battle, and all the congregation. 28 Levy a tribute to the LORD of the men of war who went out to battle: one soul of five hundred; of the persons, of the cattle, of the donkeys, and of the flocks. 29 Take it of their half, and give it to Eleazar the priest, for the LORD's wave offering. 30 Of the children of Israel's half, you shall take one drawn out of every fifty, of the persons, of the cattle, of the donkeys, and of the flocks, of all the livestock, and give them to the Levites, who perform the duty of the tabernacle of the LORD." 31 Moses and Eleazar the priest did as the LORD commanded Moses. 32 Now the prey, over and above the booty which the men of war took, was six hundred seventyfive thousand sheep, 33 and seventy-two thousand head of cattle, 34 and sixty-one thousand donkeys, 35 and thirty-two thousand persons in all, of the women who had not known man by lying with him. 36 The half, which was the portion of those who went out to war, was in number three hundred thirty-seven thousand five hundred sheep: 37 and the LORD's tribute of the sheep

was six hundred seventy-five. 38 The cattle were thirty- discourage the heart of the children of Israel from going six thousand; of which the LORD's tribute was seventy- over into the land which the LORD has given them? two. 39 The donkeys were thirty thousand five hundred; 8 Your fathers did so when I sent them from Kadesh of which the LORD's tribute was sixty-one. 40 The Barnea to see the land. 9 For when they went up to the persons were sixteen thousand; of whom the LORD's Valley of Eshcol, and saw the land, they discouraged the tribute was thirty-two persons. 41 Moses gave the heart of the children of Israel, that they should not go tribute, which was the LORD's wave offering, to Eleazar into the land which the LORD had given them. 10 The the priest, as the LORD commanded Moses. 42 Of the LORD's anger was kindled in that day, and he swore, children of Israel's half, which Moses divided off from saying, 11 'Surely none of the men who came up out of the men who warred 43 (now the congregation's half Egypt, from twenty years old and upward, shall see the was three hundred thirty-seven thousand five hundred land which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob; sheep, 44 and thirty-six thousand head of cattle, 45 and because they have not wholly followed me: 12 except thirty thousand five hundred donkeys, 46 and sixteen Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite, and Joshua thousand persons), 47 even of the children of Israel's the son of Nun; because they have followed the LORD half, Moses took one drawn out of every fifty, both of completely.' 13 The LORD's anger was kindled against man and of animal, and gave them to the Levites, who Israel, and he made them wander back and forth in the performed the duty of the tabernacle of the LORD; as wilderness forty years, until all the generation, who had the LORD commanded Moses. 48 The officers who done evil in the sight of the LORD, was consumed. were over the thousands of the army, the captains of 14 "Look, you have risen up in your fathers' place, an thousands, and the captains of hundreds, came near to increase of sinful men, to augment yet the fierce anger Moses: 49 and they said to Moses, "Your servants have of the LORD toward Israel. 15 For if you turn away from taken the sum of the men of war who are under our after him, he will yet again leave them in the wilderness; command, and there lacks not one man of us. 50 We and you will destroy all this people." 16 They came have brought the LORD's offering, what every man has near to him, and said, "We will build sheepfolds here for gotten, of jewels of gold, armlets, and bracelets, signet our livestock, and cities for our little ones: 17 but we rings, earrings, and necklaces, to make atonement for ourselves will be ready armed to go before the children our souls before the LORD." 51 Moses and Eleazar the of Israel, until we have brought them to their place: and priest took their gold, even all worked jewels. 52 All our little ones shall dwell in the fortified cities because of the gold of the wave offering that they offered up to the the inhabitants of the land. 18 We will not return to our LORD, of the captains of thousands, and of the captains houses, until the children of Israel have inherited every of hundreds, was sixteen thousand seven hundred fifty man his inheritance. 19 For we will not inherit with them shekels. 53 (The men of war had taken booty, every on the other side of the Jordan, and forward; because man for himself.) 54 Moses and Eleazar the priest took our inheritance is fallen to us on this side of the Jordan the gold of the captains of thousands and of hundreds, eastward." 20 Moses said to them, "If you will do this and brought it into the Tent of Meeting, for a memorial thing, if you will arm yourselves to go before the LORD for the children of Israel before the LORD.

32 Now the people of Reuben and the people of Gad had a very great multitude of livestock: and when they saw the land of Jazer, and the land of Gilead, that look, the place was a place for livestock; 2 the people of Gad and the people of Reuben came and spoke to Moses, and to Eleazar the priest, and to the leaders of the congregation, saying, 3 "Ataroth, and Dibon, and Jazer, and Nimrah, and Heshbon, and Elealeh, and Sibmah, and Nebo, and Beon, 4 the land which the LORD struck before the congregation of Israel, is a land for livestock; and your servants have livestock." 5 They said. "If we have found favor in your sight, let this land be given to your servants for a possession; do not bring us over the Jordan." 6 Moses said to the people of Gad, and to the people of Reuben, "Shall your brothers go to the war, and shall you sit here? 7 Why do you

to the war, 21 and every armed man of you will pass over the Jordan before the LORD, until he has driven out his enemies from before him, 22 and the land is subdued before the LORD; then afterward you shall return, and be guiltless towards the LORD, and towards Israel; and this land shall be to you for a possession before the LORD. 23 "But if you will not do so. look, you have sinned against the LORD; and be sure your sin will find you out. 24 Build cities for your little ones, and folds for your sheep; and do that which has proceeded out of your mouth." 25 The people of Gad and the people of Reuben spoke to Moses, saying, "Your servants will do as my lord commands. 26 Our little ones, our wives, our flocks, and all our livestock, shall be there in the cities of Gilead; 27 but your servants will pass over, every man who is armed for war, before the LORD to battle, as my lord says." 28 So Moses commanded concerning them to Eleazar the priest, and to Joshua the son of Nun, and to the heads of the ancestral houses of the tribes of the Hahiroth, and passed through the midst of the sea into children of Israel. 29 Moses said to them, "If the people the wilderness: and they went three days' journey in the of Gad and the people of Reuben will pass with you over wilderness of Etham, and camped in Marah. 9 They the Jordan, every man who is armed to battle before the traveled from Marah, and came to Elim: and in Elim LORD, and the land is subdued before you; then you are were twelve springs of water, and seventy palm trees; to give them the land of Gilead for a possession. 30 But and they camped there. 10 They traveled from Elim. if they will not pass over with you armed to battle before and camped by the Red Sea. 11 They traveled from the the LORD, then you are to bring over their children and Red Sea, and camped in the wilderness of Sin. 12 They their wives and their flocks before you into the land of traveled from the wilderness of Sin, and camped in Canaan, and they are to have possessions among you Dophkah. 13 They traveled from Dophkah, and camped in the land of Canaan." 31 The people of Gad and the in Alush. 14 They traveled from Alush, and camped in people of Reuben answered, saying, "As the LORD has Rephidim, where there was no water for the people to said to your servants, so will we do. 32 We will pass drink. 15 They traveled from Rephidim, and camped over armed before the LORD into the land of Canaan, in the wilderness of Sinai. 16 They traveled from the and the possession of our inheritance shall remain with wilderness of Sinai, and camped in Kibroth Hattaavah. us beyond the Jordan." 33 Moses gave to them, even to 17 They traveled from Kibroth Hattaavah, and camped in the people of Gad, and to the people of Reuben, and Hazeroth. 18 They traveled from Hazeroth, and camped to the half-tribe of Manasseh the son of Joseph, the in Rithmah. 19 They traveled from Rithmah, and camped kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites, and the kingdom in Rimmon Perez. 20 They traveled from Rimmon of Og king of Bashan, the land, according to its cities Perez, and camped in Libnah. 21 They traveled from and borders, even the cities of the surrounding land. 34 Libnah, and camped in Rissah. 22 They traveled from The people of Gad built Dibon, and Ataroth, and Aroer, Rissah, and camped in Kehelathah. 23 They traveled 35 and Atrothshophan, and Jazer, and Jogbehah, 36 and from Kehelathah, and camped in Mount Shepher. 24 Beth Nimrah, and Beth Haran: fortified cities, and folds They traveled from Mount Shepher, and camped in for sheep. 37 The people of Reuben built Heshbon, Haradah. 25 They traveled from Haradah, and camped and Elealeh, and Kiriathaim, 38 and Nebo, and Baal in Makheloth. 26 They traveled from Makheloth, and Meon, (their names being changed), and Sibmah: and camped in Tahath. 27 They traveled from Tahath, and they gave other names to the cities which they built. 39 camped in Terah. 28 They traveled from Terah, and The descendants of Makir the son of Manasseh went camped in Mithkah. 29 They traveled from Mithkah, to Gilead, and took it, and dispossessed the Amorites and camped in Hashmonah. 30 They traveled from who were in it. 40 Moses gave Gilead to Makir the Hashmonah, and camped in Moseroth. 31 They traveled son of Manasseh; and he lived in it. 41 Jair the son of from Moseroth, and camped in Bene Jaakan. 32 Manasseh went and took its towns, and called them They traveled from Bene Jaakan, and camped in Hor Havvoth Jair. 42 Nobah went and took Kenath, and its Haggidgad. 33 They traveled from Hor Haggidgad, and villages, and called it Nobah, after his own name.

33 These are the journeys of the children of Israel. when they went forth out of the land of Egypt by their armies under the hand of Moses and Aaron. 2 Moses wrote their goings out according to their journeys by the commandment of the LORD: and these are their journeys according to their goings out. 3 They traveled from Rameses in the first month, on the fifteenth day of the first month; on the next day after the Passover the children of Israel went out triumphantly in the sight of all the Egyptians, 4 while the Egyptians were burying all their firstborn, whom the LORD had struck among them: on their gods also the LORD executed judgments. 5 The children of Israel traveled from Rameses, and camped in Succoth. 6 They traveled from Succoth, and camped in Etham, which is in the edge of the wilderness. 7 They traveled from Etham, and turned back to Pihahiroth, which is before Baal Zephon: and they camped before Migdol. 8 They traveled from before

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camped in Jotbathah. 34 They traveled from Jotbathah, and camped in Abronah. 35 They traveled from Abronah. and camped in Ezion Geber. 36 They traveled from Ezion Geber, and camped in the wilderness of Zin (that is, Kadesh). 37 They traveled from Kadesh, and camped in Mount Hor, in the edge of the land of Edom. 38 Aaron the priest went up into Mount Hor at the commandment of the LORD, and died there, in the fortieth year after the children of Israel had come out of the land of Egypt, in the fifth month, on the first day of the month, 39 Aaron was one hundred twenty-three years old when he died in Mount Hor. 40 The Canaanite, the king of Arad, who lived in the Negev in the land of Canaan, heard of the coming of the children of Israel. 41 They traveled from Mount Hor, and camped in Zalmonah. 42 They traveled from Zalmonah, and camped in Punon. 43 They traveled from Punon, and camped in Oboth. 44 They traveled from Oboth, and camped in Iye Abarim, in the border of Moab. 45 They traveled from lyim, and camped in Dibon Numbers Gad. 46 They traveled from Dibon Gad, and camped goings out of it shall be at the Salt Sea. This shall be in Almon Diblathaim. 47 They traveled from Almon your land according to its borders around it." 13 Moses Diblathaim, and camped in the mountains of Abarim, commanded the children of Israel, saying, "This is the before Nebo. 48 They traveled from the mountains land which you shall inherit by lot, which the LORD has of Abarim, and camped in the plains of Moab by the commanded to give to the nine tribes, and to the half-Jordan at Jericho. 49 They camped by the Jordan, from tribe; 14 for the tribe of the people of Reuben according Beth Jeshimoth even to Abel Shittim in the plains of to their fathers' houses, and the tribe of the people of Moab. 50 The LORD spoke to Moses in the plains of Gad according to their fathers' houses, have received. Moab by the Jordan at Jericho, saying, 51 Speak to and the half-tribe of Manasseh have received, their the children of Israel, and tell them, "When you pass inheritance: 15 the two tribes and the half-tribe have over the Jordan into the land of Canaan, 52 then you received their inheritance beyond the Jordan at Jericho shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before eastward, toward the sunrise." 16 The LORD spoke to you, destroy all their stone idols, destroy all their molten Moses, saying, 17 "These are the names of the men images, and demolish all their high places. 53 You shall who shall divide the land to you for inheritance: Eleazar take possession of the land, and dwell in it; for I have the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun. 18 You shall given the land to you to possess it. 54 You shall inherit take one prince of every tribe, to divide the land for the land by lot according to your families; to the more inheritance. 19 These are the names of the men: Of you shall give the more inheritance, and to the fewer the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of Jephunneh. 20 Of you shall give the less inheritance: wherever the lot falls the tribe of the people of Simeon, Shemuel the son to any man, that shall be his. You shall inherit according of Ammihud. 21 Of the tribe of Benjamin, Elidad the to the tribes of your fathers. 55 "But if you do not drive son of Chislon. 22 Of the tribe of the people of Dan out the inhabitants of the land from before you, then a prince, Bukki the son of Jogli. 23 Of the people of those you let remain of them will be as pricks in your Joseph: of the tribe of the people of Manasseh a prince, eyes and as thorns in your sides, and they will harass Hanniel the son of Ephod. 24 Of the tribe of the people you in the land in which you dwell. 56 It shall happen of Ephraim a prince, Kemuel the son of Shiphtan. 25 Of that as I thought to do to them, so will I do to you."

34 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Command the children of Israel, and tell them, 'When you come into the land of Canaan (this is the land that shall fall to you for an inheritance, even the land of Canaan according to its borders), 3 then your south guarter shall be from the wilderness of Zin along by the side of Edom, and your south border shall be from the end of the Salt Sea eastward; 4 and your border shall turn about southward of the ascent of Akrabbim, and pass and the border shall go down to the Jordan, and the be the six cities of refuge, which you shall give for the

the tribe of the people of Zebulun a prince, Elizaphan the son of Parnach. 26 Of the tribe of the people of Issachar a prince, Paltiel the son of Azzan. 27 Of the tribe of the people of Asher a prince, Ahihud the son of Shelomi. 28 Of the tribe of the people of Naphtali a prince, Pedahel the son of Ammihud." 29 These are they whom the LORD commanded to divide the inheritance to the children of Israel in the land of Canaan.

35 The LORD spoke to Moses in the plains of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho, saying, 2 "Command along to Zin; and the goings out of it shall be southward the children of Israel that they give to the Levites of the of Kadesh Barnea; and it shall go forth to Hazar Addar, inheritance of their possession cities to dwell in; and and pass along to Azmon; 5 and the border shall turn you shall give suburbs for the cities around them to the about from Azmon to the Wadi of Egypt, and the goings Levites. 3 The cities shall they have to dwell in; and out of it shall be at the sea. 6 "For the western border, their suburbs shall be for their livestock, and for their the Great Sea shall be a border to you; this shall be substance, and for all their animals. 4 "The suburbs your west border. 7 "This shall be your north border: of the cities, which you shall give to the Levites, shall from the Great Sea you shall mark out for you Mount be from the wall of the city and outward one thousand Hor; 8 from Mount Hor you shall mark out to Lebo seven hundred twenty-two feet six inches around it. Hamath; and the goings out of the border shall be at 5 You shall measure outside of the city for the east Zedad; 9 and the border shall go forth to Ziphron, and side three thousand four hundred forty-five feet, and for the goings out of it shall be at Hazar Enan: this shall be the south side three thousand four hundred forty-five your north border. 10 "You shall mark out your east feet, and for the west side three thousand four hundred border from Hazar Enan to Shepham; 11 and the border forty-five feet, and for the north side three thousand shall go down from Shepham to Riblah, on the east four hundred forty-five feet, the city being in the midst. side of Ain; and the border shall go down, and shall This shall be to them the suburbs of the cities. 6 "The reach to the side of the sea of Kinnereth eastward; 12 cities which you shall give to the Levites, they shall

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forty-two cities. 7 All the cities which you shall give be guilty of blood, 28 because he should have remained to the Levites shall be forty-eight cities together with in his city of refuge until the death of the high priest: but their suburbs. 8 Concerning the cities which you shall after the death of the high priest the manslayer shall give of the possession of the children of Israel, from return into the land of his possession. 29 "These things the many you shall take many; and from the few you shall be for a statute and ordinance to you throughout shall take few: everyone according to his inheritance your generations in all your dwellings. 30 "Whoever kills which he inherits shall give of his cities to the Levites." any person, the murderer shall be slain at the mouth 9 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 10 "Speak to the of witnesses: but one witness shall not testify against children of Israel, and tell them, 'When you pass over any person that he die. 31 "Moreover you shall take no the Jordan into the land of Canaan, 11 then you shall ransom for the life of a murderer who is guilty of death; appoint you cities to be cities of refuge for you, that the but he shall surely be put to death. 32 "You shall take manslayer who kills any person unwittingly may flee no ransom for him who is fled to his city of refuge, that there. 12 The cities shall be to you for refuge from the he may come again to dwell in the land, until the death avenger, that the manslayer not die, until he stands of the priest. 33 "So you shall not pollute the land in before the congregation for judgment. 13 The cities which you are: for blood, it pollutes the land; and no which you shall give shall be for you six cities of refuge. expiation can be made for the land for the blood that is 14 You shall give three cities beyond the Jordan, and shed in it, but by the blood of him who shed it. 34 You you shall give three cities in the land of Canaan; they shall not defile the land which you inhabit, in the midst shall be cities of refuge. 15 For the children of Israel, of which I dwell: for I, the LORD, dwell in the midst of and for the stranger and for the foreigner living among the children of Israel." them, shall these six cities be for refuge; that everyone who kills any person unwittingly may flee there. 16 "But if he struck him with an instrument of iron, so that he died, he is a murderer: the murderer shall surely be put to death. 17 If he struck him with a stone in the hand, by which a man may die, and he died, he is a murderer: the murderer shall surely be put to death. 18 Or if he struck him with a weapon of wood in the hand, by which a man may die, and he died, he is a murderer: the murderer shall surely be put to death. 19 The avenger of blood shall himself put the murderer to death: when he meets him, he shall put him to death. 20 If he thrust him of hatred, or hurled at him, lying in wait, so that he died, 21 or in enmity struck him with his hand, so that he died; he who struck him shall surely be put to death. He is a murderer, the murderer must surely be put to death; the avenger of blood shall put the murderer to death when he meets him. 22 "But if he thrust him suddenly without enmity, or hurled on him anything without lying in wait, 23 or with any stone, by which a man may die, not seeing him, and cast it on him, so that he died, and he was not his enemy, neither sought his harm; 24 then the congregation shall judge between the striker and the avenger of blood according to these ordinances; 25 and the congregation shall deliver the manslayer out of the hand of the avenger of blood, and the congregation shall restore him to his city of refuge, where he was fled: and he shall dwell in it until the death of the high priest, who was anointed with the holy oil. 26 "But if the manslayer shall at any time go beyond the border of his city of refuge, where he flees, 27 and the avenger of blood find him outside of the border of his city of refuge,

manslaver to flee to: and besides them you shall give and the avenger of blood kill the manslaver; he shall not

36 The heads of the ancestral houses of the family of the people of Gilead, the son of Makir, the son of Manasseh, of the families of the sons of Joseph, came near and spoke before Moses and before Eleazar the priest and before the leaders, the heads of the ancestral houses of the children of Israel. 2 And they said, "The LORD commanded my lord to give the land for inheritance by lot to the children of Israel: and my lord was commanded by the LORD to give the inheritance of Zelophehad our brother to his daughters. 3 If they are married to any of the sons of the other tribes of the children of Israel, then will their inheritance be taken away from the inheritance of our fathers, and will be added to the inheritance of the tribe whereunto they shall belong: so will it be taken away from the lot of our inheritance. 4 When the jubilee of the children of Israel shall be, then will their inheritance be added to the inheritance of the tribe whereunto they shall belong: so will their inheritance be taken away from the inheritance of the tribe of our fathers." 5 Moses commanded the children of Israel according to the word of the LORD, saying, "The tribe of the sons of Joseph speaks right. 6 This is the thing which the LORD does command concerning the daughters of Zelophehad, saying, Let them be married to whom they think best; only into the family of the tribe of their father shall they be married. 7 So shall no inheritance of the children of Israel remove from tribe to tribe; for the children of Israel shall all keep the inheritance of the tribe of his fathers. 8 Every daughter who possesses an inheritance in any tribe of the children of Israel shall be wife to one of the family of the tribe of her father, that the children of

Israel may possess every man the inheritance of his fathers. **9** So shall no inheritance remove from one tribe to another tribe; for the tribes of the children of Israel shall each keep his own inheritance." **10** The daughters of Zelophehad did as the LORD commanded Moses: **11** for Mahlah, Tirzah, and Hoglah, and Milcah, and Noah, the daughters of Zelophehad, were married to their father's brothers' sons. **12** They were married into the families of the sons of Manasseh the son of Joseph; and their inheritance remained in the tribe of the family of their father. **13** These are the commanded by Moses to the children of Israel in the plains of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho.

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1 These are the words which Moses spoke to all Israel beyond the Jordan in the wilderness, in the Arabah opposite Suph, between Paran, and Tophel, and Laban, and Hazeroth, and Dizahab. 2 It is eleven days' journey from Horeb by the way of Mount Seir to Kadesh Barnea. 3 It happened in the fortieth year, in the eleventh month, on the first day of the month, that Moses spoke to the children of Israel, according to all that the LORD had given him in commandment to them: 4 after he had struck Sihon the king of the Amorites, who lived in Heshbon, and Og the king of Bashan, who lived in Ashtaroth and in Edrei. 5 Bevond the Jordan, in the land of Moab, began Moses to declare this law, saying, 6 "The LORD our God spoke to us in Horeb, saving, You have lived long enough in this mountain: 7 turn, and take vour journey, and go to the hill country of the Amorites. and to all the places near there, in the Arabah, in the hill country, and in the lowland, and in the Negey, and by the sea coast, the land of the Canaanites, and Lebanon, as far as the great river, the river Perath. 8 Look, I have set the land before you: go in and possess the land which I swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give to them and to their descendants after them." 9 I spoke to you at that time, saying, "I am not able to bear you myself alone: 10 The LORD your God has multiplied you, and look, you are this day as the stars of the sky for multitude. 11 The LORD, the God of your fathers, make you a thousand times as many as you are, and bless you, as he has promised you. 12 How can I myself alone bear your encumbrance. and your burden, and your strife? 13 Take wise men of understanding and well known according to your tribes. and I will make them heads over you." 14 You answered me, and said, "The thing which you have spoken is good to do." 15 So I took the heads of your tribes. wise men, and known, and made them heads over you, captains of thousands, and captains of hundreds, and captains of fifties, and captains of tens, and officers, according to your tribes. 16 I commanded your judges at that time, saying, "Hear cases between your brothers, and judge righteously between a man and his brother. and the foreigner who is living with him. 17 You shall not show partiality in judgment; you shall hear the small and the great alike: you shall not be afraid of the face of man; for the judgment is God's. The case that is too hard for you, you shall bring to me, and I will hear it." 18 I commanded you at that time all the things which you should do. 19 We traveled from Horeb, and went through all that great and terrible wilderness which you saw, by the way to the hill country of the Amorites, as the LORD our God commanded us; and we came to

Kadesh Barnea. 20 I said to you. "You have come to the hill country of the Amorites, which the LORD our God gives to us. 21 Look, the LORD your God has set the land before you: go up, take possession, as the LORD, the God of your fathers, has spoken to you; do not be afraid, neither be dismayed." 22 You came near to me everyone of you, and said, "Let us send men before us, that they may search the land for us, and bring us word again of the way by which we must go up, and the cities to which we shall come." 23 The thing pleased me well; and I took twelve men of you, one man for every tribe: 24 and they turned and went up into the hill country, and came to the Valley of Eshcol, and spied it out. 25 They took of the fruit of the land in their hands, and brought it down to us, and brought us word again, and said. "It is a good land which the LORD our God gives to us." 26 Yet you wouldn't go up, but rebelled against the commandment of the LORD your God: 27 and you murmured in your tents, and said, "Because the LORD hated us, he has brought us forth out of the land of Egypt, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us. 28 Where are we going up? Our brothers have made our heart to melt, saying, 'The people are greater and taller than we: the cities are great and fortified up to the sky; and moreover we have seen the sons of the Anakim there." 29 Then I said to you, "Do not dread, neither be afraid of them. 30 The LORD your God who goes before you, he will fight for you, according to all that he did for you in Egypt before your eyes, 31 and in the wilderness, where you have seen how that the LORD your God bore you, as a man does bear his son, in all the way that you went, until you came to this place." 32 Yet in this thing you did not believe the LORD your God, 33 who went before you in the way, to seek you out a place to pitch your tents in, in fire by night, to show you by what way you should go, and in the cloud by day. 34 The LORD heard the voice of your words, and was angry, and swore, saying, 35 "Surely not one of these men of this evil generation shall see the good land, which I swore to give to your fathers, 36 except Caleb the son of Jephunneh: he shall see it: and to him will I give the land that he has trodden on. and to his children, because he has wholly followed the LORD." 37 Also the LORD was anary with me for your sakes, saying, "You also shall not go in there: 38 Joshua the son of Nun, who stands before you, he shall go in there. Encourage him, because he will cause Israel to inherit it. 39 Moreover your little ones, whom you said should be a prey, and your children, who this day have no knowledge of good or evil, they shall go in there, and to them will I give it, and they shall possess it. 40 But as for you, turn, and take your journey into the wilderness by the way to the Red Sea." 41 Then you answered

and said to me, "We have sinned against the LORD our all the generation of the men of war were consumed days, according to the days that you remained.

 $m{2}$ Then we turned, and took our journey into the wilderness by the way to the Red Sea, as the LORD spoke to me; and we encircled Mount Seir many days. 2 The LORD spoke to me, saying, 3 "You have encircled this mountain long enough. Turn northward. 4 Command the people, saying, 'You are to pass through the border of your brothers the descendants of Esau, who dwell in Seir; and they will be afraid of you: take good heed to yourselves therefore; 5 do not contend with them; for I will not give you of their land, no, not so much as for the sole of the foot to tread on; because I have given Mount Seir to Esau for a possession. 6 You shall purchase food of them for money, that you may eat; and you shall also buy water of them for money, that you may drink." 7 For the LORD your God has blessed you in all the work of your hand; he has known your walking through this great wilderness: these forty years the LORD your God has been with you; you have lacked nothing. 8 So we passed by from our brothers the descendants of Esau, who dwell in Seir, from the way of the Arabah from Eilat and from Ezion Geber. We turned and passed by the way of the wilderness of Moab. 9 The LORD said to me, "Do not bother Moab, neither contend with them in battle; for I will not give you of his land for a possession; because I have given Ar to the descendants of Lot for a possession." 10 (The Emim lived there before, a people great, and many, and tall, as the Anakim: 11 these also are accounted Rephaim, as the Anakim; but the Moabites call them Emim. 12 The Horites also lived in Seir before, but the descendants of Esau succeeded them; and they destroyed them from before them, and lived in their place; as Israel did to the land of his possession, which the LORD gave to them.) 13 "Now rise up, and cross over the Wadi Zered." So we went over the Wadi Zered. 14 The days in which we came from Kadesh Barnea, until we had come over the Wadi Zered, were thirty-eight years; until

God, we will go up and fight, according to all that the from the midst of the camp, as the LORD swore to LORD our God commanded us." Every man of you put them. 15 Moreover the hand of God was against them, on his weapons of war, and presumed to go up into the to destroy them from the midst of the camp, until they hill country. 42 The LORD said to me, "Tell them, 'Do were consumed. 16 So it happened, when all the men of not go up, neither fight; for I am not among you; lest war were consumed and dead from among the people, you be struck before your enemies." 43 So I spoke to 17 that the LORD spoke to me, saying, 18 "You are this you, and you did not listen; but you rebelled against the day to pass over Ar, the border of Moab: 19 and when commandment of the LORD, and were presumptuous, you come near over against the people of Ammon, and went up into the hill country. 44 The Amorites, who do not bother them, nor contend with them; for I will lived in that hill country, came out against you, and not give you of the land of the people of Ammon for a chased you, as bees do, and beat you down in Seir, possession; because I have given it to the people of Lot even to Hormah. 45 You returned and wept before the for a possession." 20 (That also is accounted a land of LORD; but the LORD did not listen to your voice, nor Rephaim: Rephaim lived in it before; but the Ammonites gave ear to you. 46 So you stayed in Kadesh many call them Zamzummim, 21 a people great, and many, and tall, as the Anakim; but the LORD destroyed them before them; and they succeeded them, and lived in their place; 22 as he did for the descendants of Esau, who dwell in Seir, when he destroyed the Horites from before them; and they succeeded them, and lived in their place even to this day: 23 and the Avvim, who lived in villages as far as Gaza, the Caphtorim, who came forth out of Caphtor, destroyed them, and lived in their place.) 24 "Rise up, take your journey, and pass over the Valley of the Arnon: look, I have given into your hand Sihon the Amorite, king of Heshbon, and his land; begin to possess it, and contend with him in battle. 25 This day will I begin to put the dread of you and the fear of you on the peoples who are under the whole sky, who shall hear the report of you, and shall tremble, and be in anguish because of you." 26 I sent messengers out of the wilderness of Kedemoth to Sihon king of Heshbon with words of peace, saying, 27 "Let me pass through your land: I will go along by the highway, I will turn neither to the right hand nor to the left. 28 You shall sell me food for money, that I may eat; and give me water for money, that I may drink: only let me pass through on my feet, 29 as the people of Esau who dwell in Seir, and the Moabites who dwell in Ar, did to me; until I shall pass over the Jordan into the land which the LORD our God gives us." 30 But Sihon king of Heshbon would not let us pass by him: for the LORD your God hardened his spirit, and made his heart obstinate, that he might deliver him into your hand, as at this day. 31 The LORD said to me, "Look, I have begun to deliver up Sihon and his land before you: begin to possess, that you may inherit his land." 32 Then Sihon came out against us, he and all his people, to battle at Jahaz. 33 The LORD our God delivered him up before us; and we struck him, and his sons, and all his people. 34 We took all his cities at that time, and utterly destroyed every inhabited city, with the women and the little ones; we left none remaining: 35 only the livestock we took for a prey

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to ourselves, with the spoil of the cities which we had the Arabah also, and the Jordan and its border, from taken. 36 From Aroer, which is on the edge of the Valley Kinnereth even to the sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, of the Arnon, and the city that is in the valley, even to under the slopes of Pisgah eastward. 18 I commanded our God delivered up all before us: 37 only to the land you this land to possess it: you shall pass over armed of the people of Ammon you did not come near; all the before your brothers the children of Israel, all the men side of the river Jabbok, and the cities of the hill country, of valor. 19 But your wives, and your little ones, and and wherever the LORD our God forbade us.

3 Then we turned, and went up the way to Bashan: and Og the king of Bashan came out against us, he and all his people, to battle at Edrei. 2 The LORD said to me, "Do not fear him; for I have delivered him, and all his people, and his land, into your hand; and you shall do to him as you did to Sihon king of the Amorites, who lived at Heshbon." 3 So the LORD our God delivered into our hand Og also, the king of Bashan, and all his people: and we struck him until none was left to him remaining. 4 We took all his cities at that time; there was not a city which we did not take from them; sixty cities, all the region of Argob, the kingdom of Og in Bashan. 5 All these were cities fortified with high walls, gates, and bars; besides the unwalled towns a great many. 6 We utterly destroyed them, as we did to Sihon king of Heshbon, utterly destroying every inhabited city, with the women and the little ones. 7 But all the livestock, and the spoil of the cities, we took for a prey to ourselves. 8 We took the land at that time out of the hand of the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, from the Valley of the Arnon to Mount Hermon. 9 (The Sidonians call Hermon Sirion, and the Amorites call it Senir.) 10 We took all the cities of the plain, and all Gilead, and all Bashan, to Salecah and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan. 11 (For only Og king of Bashan remained of the remnant of the Rephaim; look, his bedstead was a bedstead of iron: isn't it in Rabbah of the people of Ammon? Thirteen feet three inches **1** Now, Israel, listen to the statutes and to the was its length, and five feet eleven inches its breadth, according to the standard measure.) 12 This land we you may live, and go in and possess the land which took in possession at that time: from Aroer, which is by the Valley of the Arnon, and half the hill country of Gilead, and its cities, gave I to the Reubenites and to the Gadites: 13 and the rest of Gilead, and all Bashan, the kingdom of Og, gave I to the half-tribe of Manasseh. All the region of Argob, with all Bashan, was called the land of Rephaim. 14 Jair the son of Manasseh took all the region of Argob, to the border of the Geshurites and the Maacathites, and called them, even Bashan, after his own name, Havvoth Jair, to this day.) 15 I gave Gilead to Makir. 16 To the Reubenites and to the Gadites I gave from Gilead to the Valley of the Arnon. the middle of the valley, and its border, even to the river Jabbok, which is the border of the people of Ammon; 17

Gilead, there was not a city too high for us; the LORD you at that time, saying, "The LORD your God has given your livestock, (I know that you have much livestock), shall live in your cities which I have given you, 20 until the LORD gives rest to your brothers, as to you, and they also possess the land which the LORD your God gives them beyond the Jordan: then you shall return every man to his possession, which I have given you." 21 I commanded Joshua at that time, saying, "Your eyes have seen all that the LORD your God has done to these two kings: so shall the LORD do to all the kingdoms where you go over. 22 Do not fear them, for the LORD your God himself will fight for you." 23 I begged the LORD at that time, saying, 24 "Lord GOD, you have begun to show your servant your greatness, and your strong hand: for what god is there in heaven or in earth, that can do according to your works, and according to your mighty acts? 25 Please let me go over and see the good land that is beyond the Jordan, that good hill country, and Lebanon." 26 But the LORD was angry with me for your sakes, and did not listen to me; and the LORD said to me, "Enough from you; speak no more to me of this matter. 27 Go up to the top of Pisgah, and lift up your eyes westward, and northward, and southward, and eastward, and see with your eyes: for you shall not go over this Jordan. 28 But commission Joshua, and encourage him, and strengthen him; for he shall go over before this people, and he shall cause them to inherit the land which you shall see." 29 So we stayed in the valley over against Beth Peor.

> ordinances, which I teach you, to do them; that the LORD, the God of your fathers, gives you. 2 You shall not add to the word which I command you, neither shall you diminish from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you. 3 Your eyes have seen what the LORD did because of Baal Peor; for all the men who followed Baal Peor, the LORD your God has destroyed them from the midst of you. 4 But you who were faithful to the LORD your God are all alive this day. 5 Look. I have taught you statutes and ordinances, even as the LORD my God commanded me, that you should do so in the midst of the land where you go in to possess it. 6 Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who shall hear all these statutes, and say, "Surely this great nation

is a wise and understanding people." 7 For what great children's children, and you shall have been long in nation is there, that has a god so near to them, as the the land, and shall corrupt yourselves, and make an LORD our God is whenever we call on him? 8 What engraved image in the form of anything, and shall do great nation is there, that has statutes and ordinances that which is evil in the sight of the LORD your God, to so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this provoke him to anger; 26 I call heaven and earth to day? 9 Only take heed to yourself, and keep your soul witness against you this day, that you shall soon utterly diligently, lest you forget the things which your eyes saw, perish from off the land whereunto you go over the and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your Jordan to possess it; you shall not prolong your days life; but make them known to your children and your on it, but shall utterly be destroyed. 27 The LORD will children's children; 10 the day that you stood before the scatter you among the peoples, and you shall be left LORD your God in Horeb, when the LORD said to me, few in number among the nations, where the LORD will "Assemble me the people, and I will make them hear drive you. 28 There you shall serve other gods, the work my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days of men's hands, wood and stone, which neither see, nor that they live on the earth, and that they may teach hear, nor eat, nor smell. 29 But from there you shall their children." 11 You came near and stood under the seek the LORD your God, and you shall find him, when mountain; and the mountain burned with fire to the heart you search after him with all your heart and with all your of the sky, with darkness, cloud, and thick darkness. 12 soul. 30 When you are in oppression, and all these The LORD spoke to you out of the midst of the fire: you things have come on you, in the latter days you shall heard the voice of words, but you saw no form; you return to the LORD your God, and listen to his voice: 31 only heard a voice. 13 He declared to you his covenant, for the LORD your God is a merciful God; he will not fail which he commanded you to perform, even the ten you, neither destroy you, nor forget the covenant of your commandments; and he wrote them on two tablets of fathers which he swore to them. 32 For ask now of the stone. 14 The LORD commanded me at that time to days that are past, which were before you, since the day teach you statutes and ordinances, that you might do that God created humankind on the earth, and from the them in the land where you go over to possess it. 15 one end of the sky to the other, whether there has been Therefore watch yourselves carefully; for you saw no anything as this great thing is, or has been heard like it? kind of form on the day that the LORD spoke to you in 33 Did a people ever hear the voice of the living God Horeb out of the midst of the fire. 16 Lest you corrupt speaking out of the midst of the fire, as you have heard, yourselves, and make yourself an engraved image in and live? 34 Or has God tried to go and take a nation the form of any figure, the likeness of male or female, for himself from the midst of another nation, by trials, by 17 the likeness of any animal that is on the earth, the signs, and by wonders, and by war, and by a mighty likeness of any winged bird that flies in the sky, 18 the hand, and by an outstretched arm, and by great terrors, likeness of any crawling creature that crawls on the according to all that the LORD your God did for you in ground, the likeness of any fish that is in the water below Egypt before your eyes? 35 It was shown to you so that the land; 19 and lest you lift up your eyes to the sky, you might know that the LORD is God. There is no one and when you see the sun and the moon and the stars, else besides him. 36 Out of heaven he made you to even all the host of heaven, you are drawn away and hear his voice, that he might instruct you: and on earth worship them, and serve them, which the LORD your he made you to see his great fire; and you heard his God has allotted to all the peoples under the whole sky. words out of the midst of the fire. 37 Because he loved 20 But God has taken you, and brought you forth out of your fathers, therefore he chose their descendants after the iron furnace, out of Egypt, to be to him a people of them, and brought you out with his presence, with his inheritance, as at this day. 21 Furthermore the LORD great power, out of Egypt; 38 to drive out nations from was angry with me for your sakes, and swore that I before you greater and mightier than you, to bring you should not go over the Jordan, and that I should not go in, to give you their land for an inheritance, as at this in to that good land, which the LORD your God gives day. 39 Know therefore this day, and lay it to your heart, you for an inheritance: 22 but I must die in this land, I that the LORD he is God in heaven above and on the must not go over the Jordan; but you shall go over, and earth beneath; there is no other. 40 You shall keep his possess that good land. 23 Be careful, lest you forget statutes, and his commandments, which I command the covenant of the LORD your God, which he made you this day, that it may go well with you, and with with you, and make you an engraved image in the form your children after you, and that you may prolong your of anything which the LORD your God has forbidden days in the land, which the LORD your God gives you, you. 24 For the LORD your God is a devouring fire, a forever. 41 Then Moses set apart three cities beyond

jealous God. 25 When you shall father children, and the Jordan toward the sunrise; 42 that the manslayer

might flee there, who kills his neighbor unawares, and servant may rest as well as you, 15 Remember that you Arabah, under the slopes of Pisgah.

5 Moses called to all Israel, and said to them, Hear, Israel, the statutes and the ordinances which I speak in your ears this day, that you may learn them, and observe to do them. 2 The LORD our God made a covenant with us in Horeb. 3 The LORD did not make this covenant with our fathers, but with us, even us, who are all of us here alive this day. 4 The LORD spoke with you face to face on the mountain out of the midst of the fire, 5 (I stood between the LORD and you at that time, to show you the words of the LORD: for you were afraid because of the fire, and did not go up onto the mountain:) saving, 6 "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. 7 "Do not have no other gods before me. 8 "Do not make an engraved image for yourself, or any likeness of what is in heaven above, or on the earth below, or that is in the waters below the earth. 9 You must not bow down yourself to them, nor serve them; for I, the LORD, your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, upon the third and upon the fourth [generation] of those who hate me; 10 and showing loving kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. 11 "Do not take the name of the LORD your God in vain: for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. 12 "Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. 13 Six days you may labor, and do all your work; 14 but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you must not do any work, you, your son, your daughter, your male servant, nor your female servant, your ox, nor your donkey, nor your livestock, your stranger who is within your gates; that your male servant and your female

did not hate him in time past; and that fleeing to one of were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your these cities he might live: 43 Bezer in the wilderness, God brought you out of there by a mighty hand and on the plateau, for the Reubenites; and Ramoth in by an outstretched arm: therefore the LORD your God Gilead, for the Gadites; and Golan in Bashan, for the commanded you to keep the Sabbath day. 16 "Honor Manassites. 44 This is the law which Moses set before your father and your mother, as the LORD your God the children of Israel: 45 these are the testimonies, and commanded you; that your days may be long, and that the statutes, and the ordinances, which Moses spoke it may go well with you, in the land which the LORD to the children of Israel, when they came forth out of your God gives you. 17 "Do not commit adultery. 18 Egypt, 46 beyond the Jordan, in the valley over against "Do not murder. 19 "Do not steal. 20 "Do not give false Beth Peor, in the land of Sihon king of the Amorites, testimony against your neighbor. 21 "Do not covet your who lived at Heshbon, whom Moses and the children of neighbor's wife. Do not crave your neighbor's house, his Israel struck, when they came forth out of Egypt. 47 field, or his male servant, or his female servant, his ox, They took his land in possession, and the land of Og or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's." 22 king of Bashan, the two kings of the Amorites, who were These words the LORD spoke to all your assembly on beyond the Jordan toward the sunrise: 48 from Aroer, the mountain out of the midst of the fire, of the cloud, which is on the edge of the Valley of the Arnon, even to and of the thick darkness, with a great voice; and he Mount Sion (that is, Hermon), 49 and all the Arabah added no more. And he wrote them on two tablets of beyond the Jordan eastward, even to the sea of the stone, and gave them to me. 23 It happened, when you heard the voice out of the midst of the darkness, while the mountain was burning with fire, that you came near to me, even all the heads of your tribes, and your elders; 24 and you said, "Look, the LORD our God has shown us his glory and his greatness, and we have heard his voice out of the midst of the fire: we have seen this day that God does speak with man, and he lives. 25 Now therefore why should we die? For this great fire will consume us: if we hear the voice of the LORD our God any more, then we shall die. 26 For who is there of all flesh, that has heard the voice of the living God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as we have, and lived? 27 Go near, and hear all that the LORD our God shall say to you, and tell us all that the LORD our God speaks to you; and we will hear it, and do it." 28 The LORD heard the voice of your words, when you spoke to me; and the LORD said to me, "I have heard the voice of the words of this people, which they have spoken to you: they have well said all that they have spoken. 29 Oh that there were such a heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children forever. 30 "Go tell them. Return to your tents. 31 But as for you, stand here by me, and I will tell you all the commandment, and the statutes, and the ordinances. which you shall teach them, that they may do them in the land which I give them to possess it." 32 You shall observe to do therefore as the LORD your God has commanded you: you shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left. 33 You shall walk in all the way which the LORD your God has commanded you, that you may live, and that it may be well with you, and that you may prolong your days in the land which you shall possess.

6 Now this is the commandment, the statutes, and the 22 and the LORD showed great and awesome signs and to teach you, that you might do them in the land before our eyes; 23 and he brought us out from there, where you go over to possess it; 2 that you might fear that he might bring us in, to give us the land which he the LORD your God, to keep all his statutes and his swore to our fathers. 24 The LORD commanded us to commandments, which I command you, you, and your do all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God, for our son, and your son's son, all the days of your life; and good always, that he might preserve us alive, as at this that your days may be prolonged. 3 Hear therefore, day. 25 It shall be righteousness to us, if we observe to Israel, and observe to do it; that it may be well with you, do all this commandment before the LORD our God, as and that you may increase mightily, as the LORD, the he has commanded us." God of your fathers, has promised to you, in a land flowing with milk and honey. 4 Hear, Israel: the LORD is our God, the LORD is one. 5 And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. 6 These words, which I command you this day, shall be on your heart: 7 and you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise up. 8 You shall bind them for a sign on your hand, and they shall be for symbols between your eyes. 9 You shall write them on the door posts of your house, and on your gates. 10 It shall be, when the LORD your God shall bring you into the land which he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you, great and goodly cities, which you did not build, 11 and houses full of all good things, which you did not fill, and cisterns dug out, which you did not dig, vineyards and olive trees, which you did not plant, and you shall eat and be full; 12 then beware lest you forget the LORD, who brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. 13 You shall fear the LORD your God; and you shall serve him only, and you shall cling to him, and take oaths by his name. 14 You shall not go after other gods, of the gods of the peoples who are around you; 15 for the LORD your God in the midst of you is a jealous God; lest the anger of the LORD your God be kindled against you, and he destroy you from off the face of the earth. 16 Do not test the LORD your God, as you tested him at Massah. 17 You shall diligently keep the commandments of the LORD your God, and his testimonies, and his statutes, which he has commanded you. 18 You shall do that which is right and good in the sight of the LORD: that it may be well with you, and that you may go in and possess the good land which the LORD swore to your fathers, 19 to thrust out all your enemies from before you, as the LORD has spoken. 20 When your son asks you in time to come, saying, "What do the testimonies, the statutes, and the ordinances, which the LORD our God has commanded you mean?" 21 then you shall tell your son, "We were Pharaoh's bondservants in Egypt: and the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand;

ordinances, which the LORD your God commanded wonders on Egypt, on Pharaoh, and on all his house.

When the LORD your God shall bring you into the 7 land where you go to possess it, and shall cast out many nations before you, the Hethite, and the Girgashite, and the Amorite, and the Canaanite, and the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite, seven nations greater and mightier than you; 2 and when the LORD your God shall deliver them up before you, and you shall strike them; then you shall utterly destroy them: you shall make no covenant with them, nor show mercy to them; 3 neither shall you make marriages with them; your daughter you shall not give to his son, nor shall you take his daughter for your son. 4 For he will turn away your son from following me, that he may serve other gods; so the anger of the LORD would be kindled against you, and he would destroy you guickly. 5 But you shall deal with them like this: you shall break down their altars, and dash their pillars in pieces, and cut down their Asherim, and burn their engraved images with fire. 6 For you are a holy people to the LORD your God: The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his own possession, above all peoples who are on the face of the earth. 7 The LORD did not set his love on you, nor choose you, because you were more in number than any people; for you were the fewest of all peoples: 8 but because the LORD loves you, and because he would keep the oath which he swore to your fathers, has the LORD brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. 9 Know therefore that the LORD your God, he is God, the faithful God, who keeps covenant and loving kindness with them who love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations, 10 and repays those who hate him to their face, to destroy them: he will not be slack to him who hates him, he will repay him to his face, 11 You shall therefore keep the commandment, and the statutes, and the ordinances, which I command you this day, to do them. 12 It shall happen, because you listen to these ordinances, and keep and do them, that the LORD your God will keep with you the covenant and the loving kindness which he swore to your fathers: 13 and he will love you, and bless you, and multiply you; he will also bless the fruit of your body and the fruit of your that humankind cannot live by bread alone, but by ground, your grain and your new wine and your oil, the every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God shall increase of your livestock and the young of your flock, humankind live. 4 Your clothing did not grow old on in the land which he swore to your fathers to give you. you, neither did your foot swell, these forty years. 5 14 You shall be blessed above all peoples: there shall You shall consider in your heart that as a man chastens not be male or female barren among you, or among his son, so the LORD your God chastens you. 6 You your livestock. 15 And the LORD will take away from shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God, you all sickness, and none of the evil diseases of Egypt, to walk in his ways, and to fear him. 7 For the LORD which you have seen and which you have known, will your God brings you into a good and spacious land, a he put on you, but he will lay them on all who hate you. land of brooks of water, of springs, and underground 16 You shall consume all the peoples whom the LORD water flowing into valleys and hills; 8 a land of wheat your God shall deliver to you; your eye shall not pity and barley, and vines and fig trees and pomegranates; them: neither shall you serve their gods; for that will a land of olive trees and honey; 9 a land in which you be a snare to you. 17 If you shall say in your heart, shall eat bread without scarcity, and in which you will "These nations are more than I; how can I dispossess lack nothing; a land whose stones are iron, and out of them?" 18 you shall not be afraid of them: you shall well whose hills you may dig copper. 10 You shall eat and be remember what the LORD your God did to Pharaoh, full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good and to all Egypt; 19 the great trials which your eyes saw, land which he has given you. 11 Beware lest you forget and the signs, and the wonders, and the mighty hand, the LORD your God, in not keeping his commandments, and the outstretched arm, by which the LORD your God and his ordinances, and his statutes, which I command brought you out: so shall the LORD your God do to all you this day: 12 lest, when you have eaten and are full. the peoples of whom you are afraid. 20 Moreover the and have built goodly houses, and lived in them; 13 LORD your God will send the hornet among them until and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your those who are left and hide themselves from you perish. silver and your gold is multiplied, and all that you have 21 You shall not be scared of them; for the LORD your is multiplied; 14 then your heart be lifted up, and you God is in the midst of you, a great and awesome God. forget the LORD your God, who brought you forth out of 22 The LORD your God will cast out those nations before the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage; 15 who you by little and little: you may not consume them at led you through the great and terrible wilderness, with once, lest the animals of the field increase on you. 23 fiery serpents and scorpions, and thirsty ground where But the LORD your God will deliver them up before you, there was no water; who brought you forth water out and will confuse them with a great confusion, until they of the rock of flint; 16 who fed you in the wilderness be destroyed. 24 He will deliver their kings into your with manna, which your fathers did not know; that he hand, and you shall make their name to perish from might humble you, and that he might prove you, to do under the sky: no man shall be able to stand before you good at your latter end: 17 and lest you say in your you, until you have destroyed them. 25 You shall burn heart, "My power and the might of my hand has gotten the engraved images of their gods with fire. You shall me this wealth." 18 But you shall remember the LORD not covet the silver or the gold that is on them, nor your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth; take it for yourself, lest you be snared in it; for it is an that he may establish his covenant which he swore to abomination to the LORD your God. 26 You shall not your fathers, as at this day. 19 It shall be, if you shall bring an abomination into your house, and become a forget the LORD your God, and walk after other gods, devoted thing like it. You shall utterly detest it, and you and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you shall utterly abhor it: for it is a devoted thing.

R You shall observe to do all the commandment which I command you this day, that you may live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the LORD swore to your fathers. 2 You shall remember all the way which the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, to prove you, and to know what was in your heart,

this day that you shall surely perish. 20 As the nations that the LORD makes to perish before you, so you shall perish; because you wouldn't listen to the voice of the LORD your God.

Q Hear, Israel: you are to pass over the Jordan this day, to go in to dispossess nations greater and mightier than yourself, cities great and fortified up to the sky, 2 a people great and tall, the sons of the Anakim, whom you whether you would keep his commandments, or not. 3 know, and of whom you have heard say, "Who can stand He humbled you, and allowed you to be hungry, and before the sons of Anak?" 3 Know therefore this day, fed you with manna, which you did not know, neither that the LORD your God is he who goes over before did your fathers know; that he might make you know you as a devouring fire; he will destroy them, and he will

out, and make them to perish guickly, as the LORD has was afraid of the anger and hot displeasure, with which spoken to you. 4 Do not say in your heart, after the the LORD was angry against you to destroy you. But LORD your God has thrust them out from before you, the LORD listened to me that time also. 20 The LORD saying, "For my righteousness the LORD has brought was very angry with Aaron to destroy him: and I prayed me in to possess this land"; because the LORD drives for Aaron also at the same time. 21 I took your sin, the them out before you because of the wickedness of calf which you had made, and burnt it with fire, and these nations. 5 Not for your righteousness, or for the stamped it, grinding it very small, until it was as fine as uprightness of your heart, do you go in to possess their dust: and I cast its dust into the brook that descended land; but for the wickedness of these nations the LORD out of the mountain. 22 At Taberah, and at Massah, and does drive them out from before you, and that he may at Kibroth Hattaavah, you provoked the LORD to wrath. establish the word which he swore to your fathers, to 23 When the LORD sent you from Kadesh Barnea, Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. 6 Know therefore, saying, "Go up and possess the land which I have that the LORD your God doesn't give you this good land given you"; then you rebelled against the commandment to possess it for your righteousness; for you are a stiff- of the LORD your God, and you did not believe him, necked people. 7 Remember, do not forget, how you nor listen to his voice. 24 You have been rebellious provoked the LORD your God to wrath in the wilderness: against the LORD from the day that I knew you. 25 So from the day that you went forth out of the land of Egypt, I fell down before the LORD the forty days and forty until you came to this place, you have been rebellious nights that I fell down, because the LORD had said he against the LORD. 8 Also in Horeb you provoked the would destroy you. 26 I prayed to God, and said, "Lord LORD to wrath, and the LORD was angry with you to GOD, do not destroy your people and your inheritance, destroy you. 9 When I was gone up onto the mountain that you have redeemed through your greatness, that to receive the tablets of stone, even the tablets of the you have brought out of Egypt with a mighty hand. 27 covenant which the LORD made with you, then I stayed Remember your servants, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; on the mountain forty days and forty nights; I neither ate do not look to the stubbornness of this people, nor to bread nor drank water. 10 The LORD delivered to me their wickedness, nor to their sin, 28 lest the land you the two tablets of stone written with the finger of God; brought us out from say, 'Because the LORD was not and on them were all the words which the LORD spoke able to bring them into the land which he promised to with you on the mountain out of the midst of the fire in them, and because he hated them, he has brought them the day of the assembly. 11 It came to pass at the end of out to kill them in the wilderness.' 29 Yet they are your forty days and forty nights, that the LORD gave me the people and your inheritance, which you brought out by two tablets of stone, even the tablets of the covenant. your great power and by your outstretched arm." 12 The LORD said to me, "Arise, get down quickly from here; for your people whom you have brought out of Egypt have corrupted themselves; they have guickly turned aside out of the way which I commanded them; they have made them a molten image." 13 Furthermore the LORD spoke to me, saying, "I have seen this people, and look, it is a stiff-necked people: 14 let me alone, that I may destroy them, and blot out their name from under the sky; and I will make of you a nation mightier and greater than they." 15 So I turned and came down from the mountain, and the mountain was burning with fire: and the two tablets of the covenant were in my two hands. 16 I looked, and look, you had sinned against the LORD your God; you had made yourselves a molten calf: you had turned aside guickly out of the way which the LORD had commanded you. 17 I took hold of the two tablets, and cast them out of my two hands, and broke them before your eyes. 18 I fell down before the LORD, as at the first, forty days and forty nights; I neither ate bread nor drank water; because of all your sin which you sinned, in doing that which was evil in the

bring them down before you: so you shall drive them sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger. 19 For I

10 At that time the LORD said to me, "Cut two tablets of stone like the first, and come up to me onto the mountain, and make an ark of wood. 2 I will write on the tables the words that were on the first tables which you broke, and you shall put them in the ark." 3 So I made an ark of acacia wood, and cut two tablets of stone like the first, and went up onto the mountain, having the two tablets in my hand. 4 He wrote on the tables, according to the first writing, the ten commandments, which the LORD spoke to you on the mountain out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly: and the LORD gave them to me. 5 I turned and came down from the mountain, and put the tables in the ark which I had made; and there they are as the LORD commanded me. 6 (The children of Israel traveled from Beeroth Bene Jaakan to Moserah. There Aaron died, and there he was buried; and Eleazar his son ministered in the priest's office in his place. 7 From there they traveled to Gudgodah; and from Gudgodah to Jotbathah, a land of brooks of water. 8 At that time the LORD set apart the tribe of Levi, to bear the ark of the covenant of the LORD, to stand before the LORD to minister to him, and swallowed them up, and their households, and their the sky for multitude.

11 Therefore you shall love the LORD your God, and keep his instructions, and his statutes, and his ordinances, and his commandments, always. 2 Know this day: for I do not speak with your children who have not known, and who have not seen the chastisement of the LORD your God, his greatness, his mighty hand, and his outstretched arm, 3 and his signs, and his works, which he did in the midst of Egypt to Pharaoh the king of Egypt, and to all his land; 4 and what he did to the army of Egypt, to their horses, and to their chariots; how he made the water of the Red Sea to overflow them as they pursued after you, and how the LORD has destroyed them to this day; 5 and what he did to you in the wilderness, until you came to this place; 6 and what he did to Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, the son of Reuben; how the earth opened its mouth, and

to bless in his name, to this day. 9 Therefore Levi has tents, and every living thing that followed them, in the no portion nor inheritance with his brothers; the LORD is midst of all Israel: 7 but your eyes have seen all the his inheritance, according as the LORD your God spoke great work of the LORD which he did. 8 Therefore you to him.) 10 I stayed on the mountain, as at the first time, shall keep every commandment which I command you forty days and forty nights: and the LORD listened to this day, that you may be strong, and multiply, and go in me that time also, and the LORD would not destroy and possess the land, where you go over to possess it; you. 11 The LORD said to me, "Arise, take your journey 9 and that you may prolong your days in the land, which before the people; and they shall go in and possess the the LORD swore to your fathers to give to them and to land, which I swore to their fathers to give to them." 12 their descendants, a land flowing with milk and honey. Now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of 10 For the land, where you go in to possess it, isn't as you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his the land of Egypt, that you came out from, where you ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD your God sowed your seed, and watered it with your feet, as a with all your heart and with all your soul, 13 to keep the garden of herbs; 11 but the land, where you go over to commandments of the LORD, and his statutes, which I possess it, is a land of hills and valleys which drinks command you this day for your good? 14 Look, to the water of the rain of the sky, 12 a land which the LORD LORD your God belongs heaven and the heaven of your God cares for: the eyes of the LORD your God are heavens, the earth, with all that is in it. 15 Only the always on it, from the beginning of the year even to the LORD had a delight in your fathers to love them, and he end of the year. 13 It shall happen, if you shall listen chose their descendants after them, even you above all diligently to my commandments which I command you peoples, as at this day. 16 Circumcise therefore the this day, to love the LORD your God, and to serve him foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiff-necked. 17 with all your heart and with all your soul, 14 that I will For the LORD your God, he is God of gods, and Lord give the rain of your land in its season, the former rain of lords, the great God, the mighty, and the awesome, and the latter rain, that you may gather in your grain, who doesn't respect persons, nor takes reward. 18 He and your new wine, and your oil. 15 I will give grass in does execute justice for the fatherless and widow, and your fields for your livestock, and you shall eat and be loves the foreigner, in giving him food and clothing. 19 full. 16 Be careful, lest your heart be deceived, and you Therefore love the foreigner; for you were foreigners in turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them; 17 the land of Egypt. 20 You shall fear the LORD your God; and the anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and you shall serve him; and you shall cling to him, and he shut up the sky, so that there shall be no rain, and you shall swear by his name. 21 He is your praise, and the land shall not yield its fruit; and you perish quickly he is your God, who has done for you these great and from off the good land which the LORD gives you. 18 awesome things, which your eyes have seen. 22 Your Therefore you shall lay up these my words in your heart fathers went down into Egypt with seventy persons; and and in your soul; and you shall bind them for a sign on now the LORD your God has made you as the stars of your hand, and they shall be for symbols between your eyes. 19 You shall teach them your children, talking of them, when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise up. 20 You shall write them on the door posts of your house, and on your gates; 21 that your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers to give them, as the days of the heavens above the earth. 22 For if you shall diligently keep all this commandment which I command you to do, to love the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, and to cling to him; 23 then will the LORD drive out all these nations from before you, and you shall dispossess nations greater and mightier than yourselves. 24 Every place whereon the sole of your foot shall tread shall be yours: from the wilderness, and Lebanon, from the river, the river Perath, even to the western sea shall be your border. 25 No man shall be able to stand before you: the LORD your God shall lay

the fear of you and the dread of you on all the land that your tithes, and the wave offering of your hand, and which you have not known. 29 It shall happen, when which the LORD shall choose in one of your tribes, you go to possess it, that you shall set the blessing shall do all that I command you. 15 Notwithstanding, on Mount Gerizim, and the curse on Mount Ebal. 30 you may kill and eat flesh within all your gates, after ordinances which I set before you this day.

12 These are the statutes and the ordinances which you shall observe to do in the land which the LORD, the God of your fathers, has given you to possess it, all the days that you live on the earth. 2 You shall surely destroy all the places in which the nations that you shall dispossess served their gods, on the high mountains, and on the hills, and under every green tree: 3 and you shall break down their altars, and dash in pieces their pillars, and burn their Asherim with fire; and you shall cut down the engraved images of their gods; and you shall destroy their name out of that place. 4 You shall not do so to the LORD your God. 5 But to the place which the LORD your God shall choose out of all your tribes, to put his name there, even to his habitation you shall seek, and there you shall come; 6 and there you shall bring your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, and your tithes, and the wave offering of your hand, and your vows, and your freewill offerings, and the firstborn of your herd and of your flock: 7 and there you shall eat before the LORD your God, and you shall rejoice in all that you put your hand to, you and your households, in which the LORD your God has blessed you. 8 You shall not do after all the things that we do here this day, every man whatever is right in his own eyes; 9 for you haven't yet come to the rest and to the inheritance, which the LORD your God gives you. 10 But when you go over the Jordan, and dwell in the land which the LORD your God causes you to inherit, and he gives you rest from all your enemies around you, so that you dwell in safety; 11 then it shall happen that to the place which the LORD your God shall choose, to cause his name to dwell there, there you shall bring all that I command you: your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices,

you shall tread on, as he has spoken to you. 26 Look, I all your choice yows which you yow to your God. 12 set before you this day a blessing and a curse: 27 the You shall rejoice before the LORD your God, you, and blessing, if you shall listen to the commandments of the your sons, and your daughters, and your male servants, LORD your God, which I command you this day; 28 and and your female servants, and the Levite who is within the curse, if you shall not listen to the commandments your gates, because he has no portion nor inheritance of the LORD your God, but turn aside out of the way with you. 13 Be careful that you do not offer your burnt which I command you this day, to go after other gods, offerings in every place that you see; 14 but in the place the LORD your God shall bring you into the land where there you shall offer your burnt offerings, and there you Aren't they beyond the Jordan, behind the way of the all the desire of your soul, according to the blessing going down of the sun, in the land of the Canaanites of the LORD your God which he has given you: the who dwell in the Arabah, over against Gilgal, beside unclean and the clean may eat of it, as of the gazelle, the oaks of Moreh? 31 For you are to pass over the and as of the deer. 16 Only you shall not eat the blood; Jordan to go in to possess the land which the LORD you shall pour it out on the earth as water. 17 You may your God gives you, and you shall possess it, and dwell not eat within your gates the tithe of your grain, or of in it. 32 You shall observe to do all the statutes and the your new wine, or of your oil, or the firstborn of your herd or of your flock, nor any of your vows which you vow, nor your freewill offerings, nor the wave offering of your hand; 18 but you shall eat them before the LORD your God in the place which the LORD your God shall choose, you, and your son, and your daughter, and your male servant, and your female servant, and the Levite who is within your gates: and you shall rejoice before the LORD your God in all that you put your hand to. 19 Be careful that you do not forsake the Levite as long as you live in your land. 20 When the LORD your God shall enlarge your border, as he has promised you, and you shall say, "I want to eat meat," because your soul desires to eat meat; you may eat meat, after all the desire of your soul. 21 If the place which the LORD your God shall choose to put his name there is too far from you, then you shall kill of your herd and of your flock, which God has given you, as I have commanded you; and you may eat within your gates, after all the desire of your soul. 22 Even as the gazelle and as the deer is eaten, so you shall eat of it: the unclean and the clean may eat of it alike. 23 Only be sure that you do not eat the blood: for the blood is the life; and you shall not eat the life with the flesh. 24 You shall not eat it: you shall pour it out on the earth as water. 25 You shall not eat it; that it may go well with you, and with your children after you, when you shall do that which is right in the eyes of the LORD. 26 Only your holy things which you have, and your vows, you shall take, and go to the place which the LORD shall choose, 27 and you shall offer your burnt offerings, the flesh and the blood, on the altar of the LORD your God; and the blood of your sacrifices shall be poured out on the altar of the LORD your God; and you shall eat the flesh. 28 Observe and hear and do all these words which I command you, that it may go

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well with you, and with your children after you forever, the LORD your God gives you to dwell there, saving, the LORD your God. 29 When the LORD your God shall you, and have drawn away the inhabitants of their city, cut off the nations from before you, where you go in to saying, "Let us go and serve other gods," which you dispossess them, and you dispossess them, and dwell have not known; 14 then you shall inquire, and make in their land; 30 take heed to yourself that you not be search, and ask diligently; and, look, if it be truth, and ensnared to follow them, after that they are destroyed the thing certain, that such abomination is done in the gods, saying, "How do these nations serve their gods? I that city with the edge of the sword, destroying it utterly, will do likewise." 31 You shall not do so to the LORD and all that is in it and its livestock, with the edge of the sons and their daughters do they burn in the fire to their plunder as a whole burnt offering to the LORD your observe to do: you shall not add thereto, nor diminish again. 17 Nothing of the devoted thing shall cling to your from it.

13 If there arise in the midst of you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and he give you a sign or a wonder, 2 and the sign or the wonder come to pass, of which he spoke to you, saying, "Let us go after other gods" (which you have not known) "and let us serve them"; 3 you shall not listen to the words of that prophet, or to that dreamer of dreams: for the LORD your God proves you, to know whether you love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. 4 You shall walk after the LORD your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and you shall serve him, and cling to him. 5 That prophet, or that dreamer of dreams, shall be put to death, because he has spoken rebellion against the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, to draw you aside out of the way which the LORD your God commanded you to walk in. So you shall put away the evil from the midst of you. 6 If your brother, the son of your father, or the son of your mother, or your son, or your daughter, or the wife you embrace, or your friend who is closest to you, entice you secretly, saying, "Let us go and serve other gods," which you have not known, you, nor your fathers; 7 of the gods of the peoples who are around you, near to you, or far off from you, from the one end of the earth even to the other end of the earth; 8 you shall not consent to him, nor listen to him; neither shall your eve pity him, neither shall you spare, neither shall you conceal him: 9 but you shall surely kill him; your hand shall be first on him to put him to death, and afterwards the hand of all the people. 10 You shall stone him to death with stones, because he has sought to draw you away from the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. 11 All Israel shall hear, and fear, and shall not do any more such wickedness as this is in the midst of you. 12 If you shall hear tell concerning one of your cities, which

when you do that which is good and right in the eyes of 13 Certain base fellows are gone out from the midst of from before you; and that you not inquire after their midst of you, 15 you shall surely strike the inhabitants of your God: for every abomination to the LORD, which sword. 16 You shall gather all its plunder into the midst he hates, have they done to their gods; for even their of its street, and shall burn with fire the city, and all its gods. 32 Whatever thing I command you, that you shall God: and it shall be a ruin forever; it shall not be built hand; that the LORD may turn from the fierceness of his anger, and show you mercy, and have compassion on you, and multiply you, as he has sworn to your fathers; 18 when you shall listen to the voice of the LORD your God, to keep all his commandments which I command you this day, to do that which is right in the eyes of the LORD your God.

> **1** You are the people of the LORD your God: you shall not cut yourselves, nor make any baldness between your eyes for the dead. 2 For you are a holy people to the LORD your God, and the LORD has chosen you to be a people for his own possession, above all peoples who are on the face of the earth. 3 You shall not eat any abominable thing. 4 These are the animals which you may eat: the ox, the sheep, and the goat, 5 the deer, and the gazelle, and the roebuck, and the wild goat, and the ibex, and the antelope, and the chamois. 6 Every animal that parts the hoof, and has the hoof cloven in two and chews the cud, among the animals, that may you eat. 7 Nevertheless these you shall not eat of them that chew the cud, or of those who have the hoof cloven: the camel, and the hare, and the rabbit; because they chew the cud but do not part the hoof, they are unclean to you. 8 The pig, because it has a split hoof, but doesn't chew the cud, is unclean to you: of their flesh you shall not eat, and their carcasses you shall not touch. 9 These you may eat of all that are in the waters: whatever has fins and scales may you eat; 10 and whatever doesn't have fins and scales you shall not eat; it is unclean to you. 11 Of all clean birds you may eat. 12 But these are they of which you shall not eat: the eagle, and the vulture, and the osprey, 13 and the kite, and the buzzard, and the vulture after its kind, 14 and every raven after its kind, 15 and the ostrich, and the owl, and the seagull, and the hawk after its kind, 16 the little owl, and the great owl, and the horned owl, 17 and the pelican, and the vulture, and the

cormorant, 18 and the stork, and the heron after its kind, you. 7 If a poor man, one of your brothers, is with you and the hoopoe, and the bat. 19 All winged crawling within any of your gates in your land which the LORD creatures are unclean to you: they shall not be eaten. your God gives you, you shall not harden your heart, 20 Of all clean birds you may eat. 21 You shall not eat nor shut your hand from your poor brother; 8 but you of anything that dies of itself: you may give it to the shall surely open your hand to him, and shall surely lend foreigner living among you who is within your gates, that him sufficient for his need, which he lacks. 9 Be careful he may eat it; or you may sell it to a foreigner: for you lest there be a wicked thought in your heart, saying, are a holy people to the LORD your God. You shall not "The seventh year, the year of release, is at hand"; and boil a young goat in its mother's milk. 22 You shall surely your eye be evil against your poor brother, and you give tithe all the increase of your seed, that which comes him nothing; and he cry to the LORD against you, and forth from the field year by year. 23 You shall eat before it be sin to you. 10 You must surely give to him, and the LORD your God, in the place which he shall choose, your heart is not to be grieved when you give to him; to cause his name to dwell there, the tithe of your grain, because for this thing the LORD your God will bless of your new wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn of you in all your work, and in all that you put your hand your herd and of your flock; that you may learn to fear to. 11 For the poor will never cease out of the land: the LORD your God always. 24 If the way is too long for therefore I command you, saying, You shall surely open you, so that you are not able to carry it, because the your hand to your brother, to your needy, and to your place is too far from you, which the LORD your God poor, in your land. 12 If your brother, a Hebrew man, shall choose, to set his name there, when the LORD or a Hebrew woman, is sold to you, and serves you your God shall bless you; 25 then you shall turn it into six years; then in the seventh year you shall let him go money, and bind up the money in your hand, and shall free from you. 13 When you let him go free from you. go to the place which the LORD your God shall choose: you shall not let him go empty: 14 you shall furnish him 26 and you shall bestow the money for whatever your liberally out of your flock, and out of your threshing floor, soul desires, for cattle, or for sheep, or for wine, or for and out of your winepress, in proportion as the LORD strong drink, or for whatever your soul asks of you; and your God has blessed you, you shall give to him. 15 you shall eat there before the LORD your God, and you You shall remember that you were a bondservant in the shall rejoice, you and your household. 27 The Levite land of Egypt, and the LORD your God redeemed you: who is within your gates, you shall not forsake him; for therefore I command you this thing today. 16 It shall be, he has no portion nor inheritance with you. 28 At the if he tells you, "I will not go out from you"; because he end of every three years you shall bring forth all the loves you and your house, because he is well with you; tithe of your increase in the same year, and shall lay it 17 then you shall take an awl, and thrust it through his up within your gates: 29 and the Levite, because he has ear to the door, and he shall be your servant forever. no portion nor inheritance with you, and the foreigner Also to your female servant you shall do likewise. 18 It living among you, and the fatherless, and the widow, shall not seem hard to you, when you let him go free who are within your gates, shall come, and shall eat and from you; for to the double of the hire of a hireling has be satisfied; that the LORD your God may bless you in he served you six years; and the LORD your God will all the work of your hand which you do.

15 At the end of every seven years you shall make a release. 2 This is the way of the release: every creditor shall release that which he has lent to his neighbor; he shall not exact it of his neighbor and his brother; because the LORD's release has been proclaimed. 3 Of a foreigner you may exact it: but whatever of yours is with your brother your hand shall release. 4 However there shall be no poor with you; (for the LORD will surely bless you in the land which the LORD your God gives you for an inheritance to possess it;) 5 if only you diligently listen to the voice of the LORD your God, to observe to do all this commandment which I command you this day. 6 For the LORD your God will bless you, as he promised you: and you shall

bless you in all that you do. 19 All the firstborn males that are born of your herd and of your flock you shall sanctify to the LORD your God: you shall do no work with the firstborn of your herd, nor shear the firstborn of your flock. 20 You shall eat it before the LORD your God year by year in the place which the LORD shall choose. you and your household. 21 If it has any blemish, is lame or blind, or has any defect whatever, you shall not sacrifice it to the LORD your God. 22 You shall eat it within your gates: the unclean and the clean shall eat it alike, as the gazelle, and as the deer. 23 Only you shall not eat its blood; you shall pour it out on the ground as water.

16 Observe the month of Abib, and keep the Passover to the LORD your God; for in the month of Abib lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow; and you the LORD your God brought you forth out of Egypt by shall rule over many nations, but they shall not rule over night. 2 You shall sacrifice the Passover to the LORD

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the LORD shall choose, to cause his name to dwell which the LORD your God gives you, according to your there. 3 You shall eat no leavened bread with it. You tribes; and they shall judge the people with righteous shall eat unleavened bread with it seven days, even the judgment. 19 You shall not wrest justice: you shall not bread of affliction; for you came forth out of the land of respect persons; neither shall you take a bribe; for a Egypt in haste: that you may remember the day when bribe does blind the eyes of the wise, and pervert the you came forth out of the land of Egypt all the days of words of the righteous. 20 You shall follow that which is your life. 4 No yeast shall be seen with you in all your altogether just, that you may live, and inherit the land borders seven days; neither shall any of the flesh, which which the LORD your God gives you. 21 You shall not you sacrifice the first day at evening, remain all night plant for yourselves an Asherah of any kind of tree until the morning. 5 You may not sacrifice the Passover beside the altar of the LORD your God, which you shall within any of your gates, which the LORD your God make for yourselves. 22 Neither shall you set yourself gives you; 6 but at the place which the LORD your God up a pillar; which the LORD your God hates. shall choose, to cause his name to dwell in, there you shall sacrifice the Passover at evening, at the going down of the sun, at the season that you came forth out of Egypt. 7 You shall roast and eat it in the place which the LORD your God shall choose: and you shall turn in the morning, and go to your tents. 8 Six days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the seventh day shall be a solemn assembly to the LORD your God; you shall do no work. 9 You shall count for yourselves seven weeks: from the time you begin to put the sickle to the standing grain you shall begin to number seven weeks. 10 You shall keep the feast of weeks to the LORD your God with a tribute of a freewill offering of your hand, which vou shall give, according as the LORD your God blesses you: 11 and you shall rejoice before the LORD your God, you, and your son, and your daughter, and your male servant, and your female servant, and the Levite who is within your gates, and the foreigner, and the fatherless, and the widow, who are in the midst of you, in the place which the LORD your God shall choose, to cause his name to dwell there. 12 You shall remember that you were a bondservant in Egypt: and you shall observe and do these statutes. 13 You shall keep the feast of tents seven days, after that you have gathered in from your threshing floor and from your winepress: 14 and you shall rejoice in your feast, you, and your son, and your daughter, and your male servant, and your female servant, and the Levite, and the foreigner. and the fatherless, and the widow, who are within your gates. 15 You shall keep a feast to the LORD your God seven days in the place which the LORD shall choose: because the LORD your God will bless you in all your increase, and in all the work of your hands, and you shall be altogether joyful. 16 Three times in a year shall all your males appear before the LORD your God in the place which he shall choose: in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tents; and they shall not appear before the LORD empty: 17 every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God which he has given you.

your God, of the flock and the herd, in the place which 18 You shall make judges and officers in all your gates.

7 You shall not sacrifice to the LORD your God an 1 ox, or a sheep, in which is a blemish, or anything evil; for that is an abomination to the LORD your God. 2 If there is found in the midst of you, within any of your gates which the LORD your God gives you, man or woman, who does that which is evil in the sight of the LORD your God, in transgressing his covenant. 3 and has gone and served other gods, and worshiped them, or the sun, or the moon, or any of the host of heaven, which I have not commanded; 4 and it be told you, and you have heard of it, then you shall inquire diligently; and look, if it be true, and the thing certain. that such abomination is done in Israel. 5 then you shall bring forth that man or that woman, who has done this evil thing, to your gates, even the man or the woman; and you shall stone them to death with stones. 6 At the mouth of two witnesses, or three witnesses, shall he who is to die be put to death: at the mouth of one witness he shall not be put to death. 7 The hand of the witnesses shall be first on him to put him to death, and afterward the hand of all the people. So you shall put away the evil from the midst of you. 8 If there arises a matter too hard for you in judgment, between blood and blood, between plea and plea, and between stroke and stroke, being matters of controversy within your gates; then you shall arise, and go up to the place which the LORD your God shall choose: 9 and you shall come to the priests the Levites, and to the judge who shall be in those days: and you shall inquire; and they shall show you the sentence of judgment. 10 You shall do according to the tenor of the sentence which they shall show you from that place which the LORD shall choose; and you shall observe to do according to all that they shall teach you: 11 according to the tenor of the law which they shall teach you, and according to the judgment which they shall tell you, you shall do: you shall not turn aside from the sentence which they shall show you, to the right hand, nor to the left. 12 The man who does presumptuously, in not listening to the priest who stands to minister there before the LORD

your God, or to the judge, even that man shall die: and fortunes, or interprets omens, or a sorcerer, 11 or who of the Levitical priests. 19 And it shall be with him, and words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I kingdom, he and his children, in the midst of Israel.

have no portion nor inheritance with Israel: they shall eat the offerings of the LORD made by fire, and his inheritance. 2 They shall have no inheritance among their brothers: the LORD is their inheritance, as he has spoken to them. 3 This shall be the priests' due from the people, from those who offer a sacrifice, whether it be ox you, you shall not learn to do after the abominations heart is hot, and overtake him, because the way is long, through the fire, one who practices divination, or tells Therefore I command you, saying, You shall set apart

you shall put away the evil from Israel. 13 All the people casts spells, or consults a medium or a familiar spirit, shall hear, and fear, and do no more presumptuously. or inquires of the dead. 12 For whoever does these 14 When you have come to the land which the LORD things is an abomination to the LORD. And because of your God gives you, and shall possess it, and shall these abominations the LORD your God is driving them dwell in it, and shall say, "I will set a king over me, like out from before you. 13 You shall be blameless before all the nations that are around me"; 15 you shall surely the LORD your God. 14 For these nations, that you set him king over yourselves, whom the LORD your shall dispossess, listen to those who practice sorcery, God shall choose: one from among your brothers you and to diviners; but as for you, the LORD your God has shall set king over you; you may not put a foreigner not allowed you so to do. 15 The LORD your God will over you, who is not your brother. 16 Only he shall raise up to you a prophet from the midst of you, of your not multiply horses to himself, nor cause the people to brothers, like me. You shall listen to him. 16 This is return to Egypt, to the end that he may multiply horses; according to all that you desired of the LORD your God because the LORD has said to you, "You shall not go in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, "Let me back that way again." 17 Neither shall he multiply wives not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, neither to himself, that his heart not turn away: neither shall he let me see this great fire any more, that I not die." 17 greatly multiply to himself silver and gold. 18 It shall be, The LORD said to me, "They have well said that which when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, that he shall they have spoken. **18** I will raise them up a prophet write him a copy of this law on a scroll in the presence from among their brothers, like you; and I will put my he shall read it all the days of his life; that he may learn shall command him. 19 It shall happen, that whoever to fear the LORD his God, to keep all the words of this will not listen to my words which he shall speak in my law and these statutes, to do them; 20 that his heart not name, I will call him to account. 20 But the prophet, be lifted up above his brothers, and that he not turn who shall speak a word presumptuously in my name. aside from the commandment, to the right hand, or to which I have not commanded him to speak, or who shall the left: to the end that he may prolong his days in his speak in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die." 21 If you say in your heart, "How shall we know the word which the LORD has not spoken?" 22 **18** The priests the Levites, all the tribe of Levi, shall When a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the thing doesn't follow, nor happen, that is the thing which the LORD has not spoken: the prophet has spoken it presumptuously, you shall not be afraid of him.

19 When the LORD your God shall cut off the nations. whose land the LORD your God gives you, and or sheep, that they shall give to the priest the shoulder, you succeed them, and dwell in their cities, and in their and the two cheeks, and the maw. 4 The first fruits of houses; 2 you shall set apart three cities for you in the your grain, of your new wine, and of your oil, and the midst of your land, which the LORD your God gives you first of the fleece of your sheep, you shall give him. 5 to possess it. 3 You shall prepare you the way, and For the LORD your God has chosen him out of all your divide the borders of your land, which the LORD your tribes, to stand to minister in the name of the LORD, him God causes you to inherit, into three parts, that every and his sons for ever. 6 If a Levite comes from any of manslayer may flee there. 4 This is the case of the your gates out of all Israel, where he lives as a foreigner, manslayer, that shall flee there and live: whoever kills and comes with all the desire of his soul to the place his neighbor unawares, and did not hate him in time which the LORD shall choose; 7 then he shall minister past; 5 as when a man goes into the forest with his in the name of the LORD his God, as all his brothers neighbor to chop wood, and his hand fetches a stroke the Levites do, who stand there before the LORD. 8 with the axe to cut down the tree, and the head slips They shall have like portions to eat, besides that which from the handle, and lights on his neighbor, so that he comes of the sale of his patrimony. 9 When you have dies; he shall flee to one of these cities and live: 6 lest come into the land which the LORD your God gives the avenger of blood pursue the manslayer, while his of those nations. 10 There shall not be found among and strike him mortally; whereas he was not worthy of you anyone who makes his son or his daughter to pass death, inasmuch as he did not hate him in time past. 7

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three cities for yourselves, 8 If the LORD your God man is there who has planted a vinevard, and has not enlarges your border, as he has sworn to your fathers, used its fruit? Let him go and return to his house, lest he your fathers: 9 if you keep all this commandment to do man is there who has pledged to be married a wife. it, which I command you this day, to love the LORD and has not taken her? Let him go and return to his your God, and to walk ever in his ways; then you shall house, lest he die in the battle, and another man take add three cities more for yourselves, besides these her." 8 The officers shall speak further to the people, three: 10 that innocent blood not be shed in the midst and they shall say, "What man is there who is fearful of your land, which the LORD your God gives you for and fainthearted? Let him go and return to his house, an inheritance, and so blood be on you. 11 But if any lest his brother's heart melt as his heart." 9 It shall be, man hates his neighbor, and lies in wait for him, and when the officers have made an end of speaking to the rises up against him, and strikes him mortally so that people, that they shall appoint captains of armies at the he dies, and he flees into one of these cities; 12 then head of the people. 10 When you draw near to a city the elders of his city shall send and bring him there, to fight against it, then proclaim peace to it. 11 It shall and deliver him into the hand of the avenger of blood, be, if it makes you answer of peace, and opens to you, that he may die. 13 Your eye shall not pity him, but you then it shall be, that all the people who are found in shall put away the innocent blood from Israel, that it is shall become tributary to you, and shall serve you. may go well with you. 14 You shall not remove your 12 If it will make no peace with you, but will make war neighbor's landmark, which they of old time have set, in against you, then you shall besiege it: 13 and when the your inheritance which you shall inherit, in the land that LORD your God delivers it into your hand, you shall the LORD your God gives you to possess it. 15 One strike every male of it with the edge of the sword: 14 witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, but the women, and the little ones, and the livestock, or for any sin, in any sin that he sins: at the mouth and all that is in the city, even all its spoil, you shall of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, take for a prey to yourself; and you shall eat the spoil of shall every word be established. 16 If an unrighteous your enemies, which the LORD your God has given witness rise up against any man to testify against him of you. 15 Thus you shall do to all the cities which are wrongdoing, 17 then both the men, between whom the very far off from you, which are not of the cities of these controversy is, shall stand before the LORD, before the nations. 16 But of the cities of these peoples, that the priests and the judges who shall be in those days; 18 LORD your God gives you for an inheritance, you shall and the judges shall make diligent inquisition: and, look, save alive nothing that breathes; 17 but you shall utterly if the witness is a false witness, and has testified falsely destroy them: the Hethite, and the Amorite, and the against his brother; 19 then you shall do to him as he Canaanite, and the Girgashite, and the Perizzite, and had thought to do to his brother: so you shall put away the Hivite, and the Jebusite; as the LORD your God has the evil from the midst of you. 20 Those who remain commanded you; 18 that they not teach you to do after shall hear, and fear, and shall hereafter commit no more all their abominations, which they have done to their any such evil in the midst of you. 21 Your eyes shall not gods; so would you sin against the LORD your God. 19 pity: life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for When you shall besiege a city a long time, in making hand, foot for foot.

20 When you go forth to battle against your enemies. and see horses, chariots, and a people more than you, you shall not be afraid of them; for the LORD your God is with you, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. 2 It shall be, when you draw near to the battle, that the priest shall approach and speak to the people. 3 and shall tell them. "Hear. Israel. you draw near this day to battle against your enemies: do not let your heart faint; do not be afraid, nor tremble, neither be scared of

and gives you all the land which he promised to give to die in the battle, and another man use its fruit. 7 What war against it to take it, you shall not destroy its trees by wielding an axe against them; for you may eat of them, and you shall not cut them down; for is the tree of the field man, that it should be besieged of you? 20 Only the trees of which you know that they are not trees for food, you shall destroy and cut them down; and you shall build siege works against the city that makes war with you, until it fall.

21 If one be found slain in the land which the LORD your God gives you to possess it, lying in the them; 4 for the LORD your God is he who goes with field, and it isn't known who has struck him; 2 then you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you." your elders and your judges shall come forth, and they 5 The officers shall speak to the people, saying, "What shall measure to the cities which are around him who is man is there who has built a new house, and has not slain: 3 and it shall be, that the city which is nearest to dedicated it? Let him go and return to his house, lest he the slain man, even the elders of that city shall take die in the battle, and another man dedicate it. 6 What a heifer of the herd, which hasn't been worked with,

of that city shall bring down the heifer to a valley with death, and you hang him on a tree; 23 his body shall running water, which is neither plowed nor sown, and not remain all night on the tree, but you shall surely shall break the heifer's neck there in the valley. 5 The bury him the same day; for everyone who hangs on a priests the sons of Levi shall come near; for them the tree is cursed by God; that you do not defile your land LORD your God has chosen to minister to him, and to which the LORD your God gives you for an inheritance. bless in the name of the LORD; and according to their word shall every controversy and every stroke be. 6 All the elders of that city, who are nearest to the slain man, shall wash their hands over the heifer whose neck was broken in the valley; 7 and they shall answer and say, "Our hands have not shed this blood, neither have our eyes seen it. 8 Forgive, LORD, your people Israel, whom you have redeemed, and do not allow innocent blood in the midst of your people Israel." The blood shall be forgiven them. 9 So you shall put away the innocent blood from the midst of you, when you shall do that which is right in the eves of the LORD. 10 When you go forth to battle against your enemies, and the LORD your God delivers them into your hands, and you carry them away captive, 11 and see among the captives a beautiful woman, and you desire to take her to be your wife; 12 then you shall bring her home to vour house: and she shall shave her head, and trim her nails; 13 and she shall remove the clothing she was wearing when captured, and shall remain in your house, and mourn her father and her mother a full month. And after that you may go in to her and be her husband. and she shall be your wife. 14 It shall be, if you are not pleased with her, then you must let her go where she wants; but you may not sell her for money or treat her as a commodity, since you have had relations with her. 15 If a man has two wives, the one loved, and the other unloved, and they have borne him children, both the loved and the unloved; and if the firstborn son is hers who was unloved; 16 then it shall be, in the day that he causes his sons to inherit that which he has, that he may not make the son of the loved the firstborn before the son of the unloved, who is the firstborn: 17 but he shall acknowledge the firstborn, the son of the unloved, by giving him a double portion of all that he has; for he is the beginning of his strength: the right of the firstborn is his. 18 If a man have a stubborn and rebellious son, who will not obey the voice of his father, or the voice of his mother, and, though they chasten him, will not listen to them; 19 then shall his father and his mother lay hold on him, and bring him out to the elders of his city, and to the gate of his place; 20 and they shall tell the elders of his city, "This our son is stubborn and rebellious, he will not obey our voice: he is a glutton, and a drunkard." 21 All the men of his city shall stone him to death with stones: so you shall put away the evil from the midst of you; and all Israel shall hear, and fear. 22 If a man

and which has not drawn in the voke: 4 and the elders have committed a sin worthy of death, and he be put to

22 You shall not see your brother's ox or his sheep go astray, and hide yourself from them: you shall surely bring them again to your brother. 2 If your brother isn't near to you, or if you do not know him, then you shall bring it home to your house, and it shall be with you until your brother seek after it, and you shall restore it to him. 3 So you shall do with his donkey; and so you shall do with his garment; and so you shall do with every lost thing of your brother's, which he has lost, and you have found: you may not hide yourself. 4 You shall not see your brother's donkey or his ox fallen down by the way, and hide yourself from them: you shall surely help him to lift them up again. 5 A woman shall not wear men's clothing, neither shall a man put on women's clothing; for whoever does these things is an abomination to the LORD your God. 6 If a bird's nest chance to be before you in the way, in any tree or on the ground, with young ones or eggs, and the hen sitting on the young, or on the eggs, you shall not take the hen with the young: 7 you shall surely let the hen go, but the young you may take to yourself; that it may be well with you, and that you may prolong your days. 8 When you build a new house, then you shall make a battlement for your roof, that you do not bring blood on your house, if any man fall from there. 9 You shall not sow your vineyard with two kinds of seed, lest the whole fruit be forfeited, the seed which you have sown, and the increase of the vineyard. 10 You shall not plow with an ox and a donkey together. 11 You shall not wear a mixed stuff, wool and linen together. 12 You shall make yourselves fringes on the four borders of your cloak, with which you cover yourself. 13 If any man takes a wife, and goes in to her, and hates her, 14 and accuses her of shameful things, and brings up an evil name on her, and says, "I took this woman, and when I came near to her, I did not find in her the tokens of virginity"; 15 then shall the father of the young woman, and her mother, take and bring forth the tokens of the young woman's virginity to the elders of the city in the gate; 16 and the young woman's father shall tell the elders, "I gave my daughter to this man to wife, and he hates her; 17 and look, he has accused her of shameful things, saving, 'I did not find in your daughter the tokens of virginity;' and yet these are the tokens of my daughter's virginity." They shall spread the cloth before the elders of the city. 18 The elders of that city shall take the man and chastise him; 19 and they shall fine him one hundred shekels of silver, and give them to the father of the young woman, because he has their peace nor their prosperity all your days forever, 7 woman, and the woman: so you shall put away the evil when the sun is down, he shall come within the camp. from Israel. 23 If there is a young woman who is a virgin 12 You shall have a place also outside of the camp, not cry, being in the city; and the man, because he has God walks in the midst of your camp, to deliver you, all his days. 30 A man shall not take his father's wife, on interest: 20 to a foreigner you may lend on interest; and shall not uncover his father's skirt.

23 No one whose testicles are crushed or whose male organ is cut off may enter the assembly of the LORD. 2 No one of illegitimate birth shall enter into the assembly of the LORD; even to the tenth generation shall none of his enter into the assembly of the LORD. 3 An Ammonite or a Moabite shall not enter into the assembly of the LORD; even to the tenth generation shall none belonging to them enter into the assembly of the LORD forever: 4 because they did not meet you with bread and with water in the way, when you came forth out of Egypt, and because they hired against you Balaam the son of Beor from Pethor of Aram Naharaim, to curse you. 5 Nevertheless the LORD your God wouldn't listen to Balaam; but the LORD your God turned the curse into a blessing to you, because the LORD your God loved you. 6 You shall not seek

brought up an evil name on a virgin of Israel: and she You shall not abhor an Edomite; for he is your brother: shall be his wife; he may not put her away all his days. you shall not abhor an Egyptian, because you lived 20 But if this thing be true, that the tokens of virginity as a foreigner in his land. 8 The children of the third were not found in the young woman; 21 then they shall generation who are born to them shall enter into the bring out the young woman to the door of her father's assembly of the LORD. 9 When you go forth in camp house, and the men of her city shall stone her to death against your enemies, then you shall keep yourselves with stones, because she has done folly in Israel, to from every evil thing. 10 If there is among you any play the prostitute in her father's house: so you shall man who is not clean by reason of that which happens put away the evil from the midst of you. 22 If a man be him by night, then shall he go outside of the camp. He found lying with a woman married to a husband, then shall not come within the camp: 11 but it shall be, when they shall both of them die, the man who lay with the evening comes on, he shall bathe himself in water; and pledged to be married to a husband, and a man find her where you shall go outside there; 13 and you shall have in the city, and lie with her; 24 then you shall bring them a spade among your tools; and it shall be, when you sit both out to the gate of that city, and you shall stone down outside, you shall dig therewith, and shall turn and them to death with stones; the woman, because she did cover that which comes from you: 14 for the LORD your humbled his neighbor's wife: so you shall put away the and to give up your enemies before you; therefore your evil from the midst of you. 25 But if the man find the camp shall be holy, that he may not see an unclean woman who is pledged to be married in the field, and thing in you, and turn away from you. 15 You shall not the man force her, and lie with her; then the man only deliver to his master a servant who is escaped from who lay with her shall die: 26 but to the woman you his master to you: 16 he shall dwell with you, in the shall do nothing; there is in the woman no sin worthy of midst of you, in the place which he shall choose within death: for as when a man rises against his neighbor, one of your gates, where it pleases him best: you shall and kills him, even so is this matter; 27 for he found her not oppress him. 17 There shall be no prostitute of the in the field, the pledged to be married woman cried, and daughters of Israel, neither shall there be a sacred male there was none to save her. 28 If a man find a woman prostitute of the children of Israel. 18 You shall not bring who is a virgin, who is not pledged to be married, and the hire of a prostitute, or the wages of a dog, into the lay hold on her, and lie with her, and they be found; 29 house of the LORD your God for any vow: for even both then the man who lay with her shall give to the woman's these are an abomination to the LORD your God. 19 father fifty shekels of silver, and she shall be his wife, You shall not lend on interest to your brother; interest of because he has humbled her; he may not put her away money, interest of food, interest of anything that is lent but to your brother you shall not lend on interest, that the LORD your God may bless you in all that you put your hand to, in the land where you go in to possess it. 21 When you shall vow a vow to the LORD your God, you shall not be slack to pay it: for the LORD your God will surely require it of you; and it would be sin in you. 22 But if you shall forbear to yow, it shall be no sin in you. 23 That which is gone out of your lips you shall observe and do; according as you have vowed to the LORD your God, a freewill offering, which you have promised with your mouth. 24 When you come into your neighbor's vineyard, then you may eat of grapes your fill at your own pleasure; but you shall not put any in your vessel. 25 When you come into your neighbor's standing grain, then you may pluck the ears with your hand; but you shall not move a sickle to your neighbor's standing grain.

24 When a man takes a wife, and marries her, then it and for the widow; that the LORD your God may bless he has found some unseemly thing in her, that he shall your olive tree, you shall not go over the boughs again: write her a bill of divorce, and give it in her hand, and it shall be for the foreigner, for the fatherless, and for send her out of his house. 2 When she is departed the widow. 21 When you harvest your vineyard, you out of his house, she may go and be another man's shall not glean it after yourselves: it shall be for the wife. 3 If the latter husband hate her, and write her a foreigner, for the fatherless, and for the widow. 22 You bill of divorce, and give it in her hand, and send her shall remember that you were a bondservant in the land out of his house; or if the latter husband die, who took of Egypt: therefore I command you to do this thing. her to be his wife; 4 her former husband, who sent her away, may not take her again to be his wife, after that she is defiled; for that is abomination before the LORD: and you shall not cause the land to sin, which the LORD your God gives you for an inheritance. 5 When a man takes a new wife, he shall not go out in the army, neither shall he be assigned any business: he shall be free at home one year, and shall cheer his wife whom he has taken. 6 No man shall take the mill or the upper millstone to pledge; for he takes a life in pledge. 7 If a man be found stealing any of his brothers of the children of Israel, and he deal with him as a slave, or sell him; then that thief shall die: so you shall put away the evil from the midst of you. 8 Be careful in a case of leprous disease, that you observe diligently, and do according to all that the priests the Levites shall teach you: as I commanded them, so you shall observe to do. 9 Remember what the LORD your God did to Miriam, by the way as you came forth out of Egypt. 10 When you do lend your neighbor any kind of loan, you shall not go into his house to get his pledge. 11 You shall stand outside, and the man to whom you do lend shall bring forth the pledge outside to you. 12 If he be a poor man, you shall not sleep with his pledge; 13 you shall surely restore to him the pledge when the sun goes down, that he may sleep in his garment, and bless you: and it shall be righteousness to you before the LORD your God. 14 You shall not oppress a hired servant who is poor and needy, whether he be of your brothers, or of your foreigners who are in your land within your gates: 15 in his day you shall give him his hire, neither shall the sun go down on it; for he is poor, and sets his heart on it: lest he cry against you to the LORD. and it be sin to you. 16 The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, neither shall the children be put to death for the fathers: every man shall be put to death for his own sin. 17 You shall not deprive the foreigner, or the fatherless of justice, nor take a widow's clothing in pledge; 18 but you shall remember that you were a bondservant in Egypt, and the LORD your God redeemed you there: therefore I command you to do this thing. 19 When you reap your harvest in your field, and have forgot a sheaf in the field, you shall not go again to get it: it shall be for the foreigner, for the fatherless,

shall be, if she find no favor in his eyes, because you in all the work of your hands. 20 When you beat

25 If there is a controversy between men, and they come to judgment, and the judges judge them; then they shall justify the righteous, and condemn the wicked; 2 and it shall be if the wicked man deserves to be beaten, that the judge shall make him lie down and be beaten in his presence with a number of stripes, according to his guilt. 3 He may give him forty stripes and no more. Otherwise, if he should go on and beat him with more stripes than these, your brother will be humiliated in your eyes. 4 You shall not muzzle the ox when he treads out the grain. 5 If brothers dwell together, and one of them die, and have no son, the wife of the dead shall not be married outside to a stranger: her husband's brother shall go in to her, and take her to him as wife, and perform the duty of a husband's brother to her. 6 It shall be, that the firstborn whom she bears shall succeed in the name of his brother who is dead, that his name not be blotted out of Israel. 7 If the man doesn't want to take his brother's wife, then his brother's wife shall go up to the gate to the elders, and say, "My husband's brother refuses to raise up to his brother a name in Israel; he will not perform the duty of a husband's brother to me." 8 Then the elders of his city shall call him, and speak to him: and if he stand, and say, "I do not want to take her"; 9 then his brother's wife shall come to him in the presence of the elders, and loose his shoe from off his foot, and spit in his face; and she shall answer and say, "So shall it be done to the man who does not build up his brother's house." 10 His name shall be called in Israel, The house of him who has his shoe untied. 11 When men strive together one with another, and the wife of the one draws near to deliver her husband out of the hand of him who strikes him, and puts forth her hand, and takes him by the private parts; 12 then you shall cut off her hand, your eye shall have no pity. 13 You shall not have in your bag diverse weights, a great and a small. 14 You shall not have in your house diverse measures, a great and a small. 15 You shall have a perfect and just weight. You shall have a perfect and just measure, that your days may be long in the land which the LORD your God gives you. 16 For all who do such things, all who do unrighteously, are an abomination to the LORD your God. 17 Remember what Amalek did to you by the way

as you came forth out of Egypt; 18 how he met you by mourning, neither have I put away of it, being unclean, forget.

26 It shall be, when you have come in to the land which the LORD your God gives you for an inheritance, and possess it, and dwell in it, 2 that you shall take of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you shall bring in from your land that the LORD your God gives you; and you shall put it in a basket, and shall go to the place which the LORD your God shall choose, to cause his name to dwell there. 3 You shall come to the priest who shall be in those days, and tell him, "I profess this day to the LORD my God, that I have come into the land which the LORD swore to our fathers to give us." 4 The priest shall take the basket **27** Moses and the elders of Israel commanded the out of your hand, and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God. 5 You shall answer and say before the I command you this day. 2 It shall be on the day when LORD your God, "A wandering Aramean was my father, and he went down into Egypt, and lived there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and numerous. 6 The Egyptians mistreated us, and afflicted us, and laid on us hard bondage: 7 and we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice, and saw our affliction, and our toil, and our oppression; 8 and the LORD brought us forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with great terror, and with signs, and with wonders; 9 and he has brought us into this place, and has given us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. 10 Now, look, I have brought the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God, and worship before the LORD your God. 11 And you shall rejoice in all the good which the LORD your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the foreigner who is among you. 12 When you have made an end of tithing all the tithe of your increase in the third year, which is the year of tithing, then you shall give it to the Levite, to the foreigner, to the fatherless, and to the widow, that they may eat within your gates, and be filled. 13 You shall say before the LORD your God, "I have put away the holy things out of my house, and also have given them to the Levite, and to the foreigner, to the fatherless, and to the widow, according to all your commandment which you have commanded me: I have not transgressed any of your commandments, neither

the way, and struck the hindmost of you, all who lagged nor given of it for the dead: I have listened to the voice behind you, when you were faint and weary; and he did of the LORD my God; I have done according to all that not fear God. 19 Therefore it shall be, when the LORD you have commanded me. 15 Look down from your holy your God has given you rest from all your enemies all habitation, from heaven, and bless your people Israel, around, in the land which the LORD your God gives you and the ground which you have given us, as you swore for an inheritance to possess it, that you shall blot out to our fathers, a land flowing with milk and honey." 16 the memory of Amalek from under the sky; you shall not This day the LORD your God commands you to do these statutes and ordinances: you shall therefore keep and do them with all your heart, and with all your soul. 17 You have declared the LORD this day to be your God, and that you would walk in his ways, and keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his ordinances, and listen to his voice: 18 and the LORD has declared you this day to be a people for his own possession, as he has promised you, and that you should keep all his commandments; 19 and to make you high above all nations that he has made, for fame, and for praise, and for honor; and that you may be a holy people to the LORD your God, as he has spoken.

people, saying, "Keep all the commandment which you shall pass over the Jordan to the land which the LORD your God gives you, that you shall set yourself up great stones, and plaster them with plaster: 3 and you shall write on them all the words of this law, when you have passed over; that you may go in to the land which the LORD your God gives you, a land flowing with milk and honey, as the LORD, the God of your fathers, has promised you. 4 It shall be, when you have passed over the Jordan, that you shall set up these stones, which I command you this day, in Mount Ebal, and you shall plaster them with plaster. 5 There you shall build an altar to the LORD your God, an altar of stones: you shall lift up no iron on them. 6 You shall build the altar of the LORD your God of uncut stones; and you shall offer burnt offerings thereon to the LORD your God: 7 and you shall sacrifice peace offerings, and shall eat there; and you shall rejoice before the LORD your God. 8 You shall write on the stones all the words of this law very plainly." 9 Moses and the priests the Levites spoke to all Israel, saying, "Keep silence, and listen, Israel: this day you have become the people of the LORD your God. 10 You shall therefore obey the voice of the LORD your God, and do his commandments and his statutes, which I command you this day." 11 Moses commanded the people the same day, saying, 12 "These shall stand on Mount Gerizim to bless the people, when you have passed over the Jordan: Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Issachar, and Joseph, and Benjamin. 13 These shall stand on Mount Ebal for the curse: Reuben, Gad, have I forgotten them: 14 I have not eaten of it in my and Asher, and Zebulun, Dan, and Naphtali. 14 The say, 'Amen.' 21 'Cursed is he who lies with any kind of you this day, that all these curses shall come on you, law to do them.' All the people shall say, 'Amen."

 $\mathbf{28}$ It shall happen, if you shall listen diligently to the voice of the LORD your God, to observe to do all his commandments which I command you this day, that the LORD your God will set you on high above all the nations of the earth: 2 and all these blessings shall come on you, and overtake you, if you shall listen to the voice of the LORD your God. 3 You shall be blessed in the city, and you shall be blessed in the field. 4 You shall be blessed in the fruit of your body, the fruit of your ground, the fruit of your animals, the increase of your livestock, and the young of your flock. 5 Your basket and your kneading trough shall be blessed. 6 You shall be blessed when you come in, and you shall be blessed when you go out. 7 The LORD will cause your enemies who rise up against you to be struck before you. They will come out against you one way, and will flee before you seven ways. 8 The LORD will command the blessing on you in your storehouses, and in all that you put your hand to; and he will bless you in the land which the LORD your God gives you. 9 The LORD will establish you for a holy people to himself, as he has sworn to you; if you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God, and walk in his ways. 10 All the peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of the LORD; and they shall be afraid of you. 11 The LORD will make you plenteous for good, in the fruit of your body, and in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your ground, in the land which the LORD swore

Levites shall answer, and tell all the men of Israel with to your fathers to give you. 12 The LORD will open to a loud voice, 15 'Cursed is the man who makes an you his good treasure in the sky, to give the rain of your engraved or molten image, an abomination to the LORD, land in its season, and to bless all the work of your the work of the hands of the craftsman, and sets it up in hand: and you shall lend to many nations, and you shall secret.' All the people shall answer and say, 'Amen.' 16 not borrow. 13 The LORD will make you the head, and 'Cursed is he who sets light by his father or his mother.' not the tail; and you shall be above only, and you shall All the people shall say, 'Amen.' 17 'Cursed is he who not be beneath; if you shall listen to the commandments removes his neighbor's landmark.' All the people shall of the LORD your God, which I command you this day, say, 'Amen.' 18 'Cursed is he who makes the blind to to observe and to do, 14 and shall not turn aside from wander out of the way.' All the people shall say, 'Amen.' any of the words which I command you this day, to the 19 'Cursed is he who wrests the justice due the foreigner, right hand, or to the left, to go after other gods to serve fatherless, and widow.' All the people shall say, 'Amen.' them. 15 But it shall come to pass, if you will not listen 20 'Cursed is he who lies with his father's wife, because to the voice of the LORD your God, to observe to do all he has uncovered his father's skirt.' All the people shall his commandments and his statutes which I command animal.' All the people shall say, 'Amen.' 22 'Cursed is and overtake you. 16 You shall be cursed in the city, he who lies with his sister, the daughter of his father, or and you shall be cursed in the field. 17 Your basket and the daughter of his mother.' All the people shall say, your kneading trough shall be cursed. 18 The fruit of 'Amen.' 23 'Cursed is he who lies with his mother-in- your body, the fruit of your ground, the increase of your law.' All the people shall say, 'Amen.' 24 'Cursed is he livestock, and the young of your flock shall be cursed. who strikes his neighbor in secret.' All the people shall 19 You shall be cursed when you come in, and you shall say, 'Amen.' 25 'Cursed is he who takes a bribe to kill be cursed when you go out. 20 The LORD will send on an innocent person.' All the people shall say, 'Amen.' 26 you cursing, confusion, and rebuke, in all that you put 'Cursed is he who doesn't confirm all the words of this your hand to do, until you are destroyed, and until you perish guickly; because of the evil of your doings, by which you have forsaken me. 21 The LORD will make the pestilence cling to you, until he has consumed you from off the land, where you go in to possess it. 22 The LORD will strike you with consumption, and with fever, and with inflammation, and with fiery heat, and with the sword, and with blight, and with mildew; and they shall pursue you until you perish. 23 Your sky that is over your head shall be bronze, and the earth that is under you shall be iron. 24 The LORD will make the rain of your land powder and dust: from the sky shall it come down on you, until you are destroyed. 25 The LORD will cause you to be struck before your enemies; you shall go out one way against them, and shall flee seven ways before them: and you shall be tossed back and forth among all the kingdoms of the earth. 26 Your dead body shall be food to all birds of the sky, and to the animals of the earth: and there shall be none to frighten them away. 27 The LORD will strike you with the boil of Egypt, and with the tumors, and with the scurvy, and with the itch, of which you can not be healed. 28 The LORD will strike you with madness, and with blindness, and with astonishment of heart; 29 and you shall grope at noonday, as the blind gropes in darkness, and you shall not prosper in your ways: and you shall be only oppressed and robbed always, and there shall be none to save you. 30 You shall betroth a wife, and another man shall lie with her: you shall build a house, and you shall not dwell in it: you shall plant a vineyard, and shall

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not use its fruit. 31 Your ox shall be slain before your and the fruit of your ground, until you are destroyed: eyes, and you shall not eat of it: your donkey shall be that also shall not leave you grain, new wine, or oil, the violently taken away from before your face, and shall increase of your livestock, or the young of your flock, not be restored to you: your sheep shall be given to until they have caused you to perish. 52 They shall your enemies, and you shall have none to save you. 32 besiege you in all your gates, until your high and fortified Your sons and your daughters shall be given to another walls come down, in which you trusted, throughout all people; and your eyes shall look, and fail with longing your land; and they shall besiege you in all your gates for them all the day: and there shall be nothing in the throughout all your land, which the LORD your God has power of your hand. 33 The fruit of your ground, and given you. 53 You shall eat the fruit of your own body, all your labors, shall a nation which you do not know the flesh of your sons and of your daughters, whom the eat up; and you shall be only oppressed and crushed LORD your God has given you, in the siege and in the always; 34 so that you shall be mad for the sight of your distress with which your enemies shall distress you. 54 eyes which you shall see. 35 The LORD will strike you The man who is tender among you, and very delicate. in the knees, and in the legs, with a sore boil, of which his eye shall be evil toward his brother, and toward you can not be healed, from the sole of your foot to the the wife of his bosom, and toward the remnant of his crown of your head. 36 The LORD will bring you, and children whom he has remaining; 55 so that he will not your king whom you shall set over you, to a nation that give to any of them of the flesh of his children whom you have not known, you nor your fathers; and there you he shall eat, because he has nothing left him, in the shall serve other gods, wood and stone. 37 You shall siege and in the distress with which your enemy shall become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword, distress you in all your gates. 56 The tender and delicate among all the peoples where the LORD shall lead you woman among you, who would not adventure to set away. 38 You shall carry much seed out into the field, the sole of her foot on the ground for delicateness and and shall gather little in; for the locust shall consume it. tenderness, her eye shall be evil toward the husband 39 You shall plant vineyards and dress them, but you of her bosom, and toward her son, and toward her shall neither drink of the wine, nor harvest; for the worm daughter, 57 and toward her young one who comes out shall eat them. 40 You shall have olive trees throughout from between her feet, and toward her children whom all your borders, but you shall not anoint yourself with she shall bear; for she shall eat them for want of all the oil; for your olives shall drop off. 41 You shall father things secretly, in the siege and in the distress with sons and daughters, but they shall not be yours; for they which your enemy shall distress you in your gates. 58 If shall go into captivity. 42 All your trees and the fruit of you will not observe to do all the words of this law that your ground shall the locust possess. 43 The foreigner are written in this book, that you may fear this glorious who is in the midst of you shall mount up above you and fearful name, The LORD your God; 59 then the higher and higher; and you shall come down lower and LORD will make your plagues extraordinary, and the lower. 44 He shall lend to you, and you shall not lend to plagues of your descendants, even great plagues, and him: he shall be the head, and you shall be the tail. 45 of long continuance, and severe sicknesses, and of All these curses shall come on you, and shall pursue long continuance. 60 He will bring on you again all the you, and overtake you, until you are destroyed; because diseases of Egypt, which you were afraid of; and they you did not listen to the voice of the LORD your God, shall cling to you. 61 Also every sickness, and every to keep his commandments and his statutes which he plaque, which is not written in the book of this law, the commanded you: 46 and they shall be on you for a sign LORD will bring them on you, until you are destroyed. and for a wonder, and on your descendants forever. 47 62 You shall be left few in number, whereas you were as Because you did not serve the LORD your God with the stars of the sky for multitude; because you did not joyfulness, and with gladness of heart, by reason of the listen to the voice of the LORD your God. 63 It shall abundance of all things; 48 therefore you shall serve happen that as the LORD rejoiced over you to do you your enemies whom the LORD shall send against you, good, and to multiply you, so the LORD will rejoice over in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in want of you to cause you to perish, and to destroy you; and you all things: and he shall put a yoke of iron on your neck, shall be plucked from off the land where you go in to until he has destroyed you. 49 The LORD will bring a possess it. 64 The LORD will scatter you among all nation against you from far away, from a distant land, as peoples, from the one end of the earth even to the other the eagle flies; a nation whose language you shall not end of the earth; and there you shall serve other gods, understand; 50 a nation of fierce facial expressions, that which you have not known, you nor your fathers, even shall not respect the person of the old, nor show favor wood and stone. 65 Among these nations you shall find

to the young, 51 and shall eat the fruit of your livestock, no ease, and there shall be no rest for the sole of your

foot; but the LORD will give you there a trembling heart, and stone, silver and gold, which were among them); you.

29 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 made with them in Horeb. 2 Moses called to all Israel, and said to them, You have seen all that the LORD did before your eyes in the land of Egypt to Pharaoh, and to all his servants, and to all his land; 3 the great trials which your eyes saw, the signs, and those great wonders: 4 but the LORD has not given you a heart to know, and eyes to see, and ears to hear, to this day. 5 I have led you forty years in the wilderness. Your clothes have not worn out on you, and your shoes have not worn out on your feet. 6 You have not eaten bread, neither have you drunk wine or strong drink; that you may know that I am the LORD your God. 7 When you came to this place, Sihon the king of Heshbon, and Og the king of Bashan, came out against us to battle, and we struck them: **8** and we took their land, and gave it for an inheritance to the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to the half-tribe of the Manassites. 9 Keep therefore the words of this covenant, and do them, that you may prosper in all that you do. 10 You stand this day all of you before the LORD your God; your heads, your tribes, your elders, and your officers, even all the men of Israel, 11 your little ones, your wives, and your foreigner who is in the midst of your camps, from the one who cuts your wood to the one who draws your water; 12 that you may enter into the covenant of the LORD your God, and into his oath, which the LORD your God makes with you this day, 13 so that have seen their abominations, and their idols, wood

and failing of eyes, and pining of soul; 66 and your life 18 lest there should be among you man, or woman, or shall hang in doubt before you; and you shall fear night family, or tribe, whose heart turns away this day from and day, and shall have no assurance of your life. 67 In the LORD our God, to go to serve the gods of those the morning you shall say, "I wish it were evening." and nations; lest there should be among you a root that at evening you shall say, "I wish it were morning." for bears gall and wormwood; 19 and it happen, when he the fear of your heart which you shall fear, and for the hears the words of this curse, that he bless himself in sight of your eyes which you shall see. 68 The LORD his heart, saying, "I shall have peace, though I walk in will bring you into Egypt again with ships, by the way the stubbornness of my heart, to destroy the moist with of which I said to you, You shall see it no more again: the dry." 20 God will not be willing to forgive him, but and there you shall sell yourselves to your enemies for then the anger of the LORD and his jealousy will burn bondservants and for bondmaids, and no man shall buy against that man, and every curse that is written in this book shall rest on him, and the LORD will blot out his name from under heaven. 21 The LORD will set him apart to evil out of all the tribes of Israel, according to all the curses of the covenant that is written in this book of the law. 22 The generation to come, your children who shall rise up after you, and the foreigner who shall come from a far land, shall say, when they see the plagues of that land, and the sicknesses with which the LORD has made it sick; 23 and that the whole land of it is sulfur, salt, and burning, that it is not sown, nor bears, nor any grass grows in it, like the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah. Admah and Zeboiim. which the LORD overthrew in his anger, and in his wrath: 24 even all the nations shall say, "Why has the LORD done thus to this land? What does the heat of this great anger mean?" 25 Then men shall say, "Because they forsook the covenant of the LORD, the God of their fathers, which he made with them when he brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, 26 and went and served other gods, and worshiped them, gods that they did not know, and that he had not given to them: 27 therefore the anger of the LORD was kindled against this land, to bring on it all the curse that is written in this book; 28 and the LORD rooted them out of their land in anger, and in wrath, and in great indignation, and cast them into another land, as at this day." 29 The secret things belong to the LORD our God; but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.

30 It shall happen, when all these things have come on you, the blessing and the curse, which I have he may establish you today as his people, and that he set before you, and you shall call them to mind among may your God, as he spoke to you and as he swore to all the nations, where the LORD your God has driven your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. 14 you, 2 and shall return to the LORD your God, and Neither with you only do I make this covenant and this shall obey his voice according to all that I command oath, 15 but with him who stands here with us this day you this day, you and your children, with all your heart, before the LORD our God, and also with him who is not and with all your soul; 3 that then the LORD your God here with us this day 16 (for you know how we lived in will turn your captivity, and have compassion on you, the land of Egypt, and how we came through the midst and will return and gather you from all the peoples, of the nations through which you passed; 17 and you where the LORD your God has scattered you. 4 If

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any of you are driven out to the farthest horizon, from **31** And Moses finished speaking all these words to there will the LORD your God gather you, and from there he will bring you back: 5 and the LORD your twenty years old this day; I can no more go out and God will bring you into the land which your fathers come in: and the LORD has said to me, 'You shall not go possessed, and you shall possess it; and he will do you over this Jordan.' 3 The LORD your God, he will go over good, and multiply you above your fathers. 6 The LORD before you; he will destroy these nations from before your God will circumcise your heart, and the heart of you, and you shall dispossess them. Joshua shall go your descendants, to love the LORD your God with all over before you, as the LORD has spoken. 4 The LORD your heart, and with all your soul, that you may live. 7 will do to them as he did to Sihon and to Og, the kings The LORD your God will put all these curses on your of the Amorites, and to their land; whom he destroyed. 5 enemies, and on those who hate you, who persecuted The LORD will deliver them up before you, and you shall you. 8 You shall return and obey the voice of the LORD, do to them according to all the commandment which I and do all his commandments which I command you have commanded you. 6 Be strong and courageous, do this day. 9 The LORD your God will make you plenteous not be afraid, nor be scared of them: for the LORD your in all the work of your hand, in the fruit of your womb, God is he who is going with you; he will not leave you and in the fruit of your ground, and in the fruit of your nor forsake you." 7 Moses called to Joshua, and said to livestock, for the LORD will again rejoice over you for him in the sight of all Israel, "Be strong and courageous: good, as he rejoiced over your fathers; 10 if you shall for you shall go with this people into the land which the obey the voice of the LORD your God, to keep his LORD has sworn to their fathers to give them; and you commandments and his statutes which are written in shall cause them to inherit it. 8 The LORD, he it is who this book of the law; if you turn to the LORD your God does go before you; he will be with you, he will not fail with all your heart, and with all your soul. 11 For this you, neither forsake you: do not be afraid, neither be commandment which I command you this day is not too dismayed." 9 Moses wrote this law, and delivered it to difficult for you, nor is it far off. 12 It is not in heaven, the priests the sons of Levi, who bore the ark of the and get it for us, and proclaim it to us, that we may obey Moses commanded them, saying, "At the end of every it?" 13 And it is not in the deep of the sea, that you seven years, in the set time of the year of release, in should say, "Who will go down into the deep of the sea the feast of tents, 11 when all Israel has come to appear for us, and get it for us, and proclaim it to us, so that we before the LORD your God in the place which he shall may obey it?" 14 But the word is very near to you; it choose, you shall read this law before all Israel in their is in your mouth and in your heart and in your hand, hearing. 12 Assemble the people, the men and the so that you can do it. 15 Look, I have set before you women and the little ones, and your foreigner who is this day life and good, and death and evil. 16 If you within your gates, that they may hear, and that they may obey the commandments of the LORD your God that learn, and fear the LORD your God, and observe to do I command you this day to love the LORD your God, all the words of this law; 13 and that their children, who to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments have not known, may hear, and learn to fear the LORD and his statutes and his ordinances, then you will live your God, as long as you live in the land where you and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in go over the Jordan to possess it." 14 The LORD said be drawn away, and worship other gods, and serve of Meeting, that I may commission him." Moses and them; 18 I declare to you this day that you will certainly Joshua went, and presented themselves in the Tent of perish; you will not live long in the land you are crossing Meeting. 15 The LORD appeared in the Tent in a pillar the Jordan to enter and possess. 19 I call heaven and of cloud: and the pillar of cloud stood over the door of earth to witness against you this day, that I have set the Tent. 16 The LORD said to Moses, "Look, you shall before you life and death, the blessing and the curse: sleep with your fathers; and this people will rise up, and therefore choose life, that you may live, you and your play the prostitute after the strange gods of the land, descendants; 20 to love the LORD your God, to obey where they go to be among them, and will forsake me, his voice, and to cling to him; for he is your life, and and break my covenant which I have made with them. the length of your days; that you may dwell in the land 17 Then my anger shall be kindled against them in that which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to day, and I will forsake them, and I will hide my face from Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

all Israel. 2 He said to them, "I am one hundred that you should say, "Who will go up into heaven for us, covenant of the LORD, and to all the elders of Israel. 10 the land where you are going to possess it. 17 But if to Moses, "Look, your days approach that you must your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but shall die: call Joshua, and present yourselves in the Tent them, and they shall be devoured, and many evils and troubles shall come on them; so that they will say in that

day. 'Haven't these evils come on us because our God not his children, because of their defect. They are a is not among us?' 18 I will surely hide my face in that perverse and crooked generation. 6 Do you thus requite day for all the evil which they shall have worked, in that the LORD, foolish people and unwise? Isn't he your they are turned to other gods. 19 "Now therefore write father who has bought you? He has made you, and the words of this song for yourselves, and teach it to established you. 7 Remember the days of old. Consider the children of Israel: put it in their mouths, that this the years of many generations. Ask your father, and he song may be a witness for me against the children of will show you; your elders, and they will tell you. 8 When Israel. 20 For when I shall have brought them into the the Most High gave to the nations their inheritance, land which I swore to their fathers, flowing with milk and when he divided humankind, he set the bounds of the honey, and they shall have eaten and filled themselves, peoples according to the number of the sons of God. 9 and grown fat; then will they turn to other gods, and For the LORD's portion is his people. Jacob is the lot of serve them, and despise me, and break my covenant. his inheritance. 10 He found him in a desert land, in 21 It shall happen, when many evils and troubles have the waste howling wilderness. He surrounded him. He come on them, that this song shall testify before them as cared for him. He kept him as the apple of his eye. 11 a witness; for it shall not be forgotten out of the mouths As an eagle that stirs up her nest, that flutters over her of their descendants: for I know their imagination which young, he spread abroad his wings, he took them, he they frame this day, before I have brought them into the bore them on his feathers. 12 The LORD alone led him. land which I swore." 22 So Moses wrote this song the There was no foreign god with him. 13 He made him same day, and taught it the children of Israel. 23 He ride on the high places of the earth. He ate the increase commissioned Joshua the son of Nun, and said, "Be of the field. He caused him to suck honey out of the strong and courageous; for you shall bring the children rock, oil out of the flinty rock; 14 Butter of the herd, and of Israel into the land which I swore to them: and I will milk of the flock, with fat of lambs, rams of the breed be with you." 24 It happened, when Moses had made an of Bashan, and goats, with the finest of the wheat. Of end of writing the words of this law on a scroll, until they the blood of the grape you drank wine. 15 But Jacob were finished, 25 that Moses commanded the Levites, ate his fill. Jeshurun grew fat, and kicked. You have who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD, saying, grown fat. You have grown thick. You have become 26 "Take this book of the law, and put it by the side of sleek. Then he forsook God who made him, and lightly the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, that it esteemed the Rock of his salvation. 16 They moved him may be there for a witness against you. 27 For I know to jealousy with strange gods. They provoked him to your rebellion, and your stiff neck: look, while I am yet anger with abominations. 17 They sacrificed to demons, alive with you this day, you have been rebellious against not God, to gods that they did not know, to new gods God; and how much more after my death? 28 Assemble that came up recently, which your fathers did not dread. to me all the elders of your tribes, and your elders and 18 the Rock who fathered you, you are unmindful, and your judges and your officers, that I may speak these have forgotten God who gave you birth. 19 The LORD words in their ears, and call heaven and earth to witness saw and abhorred, because of the provocation of his against them. 29 For I know that after my death you will sons and his daughters. 20 He said, "I will hide my face utterly corrupt yourselves, and turn aside from the way from them. I will see what their end shall be; for they which I have commanded you; and evil will happen to are a very perverse generation, children in whom is you in the latter days; because you will do that which is no faithfulness. 21 They have moved me to jealousy evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger with that which is not God. They have provoked me to through the work of your hands." 30 Moses spoke in the anger with their vanities. I will move them to jealousy ears of all the assembly of Israel the words of this song, with those who are not a people. I will provoke them to until they were finished.

32 Give ear, you heavens, and I will speak. Let the earth hear the words of my mouth. 2 My doctrine shall drop as the rain. My speech shall condense as the dew, as the small rain on the tender grass, as the showers on the herb. 3 For I will proclaim the name of the LORD. Ascribe greatness to our God. 4 The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice. A faithful God and without iniquity, just and right is he. 5 They have dealt corruptly with him. They are

anger with a foolish nation. 22 For a fire is kindled in my anger, and burns to the lowest Sheol, and devours the earth with its increase, and sets the foundations of the mountains on fire. (Sheol h7585) 23 "I will heap evils on them. I will spend my arrows on them. 24 They shall be wasted with hunger, and devoured with burning heat and bitter destruction. I will send the teeth of animals on them, With the poison of crawling creatures of the dust. 25 Outside the sword shall bereave, and in the rooms, terror; on both young man and virgin, The nursing infant with the gray-haired man. 26 I said, I want to cut them 27 were it not that I feared the provocation of the enemy, land of Moab, that is over against Jericho; and see the lest their adversaries should judge wrongly, lest they land of Canaan, which I give to the children of Israel for should say, 'Our hand is exalted, the LORD has not a possession; 50 and die on the mountain where you done all this." 28 For they are a nation void of counsel. go up, and be gathered to your people, as Aaron your There is no understanding in them. 29 Oh that they were brother died on Mount Hor, and was gathered to his wise, that they understood this, that they would consider people: 51 because you trespassed against me in the their latter end. 30 How could one chase a thousand, midst of the children of Israel at the waters of Meribah and two put ten thousand to flight, unless their Rock of Kadesh, in the wilderness of Zin; because you did not had sold them, and the LORD had delivered them up? sanctify me in the midst of the children of Israel. 52 For 31 For their rock is not as our Rock, even our enemies you shall see the land before you; but you shall not go themselves being judges. 32 For their vine is of the vine there into the land which I give the children of Israel." of Sodom, of the fields of Gomorrah. Their grapes are grapes of gall, Their clusters are bitter. 33 Their wine is the poison of serpents. The cruel venom of asps. 34 "Isn't this laid up in store with me, sealed up among my treasures? 35 Vengeance is mine, I will repay, at the time when their foot slides; for the day of their calamity is near, and the things to come hasten upon them." 36 For the LORD will judge his people, and have compassion on his servants, when he sees that their strength is gone and there is none remaining, confined or set free. 37 And he will say, "Where are their gods, the rock in which they took refuge? 38 Who ate the fat of their sacrifices and drank the wine of their drink offering? Let them rise up and help you. Let them be your protection. 39 "See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god besides me. I kill, and I make alive. I wound, and I heal; and there is no one who can deliver out of my hand. 40 For I lift up my hand to heaven, and say, 'As I live forever, 41 if I sharpen my flashing sword and my hand takes hold on judgment; I will render vengeance to my adversaries, and will recompense those who hate me. 42 I will make my arrows drunk with blood. My sword shall devour flesh with the blood of the slain and the captives, from the head of the leaders of the enemy." 43 Rejoice, O heavens, with him, and let all the angels of God worship him. Rejoice, O nations, with his people, and let all the children of God strengthen themselves in him. For he will avenge the blood of his children, and he will render vengeance to his enemies, and he will recompense them that hate him, and he atones for the land of his people. 44 Moses came and spoke all the words of this song in the ears of the people, he and Joshua the son of Nun. 45 Moses made an end of speaking all these words to all Israel; 46 He said to them, "Set your heart to all the words which I testify to you this day, which you shall command your children to observe to do, all the words of this law. 47 For it is no vain thing for you; because it is your life, and through this thing you shall prolong your days in the land, where you go over the Jordan to possess it." 48 The LORD spoke to Moses that same day, saying, 49 "Go up into

to pieces. I will remove the memory of them from men: this mountain of Abarim, to Mount Nebo, which is in the

 $\mathbf{33}$ This is the blessing, with which Moses the man of God blessed the children of Israel before his death. 2 He said, "The LORD came from Sinai, and dawned from Seir upon us. He shone forth from Mount Paran. He came from the ten thousands of holy ones. At his right hand was a fiery law for them. 3 Yes, he loves the people. All his holy ones are in your hand. They sat down at your feet; each receives your words. 4 Moses commanded us a law, an inheritance for the assembly of Jacob. 5 He was king in Jeshurun, when the heads of the people were gathered, all the tribes of Israel together. 6 "Let Reuben live, and not die: Nor let his men be few." 7 This is for Judah. He said, "Hear, LORD, the voice of Judah. Bring him in to his people. With his hands he contended for himself. You shall be a help against his adversaries." 8 Of Levi he said, "Give to Levi your Thummim and your Urim to your faithful one, whom you proved at Massah, with whom you strove at the waters of Meribah; 9 who said of his father, and of his mother, 'I have not seen him;' Neither did he acknowledge his brothers, Nor did he know his own children: For they have observed your word, and keep your covenant. 10 They shall teach Jacob your ordinances, and Israel your law. They shall put incense before you, and whole burnt offering on your altar. 11 LORD, bless his substance. Accept the work of his hands. Strike the loins of those who rise against him, of those who hate him, that they not rise again." 12 Of Benjamin he said, "The beloved of the LORD shall dwell in safety by him. He covers him all the day long. He dwells between his shoulders." 13 Of Joseph he said, "His land is blessed by the LORD, for the precious things of the heavens, for the dew, for the deep that couches beneath, 14 with the choices fruits of the sun, and the bounteous yield of the months, 15 with the finest produce of the ancient mountains, and the abundance of the everlasting hills, 16 with the choice things of the earth and its fullness, the good will of him who lived in the bush. Let this come on the head of Joseph, on the crown of the head of him who was separate from his brothers. 17 A firstborn bull, majesty is his. His horns are the horns of the wild the spirit of wisdom; for Moses had laid his hands on ox. With them he shall push all of the peoples, to the him: and the children of Israel listened to him, and did farthest parts of the earth. They are the ten thousands as the LORD commanded Moses. 10 There has not of Ephraim. They are the thousands of Manasseh." 18 arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the Of Zebulun he said, "Rejoice, Zebulun, in your going LORD knew face to face, 11 in all the signs and the out; and Issachar, in your tents. 19 They shall call the wonders, which the LORD sent him to do in the land of peoples to the mountain. There they will offer sacrifices Egypt, to Pharaoh, and to all his servants, and to all his of righteousness, for they shall draw out the abundance land, 12 and in all the mighty hand, and in all the great of the seas, the hidden treasures of the sand." 20 Of terror, which Moses worked in the sight of all Israel. Gad he said, "He who enlarges Gad is blessed. He dwells as a lioness, and tears the arm, yes, the crown of the head. 21 He provided the first part for himself, for there was the lawgiver's portion reserved. He came with the heads of the people. He executed the righteousness of the LORD, his ordinances with Israel." 22 Of Dan he said. "Dan is a lion's cub that leaps out of Bashan." 23 Of Naphtali he said, "Naphtali, satisfied with favor, full of the blessing of the LORD, Possess the west and the south." 24 Of Asher he said, "Asher is blessed with children. Let him be acceptable to his brothers. Let him dip his foot in oil. 25 Your bars shall be iron and bronze. As your days, so your strength will be. 26 "There is none like God, Jeshurun, who rides on the heavens for your help, In his majesty through the skies. 27 The God of old is a dwelling place. Underneath are the everlasting arms. He thrust out the enemy from before you, and said, 'Destroy.' 28 Israel dwells in safety; the fountain of Jacob alone, In a land of grain and new wine. Yes, his heavens drop down dew. 29 You are happy, Israel. Who is like you, a people saved by the LORD, the shield of your help, the sword of your excellency. Your enemies shall submit themselves to you. You shall tread on their high places."

34 Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, that is over against Jericho. The LORD showed him all the land of Gilead. to Dan, 2 and all Naphtali, and the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, and all the land of Judah as far as the western sea, 3 and the Negev, and the Plain of the Valley of Jericho the city of palm trees, to Zoar. 4 The LORD said to him, "This is the land which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants.' I have caused you to see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there." 5 So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab. according to the word of the LORD. 6 And he buried him in the valley in the land of Moab over against Beth Peor: but no man knows of his tomb to this day. 7 Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died: his eye was not dim, nor his natural vigor diminished. 8 The children of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days: so the days of weeping in the mourning for Moses were ended. 9 Joshua the son of Nun was full of

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1 Now it happened after the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, that the LORD spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' servant, saying, 2 Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you, and all this people, to the land which I give to them, even to the land, and Jericho." And the two young men went the children of Israel. 3 I have given you every place and came to Jericho and entered into the house of a that the sole of your foot will tread on, as I told Moses. 4 From the wilderness, and this Lebanon, even to the The king of Jericho was told, "Look, men of the children great river, the river Perath, all the land of the Hittites, of Israel came in here to spy out the land." 3 The king of and to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun, Jericho sent to Rahab, saying, "Bring out the men who shall be your border. 5 No man will be able to stand came to you tonight; for they have come to spy out all before you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, the land." 4 The woman took the two men and hid them. so I will be with you. I will not fail you nor forsake you. 6 Then she said, "Yes, the men came to me, but I did not Be strong and of good courage; for you shall cause this know where they came from, 5 It happened about the people to inherit the land which I swore to their fathers time of the shutting of the gate, when it was dark, that to give them. 7 Only be strong and very courageous, to the men went out. Where the men went, I do not know. observe to do according to all the law, which Moses Pursue them quickly; for you will overtake them." 6 But my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to she had brought them up to the roof, and hid them with the right hand or to the left, that you may have good the stalks of flax, which she had laid in order on the success wherever you go. 8 This book of the law shall roof, 7 The men pursued them the way to the Jordan to not depart out of your mouth, but you shall meditate on the fords: and as soon as those who pursued them had it day and night, that you may observe to do according gone out, they shut the gate. 8 Before they had lain to all that is written in it: for then you shall make your down, she came up to them on the roof; 9 and she said way prosperous, and then you shall have good success. to the men, "I know that the LORD has given you the 9 Haven't I commanded you? Be strong and of good land, and that the fear of you has fallen on us, and that courage. Do not be afraid, neither be dismayed: for the all the inhabitants of the land melt away before you. 10 LORD your God is with you wherever you go. 10 Then For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying, the Red Sea before you, when you came out of Egypt; 11 "Pass through the midst of the camp, and command and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites, who the people, saying, 'Prepare food; for within three days were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon and to Og, whom you vou are to pass over this Jordan, to go in to possess the utterly destroyed. 11 As soon as we had heard it, our land, which the LORD your God gives you to possess hearts melted, neither did there remain any more spirit it." 12 Joshua spoke to the Reubenites, and to the in any man, because of you: for the LORD your God, he Gadites, and to the half-tribe of Manasseh, saying, 13 is God in heaven above, and on earth beneath. 12 Now "Remember the word which Moses the servant of the therefore, please swear to me by the LORD, since I LORD commanded you, saying, 'The LORD your God have dealt kindly with you, that you also will deal kindly gives you rest, and will give you this land. 14 Your with my father's house, and give me a true token; 13 wives, your little ones, and your livestock, shall live in and that you will save alive my father, my mother, my the land which Moses gave you beyond the Jordan; brothers, and my sisters, and all that they have, and but you shall pass over before your brothers armed, will deliver our lives from death." 14 The men said to all the mighty men of valor, and shall help them 15 her, "Our life for yours, even to death, if you do not talk until the LORD has given your brothers rest, as he about this business of ours; and it shall be, when the has given you, and they have also possessed the land LORD gives us the land, that we will deal kindly and which the LORD your God gives them. Then you shall truly with you." 15 Then she let them down by a cord return to the land of your possession, and possess it, through the window; for her house was on the side of which Moses the servant of the LORD gave you beyond the wall, and she lived on the wall. 16 She said to them, the Jordan toward the sunrise." 16 They answered "Go to the mountain, lest the pursuers find you; and Joshua. saying, "All that you have commanded us we hide yourselves there three days, until the pursuers will do, and wherever you send us we will go. 17 Just have returned. Afterward, you may go your way." 17 as we listened to Moses in all things, so will we listen The men said to her, "We will be guiltless of this your to you. Only may the LORD your God be with you, as oath which you have made us to swear. 18 Look, when

he was with Moses. 18 Whoever rebels against your commandment, and doesn't listen to your words in all that you command him, he shall be put to death. Only be strong and of good courage."

2 And Joshua the son of Nun secretly sent two young men out of Shittim as spies, saying, "Go, view prostitute whose name was Rahab, and slept there. 2 we come into the land, you shall bind this line of scarlet from before you. 11 Look, the ark of the covenant of the thread in the window which you did let us down by. You Lord of all the earth passes over before you into the shall gather to yourself into the house your father, your Jordan. 12 Now therefore take twelve men from the mother, your brothers, and all your father's household. children of Israel, one man for each tribe. 13 It shall 19 It shall be that whoever goes out of the doors of your come to pass, when the soles of the feet of the priests house into the street, his blood will be on his head, and who bear the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, we will be guiltless. Whoever is with you in the house, rest in the waters of the Jordan, that the waters of the his blood shall be on our head, if any hand is on him. Jordan will be cut off, even the waters that come down 20 But if you talk about this business of ours, then we from above; and they shall stand in one heap." 14 It shall be guiltless of your oath which you have made us happened, when the people moved from their tents to to swear." 21 She said, "According to your words, so pass over the Jordan, the priests who bore the ark of be it." She sent them away, and they departed. She the covenant being before the people, 15 and when tied the scarlet line in the window. 22 They went, and those who bore the ark had come to the Jordan, and came to the mountain, and stayed there three days, until the feet of the priests who bore the ark had dipped the pursuers had returned. The pursuers sought them in the edge of the water (for the Jordan overflows all throughout all the way, but did not find them. 23 Then its banks all the time of harvest), 16 that the waters the two men returned, descended from the mountain, which came down from above stood, and rose up in one passed over, and came to Joshua the son of Nun; and heap, a great way off, at Adam, the city that is beside they told him all that had happened to them. 24 They Zarethan; and those that went down toward the sea said to Joshua, "Truly the LORD has delivered into our of the Arabah, even the Salt Sea, were wholly cut off. hands all the land. Moreover, all the inhabitants of the Then the people passed over right against Jericho. 17 land melt away before us."

3 Joshua rose up early in the morning; and they moved from Shittim, and came to the Jordan, he and all the children of Israel. They lodged there before they passed over. 2 It happened after three days, that the ${\it I}$ It happened, when all the nation had completely officers went through the midst of the camp; 3 and they commanded the people, saying, "When you see the Joshua, saying, 2 "Take twelve men out of the people, ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the priests the Levites bearing it, then you shall move from your place, and follow it. 4 However, keep a distance of about two thousand nine hundred fifty-three feet between vourselves and the ark. Do not come near to it. that you may know the way by which you must go; for you have not passed this way before." 5 Joshua said to the people, "Sanctify yourselves; for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you." 6 Joshua spoke to the priests, saying, "Take up the ark of the covenant, and pass over before the people." They took up the ark up a stone and put it on your shoulder, according to of the covenant, and went before the people. 7 The the number of the tribes of the children of Israel; 6 that LORD said to Joshua, "Today I will begin to magnify this may be a sign among you, that when your children you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that ask in time to come, saying, 'What do you mean by as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. 8 You shall command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, saying, 'When you come to the brink of the waters of the covenant of the LORD. When it passed over the Jordan, Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan." 9 Joshua the waters of the Jordan were cut off. These stones said to the children of Israel, "Come here, and hear the words of the LORD your God." 10 Joshua said, "Hereby you shall know that the living God is among you, and that he will without fail drive the Canaanite, and the Hethite, and the Hivite, and the Perizzite, and the number of the tribes of the children of Israel; and

The priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan; and all Israel passed over on dry ground, until all the nation had passed completely over the Jordan.

passed over the Jordan, that the LORD spoke to out of every tribe a man, 3 and command them, saying, 'Take up for yourselves from here, from the middle of the Jordan from the place where the feet of the priests stood firm, twelve stones, and carry them over with you, and lay them down in the lodging place, where you will lodge tonight." 4 Then Joshua called the twelve men, whom he had prepared of the children of Israel, out of every tribe a man. 5 Joshua said to them, "Pass over before me in the presence of the ark of the LORD your God into the middle of the Jordan, and each of you pick these stones?' 7 then you shall tell them, 'Because the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the shall be for a memorial to the children of Israel forever." 8 The children of Israel did as Joshua commanded, and took up twelve stones out of the middle of the Jordan, as the LORD spoke to Joshua, according to the Girgashite, and the Amorite, and the Jebusite out they carried them over with them to the place where they lodged, and laid them down there. 9 Joshua set up twelve stones in the middle of the Jordan, in the Foreskins, 4 This is the reason Joshua circumcised: all place where the feet of the priests who bore the ark of the people who came out of Egypt, who were males, the covenant stood; and they are there to this day. 10 even all the men of war, died in the wilderness by the For the priests who bore the ark stood in the middle way, after they came out of Egypt. 5 For all the people of the Jordan, until everything was finished that the who came out were circumcised; but all the people LORD commanded Joshua to speak to the people, who were born in the wilderness by the way as they according to all that Moses commanded Joshua; and came out of Egypt had not been circumcised. 6 For the the people hurried and passed over. 11 It happened, children of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, when all the people had completely passed over, that until all the nation, that is, the men of war who came out the ark of the LORD passed over, with the priests, in of Egypt, perished, because they did not listen to the the presence of the people. 12 The descendants of voice of the LORD, those to whom the LORD swore that Reuben, and the descendants of Gad, and the half-tribe they would not see the land which the LORD swore to of Manasseh, passed over armed before the children of their ancestors that he would give us, a land flowing with Israel, as Moses spoke to them. 13 About forty thousand milk and honey. 7 And their children, whom he raised men, ready and armed for war passed over before the up in their place, were circumcised by Joshua; for they LORD to battle, to the plains of Jericho. 14 On that were uncircumcised, because they had not circumcised day, the LORD magnified Joshua in the sight of all them on the way. 8 And it happened, when they were Israel; and they feared him, as they feared Moses, all done circumcising all the nation, that they stayed in their the days of his life. 15 The LORD spoke to Joshua, places in the camp until they were healed. 9 And the saying, 16 "Command the priests who bear the ark of LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away the the testimony, that they come up out of the Jordan." disgrace of Egypt from off you." Therefore the name of 17 Joshua therefore commanded the priests, saying, that place was called Gilgal, to this day. 10 The children "Come up out of the Jordan." 18 It happened, when the of Israel camped in Gilgal. They kept the Passover on priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD the fourteenth day of the month at evening in the plains had come up out of the middle of the Jordan, and the of Jericho. 11 They ate unleavened cakes and parched soles of the priests' feet were lifted up to the dry ground, grain of the produce of the land on the next day after that the waters of the Jordan returned to their place, and the Passover, in the same day. 12 The manna ceased went over all its banks, as before. 19 The people came on the next day, after they had eaten of the produce of up out of the Jordan on the tenth day of the first month, the land. The children of Israel did not have manna any and camped in Gilgal, on the east border of Jericho. 20 more; but they ate of the fruit of the land of Canaan that Joshua set up those twelve stones, which they took out year. 13 It happened, when Joshua was by Jericho, that of the Jordan, in Gilgal. 21 He spoke to the children of he lifted up his eyes and looked, and look, a man stood Israel, saying, "When your children ask their fathers in in front of him with his sword drawn in his hand. Joshua time to come, saying, 'What do these stones mean?' 22 went to him, and said to him, "Are you for us, or for Then you shall let your children know, saying, 'Israel our adversaries?" 14 And he said to him, "Truly I am came over this Jordan on dry land. 23 For the LORD the commander of the army of the LORD. Now I have your God dried up the waters of the Jordan from before come." And Joshua fell facedown to the ground and you, until you had passed over, as the LORD your God worshipped, and said to him, "What does my lord say to did to the Red Sea, which he dried up from before us, his servant?" 15 The commander of the army of the until we had passed over; 24 that all the peoples of the LORD said to Joshua, "Take your shoes off of your feet; earth may know the hand of the LORD, that it is mighty; for the place on which you stand is holy." Joshua did so. that you may fear the LORD your God forever."

5 And it happened, when all the kings of the Amorites, who were beyond the Jordan westward, and all the kings of the Canaanites, who were by the sea, heard how that the LORD had dried up the waters of the Jordan from before the children of Israel, until they had passed over, that their heart melted, neither was there spirit in them any more, because of the children of Israel. 2 At that time, the LORD said to Joshua, "Make flint knives, and circumcise again the children of Israel the second time." 3 Joshua made himself flint knives, and circumcised the children of Israel at the Hill of the

6 Now Jericho was tightly shut up because of the children of Israel. No one went out, and no one came in. 2 The LORD said to Joshua, "Look, I have given Jericho into your hand, with its king and the mighty men of valor. 3 All your men of war shall march around the city, going around the city once. You shall do this six days. 4 Seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark. On the seventh day, you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets. 5 It shall be that when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when you

with a great shout; and the wall of the city shall fall And Joshua said to the two young men who had spied down flat, and the people shall go up every man straight out the land, "Go into the prostitute's house, and bring before him." 6 Joshua the son of Nun called the priests, out from there the woman and all that she has, as you and said to them, "Take up the ark of the covenant, swore to her." 23 The young men who were spies went and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of rams' in, and brought out Rahab with her father, her mother, horns before the ark of the LORD." 7 And he said to the her brothers, and all that she had. They also brought people, "Advance. March around the city, and let the out all her relatives, and they set them outside of the armed men pass on before the LORD's ark." 8 It was camp of Israel. 24 They burnt the city with fire, and all so, that when Joshua had spoken to the people, the that was in it. Only they put the silver, the gold, and the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns vessels of bronze and of iron into the treasury of the before the LORD advanced, and blew the trumpets; and LORD's house. 25 But Rahab the prostitute, her father's the ark of the covenant of the LORD followed them. 9 household, and all that she had, Joshua saved alive. The armed men went before the priests who blew the She lived in the midst of Israel to this day, because trumpets, and the ark went after them. The trumpets she hid the messengers, whom Joshua sent to spy out sounded as they went. 10 Joshua commanded the Jericho. 26 Joshua commanded them with an oath at people, saying, "You shall not shout, nor let your voice that time, saying, "Cursed be the man before the LORD, be heard, neither shall any word proceed out of your who rises up and builds this city Jericho. With the loss mouth, until the day I tell you to shout. Then you shall of his firstborn shall he lay its foundation, and with the shout." 11 So he caused the ark of the LORD to go loss of his youngest son shall he set up its gates." 27 around the city, going about it once. Then they came So the LORD was with Joshua; and his fame was in all into the camp, and lodged in the camp. 12 Joshua rose the land. early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the LORD. 13 The seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD went on continually, and blew the trumpets: and the armed men went before them. The rear guard came after the ark of the LORD. The trumpets sounded as they went. 14 The second day they marched around the city once, and returned into the camp. They did this six days. 15 It happened on the seventh day, that they rose early at the dawning of the day, and marched around the city in the same way seven times. Only on this day they marched around the city seven times. 16 It happened at the seventh time, when the priests blew the trumpets, Joshua said to the people, "Shout, for the LORD has given you the city. 17 The city shall be devoted, even it and all that is in it, to the LORD. Only Rahab the prostitute shall live, she and all who are with her in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent. 18 But as for you, only keep yourselves from the devoted thing, so as not to covet and take of the devoted thing and make the camp of Israel accursed, and bring trouble on it. 19 But all the silver, and gold. and vessels of bronze and iron, are holy to the LORD. They shall come into the LORD's treasury." 20 So the people shouted, and the priests blew the trumpets. It happened, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, that the people shouted with a great shout, and the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city. 21 They utterly destroyed all that was in the city, both man and woman, both young and old, and ox,

hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout and sheep, and donkey, with the edge of the sword, 22

7 But the children of Israel committed a trespass in the devoted things; for Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah. took some of the devoted things. Therefore the LORD's anger burned against the children of Israel. 2 Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which is beside Beth Aven, on the east side of Bethel, and spoke to them, saying, "Go up and spy out the land." The men went up and spied out Ai. 3 They returned to Joshua, and said to him, "Do not let all the people go up; but let about two or three thousand men go up and strike Ai. Do not make all the people to toil there, for there are only a few of them." 4 So about three thousand men of the people went up there, and they fled before the men of Ai. 5 The men of Ai struck about thirty-six men of them, and they chased them from before the gate even to the Shebarim, and struck them at the descent. The hearts of the people melted, and became like water. 6 Joshua tore his clothes, and fell to the earth on his face before the ark of the LORD until the evening, he and the elders of Israel; and they put dust on their heads. 7 Joshua said, "Alas, Lord GOD, why have you brought this people over the Jordan at all, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to cause us to perish? I wish that we had been content and lived beyond the Jordan. 8 Oh, Lord, what shall I say, after that Israel has turned their backs before their enemies. 9 For the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land will hear of it, and will surround us, and cut off our name from the earth. What will you do for your great name?" 10 The LORD said to Joshua. "Get up, Why are you fallen on your Israel stoned him with stones, and they burned them face like that? 11 Israel has sinned, and they have even with fire and stoned them with stones. 26 They raised transpressed my covenant which I commanded them, over him a great heap of stones that remains to this And they have even taken of the devoted things, and day. The LORD turned from the fierceness of his anger. have also stolen, and also deceived. They have even Therefore the name of that place was called "The Valley put it among their own stuff. 12 Therefore the children of Israel can't stand before their enemies. They turn their backs before their enemies, because they have become devoted for destruction. I will not be with you any more, unless you destroy the devoted things from among you. 13 Get up. Sanctify the people, and say, 'Sanctify vourselves for tomorrow, for the LORD, the God of Israel, says, "There is a devoted thing in the midst of you, Israel. You cannot stand before your enemies until you take away the devoted thing from among you." 14 In the morning therefore you shall be brought near by your tribes. It shall be that the tribe which the LORD selects shall come near by families. The family which the LORD selects shall come near by households. The household which the LORD selects shall come near man by man. 15 It shall be, that he who is taken with the devoted thing shall be burnt with fire, he and all that he has, because he has transgressed the covenant of the LORD, and because he has done a disgraceful thing in Israel." 16 So Joshua rose up early in the morning and brought Israel near by their tribes. The tribe of Judah was selected. 17 He brought near the families of Judah: and he selected the family of the Zerahites. He brought near the family of the Zerahites man by man, and Zabdi was selected. 18 He brought near his household man by man, and Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, was selected. 19 Joshua said to Achan, "My son, please give glory to the LORD, the God of Israel, and make confession to him. Tell me now what you have done. Do not hide it from me." 20 Achan answered Joshua, and said, "I have truly sinned against the LORD, the God of Israel, and this is what I have done. 21 When I saw among the spoil a beautiful garment from Shinar, two hundred shekels of silver, and a bar of gold weighing fifty shekels, then I coveted them and took them. Look, they are hidden in the around in the middle of my tent, with the silver under it." 22 So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran to the tent. Look, it was hidden in his tent, with the silver under it. 23 They took them from the middle of the tent, and brought them to Joshua and to all the children of Israel. They laid them down before the LORD. 24 Joshua, and all Israel with him, took Achan the son of Zerah, the silver, the robe, the wedge of gold, his sons, his daughters, his cattle, his donkeys, his sheep, his tent, and all that he had; and they brought them up to the Valley of Achor. 25 Joshua said, "Why have you troubled us? The LORD will trouble you this day." All

of Achor" to this day.

8 The LORD said to Joshua, "Do not be afraid, neither be dismayed. Take all the people of war with you, and arise, go up to Ai. Look, I have given into your hand the king of Ai, with his people, his city, and his land. 2 You shall do to Ai and her king as you did to Jericho and her king, except its spoil and its livestock, you shall take for a plunder for yourselves. Set an ambush for the city behind it." 3 So Joshua arose, and all the people of war, to go up to Ai. Joshua chose thirty thousand men, the mighty men of valor, and sent them out by night. 4 He commanded them, saying, "Look, you shall lie in ambush against the city, behind the city. Do not go very far from the city, but all of you be ready. 5 I, and all the people who are with me, will approach to the city. It shall happen, when they come out against us, as at the first, that we will flee before them. 6 They will come out after us, until we have drawn them away from the city; for they will say. 'They flee before us, like the first time.' So we will flee before them, 7 and you shall rise up from the ambush, and take possession of the city; for the LORD your God will deliver it into your hand. 8 It shall be, when you have seized on the city, that you shall set the city on fire. You shall do this according to the word of the LORD. Look, I have commanded you." 9 Joshua sent them out; and they went to set up the ambush, and stayed between Bethel and Ai, on the west side of Ai; but Joshua stayed among the people that night. 10 Joshua rose up early in the morning, mustered the people, and went up, he and the elders, before the people to Ai. 11 All the people, even the men of war who were with him, went up, and drew near, and came before the city, and camped on the north side of Ai. Now there was a valley between him and Ai. 12 He took about five thousand men, and set them in ambush between Bethel and Ai, on the west side of the city. 13 So they set the people, even all the army who was on the north of the city, and their ambush on the west of the city; and Joshua went that night into the midst of the valley. 14 And it happened, when the king of Ai saw it, that he hurried and rose up early, and the men of the city went out to engage them directly in battle, he and all his people, to the meeting place in front of the Arabah; but he did not know that there was an ambush against him behind the city. 15 Joshua and all Israel made as if they were beaten before them, and fled by the way of the wilderness. 16 All the people who were in the city were called together to pursue after them. They

There was not a man left in Ai or Beth El who did not go Gerizim, and half of them in front of Mount Ebal, as out after Israel. They left the city open, and pursued Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded at the Israel. 18 The LORD said to Joshua, "Stretch out the first, that they should bless the children of Israel. 34 javelin that is in your hand toward Ai, for I will give it Afterward he read all the words of the law, the blessing into your hand." Joshua stretched out the javelin that and the curse, according to all that is written in the book was in his hand toward the city. 19 The ambush arose of the law. 35 There was not a word of all that Moses quickly out of their place, and they ran as soon as he commanded, which Joshua did not read before all the had stretched out his hand, and entered into the city, assembly of Israel, with the women, the little ones, and and took it. They hurried and set the city on fire. 20 the foreigners who were among them. When the men of Ai looked behind them, they saw, and look, the smoke of the city ascended up to heaven, and they had no power to flee this way or that way. The people who fled to the wilderness turned back on the pursuers. 21 When Joshua and all Israel saw that the ambush had taken the city, and that the smoke of the city ascended, then they turned again, and killed the men of Ai. 22 The others came out of the city against them, so they were in the midst of Israel, some on this side, and some on that side. They struck them, so that they let none of them remain or escape. 23 They captured the king of Ai alive, and brought him to Joshua. 24 And it came to pass when Israel had made an end of killing all the inhabitants of Ai in the plains, and on the mountain on the slope, where they pursued them, and they had all fallen by the edge of the sword until they were destroyed, then all Israel returned to Ai and struck it with the edge of the sword. 25 All that fell that day, both of men and women, were twelve thousand, even all the men of Ai. 26 For Joshua did not draw back his hand, with which he stretched out the javelin, until he had utterly destroyed all the inhabitants of Ai. 27 Only the livestock and the spoil of that city Israel took for prey to themselves, according to the word of the LORD which he commanded Joshua. 28 So Joshua burnt Ai, and made it a heap forever, even a desolation, to this day. 29 He hanged the king of Ai on a tree until the evening, and at the sundown Joshua commanded, and they took his body down from the tree, and threw it at the entrance of the gate of the city, and raised a great heap of stones on it that remains to this day. 30 Then Joshua built an altar to the LORD, the God of Israel. on Mount Ebal, 31 as Moses the servant of the LORD commanded the children of Israel, as it is written in the book of the law of Moses, "an altar of uncut stones, on which no man has touched with an iron tool." They offered burnt offerings on it to the LORD, and sacrificed peace offerings. 32 He wrote there on the stones a copy of the Law of Moses, which he wrote in the presence of the children of Israel. 33 All Israel, and their elders and officers, and their judges, stood on this side of the ark and on that side before the priests the Levites, who carried the ark of the LORD's covenant, the foreigner

pursued Joshua, and were drawn away from the city. 17 as well as the native: half of them in front of Mount

 $\boldsymbol{9}$ It happened, when all the kings who were beyond the Jordan, in the hill country, and in the lowland, and on all the shore of the Great Sea in front of Lebanon, the Hethite, the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite, heard of it 2 that they gathered themselves together to fight with Joshua and with Israel, with one accord. 3 But when the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done to Jericho and to Ai, 4 they also resorted to a ruse, and went and made as if they had been ambassadors, and took old sacks on their donkeys, and wineskins, old and torn and bound up, 5 and old and patched shoes on their feet, and wore old garments. All the bread of their provision was dry and moldy. 6 They went to Joshua to the camp at Gilgal, and said to him, and to the men of Israel, "We have come from a far country. Now therefore make a covenant with us." 7 The men of Israel said to the Hivites, "What if you live among us. How could we make a covenant with you?" 8 They said to Joshua, "We are your servants." Joshua said to them, "Who are you? Where do you come from?" 9 They said to him, "Your servants have come from a very far country because of the name of the LORD your God; for we have heard of his fame, all that he did in Egypt, 10 and all that he did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon king of Heshbon and to Og king of Bashan, who was at Ashtaroth. 11 Our elders and all the inhabitants of our country spoke to us, saying, 'Take provision in your hand for the journey, and go to meet them, and tell them, "We are your servants. Now make a covenant with us." 12 This our bread we took hot for our provision out of our houses on the day we went out to go to you; but now, look, it is dry, and has become moldy. 13 These wineskins, which we filled, were new; and look, they are torn. These our garments and our shoes have become old because of the very long journey." 14 The men sampled their provisions, and did not ask counsel from the mouth of the LORD. 15 Joshua made peace with them, and made a covenant with them, to let them live. The leaders of the congregation swore to them. 16 It happened at the end of three days after they had made a covenant with them, that they heard that they were their neighbors, and that they lived among them. Gibeon, and made war against it, 6 The men of Gibeon which he should choose.

10 Now it happened when Adoni-Zedek king of Jerusalem heard how Joshua had taken Ai, and had utterly destroyed it; as he had done to Jericho and her king, so he had done to Ai and her king; and how the inhabitants of Gibeon had made peace with Joshua and with Israel, and were among them; 2 that they were very afraid, because Gibeon was a great city, as one of the royal cities, and because it was greater than Ai, and all its men were mighty. 3 Therefore Adoni-Zedek king of Jerusalem sent to Hoham king of Hebron, to Piram king of Jarmuth, to Japhia king of Lachish, and to Debir king of Eglon, saying, 4 "Come up to me, and help me, and let us strike Gibeon; for it has made peace with Joshua and with the children of Israel." 5 Therefore the five kings of the Amorites, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, the king of Eglon, gathered themselves together, and went up, they and all their armies, and camped against

17 The children of Israel traveled and came to their sent to Joshua to the camp to Gilgal, saying, "Do not cities on the third day. Now their cities were Gibeon, abandon your servants. Come up to us quickly, and Chephirah, Beeroth, and Kiriath Jearim. 18 The children save us, and help us; for all the kings of the Amorites of Israel did not strike them, because the leaders of that dwell in the hill country have gathered together the congregation had sworn to them by the LORD, the against us." 7 So Joshua went up from Gilgal, he, and God of Israel. And the whole congregation murmured all the people of war with him, and all the mighty men of against the leaders. 19 But all the leaders said to all the valor. 8 The LORD said to Joshua, "Do not fear them, congregation, "We have sworn to them by the LORD, for I have delivered them into your hands. Not a man of the God of Israel; and now therefore we may not touch them will stand before you." 9 Joshua therefore came them. 20 This we will do to them, and let them live; lest on them suddenly. He went up from Gilgal all night. 10 wrath be on us, because of the oath which we swore to The LORD confused them before Israel, and he killed them." 21 And the leaders said to them, "Let them live." them with a great slaughter at Gibeon, and chased them So they became wood cutters and drawers of water for by the way of the ascent of Beth Horon, and struck them all the congregation, and all the congregation did as to Azekah and to Makkedah. 11 And it happened, as the leaders had spoken to them. 22 Joshua called for they fled from before the children of Israel while they them, and he spoke to them, saying, "Why have you were at the descent of Beth Horon, that the LORD cast deceived us, saying, 'We are very far from you,' when down stones from the sky on them as far as Azekah, you live among us? 23 Now therefore you are cursed, and they died. There were more who died from the and some of you will never fail to be bondservants, both hailstones than who the children of Israel killed with the wood cutters and drawers of water for the house of my sword. 12 Then Joshua spoke to the LORD in the day God." 24 They answered Joshua, and said, "Because when the LORD delivered up the Amorites into the hand your servants were certainly told how the LORD your of Israel, when he struck them down at Gibeon, and God commanded his servant Moses to give you all the they were struck down before the children of Israel; and land, and to destroy all the inhabitants of the land from he said in the sight of Israel, "Sun, stand still on Gibeon. before you. Therefore we were very afraid for our lives You, moon, stop in the Valley of Aijalon." 13 The sun because of you, and have done this thing. 25 Now, look, stood still, and the moon stayed, until the nation had we are in your hand. Do to us as it seems good and avenged themselves of their enemies. Isn't this written right to you to do." 26 He did so to them, and delivered in the book of Jashar? The sun stayed in the midst of them out of the hand of the children of Israel, so that the sky, and did not hurry to go down about a whole they did not kill them. 27 That day Joshua made them day. 14 There was no day like that before it or after it, wood cutters and drawers of water for the congregation that the LORD listened to the voice of a man; for the and for the altar of the LORD, to this day, in the place LORD fought for Israel. 15 Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to the camp to Gilgal. 16 These five kings fled, and hid themselves in the cave at Makkedah. 17 Joshua was told, saying, "The five kings are found, hidden in the cave at Makkedah." 18 Joshua said, "Roll large stones to the mouth of the cave, and set men by it to guard them; 19 but do not stay. Pursue your enemies, and attack them from the rear. Do not allow them to enter into their cities; for the LORD your God has delivered them into your hand." 20 It happened. when Joshua and the children of Israel had finished killing them with a very great slaughter until they were consumed, and the remnant which remained of them had entered into the fortified cities, 21 that all the people returned to the camp to Joshua at Makkedah in peace. None moved his tongue against any of the children of Israel. 22 Then Joshua said, "Open the mouth of the cave, and bring those five kings out of the cave to me." 23 They did so, and brought those five kings out of the cave to him: the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, and the king of

out to Joshua, that Joshua called for all the men of he utterly destroyed all that breathed, as the LORD, the Israel, and said to the chiefs of the men of war who God of Israel, commanded. 41 And Joshua struck them went with him, "Come near, put your feet on the necks from Kadesh Barnea to Gaza, and the entire region of of these kings." They came near, and put their feet on Goshen as far as Gibeon. 42 Joshua took all these their necks. 25 Joshua said to them, "Do not be afraid, nor be dismayed. Be strong and of good courage, for the God of Israel, fought for Israel, 43 Joshua returned. the LORD will do this to all your enemies against whom and all Israel with him, to the camp to Gilgal. you fight." 26 Afterward Joshua struck them, put them to death, and hanged them on five trees. They were hanging on the trees until the evening. 27 It happened at the time of the going down of the sun, that Joshua commanded, and they took them down off the trees, and cast them into the cave in which they had hidden themselves, and laid great stones on the mouth of the cave, which remain to this very day. 28 Joshua took Makkedah on that day, and struck it with the edge of the sword, with its king. He utterly destroyed them and all the souls who were in it. He left none remaining. He did to the king of Makkedah as he had done to the king of Jericho. 29 Joshua passed from Makkedah, and all Israel with him, to Libnah, and fought against Libnah. 30 The LORD delivered it also, with its king, into the hand of Israel. He struck it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls who were in it. He left none remaining in it. He did to its king as he had done to the king of Jericho. 31 Joshua passed from Libnah, and all Israel with him, to Lachish, and camped against it, and fought against it. 32 The LORD delivered Lachish into the hand of Israel. He took it on the second day, and struck it with the edge of the sword, with all the souls who were in it, according to all that he had done to Libnah. 33 Then Horam king of Gezer came up to help Lachish: and Joshua struck him and his people, until he had left him none remaining. 34 Joshua passed from Lachish, and all Israel with him, to Eglon; and they camped against it fought against it. 35 They took it on that day, and struck it with the edge of the sword. He utterly destroyed all the souls who were in it that day, according to all that he had done to Lachish. 36 Joshua went up from Eglon, and all Israel with him, to Hebron; and they fought against it. 37 They took it, and struck it with the edge of the sword, with its king and all its cities, and all the souls who were in it. He left none remaining, according to all that he had done to Eglon; but he utterly destroyed it, and all the souls who were in it. 38 Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to Debir, and fought against it. 39 He took it, with its king and all its cities. They struck them with the edge of the sword, and utterly destroyed all the souls who were in it. He left none remaining. As he had done to Hebron, so he did to Debir, and to its king; as he had done also to Libnah, and to its king. 40 So Joshua struck all the land, the hill country, and the Negev, and the lowland, and the

Eglon, 24 It happened, when they brought those kings slopes, and all their kings. He left none remaining, but kings and their land at one time, because the LORD,

> 11 It happened, when Jabin king of Hazor heard of it. that he sent to Jobab king of Maron, to the king of Shim'on, to the king of Achshaph, 2 and to the kings who were on the north, in the hill country, in the Arabah south of Kinnereth, in the lowland, and in the heights of Dor on the west, 3 to the Canaanite on the east and on the west, and the Amorite, and the Hethite, and the Perizzite, and the Jebusite in the hill country, and the Hivite under Hermon in the land of Mizpah. 4 They went out, they and all their armies with them, many people, even as the sand that is on the seashore in multitude, with very many horses and chariots. 5 All these kings met together; and they came and camped together at the waters of Merom, to fight with Israel. 6 The LORD said to Joshua, "Do not be afraid because of them; for tomorrow at this time, I will deliver them up all slain before Israel. You shall hamstring their horses and burn their chariots with fire." 7 So Joshua came, and all the people of war with him, against them by the waters of Merom suddenly, and fell on them. 8 The LORD delivered them into the hand of Israel, and they struck them, and chased them to Greater Sidon, and to Misrephoth Maim, and to the Valley of Mizpeh eastward. They struck them until they left them none remaining. 9 Joshua did to them as the LORD told him. He hamstrung their horses and burnt their chariots with fire. 10 Joshua turned back at that time, and took Hazor, and struck its king with the sword: for Hazor used to be the head of all those kingdoms. 11 They struck all the souls who were in it with the edge of the sword, utterly destroying them. There was no one left who breathed. He burnt Hazor with fire. 12 Joshua captured all the cities of those kings, with their kings, and he struck them with the edge of the sword, and utterly destroyed them; as Moses the servant of the LORD commanded. 13 But as for the cities that stood on their mounds, Israel burned none of them, except Hazor only. Joshua burned that. 14 The children of Israel took all the spoil of these cities, with the livestock, as spoils for themselves; but every man they struck with the edge of the sword, until they had destroyed them. They did not leave any who breathed. 15 As the LORD commanded Moses his servant, so Moses commanded Joshua. Joshua did so. He left nothing undone of all that

the LORD commanded Moses. 16 So Joshua captured the slopes, and in the wilderness, and in the Negev; the all that land, the hill country, all the Negev, all the land Hethite, the Amorite, and the Canaanite, the Perizzite, their kings, struck them, and put them to death. 18 Eglon, one; the king of Gezer, one; 13 the king of Debir, Joshua made war a long time with all those kings. 19 one; the king of Geder, one; 14 the king of Hormah, Judah, and from all the hill country of Israel: Joshua Dor, one; the king of Goyim in Galilee, one; 24 the king utterly destroyed them with their cities. 22 There were of Tirzah, one: all the kings thirty-one. none of the Anakim left in the land of the children of Israel. Only in Gaza, in Gath, and in Ashdod, did some remain. 23 So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the LORD spoke to Moses; and Joshua gave it for an inheritance to Israel according to their divisions by their tribes. The land had rest from war.

12 Now these are the kings of the land, whom the children of Israel struck, and possessed their land beyond the Jordan toward the sunrise, from the Valley of the Arnon to Mount Hermon, and all the Arabah eastward: 2 Sihon king of the Amorites, who lived in Heshbon, and ruled from Aroer, which is on the edge of the Valley of the Arnon, and the middle of the valley, and half Gilead, even to the river Jabbok, the border of the people of Ammon; 3 and the Arabah to the sea of Kinnereth, eastward, and to the sea of the Arabah, even the Salt Sea, eastward, the way to Beth Jeshimoth: and on the south, under the slopes of Pisgah: 4 and the border of Og king of Bashan, of the remnant of the Rephaim, who lived at Ashtaroth and at Edrei, 5 and ruled in Mount Hermon, and in Salecah, and in all Bashan, to the border of the Geshurites and the Maacathites, and half of Gilead, as far as the border of Sihon king of Heshbon. 6 Moses the servant of the LORD and the children of Israel struck them. Moses the servant of the LORD gave it for a possession to the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh. 7 These are the kings of the land whom Joshua and the children of Israel struck beyond the Jordan westward, from Baal Gad in the Valley of Lebanon even to Mount Halak, that goes up to Seir. Joshua gave it to the tribes of Israel for a possession according to their divisions; 8 in the hill country, and in the lowland, and in the Arabah, and in

of Goshen, the lowland, the Arabah, the hill country of the Hivite, and the Jebusite: 9 the king of Jericho, one; Israel, and the lowland of the same: 17 from Mount the king of Ai, which is beside Bethel, one: 10 the king Halak, that goes up to Seir, even to Baal Gad in the of Jerusalem, one; the king of Hebron, one; 11 the king Valley of Lebanon under Mount Hermon. He took all of Jarmuth, one; the king of Lachish, one; 12 the king of There was not a city that made peace with the children one; the king of Arad, one; 15 the king of Libnah, one; of Israel, except the Hivites, the inhabitants of Gibeon. the king of Adullam, one; 16 the king of Makkedah, one; They took all in battle. 20 For it was of the LORD to the king of Bethel, one; 17 the king of Tappuah, one; the harden their hearts, to come against Israel in battle, king of Hepher, one; 18 the king of Aphek, one; the king that he might utterly destroy them, that they might have of Lasharon, one; 19 the king of Hazor, one; 20 the king no favor, but that he might destroy them, as the LORD of Shim'on, one; the king of Maron, one; the king of commanded Moses. 21 Joshua came at that time, and Achshaph, one; 21 the king of Taanach, one; the king of cut off the Anakim from the hill country, from Hebron, Megiddo, one; 22 the king of Kedesh, one; the king of from Debir, from Anab, and from all the hill country of Jokneam in Carmel, one; 23 the king of Dor in Naphath

> 3 Now Joshua was old and well stricken in years. The LORD said to him, "You are old and advanced in years, and there remains yet very much land to be possessed. 2 This is the land that still remains: all the regions of the Philistines, and all the Geshurites; 3 from the Shihor, which is before Egypt, even to the border of Ekron northward, which is counted as Canaanite; the five lords of the Philistines; the Gazites, and the Ashdodites, the Ashkelonites, the Gittites, and the Ekronites; also the Avvim, 4 on the south; all the land of the Canaanites, and from Arah that belongs to the Sidonians to Aphek, to the border of the Amorites; 5 and the land of the Gebalites, and all Lebanon, toward the sunrise, from Baal Gad under Mount Hermon to Lebo Hamath: 6 all the inhabitants of the hill country from Lebanon to Misrephoth Maim, even all the Sidonians; them will I drive out from before the children of Israel: only you allocate it to Israel for an inheritance, as I have commanded you. 7 Now therefore divide this land for an inheritance to the nine tribes and the halftribe of Manasseh: from the Jordan as far as the Great Sea toward the setting of the sun, you are to give it; the Great Sea will be the boundary. 8 But to the two tribes and to the half-tribe of Manasseh, with him the Reubenites and the Gadites received their inheritance. which Moses gave them, beyond the Jordan eastward, even as Moses the servant of the LORD gave them: 9 from Aroer, that is on the edge of the Valley of the Arnon, and the city that is in the middle of the valley, and all the plain of Medeba to Dibon; 10 and all the cities of Sihon king of the Amorites, who reigned in Heshbon, to the border of the people of Ammon; 11 and Gilead, and the border of the Geshurites and Maacathites, and all Mount Hermon, and all Bashan to Salecah; 12 all the

and in Edrei (the same was left of the remnant of the Rephaim); for Moses attacked these, and drove them the priest, Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of out. 13 Nevertheless the children of Israel did not drive ancestral houses of the tribes of the children of Israel, out the Geshurites, nor the Maacathites: but Geshur distributed to them, 2 by the lot of their inheritance, as and Maacath dwell in the midst of Israel to this day. 14 the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses, to give Only he gave no inheritance to the tribe of Levi. The to the nine tribes, and for the half-tribe. 3 For Moses offerings of the LORD, the God of Israel, made by fire had given the inheritance of the two tribes and the halfare his inheritance, as he spoke to him. 15 Moses gave tribe beyond the Jordan; but to the Levites he gave to the tribe of the descendants of Reuben according to no inheritance among them. 4 For the descendants of their families. 16 Their border was from Aroer, that is on Joseph were two tribes, Manasseh and Ephraim: and the edge of the Valley of the Arnon, and the city that is they gave no portion to the Levites in the land, except in the middle of the valley, and all the plain by Medeba; cities to dwell in, with their suburbs for their livestock 17 Heshbon, and all its cities that are in the plain; Dibon, and for their property. 5 The children of Israel did as the Bamoth Baal, Beth Baal Meon, 18 Jahaz, Kedemoth, LORD commanded Moses, and they divided the land. 6 Mephaath, 19 Kiriathaim, Sibmah, Zereth Shahar in Then the descendants of Judah drew near to Joshua in the mount of the valley, 20 Beth Peor, the slopes of Gilgal. Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to Pisgah, Beth Jeshimoth, 21 all the cities of the plain, him, "You know the thing that the LORD spoke to Moses and all the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites, who the man of God concerning me and concerning you in reigned in Heshbon, whom Moses struck with the chiefs Kadesh Barnea. 7 I was forty years old when Moses the of Midian, Evi, Rekem, Zur, Hur, and Reba, the princes servant of the LORD sent me from Kadesh Barnea to of Sihon, who lived in the land. 22 The children of Israel spy out the land. I brought him word again as it was in also killed Balaam, the son of Beor, the soothsayer, my heart. 8 Nevertheless, my brothers who went up with the sword, among the rest of their slain. 23 The with me made the heart of the people melt; but I wholly border of the descendants of Reuben was the bank of followed the LORD my God. 9 Moses swore on that the Jordan. This was the inheritance of the descendants day, saying, 'Surely the land where you walked shall of Reuben according to their families, the cities and be an inheritance to you and to your children forever, its villages. 24 Moses gave to the tribe of Gad, to the because you have wholly followed the LORD my God.' descendants of Gad, according to their families. 25 Their 10 Now, look, the LORD has kept me alive, as he spoke, border was Jazer, and all the cities of Gilead, and half these forty-five years, from the time that the LORD the land of the people of Ammon, to Aroer that is before spoke this word to Moses, while Israel walked in the Rabbah; 26 and from Heshbon to Ramath Mizpeh, and wilderness. Now, look, I am eighty-five years old, today. Betonim; and from Mahanaim to the border of Debir; 27 11 I am still as strong today as I was in the day that and in the valley, Beth Haram, Beth Nimrah, Succoth, Moses sent me: as my strength was then, even so is and Zaphon, the rest of the kingdom of Sihon king of my strength now for war, to go out and to come in. 12 Heshbon, the Jordan's bank, to the uttermost part of the Now therefore give me this hill country, of which the sea of Kinnereth beyond the Jordan eastward. 28 This LORD spoke in that day; for you heard in that day how is the inheritance of the descendants of Gad according the Anakim were there, and great and fortified cities. It to their families, the cities and its villages. 29 Moses may be that the LORD will be with me, and I shall drive gave an inheritance to the half-tribe of Manasseh. It them out, as the LORD spoke." 13 Joshua blessed him; was for the half-tribe of the descendants of Manasseh and he gave Hebron to Caleb the son of Jephunneh according to their families. 30 Their border was from for an inheritance. 14 Therefore Hebron became the Mahanaim, all Bashan, all the kingdom of Og king of inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite Bashan, and all the towns of Jair, which are in Bashan, to this day; because he wholly followed the LORD, the sixty cities. 31 Half Gilead, Ashtaroth, and Edrei, the God of Israel. 15 Now the name of Hebron before was cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan, were for the Kiriath Arba, after the greatest man among the Anakim. descendants of Makir the son of Manasseh, even for The land had rest from war. the half of the descendants of Makir according to their families. 32 These are the inheritances which Moses distributed in the plains of Moab, beyond the Jordan at Jericho, eastward. 33 But to the tribe of Levi Moses gave no inheritance. The LORD, the God of Israel, is their inheritance, as he spoke to them.

kingdom of Og in Bashan, who reigned in Ashtaroth 11 These are the inheritances which the children of Israel took in the land of Canaan, which Eleazar

> f 15 The lot for the tribe of the descendants of Judah according to their families was to the border of Edom, even to the wilderness of Zin southward, toward the Negev in the far south. 2 Their south border was from the uttermost part of the Salt Sea, from the bay that looks southward; 3 and it went out southward of

the ascent of Akrabbim, and passed along to Zin, and according to their families. 21 The farthest cities of the the north guarter was from the bay of the sea at the end 27 and Hazar Gaddah, and Heshmon, and Beth Pelet, of the Jordan. 6 The border went up to Beth Hoglah, 28 and Hazar Shual, and Beersheba and its villages, waters of En Shemesh, and ended at En Rogel. 8 The Enam, 35 Jarmuth, and Adullam, Socoh, and Azekah, of the Jebusites southward (that is, Jerusalem); and the sheepfolds; fourteen cities with their villages. 37 Zenan, the waters of Nephtoah, and went out to the cities of sixteen cities with their villages. 42 Libnah, and Ether, is, Hebron). 14 Caleb drove out the three sons of Anak: Jezreel, and Jokdeam, and Zanoah, 57 Kain, Gibeah, Anak. 15 He went up against the inhabitants of Debir. Beth Zur, and Gedor, 59 and Maarath, and Beth Anoth, Caleb said, "He who strikes Kiriath Sepher, and takes Ephrathah (that is, Bethlehem), and Peor, and Etam, and he gave him Achsah his daughter as wife. 18 It their villages. 60 Kiriath Baal (that is, Kiriath Jearim), inheritance of the tribe of the descendants of Judah Judah at Jerusalem to this day.

went up by the south of Kadesh Barnea, and passed tribe of the descendants of Judah toward the border along by Hezron, went up to Addar, and turned about to of Edom in the south were Kabzeel, and Arad, and Karka; 4 and it passed along to Azmon, went out at the Jagur, 22 and Kinah, and Dimonah, and Adadah, 23 Wadi of Egypt; and the border ended at the sea. This and Kedesh, and Hazor Ithnan, 24 Ziph, and Telem, and was their southern border. 5 The east border was the Bealoth, 25 and Hazor Hadattah, and Kerioth Hezron Salt Sea, even to the end of the Jordan. The border of (that is, Hazor), 26 Amam, and Shema, and Moladah, and passed along by the north of Beth Arabah; and 29 Baalah, and Iyim, and Ezem, 30 and Eltolad, and the border went up to the Stone of Bohan the son of Bethul, and Hormah, 31 and Ziklag, and Madmannah, Reuben. 7 The border went up to Debir from the Valley and Sansannah, 32 and Lebaoth, and Shilhim, and of Achor, and so northward, looking toward Gilgal, that En Rimmon. All the cities are twenty-nine, with their is over against the ascent of Adummim, which is on the villages. 33 In the lowland, Eshtaol, and Zorah, and south side of the river. The border passed along to the Ashnah, 34 and Zanoah, and En Gannim, Tappuah, and border went up by the Valley of Ben Hinnom to the slope 36 and Shaaraim, and Adithaim, and Gederah, and its border went up to the top of the mountain that lies before and Hadashah, and Migdal Gad, 38 and Dilean, and the Valley of Hinnom westward, which is at the farthest Mizpeh, and Joktheel, 39 Lachish, and Bozkath, and part of the Valley of Rephaim northward. 9 The border Eglon, 40 and Cabbon, and Lahmas, and Kitlish, 41 and extended from the top of the mountain to the spring of Gederoth, Beth Dagon, and Naamah, and Makkedah; Mount Ephron; and the border extended to Baalah (that and Ashan, 43 and Iphtah, and Ashnah, and Nezib, 44 is, Kiriath Jearim); 10 and the border turned about from and Keilah, and Achzib, and Mareshah; nine cities with Baalah westward to Mount Seir, and passed along to their villages. 45 Ekron, with its towns and its villages; the side of Mount Jearim on the north (that is, Kesalon), 46 from Ekron even to the sea, all that were by the side and went down to Beth Shemesh, and passed along by of Ashdod, with their villages. 47 Ashdod, its towns and Timnah; 11 and the border went out to the side of Ekron its villages; Gaza, its towns and its villages; to the Wadi northward; and the border extended to Shikkeron, and of Egypt, and the Great Sea with its coastline. 48 In passed along to Mount Baalah, and went out at Jabneel; the hill country, Shamir, and Jattir, and Socoh, 49 and and the goings out of the border were at the sea. 12 The Rannah, and Kiriath Sepher (which is Debir), 50 and west border was to the shore of the Great Sea. This Anab, and Eshtemoh, and Anim, 51 and Goshen, and is the border of the descendants of Judah according Holon, and Giloh; eleven cities with their villages. 52 to their families. 13 To Caleb the son of Jephunneh Arab, and Rumah, and Eshan, 53 and Janum, and Beth he gave a portion among the descendants of Judah, Tappuah, and Aphekah, 54 and Humtah, and Kiriath according to the commandment of the LORD to Joshua, Arba (that is, Hebron), and Zior; nine cities with their even Kiriath Arba, named after the father of Anak (that villages. 55 Maon, Carmel, and Ziph, and Juttah, 56 and Sheshai, and Ahiman, and Talmai, the descendants of and Timnah; ten cities with their villages. 58 Halhul, Now the name of Debir formerly was Kiriath Sepher. 16 and Eltekon: six cities with their villages, Tekoa, and it, to him will I give Achsah my daughter as wife." 17 and Kolan, and Tatem, and Shoresh, and Kerem, and Othniel the son of Kenaz, the brother of Caleb, took it: Gallim, and Bether, and Manocho: eleven cities with happened, when she came, that she had him ask her and Rabbah; two cities with their villages. 61 In the father for a field. She got off of her donkey, and Caleb wilderness, Beth Arabah, Middin, and Secacah, 62 and said, "What do you want?" 19 She said, "Give me a Nibshan, and Ir Hamelach, and En Gedi; six cities with blessing. Because you have set me in the land of the their villages. 63 As for the Jebusites, the inhabitants Negev, give me also springs of water." He gave her of Jerusalem, the descendants of Judah couldn't drive the upper springs and the lower springs. 20 This is the them out; but the Jebusites live with the descendants of

16 The lot came out for the descendants of Joseph border of Manasseh was from Asher to Michmethath. on the east, even the wilderness, going up from Jericho right hand to Jashub and to En Tappuah. 8 The land through the hill country to Bethel. 2 It went out from of Tappuah belonged to Manasseh; but Tappuah, on Bethel to Luz, and passed along to the border of the the border of Manasseh, belonged to the descendants Archites at Ataroth; 3 and it went down westward to of Ephraim. 9 The border went down to Wadi Kanah, the border of the Japhletites, to the border of Lower southward of the wadi. These cities belonged to Ephraim Beth Horon, even to Gezer; and ended at the sea. 4 among the cities of Manasseh. The border of Manasseh The descendants of Joseph, Manasseh and Ephraim, was on the north side of the wadi, and ended at the sea. took their inheritance. 5 This was the border of the 10 Southward it was Ephraim's, and northward it was descendants of Ephraim according to their families. Manasseh's, and the sea was his border. They reached The border of their inheritance eastward was Ataroth to Asher on the north, and to Issachar on the east. Addar, to Upper Beth Horon. 6 The border went out 11 And Manasseh had in Issachar and in Asher, Beth westward at Michmethath on the north of Termah. Shean and its towns, and Ibleam and its towns, and the The border turned about eastward to Taanath Shiloh, inhabitants of Dor and its towns, and the inhabitants of and passed along it on the east of Janoah. 7 It went Endor and its towns, and the inhabitants of Taanach and down from Janoah to Ataroth, to Naaratah, reached to its towns, and the inhabitants of Megiddo and its towns; Jericho, and went out at the Jordan. 8 From Tappuah three regions. 12 Yet the descendants of Manasseh the border went along westward to Wadi Kanah; and couldn't drive out the inhabitants of those cities; but the ended at the sea. This is the inheritance of the tribe of Canaanites would dwell in that land. 13 It happened, the descendants of Ephraim according to their families; when the children of Israel had grown strong, that they 9 together with the cities which were set apart for the put the Canaanites to forced labor, and did not utterly descendants of Ephraim in the midst of the inheritance drive them out. 14 The descendants of Joseph spoke of the descendants of Manasseh, all the cities with their to Joshua, saying, "Why have you given me just one villages. 10 They did not drive out the Canaanites who lot and one part for an inheritance, since I am a great lived in Gezer; but the Canaanites dwell in the midst of people, because the LORD has blessed me so far?" 15 Ephraim to this day, and have become servants to do Joshua said to them, "If you are a great people, go up to forced labor.

17 This was the lot for the tribe of Manasseh, for he was the firstborn of Joseph. As for Makir the firstborn of Manasseh, the father of Gilead, because he was a man of war, therefore he had Gilead and Bashan. 2 So this was for the rest of the descendants of Manasseh according to their families: for the descendants of Abiezer, for the descendants of Helek, for the descendants of Asriel, for the descendants of Shechem, for the descendants of Hepher, and for the descendants of Shemida: these were the male descendants of Manasseh the son of Joseph according to their families. 3 But Zelophehad, the son of Hepher, the son of Gilead, the son of Makir, the son of Manasseh, had no sons, but daughters: and these are the names of his daughters: Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah. 4 They came near before Eleazar the priest, and before Joshua the son of Nun, and before the leaders, saying, "The LORD commanded Moses to give us an inheritance among our brothers." Therefore according to the commandment of the LORD he gave them an inheritance among the brothers of their father. 5 Ten parts fell to Manasseh, besides the land of Gilead and Bashan, which is beyond the Jordan; 6 because the daughters of Manasseh had an inheritance among his sons. The land of Gilead belonged to the rest of the sons of Manasseh. 7 The

from the Jordan at Jericho, at the waters of Jericho which is before Shechem. The border went along to the the forest, and clear land for yourself there in the land of

the Perizzites and of the Rephaim; since the hill country of Ephraim is too narrow for you." 16 The descendants of Joseph said, "The hill country is not enough for us. All the Canaanites who dwell in the land of the valley have chariots of iron, both those who are in Beth Shean and its towns, and those who are in the Valley of Jezreel." 17 Joshua spoke to the house of Joseph, even to Ephraim and to Manasseh, saying, "You are a great people, and have great power. You shall not have one lot only; 18 but the hill country shall be yours. Although it is a forest, you shall cut it down, and its farthest extent shall be yours; for you shall drive out the Canaanites, though they have chariots of iron, and though they are strong."

18 The whole congregation of the children of Israel assembled themselves together at Shiloh, and set up the Tent of Meeting there. The land was subdued before them. 2 Seven tribes remained among the children of Israel, which had not yet divided their inheritance. 3 Joshua said to the children of Israel, "How long will you neglect to go in to possess the land, which the LORD, the God of your fathers, has given you? 4 Appoint for you three men of each tribe. I will send them, and they shall arise, walk through the land, and describe it according to their inheritance; and they shall Judah shall live in his borders on the south, and the 21 Now the cities of the tribe of the descendants of house of Joseph shall live in their borders on the north. Benjamin according to their families were Jericho, and 6 You shall survey the land into seven parts, and bring Beth Hoglah, and Emek Keziz, 22 and Beth Arabah, the description here to me; and I will cast lots for you and Zemaraim, and Bethel, 23 and Avvim, and Parah, here before the LORD our God. 7 For the Levites have and Ophrah, 24 and Chephar Ammoni, and Ophni, and no portion among you; for the priesthood of the LORD Geba; twelve cities with their villages. 25 Gibeon, and is their inheritance. Gad, Reuben, and the half-tribe Ramah, and Beeroth, 26 and Mizpeh, and Chephirah, of Manasseh have received their inheritance beyond and Mozah, 27 and Rekem, and Irpeel, and Taralah, 28 the Jordan eastward, which Moses the servant of the and Zelah, Haeleph, and Jebus (that is, Jerusalem), LORD gave them." 8 The men arose and went. Joshua and Gibeath, and Kiriath Jearim; fourteen cities with commanded those who went to survey the land, saying, their villages. This is the inheritance of the descendants "Go walk through the land, survey it, and come again of Benjamin according to their families. to me. I will cast lots for you here before the LORD in Shiloh." 9 The men went and passed through the land, and surveyed it by cities into seven portions on a scroll. They came to Joshua to the camp at Shiloh. 10 Joshua cast lots for them in Shiloh before the LORD. There Joshua divided the land to the children of Israel according to their divisions. 11 The lot of the tribe of the descendants of Benjamin came up according to their families. The border of their lot went out between the descendants of Judah and the descendants of Joseph. 12 Their border on the north guarter was from the Jordan. The border went up to the side of Jericho on the north, and went up through the hill country westward. It ended at the wilderness of Beth Aven. 13 The border passed along from there to Luz, to the side of Luz (that is, Bethel), southward. The border went down to Ataroth Addar, by the mountain that lies on the south of Lower Beth Horon. 14 The border extended, and turned around on the west guarter southward, from the mountain that lies before Beth Horon southward: and ended at Kiriath Baal (that is, Kiriath Jearim), a city of the descendants of Judah. This was the west guarter. 15 The south guarter was from the farthest part of Kiriath Jearim. The border went out westward, and went out to the spring of the waters of Nephtoah. 16 The border went down to the farthest part of the mountain that lies before the Valley of Ben Hinnom, which is in the Valley of Rephaim northward. It went down to the Valley of Hinnom, to the slope of the Jebusites southward, and went down to En Rogel. 17 It extended northward, went out at En Shemesh, and went out to Geliloth, which is over against the ascent of Adummim. It went down to the Stone of Bohan the son of Reuben. 18 And it passed on to the north to the shoulder of Beth Arabah, and went down to the Arabah. 19 The border passed along to the side of Beth Hoglah northward; and the border ended at the north bay of the Salt Sea, at the south end of the Jordan. This was the south border. 20 The Jordan was its border on the east quarter. This was the inheritance of the descendants of Benjamin,

come to me. 5 They shall divide it into seven portions, by the borders around it, according to their families.

19 The second lot came out for Simeon, even for the tribe of the descendants of Simeon according to their families. Their inheritance was in the midst of the inheritance of the descendants of Judah. 2 And they had for their inheritance Beersheba, and Moladah, 3 and Hazar Shual, and Balah, and Ezem, 4 and Eltolad, and Bethul, and Hormah. 5 and Ziklag. and Beth Marcaboth, and Hazar Susah, 6 and Beth Lebaoth, and Sharuhen; thirteen cities with their villages; 7 En Rimmon, and Token, and Ether, and Ashan; four cities with their villages; 8 and all the villages that were around these cities to Baalath Beer, Ramath Negev. This is the inheritance of the tribe of the descendants of Simeon according to their families. 9 Out of the part of the descendants of Judah was the inheritance of the descendants of Simeon: for the portion of the descendants of Judah was too much for them. Therefore the descendants of Simeon had inheritance in the midst of their inheritance. 10 And the third lot came up for the descendants of Zebulun according to their families, and the border of their inheritance was to Sadud. 11 Their border went up westward, and to Maralah, and reached to Dabbesheth, and it reached to the wadi that is before Jokneam. 12 And it turned from Sadud eastward toward the sunrise to the border of Chisloth Tabor, and it went out to Daberath, and went up to Japhia. 13 From there it passed along eastward to Gath Hepher, to Eth Kazin; and it went out to Rimmon which bends toward Neah. 14 The border turned around it on the north to Hannathon; and it ended at the Valley of Iphtah El; 15 Kattath, Nahalal, Shim'on, Idalah, and Bethlehem: twelve cities with their villages. 16 This is the inheritance of the descendants of Zebulun according to their families, these cities with their villages. 17 The fourth lot came out for Issachar, even for the descendants of Issachar according to their families. 18 And their border was to Jezreel, and Chesulloth, and Shunem, 19 and Hapharaim, and Shion, and Anaharath, 20 and Daberath, and Kishion, and Ebez, 21 and Remeth, and Engannim, and En Haddah, and

Shahazumah, and Beth Shemesh; and their border gave an inheritance among them to Joshua the son of ended at the Jordan: sixteen cities with their villages. 23 Nun. 50 According to the commandment of the LORD, This is the inheritance of the tribe of the descendants of they gave him the city which he asked, even Timnath Issachar according to their families, the cities with their Serah in the hill country of Ephraim; and he built the city, villages. 24 The fifth lot came out for the tribe of the and lived there. 51 These are the inheritances, which descendants of Asher according to their families. 25 Eleazar the priest, Joshua the son of Nun, and the Their border was from Helkath (and Hali, and Beten, and heads of ancestral houses of the tribes of the children Achshaph, 26 and Allammelech, and Amad, and Mishal) of Israel distributed by lot in Shiloh before the LORD, at and it reached to Carmel westward, and to Shihor the door of the Tent of Meeting. So they made an end of Libnath. 27 And it turned eastward to Beth Dagon, and dividing the land. reached to Zebulun and to the Valley of Iphtah El on the north. And the border goes north to Beth Emek and Neiel, and it went out to Cabul on the north, 28 and Abdon, and Rehob, and Hammon, and Kanah, even to Greater Sidon. 29 The border turned to Ramah. to the fortified city of Tyre; and the border turned to Hosah, and it ended at the sea; Mahalab, and Achzib, 30 and Acco, and Aphek, and Rehob: twenty-two cities with their villages. 31 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the descendants of Asher according to their families, these cities with their villages. 32 The sixth lot came out for the descendants of Naphtali, even for the descendants of Naphtali according to their families. 33 Their border was from Heleph, from the oak in Zaanannim, Adaminekeb, and Jabneel, to Lakkum. It ended at the Jordan. 34 The border turned westward to Aznoth Tabor, and went out from there to Hukkok. It reached to Zebulun on the south, and reached to Asher on the west, and to Judah at the Jordan toward the east. 35 The fortified cities were Ziddim, Zer, Hammath, Rakkath, Kinnereth, 36 Adamah, Ramah, Hazor, 37 Kedesh, Edrei, En Hazor, 38 Yiron, Migdal El, Horem, Beth Anath, and Beth Shemesh; nineteen cities with their villages. 39 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the descendants of Naphtali according to their families, the cities with their villages. 40 The seventh lot came out for the tribe of the descendants of Dan according to their families. 41 And the border of their inheritance was Zorah, and Eshtaol, and Ir Shemesh, 42 and Shaalbin, and Aijalon, and Jithlah, 43 and Elon, and Timnah, and Ekron, 44 and Eltekeh, and Gibbethon, and Baalath. 45 and Jehud. and Azzur, and Bene Berak, and Gath Rimmon, 46 and from the sea, Jarkon, and Rakkon, with the border over Dan slipped out of their control, so the descendants

Beth Pazzez, 22 The border reached to Tabor, and land for inheritance by its borders. The children of Israel

20 The LORD spoke to Joshua, saying, 2 "Speak to the children of Israel, saying, 'Assign the cities of refuge, of which I spoke to you by Moses, 3 that the manslayer who kills any person accidentally or unintentionally may flee there. They shall be for you a refuge from the avenger of blood. 4 He shall flee to one of those cities, and shall stand at the entrance of the gate of the city, and declare his cause in the ears of the elders of that city. They shall take him into the city with them, and give him a place, that he may live among them. 5 If the avenger of blood pursue after him, then they shall not deliver up the manslayer into his hand; because he struck his neighbor unintentionally, and did not hate him before. 6 He shall dwell in that city until he stands before the congregation for judgment, until the death of the high priest that shall be in those days. Then the manslayer shall return, and come to his own city, and to his own house, to the city he fled from." 7 They set apart Kedesh in Galilee in the hill country of Naphtali. Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim, and Kiriath Arba (that is, Hebron) in the hill country of Judah. 8 Beyond the Jordan at Jericho eastward, they assigned Bezer on the wilderness plateau out of the tribe of Reuben, Ramoth in Gilead out of the tribe of Gad, and Golan in Bashan out of the tribe of Manasseh. 9 These were the appointed cities for all the children of Israel, and for the stranger who sojourns among them, that whoever kills any person unintentionally might flee there, and not die by the hand of the avenger of blood, until he stands before the congregation.

Then the heads of ancestral houses of the Levites came near to Eleazar the priest, and to Joshua against Joppa. 47 And the border of the descendants of the son of Nun, and to the heads of ancestral houses of the tribes of the children of Israel. 2 They spoke of Dan went up and fought against Leshem, and after to them at Shiloh in the land of Canaan, saying, "The capturing it and striking it with the sword they took LORD commanded Moses to give us cities to dwell in, possession of it and dwelt in it, and called Leshem, with their suburbs for our livestock." 3 The children Dan. after the name of Dan their ancestor. 48 This of Israel gave to the Levites out of their inheritance, is the inheritance of the tribe of the descendants of according to the commandment of the LORD, these Dan according to their families, these cities with their cities with their suburbs. 4 The lot came out for the villages. 49 So they made an end of distributing the families of the Kohathites. The descendants of Aaron by lot out of the tribe of Judah, out of the tribe of the suburbs, Daberath with its suburbs, 29 Jarmuth with Simeonites, and out of the tribe of Benjamin. 5 The rest its suburbs, En Gannim with its suburbs; four cities. of the descendants of Kohath had ten cities by lot out **30** Out of the tribe of Asher, Mishal with its suburbs, of the families of the tribe of Ephraim, out of the tribe Abdon with its suburbs, 31 Helkath with its suburbs, of Dan, and out of the half-tribe of Manasseh. 6 The and Rehob with its suburbs; four cities. 32 Out of the descendants of Gershon had thirteen cities by lot out of tribe of Naphtali, Kedesh in Galilee with its suburbs, the the families of the tribe of Issachar, out of the tribe of city of refuge for the manslayer, Hammothdor with its Asher, out of the tribe of Naphtali, and out of the half- suburbs, and Kartan with its suburbs; three cities. 33 All tribe of Manasseh in Bashan. 7 The descendants of the cities of the Gershonites according to their families Merari according to their families had twelve cities by were thirteen cities with their suburbs. 34 To the families lot out of the tribe of Reuben, out of the tribe of Gad, of the descendants of Merari, the rest of the Levites, and out of the tribe of Zebulun. 8 The children of Israel out of the tribe of Zebulun, Jokneam with its suburbs. gave these cities with their suburbs by lot to the Levites, Kartah with its suburbs, 35 Rimmon with its suburbs, as the LORD commanded by Moses. 9 They gave out and Nahalal with its suburbs; four cities. 36 And across of the tribe of the descendants of Judah, and out of the Jordan opposite Jericho, from the tribe of Reuben: a the tribe of the descendants of Simeon, these cities city of refuge for the manslayer, Bezer in the wilderness, which are mentioned by name: 10 and they were for the on the plateau, with its suburbs, Jahaz with its suburbs, descendants of Aaron, of the families of the Kohathites, 37 Kedemoth with its suburbs, and Mephaath with its who were of the descendants of Levi; for theirs was the suburbs; four cities. 38 Out of the tribe of Gad, Ramoth first lot. 11 They gave them Kiriath Arba, named after in Gilead with its suburbs, the city of refuge for the the father of Anak (that is, Hebron), in the hill country manslayer, and Mahanaim with its suburbs, 39 Heshbon of Judah, with its suburbs around it. 12 But they gave with its suburbs, Jazer with its suburbs; four cities in all. the fields of the city and its villages to Caleb the son of 40 All these were the cities of the descendants of Merari Jephunneh for his possession. 13 To the descendants of according to their families, even the rest of the families Aaron the priest they gave Hebron with its suburbs, the of the Levites. Their lot was twelve cities. 41 All the city of refuge for the manslayer, Libnah with its suburbs, cities of the Levites in the midst of the possession of 14 Jattir with its suburbs, Eshtemoa with its suburbs, the children of Israel were forty-eight cities with their 15 Holon with its suburbs, Debir with its suburbs, 16 suburbs. 42 Each of these cities included their suburbs Ashan with its suburbs, Juttah with its suburbs, and around them. It was this way with all these cities. 43 So Beth Shemesh with its suburbs; nine cities out of those the LORD gave to Israel all the land which he swore to two tribes. 17 Out of the tribe of Benjamin, Gibeon with give to their fathers. They possessed it, and lived in it. its suburbs, Geba with its suburbs, 18 Anathoth with its 44 The LORD gave them rest all around, according to suburbs, and Almon with its suburbs; four cities. 19 All all that he swore to their fathers. Not a man of all their the cities of the descendants of Aaron, the priests, were enemies stood before them. The LORD delivered all thirteen cities with their suburbs. 20 The families of the their enemies into their hand. 45 Nothing failed of any descendants of Kohath, the Levites, even the rest of the good thing which the LORD had spoken to the house of descendants of Kohath, had the cities of their lot out of Israel. All came to pass. the tribe of Ephraim. 21 They gave them Shechem with its suburbs in the hill country of Ephraim, the city of refuge for the manslayer, and Gezer with its suburbs, 22 Kibzaim with its suburbs, and Beth Horon with its suburbs; four cities. 23 Out of the tribe of Dan, Elteke with its suburbs, Gibbethon with its suburbs, 24 Aijalon with its suburbs, Gath Rimmon with its suburbs; four cities. 25 Out of the half-tribe of Manasseh, Taanach with its suburbs, and Beth Shean with its suburbs; two cities. 26 All the cities of the families of the rest of the descendants of Kohath were ten with their suburbs. 27 They gave to the descendants of Gershon, of the families of the Levites, out of the half-tribe of Manasseh Golan in Bashan with its suburbs, the city of refuge for the manslayer, and Be Eshterah with its suburbs; two

the priest, who were of the Levites, had thirteen cities cities, 28 Out of the tribe of Issachar, Kishion with its

22 Then Joshua called the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half title of Manageria. and the half-tribe of Manasseh, 2 and said to them, "You have kept all that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, and have listened to my voice in all that I commanded you. 3 You have not left your brothers these many days to this day, but have performed the duty of the commandment of the LORD your God. 4 Now the LORD your God has given rest to your brothers, as he spoke to them. Therefore now return and go to your tents, to the land of your possession, which Moses the servant of the LORD gave you beyond the Jordan. 5 Only take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, to love the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to keep his

commandments, to hold fast to him, and to serve him tabernacle dwells, and take possession among us; but with all your heart and with all your soul." 6 So Joshua do not rebel against the LORD, nor rebel against us, blessed them, and sent them away; and they went to in building an altar other than the altar of the LORD their tents. 7 Now to the one half-tribe of Manasseh our God. 20 Did not Achan the son of Zerah commit a Moses had given inheritance in Bashan; but to the other trespass in the devoted thing, and wrath fell on all the half gave Joshua among their brothers beyond the congregation of Israel? That man did not perish alone in Jordan westward. Moreover when Joshua sent them his iniquity." 21 Then the descendants of Reuben and away to their tents, he blessed them, 8 and spoke to the descendants of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh them, saying, "Return with much wealth to your tents, answered, and spoke to the heads of the thousands of with very much livestock, with silver, with gold, with Israel, 22 "El, God, the LORD. El, God, the LORD. He bronze, with iron, and with very much clothing. Divide knows; and Israel shall know. If it was in rebellion, or if in the spoil of your enemies with your brothers." 9 The trespass against the LORD, do not save us this day, 23 descendants of Reuben and the descendants of Gad that we have built us an altar to turn away from following and the half-tribe of Manasseh returned, and departed the LORD; or if to offer burnt offering or meal offering, from the children of Israel out of Shiloh, which is in the or if to offer sacrifices of peace offerings, let the LORD land of Canaan, to go to the land of Gilead, to the land himself require it. 24 If we have not out of concern of their possession, which they owned, according to done this, and for a reason, saying, 'In time to come the commandment of the LORD by Moses. 10 When your descendants might speak to our descendants, they came to the region about the Jordan, that is in the saying, "What have you to do with the LORD, the God of land of Canaan, the descendants of Reuben and the Israel? 25 For the LORD has made the Jordan a border descendants of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh built between us and you, you descendants of Reuben and there an altar by the Jordan, a great altar to look at. 11 descendants of Gad. You have no portion in the LORD." The children of Israel heard this, "Look, the descendants So your children might make our children cease from of Reuben and the descendants of Gad and the half- fearing the LORD. 26 Therefore we said. 'Let's now tribe of Manasseh have built an altar in the forefront of prepare to build ourselves an altar, not for burnt offering, the land of Canaan, in the region about the Jordan, on nor for sacrifice; 27 but it will be a witness between us the side that pertains to the children of Israel." 12 When and you, and between our generations after us, that the children of Israel heard of it, the whole congregation we may perform the service of the LORD before him of the children of Israel gathered themselves together at with our burnt offerings, with our sacrifices, and with our Shiloh, to go up against them to war. 13 The children of peace offerings," that your descendants may not tell our Israel sent to the descendants of Reuben, and to the descendants in time to come, 'You have no portion in descendants of Gad, and to the half-tribe of Manasseh, the LORD.' 28 Therefore we said, 'It shall be, when they into the land of Gilead, Phinehas the son of Eleazar tell us or our generations this in time to come, that we the priest, 14 and with him ten princes, one prince of shall say, "Look the pattern of the altar of the LORD, a fathers' house for each of the tribes of Israel; and which our fathers made, not for burnt offering, nor for every one of them heads of ancestral houses among the sacrifice; but it is a witness between us and you." 29 Far thousands of Israel. 15 They came to the descendants be it from us that we should rebel against the LORD, of Reuben, and to the descendants of Gad, and to and turn away this day from following the LORD, to the half-tribe of Manasseh, to the land of Gilead, and build an altar for burnt offering, for meal offering, or for they spoke with them, saying, 16 "Thus says the whole sacrifice, besides the altar of the LORD our God that is congregation of the LORD, 'What trespass is this that before his tabernacle." 30 When Phinehas the priest, you have committed against the God of Israel, to turn and the leaders of the congregation, even the heads away this day from following the LORD, in that you have of the thousands of Israel that were with him, heard built you an altar, to rebel this day against the LORD? the words that the descendants of Reuben and the 17 Is the iniquity of Peor too little for us, from which we descendants of Gad and the descendants of Manasseh have not cleansed ourselves to this day, although there spoke, it pleased them well. 31 Phinehas the son of came a plague on the congregation of the LORD, **18** Eleazar the priest said to the descendants of Reuben, that you must turn away this day from following the to the descendants of Gad, and to the descendants LORD? It will be, seeing that you rebel today against of Manasseh, "Today we know that the LORD is in the LORD, that tomorrow he will be angry with the the midst of us, because you have not committed this whole congregation of Israel. 19 However, if the land of trespass against the LORD. Now you have delivered the your possession is unclean, then pass over to the land children of Israel out of the hand of the LORD." 32 And

of the possession of the LORD, in which the LORD's Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, and the leaders,

returned from the descendants of Reuben, and from the of all the good things which the LORD your God spoke "A witness between us that the LORD is God."

73 It happened after many days, when the LORD had given rest to Israel from their enemies all around, and Joshua was old and well advanced in years, 2 that Joshua called for all Israel, for their elders and for their heads, and for their judges and for their officers, and said to them, "I am old and well advanced in years. 3 You have seen all that the LORD your God has done to all these nations because of you; for it is the LORD your God who has fought for you. 4 Look, I have allotted to lived of old time beyond the River, even Terah, the you these nations that remain, to be an inheritance for father of Abraham, and the father of Nahor: and they your tribes, from the Jordan, with all the nations that I served other gods. 3 I took your father Abraham from have cut off, even to the Great Sea toward the going beyond the River, and led him throughout all the land down of the sun. 5 And the LORD your God will himself of Canaan, and multiplied his descendants, and gave thrust them out from before you, and drive them out him Isaac. 4 And I gave to Isaac Jacob and Esau. And of your sight, and he will send wild animals against I gave to Esau Mount Seir, to possess it. And Jacob them until he utterly destroys them and their kings from and his children went down into Egypt, and became before you; and you will inherit their land, as the LORD there a great and numerous and mighty nation, and the your God spoke to you. 6 Therefore be very courageous Egyptians afflicted them. 5 And I sent Moses and Aaron, to keep and to do all that is written in the book of the and I plagued Egypt, according to that which I did in its law of Moses, that you not turn aside from it to the right midst; and afterward I brought you out 6 from Egypt. hand or to the left; 7 that you not come among these And you came to the sea, and the Egyptians pursued nations, these that remain among you; neither make after your fathers with chariots and with horsemen to the mention of the name of their gods, nor cause to swear Red Sea. 7 When they cried out to the LORD, he put by them, neither serve them, nor bow down yourselves darkness between you and the Egyptians, and brought to them; a but hold fast to the LORD your God, as you the sea on them, and covered them; and your eyes saw have done to this day. 9 For the LORD has driven great what I did in Egypt: and you lived in the wilderness many and strong nations out from before you. But as for you, no man has stood before you to this day. 10 One man that lived beyond the Jordan: and they fought with you; of you shall chase a thousand; for the LORD your God and I gave them into your hand. You possessed their is he who fights for you, as he spoke to you. 11 And land; and I destroyed them from before you. 9 Then be very watchful of yourselves to love the LORD your Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, arose and fought God. 12 Else if you do at all go back, and hold fast to against Israel. He sent and called Balaam the son of the remnant of these nations, even these who remain Beor to curse you; 10 but I would not listen to Balaam; among you, and make marriages with them, and go in therefore he blessed you still. So I delivered you out of to them, and they to you; 13 know for a certainty that his hand. 11 You went over the Jordan, and came to the LORD your God will no longer drive these nations Jericho. The men of Jericho fought against you, the from out of your sight; but they shall be a snare and Amorite, the Perizzite, the Canaanite, the Hethite, the a trap to you, a scourge in your sides, and thorns in Girgashite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite; and I delivered your eyes, until you perish from off this good land which them into your hand. 12 I sent the hornet before you, the LORD your God has given you. 14 Look, today I which drove them out from before you, even the two am going the way of all the earth. You know in all your kings of the Amorites; not with your sword, nor with your hearts and in all your souls that not one thing has failed bow. 13 I gave you a land whereon you had not labored,

descendants of Gad, out of the land of Gilead, to the concerning you. All have happened to you. Not one land of Canaan, to the children of Israel, and brought thing has failed of it. 15 It shall happen that as all the them word again. 33 The thing pleased the children good things have come on you of which the LORD your of Israel; and the children of Israel blessed God, and God spoke to you, so the LORD will bring on you all the spoke no more of going up against them to war, to evil things, until he has destroyed you from off this good destroy the land in which the descendants of Reuben land which the LORD your God has given you, 16 when and the descendants of Gad lived. 34 The descendants you disobey the covenant of the LORD your God, which of Reuben and the descendants of Gad called the altar: he commanded you, and go and serve other gods, and bow down yourselves to them. Then the anger of the LORD will be kindled against you, and you will perish guickly from off the good land which he has given to you."

> **24** Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and called for the elders of Israel, for their heads, for their judges, and for their officers; and they presented themselves before God. 2 Joshua said to all the people. "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'Your fathers days. 8 I brought you into the land of the Amorites, and cities which you did not build, and you live in them.

You eat of vineyards and olive groves which you did parcel of ground which Jacob bought of the sons of not plant.' 14 Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve Hamor the father of Shechem for a hundred kesitahs. him in sincerity and in truth. Put away the gods which They became the inheritance of the descendants of your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and Joseph. 33 Eleazar the son of Aaron died. They buried serve the LORD. 15 If it seems evil to you to serve the him in the hill of Phinehas his son, which was given him LORD, choose this day whom you will serve; whether in the hill country of Ephraim. the gods which your fathers served that were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." 16 The people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD, to serve other gods: 17 for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, and who did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way in which we went, and among all the peoples through the midst of whom we passed. 18 The LORD drove out from before us all the peoples, even the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD; for he is our God." 19 Joshua said to the people, "You can't serve the LORD; for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God. He will not forgive your disobedience nor your sins. 20 If you forsake the LORD, and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after he has done you good." 21 The people said to Joshua, "No; but we will serve the LORD." 22 Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen you the LORD, to serve him." They said, "We are witnesses." 23 "Now therefore put away the foreign gods which are among you, and incline your heart to the LORD, the God of Israel." 24 The people said to Joshua, "We will serve the LORD our God, and we will listen to his voice." 25 So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made for them a statute and an ordinance in Shechem. 26 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 Joshua said to all the people, "Look, this stone shall be a witness against us; for it has heard all the words of the LORD which he spoke to us. It shall be therefore a witness against you, lest you deny your God." 28 So Joshua sent the people away, every man to his inheritance. 29 It happened after these things, that Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died, being one hundred ten years old. 30 They buried him in the border of his inheritance in Timnath Serah, which is in the hill country of Ephraim. on the north of the mountain of Gaash. 31 Israel served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, and had known all the work of the LORD, that he had worked for Israel. 32 They buried the bones of Joseph, which the children of Israel brought up out of Egypt, in Shechem, in the

Judges

1 It happened after the death of Joshua, the children of Israel asked of the LORD, saying, "Who should go up first to fight for us against the Canaanites?" 2 The LORD said, "Judah should go up. Look, I have delivered the land into his hand." 3 Judah said to Simeon his brother, "Come up with me into my lot, that we may fight against the Canaanites: and I likewise will go with you into your lot." So Simeon went with him. 4 Judah went up: and the LORD delivered the Canaanites and the Perizzites into their hand: and they struck of them in Bezek ten thousand men. 5 They found Adoni-Bezek in Bezek: and they fought against him, and they struck 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 Adoni-Bezek said. "Seventy kings, having their thumbs and their great toes cut off, scavenged under my table: as I have done, so God has requited me." They brought him to Jerusalem. and he died there. 8 The people of Judah fought against Jerusalem, and took it, and struck it with the edge of the sword, and set the city on fire. 9 Afterward the people of Judah went down to fight against the Canaanites who lived in the hill country, and in the Negev, and in the lowland. 10 And Judah went against the Canaanites who lived in Hebron, and Hebron came out in opposition (now the name of Hebron before was Kiriath Arba), and they struck Sheshai, and Ahiman, and Talmai, 11 From there he went against the inhabitants of Debir. (Now the name of Debir before was Kiriath Sepher.) 12 Caleb said, "He who strikes Kiriath Sepher, and takes it, to him will I give Achsah my daughter as wife." 13 Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother, took it: and he gave him Achsah his daughter as wife. 14 It happened. when she came to him, that she got him to ask her father for a field. And she got off from her donkey, and Caleb said to her, "What would you like?" 15 She said to him, "Give me a blessing; since you have given me the land in the Negev, give me also springs of water." So Caleb gave her according to her heart the upper springs and the lower springs. 16 And the descendants of the Kenite. Moses' father-in-law, went up out of the city of palm trees with the people of Judah into the wilderness of Judah, which is in the Negev of Arad; and they went and lived with the people. 17 Judah went with Simeon his brother, and they struck the Canaanites who inhabited Zephath, and utterly destroyed it. The name of the city was called Hormah. 18 Also Judah took Gaza with its territory, and Ashkelon with its territory, and Ekron with its territory, and Ashdod with its surrounding lands. 19 The LORD was with Judah: and drove out the inhabitants of the hill country; for he could not drive out

the inhabitants of the valley, because they had chariots of iron. 20 They gave Hebron to Caleb, as Moses had spoken. And from there he possessed the three cities. and he drove out from there the three sons of Anak. 21 The people of Benjamin did not drive out the Jebusites who inhabited Jerusalem; but the Jebusites dwell with the people of Benjamin in Jerusalem to this day. 22 And the house of Joseph also went up against Bethel; and the LORD was with them. 23 And the house of Joseph sent out spies to Bethel. (Now the name of the city before was Luz.) 24 And the spies saw a man coming out of the city, and they captured him, and they said to him, "Please show us the entrance into the city, and we will show you mercy." 25 He showed them the entrance into the city; and they struck the city with the edge of the sword: but they let the man go and all his family. 26 The man went into the land of the Hittites, and built a city, and called its name Luz, which is its name to this day. 27 Manasseh did not drive out the inhabitants of Beth Shean and its towns, nor Taanach and its towns, nor the inhabitants of Dor and its towns, nor the inhabitants of Ibleam and its towns, nor the inhabitants of Megiddo and its towns; but the Canaanites would dwell in that land. 28 It happened, when Israel had grown strong. that they put the Canaanites to forced labor, and did not utterly drive them out. 29 Ephraim didn't drive out the Canaanites who lived in Gezer: but the Canaanites lived in Gezer among them. 30 Zebulun didn't drive out the inhabitants of Kitron, nor the inhabitants of Nahalol: but the Canaanites lived among them, and became subject to forced labor. 31 Asher did not drive out the inhabitants of Acco, nor the inhabitants of Sidon, nor of Ahlab, nor of Achzib, nor of Helbah, nor of Aphik, nor of Rehob; 32 but the Asherites lived among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land; for they did not drive them out. 33 Naphtali didn't drive out the inhabitants of Beth Shemesh, nor the inhabitants of Beth Anath; but he lived among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land: nevertheless the inhabitants of Beth Shemesh and of Beth Anath became subject to forced labor. 34 The Amorites forced the people of Dan into the hill country: for they would not allow them to come down to the valley; 35 but the Amorites would dwell in Mount Heres, in Aijalon, and in Shaalbim: vet the hand of the house of Joseph prevailed, so that they became subject to forced labor. 36 The border of the Amorites was from the ascent of Akrabbim, from Sela and upward.

2 The angel of the LORD came up from Gilgal to Bochim. He said, "I made you to go up out of Egypt, and have brought you to the land which I swore to your fathers; and I said, 'I will never break my covenant inhabitants of this land; you shall break down their their practices, and they did not turn aside from their altars.' But you have not listened to my voice: why have stubborn ways. 20 The anger of the LORD was kindled you done this? 3 Therefore I also said, I will not drive against Israel; and he said, "Because this nation has them out from before you, but they will become your transgressed my covenant which I commanded their adversaries, and their gods shall be a snare to you." 4 It fathers, and have not obeyed my voice; 21 I will no happened, when the angel of the LORD spoke these longer drive out before them any of the nations that words to all the children of Israel, that the people lifted Joshua left when he died; 22 that by them I may test up their voice, and wept. 5 They called the name of that Israel, whether they will keep the way of the LORD to place Bochim: and they sacrificed there to the LORD. walk in it, as their fathers kept it, or not." 23 So the 6 Now when Joshua had sent the people away, the LORD left those nations, without driving them out hastily; children of Israel went every man to his inheritance to neither delivered he them into the hand of Joshua. possess the land. 7 The people served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great work of the LORD that he had worked for Israel. 8 Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died, being one hundred ten years old. 9 They buried him in the territory of his inheritance in Timnath Serah, in the hill country of Ephraim, on the north of the mountain of Gaash. 10 And all that generation were also gathered to their fathers. And there arose another generation after them who did not know the LORD, nor the works which he had done for Israel. 11 The children of Israel did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, and served the Baals; 12 and they forsook the LORD, the God of their fathers, who brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods, of the gods of the peoples who were around them, and bowed themselves down to them: and they provoked the LORD to anger. 13 They forsook the LORD, and served Baal and the Ashtaroth. 14 The anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and he delivered them into the hands of marauders who plundered them; and he sold them into the hands of their enemies all around, so that they could not any longer stand before their enemies. 15 Wherever they went out, the hand of the LORD was against them for harm, as the LORD had spoken, and as the LORD had sworn to them: and they were in great distress. 16 The LORD raised up judges, who saved them out of the hand of those who plundered them. 17 Yet they did not listen to their judges: for they played the prostitute after other gods, and bowed themselves down to them: they turned aside guickly out of the way in which their fathers walked, obeying the commandments of the LORD; but they did not do so. 18 When the LORD raised up judges for them, then the LORD was with the judge, and saved them out of the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge: for it grieved the LORD because of their groaning by reason of those who oppressed them and troubled them. 19 But it happened, when the judge was dead, that they turned back, and dealt more corruptly than their fathers, in following other gods to serve them,

with you: 2 and you shall make no covenant with the and to bow down to them; they did not cease from

3 Now these are the nations which the LORD left, to prove Israel by them, even as many of Israel as had not known all the wars of Canaan; 2 only that the generations of the children of Israel might know, to teach them war, at the least such as before knew nothing of it: 3 namely, the five lords of the Philistines, and all the Canaanites, and the Sidonians, and the Hivites who lived on Mount Lebanon, from Mount Baal Hermon to Lebo Hamath. 4 They were left, to prove Israel by them, to know whether they would listen to the commandments of the LORD, which he commanded their fathers by the hand of Moses. 5 The children of Israel lived among the Canaanites, the Hethites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites: 6 and they took their daughters to be their wives, and gave their own daughters to their sons and served their gods. 7 The children of Israel did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, and forgot the LORD their God, and served the Baals and the Asheroth. 8 Therefore the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and he sold them into the hand of Cushan Rishathaim king of Aram Naharaim; and the children of Israel served Cushan Rishathaim eight years. 9 When the children of Israel cried to the LORD, the LORD raised up a savior to the children of Israel, who saved them, even Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother; and he obeyed him. 10 The Spirit of the LORD came on him, and he judged Israel; and he went out to war, and the LORD delivered Cushan Rishathaim king of Mesopotamia into his hand: and his hand prevailed against Cushan Rishathaim. 11 The land had rest forty years. And Othniel the son of Kenaz died. 12 The children of Israel again did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD: and the LORD strengthened Eglon the king of Moab against Israel, because they had done that which was evil in the sight of the LORD. 13 He gathered to him the people of Ammon and Amalek; and he went and struck Israel, and they possessed the city of palm trees. 14 The children of Israel served Eglon the king of Moab eighteen years. 15 But when the children of Israel cried to the LORD, the LORD raised them up a savior. Ehud the son of Gera, the Benjamite. charjots of iron; and twenty years he mightily oppressed a man left-handed. The children of Israel sent tribute by the children of Israel. 4 Now Deborah, a prophetess, him to Eglon the king of Moab. 16 Ehud made him a the wife of Lappidoth, she judged Israel at that time. sword which had two edges, eighteen inches in length; 5 She lived under the palm tree of Deborah between and he girded it under his clothing on his right thigh. Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim: and 17 He offered the tribute to Eglon king of Moab: now the children of Israel came up to her for judgment. 6 Eglon was a very fat man. 18 When he had made an She sent and called Barak the son of Abinoam out of end of offering the tribute, he sent away the people who Kedesh Naphtali, and said to him, "Hasn't the LORD, bore the tribute. 19 But he himself turned back from the God of Israel, commanded, 'Go and draw to Mount the quarries that were by Gilgal, and said, "I have a Tabor, and take with you ten thousand men of the secret message for you, O king." The king said, "Keep people of Naphtali and of the people of Zebulun? 7 I silence." All who stood by him went out from him. 20 will draw to you, to the river Kishon, Sisera, the captain Ehud came to him; and he was sitting by himself alone of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his multitude; in the cool upper room. Ehud said, "I have a message and I will deliver him into your hand." 8 Barak said to from God to you, O king." He arose out of his seat. 21 her, "If you will go with me, then I will go; but if you And it happened as he rose up that Ehud put forth his will not go with me, I will not go, for I do not know the left hand and took the sword from his right thigh and day on which the LORD prospers his angel with me." thrust it into his belly. 22 And the handle also went in 9 She said, "I will surely go with you, but know that after the blade; and the fat closed on the blade, for he the journey that you take will not be for your honor; for didn't draw the sword out of his belly; and it came out the LORD will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman." behind. 23 Then Ehud went forth into the porch, and Deborah arose, and went with Barak to Kedesh. 10 shut the doors of the upper room on him, and locked Barak called Zebulun and Naphtali together to Kedesh; them. 24 Now when he was gone out, his servants and there went up ten thousand men at his feet: and came; and they saw, and look, the doors of the upper Deborah went up with him. 11 Now Heber the Kenite room were locked; and they said, "Surely he is covering had separated himself from the Kenites, even from the his feet in the upper room." 25 They waited until they descendants of Hobab the brother-in-law of Moses, and were ashamed; and look, he did not open the doors had pitched his tent as far as the oak in Zaanannim, of the upper room: therefore they took the key, and which is by Kedesh. 12 And it was reported to Sisera opened them, and look, their lord was fallen down dead that Barak the son of Abinoam had gone up to Mount on the earth. 26 Ehud escaped while they waited, and Tabor. 13 Sisera gathered together all his chariots, even passed beyond the guarries, and escaped to Seirah. 27 nine hundred chariots of iron, and all the people who It happened, when he had come, that he blew a trumpet were with him, from Harosheth Haggoyim, to the river in the hill country of Ephraim; and the children of Israel Kishon. 14 Deborah said to Barak, "Arise, for this is the went down with him from the hill country, and he before day in which the LORD has delivered Sisera into your them. 28 He said to them, "Follow after me; for the hand. Hasn't the LORD gone out before you?" So Barak LORD has delivered your enemies the Moabites into went down from Mount Tabor, and ten thousand men your hand." They went down after him, and took the after him. 15 The LORD confused Sisera, and all his fords of the Jordan against the Moabites, and did not chariots, and all his army, with the edge of the sword allow a man to pass over. 29 They struck of Moab at before Barak; and Sisera got off from his chariot, and that time about ten thousand men, every lusty man, and fled away on his feet. 16 But Barak pursued after the every man of valor; and there escaped not a man. 30 So chariots, and after the army, to Harosheth Haggoyim: Moab was subdued that day under the hand of Israel, and all the army of Sisera fell by the edge of the sword: Then the land had rest eighty years. And Ehud judged there was not a man left. 17 However Sisera fled away them until he died. 31 And after him was Shamgar the on his feet to the tent of Jael the wife of Heber the son of Anath, who alone struck down six hundred men Kenite; for there was peace between Jabin the king of of the Philistines with an oxgoad. And he also saved Hazor and the house of Heber the Kenite. 18 Jael went Israel.

▲ The children of Israel again did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, when Ehud was dead. 2 The LORD sold them into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the captain of whose army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth Haggoyim. 3 The children of Israel cried to the LORD: for he had nine hundred

out to meet Sisera, and said to him, "Turn in, my lord, turn in to me; do not be afraid." He came in to her into the tent, and she covered him with a rug. 19 He said to her, "Please give me a little water to drink; for I am thirsty." She opened a bottle of milk, and gave him drink, and covered him. 20 He said to her, "Stand in the door of the tent, and it shall be, when any man comes and

inquires of you, and says, 'Is there any man here?' that the piping for the flocks? At the divisions of Reuben to her; and look, Sisera lay dead, and the tent peg was no plunder of silver. 20 From the sky the stars fought. The hand of the children of Israel prevailed more and river Kishon. My soul, march on with strength. 22 Then destroyed Jabin king of Canaan.

5 Then Deborah and Barak the son of Abinoam sang on that day, saying, 2 "Because the leaders took the lead in Israel, because the people offered themselves willingly, be blessed, LORD. 3 "Hear, you kings. Give ear, you princes. I, even I, will sing to the LORD. I will sing praise to the LORD, the God of Israel. 4 "LORD, when you went forth out of Seir, when you marched out of the field of Edom, the earth trembled, the sky also dropped. Yes, the clouds dropped water. 5 The mountains quaked at the presence of the LORD, even Sinai, at the presence of the LORD, the God of Israel. 6 "In the days of Shamgar the son of Anath, in the days of Jael, the highways were unoccupied. The travelers walked through byways. 7 The rulers ceased in Israel. They ceased until I, Deborah, arose; Until I arose a mother in Israel. 8 They chose new gods. Then war was in the gates. Was there a shield or spear seen among forty thousand in Israel? 9 My heart is toward the leaders of Israel, who offered themselves willingly among the people. Bless the LORD. 10 "Speak, you who ride on white donkeys, you who sit on saddle blankets, and you who walk by the way. 11 Far from the noise of archers, in the places of drawing water, there they will rehearse the righteous acts of the LORD, the righteous acts of his rule in Israel. "Then the people of the LORD went down to the gates. 12 'Awake, awake, Deborah. Awaken the multitudes of a nation. Awake, awake, sing a song. Be strong. Arise, Barak. And Deborah, strengthen Barak. And lead away your captives, son of Abinoam.' 13 "Then a remnant of the nobles came down. The people of the LORD marched down to me against the mighty. 14 the strongholds. 3 And so it was, when Israel had sown, From Ephraim those who uprooted Amalek came out, that Midian, Amalek, and the Kedemites would come up following you, Benjamin, among your peoples; out of against them. 4 And they camped against them, and Makir leaders came down, and out of Zebulun those destroyed the increase of the earth, as far as Gaza, and that handle the staff of office. 15 And the princes of they left no sustenance in Israel, as well as sheep, or ox, Issachar were with Deborah. As was Issachar, so was or donkey. 5 For they came up with their livestock and Barak. They rushed into the valley at his feet. By the their tents and their camels. They would come in like watercourses of Reuben, there were great resolves of locusts in number, and they were innumerable. And they heart. 16 Why did you sit among the sheepfolds, to hear came into the land to ravage it. 6 Israel was brought

you shall say, 'No." 21 Then Jael Heber's wife took a there were great searchings of heart. 17 Gilead lived tent peg, and took a hammer in her hand, and went beyond the Jordan. Why did Dan remain in ships? Asher softly to him, and struck the pin into his temples, and it sat still at the haven of the sea, and lived by his harbors. pierced through into the ground; for he was in a deep 18 Zebulun was a people that risked their lives even to sleep; so he died. 22 Look, as Barak pursued Sisera, death; Naphtali also, on the high places of the field. 19 Jael came out to meet him, and said to him, "Come, The kings came and fought, then the kings of Canaan and I will show you the man whom you seek." He came fought at Taanach by the waters of Megiddo. They took in his temples. 23 So God subdued on that day Jabin From their courses, they fought against Sisera. 21 The the king of Canaan before the children of Israel. 24 river Kishon swept them away, that ancient river, the more against Jabin the king of Canaan, until they had the horse hoofs pounded because of the galloping, the galloping of their steeds. 23 Curse Meroz, said the angel of the LORD. Curse bitterly its inhabitants, because they did not come to help the LORD, to help the LORD against the mighty. 24 Jael shall be blessed above women, the wife of Heber the Kenite; blessed shall she be above women in the tent. 25 He asked for water. She gave him milk. She brought him curds in a princely bowl. 26 She put her hand to the tent peg, and her right hand to the workmen's hammer. She struck Sisera, she pierced his head; she shattered and struck through his temple. 27 At her feet he collapsed, he fell, he lay. At her feet he collapsed, he fell. Where he collapsed, there he fell down, destroyed. 28 Through the window she looked out. Sisera's mother cried out through the lattice, 'Why is his chariot so long in coming? Why are the hoofbeats of his chariots delayed?' 29 Her wise princesses answered her; indeed, she answers herself, 30 'Have they not found, have they not divided the spoil? A womb or two for every man; to Sisera a spoil of dyed garments, A spoil of dyed garments embroidered, Of dyed garments embroidered on both sides, for the neck of the plunderer?' 31 So let all your enemies perish, LORD, but let those who love you be as the sun when it rises forth in its strength." And the land had rest forty years.

> 6 And the children of Israel did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, and the LORD delivered them into the hand of Midian seven years. 2 And the hand of Midian prevailed against Israel; and because of Midian the children of Israel made for themselves the dens which are in the mountains, and the caves, and

very low because of Midian; and the children of Israel the same night, that the LORD said to him, "Take your cried to the LORD. 7 It happened, when the children of father's bull, even the second bull seven years old, and Israel cried to the LORD because of Midian, s that the tear down the altar of Baal that your father has, and cut LORD sent a prophet to the children of Israel, and he down the Asherah that is beside it; 26 and build an altar said to them, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'I to the LORD your God on the top of this stronghold, in brought you up from the land of Egypt, and brought you the orderly manner, and take the second bull, and offer forth out of the house of bondage; 9 and I delivered you a burnt offering with the wood of the Asherah which you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of shall cut down." 27 Then Gideon took ten men of his all who oppressed you, and drove them out from before servants, and did as the LORD had spoken to him: and you, and gave you their land; 10 and I said to you, "I it came about, because he feared his father's household am the LORD your God; you shall not fear the gods of and the men of the city, so that he could not do it by the Amorites, in whose land you dwell." But you have day, that he did it by night. 28 When the men of the city not listened to my voice." 11 The angel of the LORD arose early in the morning, look, the altar of Baal was came, and sat under the oak which was in Ophrah, that broken down, and the Asherah was cut down that was pertained to Joash the Abiezrite: and his son Gideon by it, and the second bull was offered on the altar that was beating out wheat in the winepress, to hide it from was built. 29 And they said to one another, "Who has the Midianites. 12 The angel of the LORD appeared to done this thing?" When they inquired and asked, they him, and said to him, "The LORD is with you, mighty said, "Gideon the son of Joash has done this thing." 30 warrior." 13 Gideon said to him, "Oh, my lord, if the Then the men of the city said to Joash, "Bring out your LORD is with us, why then has all this happened to us? son, that he may die, because he has broken down the Where are all his wondrous works which our fathers told altar of Baal, and because he has cut down the Asherah us of, saying, 'Didn't the LORD bring us up from Egypt?' that was by it." 31 Joash said to all who stood against But now the LORD has cast us off, and delivered us him, "Will you contend for Baal? Or will you save him? into the hand of Midian." 14 The LORD looked at him, He who will contend for him, let him be put to death and said, "Go in this strength of yours and save Israel while it is yet morning: if he is a god, let him contend for from the hand of Midian. Look, haven't I sent you?" 15 himself, because someone has broken down his altar." He said to him, "O Lord, how shall I save Israel? Look, 32 Therefore on that day he named him Jerubbaal, my family is the poorest in Manasseh, and I am the saying, "Let Baal contend against him, because he has least in my father's house." 16 And the LORD said to broken down his altar." 33 Then all Midian and Amalek him, "Surely I will be with you, and you shall strike the and the Kedemites assembled themselves together; and Midianites as one man." 17 He said to him, "If now I they crossed over, and camped in the Valley of Jezreel. have found favor in your sight, then show me a sign that 34 But the Spirit of the LORD came on Gideon; and he it is you who talk with me. 18 Please do not go away, blew a trumpet; and Abiezer was gathered together after until I come to you, and bring out my present, and lay it him. 35 He sent messengers throughout all Manasseh; before you." He said, "I will wait until you come back." 19 and they also were gathered together after him: and Gideon went in, and made ready a kid, and unleavened he sent messengers to Asher, and to Zebulun, and to cakes of an ephah of meal: the meat he put in a basket, Naphtali; and they came up to meet them. 36 Gideon and he put the broth in a pot, and brought it out to him said to God, "If you will save Israel by my hand, as you under the oak, and presented it. 20 The angel of God have spoken, 37 look, I will put a fleece of wool on the said to him, "Take the meat and the unleavened cakes, threshing floor; if there is dew on the fleece only, and it and lay them on this rock, and pour out the broth." And is dry on all the ground, then shall I know that you will he did so. 21 Then the angel of the LORD put forth the save Israel by my hand, as you have spoken." 38 It was end of the staff that was in his hand, and touched the so; for he rose up early on the next day, and pressed flesh and the unleavened cakes; and there went up the fleece together, and wrung the dew out of the fleece, fire out of the rock, and consumed the flesh and the a bowl full of water. 39 Gideon said to God, "Do not let unleavened cakes; and the angel of the LORD departed your anger be kindled against me, and I will speak but out of his sight. 22 Gideon saw that he was the angel of this once. Please let me make one more test with the the LORD; and Gideon said, "Alas, Lord GOD. Because fleece; let it now be dry only on the fleece, and on all I have seen the angel of the LORD face to face." 23 The the ground let there be dew." 40 God did so that night, LORD said to him, "Peace be to you. Do not be afraid. for it was dry on the fleece only, and there was dew all You shall not die." 24 Then Gideon built an altar there to over the ground. the LORD, and called it "The LORD is Peace." To this day it is still in Ophrah of the Abiezrites. 25 It happened

Then Jerubbaal, who is Gideon, and all the people 7 who were with him, rose up early, and camped

beside the spring of Harod. And the camp of Midian was your hand the army of Midian." 16 He divided the three on the north side of them, by the hill of Moreh, in the hundred men into three companies, and he put into valley. 2 The LORD said to Gideon, "The people who the hands of all of them trumpets, and empty pitchers, are with you are too many for me to give the Midianites with torches within the pitchers. 17 He said to them, into their hand, lest Israel vaunt themselves against me, "Look at me, and do likewise. And look, when I come saying, 'My own hand has saved me.' 3 Now therefore to the outermost part of the camp, it shall be that, as proclaim in the ears of the people, saying, 'Whoever is I do, so you shall do. 18 When I blow the trumpet, I fearful and trembling, let him return and depart from and all who are with me, then you blow the trumpets Mount Gilead.' There returned of the people twenty-two also on every side of all the camp, and say, "For the thousand; but ten thousand remained. 4 The LORD LORD and for Gideon." 19 So Gideon and the hundred said to Gideon, "The people are yet too many; bring men who were with him came to the outermost part of them down to the water, and I will try them for you there: the camp in the beginning of the middle watch, when and it shall be, that of whom I tell you, This shall go they had but newly set the watch: and they blew the with you, the same shall go with you; and of whoever trumpets, and broke in pieces the pitchers that were in I tell you, This shall not go with you, the same shall their hands. 20 The three companies blew the trumpets, not go. 5 So he brought down the people to the water. and broke the pitchers, and held the torches in their And the LORD said to Gideon, "Everyone who laps left hands, and the trumpets in their right hands with of the water with his tongue, as a dog laps, you shall which to blow; and they called out, "The sword of the put to one side; and everyone who gets down on his LORD and of Gideon." 21 They each stood in his place knees to drink with hand to mouth shall be on the other every man around the camp; and all the army ran; and side." 6 The number of those who lapped with their they shouted, and put them to flight. 22 They blew the tongues was three hundred men, but all the rest of the three hundred trumpets, and the LORD set every man's people got down on their knees to drink water. 7 The sword against each other throughout the camp; and the LORD said to Gideon, "By the three hundred men who army fled as far as Beth Shittah toward Zererah, as far lapped will I save you, and deliver the Midianites into as the border of Abel Meholah, by Tabbath. 23 The men your hand; and let all the people go every man to his of Israel were gathered together out of Naphtali, and out home." 8 So the people took food in their hand, and of Asher, and out of all Manasseh, and pursued after their trumpets; and he sent all the men of Israel every Midian. 24 Gideon sent messengers throughout all the man to his tent, but retained the three hundred men. hill country of Ephraim, saying, "Come down against And the camp of Midian was beneath him in the valley. Midian, and capture the waters, as far as Beth Barah, 9 It happened the same night, that the LORD said to even the Jordan." So all the men of Ephraim were him, "Arise, get down into the camp; for I have delivered gathered together, and seized the waters as far as Beth it into your hand. 10 But if you fear to go down, go Barah, even the Jordan. 25 They took the two princes of with Purah your servant down to the camp: 11 and you Midian, Oreb and Zeeb; and they killed Oreb at the rock shall hear what they say; and afterward will your hands of Oreb, and Zeeb they killed at the winepress of Zeeb, be strengthened to go down into the camp." Then he and pursued Midian. Then they brought the heads of went down with Purah his servant to the outermost Oreb and Zeeb to Gideon beyond the Jordan. part of the armed men who were in the camp. 12 And Midian, Amalek, and all the Kedemites lay along in the valley as numerous as locusts; and their camels were without number, as numerous as the sand which is on the seashore. 13 When Gideon had come. look, there was a man telling a dream to his friend; and he said, "Look, I had a dream, and look, a cake of barley bread tumbled into the camp of Midian, and came to the tent, and struck it so that it fell, and turned it upside down, so that the tent collapsed." 14 His friend answered, "This is nothing less than the sword of Gideon the son of Joash, a man of Israel. Into his hand God has delivered Midian, and all the army." 15 It was so, when Gideon heard the telling of the dream, and its interpretation, that he worshiped, and he returned into the camp of Israel, and said, "Get up, for the LORD has delivered into

The men of Ephraim said to him, "Why have you 8 done such a thing to us, not calling us when you went to fight with Midian?" And they argued with him fiercely. 2 He said to them, "What have I now done in comparison with you? Isn't the gleaning of the grapes of Ephraim better than the vintage of Abiezer? 3 God has delivered into your hand the princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb; and what was I able to do in comparison with you?" Then their anger subsided toward him, when he had said that. 4 Gideon came to the Jordan, and passed over, he, and the three hundred men who were with him, exhausted and famished. 5 He said to the men of Succoth, "Please give loaves of bread to the people who follow me; for they are exhausted, and I am pursuing after Zebah and Zalmunna, the kings of Midian." 6 The princes of Succoth said, "Are the we should give bread to your army?" 7 Gideon said, one of them threw an earring from his plunder. 26 The "Therefore when the LORD has delivered Zebah and weight of the golden earrings that he requested was one Zalmunna into my hand, then I will thresh your flesh thousand and seven hundred pieces of gold, besides with the thorns of the wilderness and with briers." 8 the crescents, and the pendants, and the purple clothing He went up there to Penuel, and spoke to them in like that was on the kings of Midian, and besides the chains manner; and the men of Penuel answered him as the that were about their camels' necks. 27 Gideon made men of Succoth had answered. 9 He spoke also to an ephod of it, and put it in his city, even in Ophrah: the men of Penuel, saying, "When I come again in and all Israel prostituted themselves after it there; and it peace, I will break down this tower." 10 Now Zebah and became a snare to Gideon, and to his house. 28 So Zalmunna were in Karkor, and their armies with them, Midian was subdued before the children of Israel, and about fifteen thousand men, all who were left of all the did not become a threat again. The land had rest forty army of the Kedemites; for there fell one hundred twenty years in the days of Gideon. 29 Jerubbaal the son of thousand men who drew sword. 11 And Gideon went Joash went and lived in his own house. 30 Gideon had up by the way of those who dwell in tents on the east seventy sons conceived from his body; for he had many of Nobah and Jogbehah, opposite Zebah, and struck wives. 31 His secondary wife who was in Shechem, she the army, when the army was unsuspecting. 12 Zebah also bore him a son, and he named him Abimelech. 32 and Zalmunna fled, and he pursued after them, and Gideon the son of Joash died in a good old age, and he took the two kings of Midian, Zebah and Zalmunna, was buried in the tomb of Joash his father, in Ophrah of and routed the entire army. 13 Gideon the son of Joash the Abiezrites. 33 It happened, as soon as Gideon was returned from the battle from the ascent of Heres. 14 dead, that the children of Israel turned again, and played He caught a young man of the men of Succoth, and the prostitute after the Baals, and made Baal Berith their inquired of him: and he described for him the officials god. 34 The children of Israel did not remember the of Succoth, and its elders, seventy-seven men. 15 He LORD their God, who had delivered them out of the came to the men of Succoth, and said, "Look Zebah and hand of all their enemies on every side; 35 neither did Zalmunna, concerning whom you taunted me, saying, they show kindness to the house of Jerubbaal, who is "Are the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna now in your Gideon, according to all the goodness which he had hand, that we should give bread to your men who are shown to Israel. weary?" 16 He took the elders of the city, and thorns of the wilderness and briers, and with them he threshed the men of Succoth. 17 He broke down the tower of Penuel, and killed the men of the city. 18 Then he said to Zebah and Zalmunna, "What kind of men were they whom you killed at Tabor?" They answered, "As you are, so were they; each one resembled the son of a king." 19 He said, "They were my brothers, the sons of my mother. As the LORD lives, if you had saved them alive, I would not kill you." 20 He said to Jether his firstborn, "Get up, and kill them." But the youth did not draw his sword; for he feared, because he was yet a youth. 21 Then Zebah and Zalmunna said, "Rise up yourself, and kill us, for a man is judged by his strength." Gideon arose, and killed Zebah and Zalmunna, and took the crescent ornaments that were on their camels' necks. 22 Then the men of Israel said to Gideon, "Rule over us, both you, and your son, and your son's son also; for you have saved us out of the hand of Midian." 23 Gideon said to them, "I will not rule over you, neither shall my son rule over you: the LORD shall rule over you." 24 Gideon said to them, "I would make a request of you, that you would give me every man the earrings from his plunder." (For they had golden earrings, because they were Ishmaelites.) 25 They answered, "We will

hands of Zebah and Zalmunna now in your hand, that willingly give them." They spread a garment, and every

 ${\boldsymbol{9}}$ Abimelech the son of Jerubbaal went to Shechem to his mother's brothers, and spoke with them, and with all the family of the house of his mother's father, saying, 2 "Please speak in the ears of all the lords of Shechem. 'Is it better for you that all the sons of Jerubbaal, who are seventy persons, rule over you, or that one rule over you?' Remember also that I am your bone and your flesh."" 3 And his mother's brothers spoke of him in the ears of all the lords of Shechem all these words: and their hearts inclined to follow Abimelech; for they said, "He is our brother." 4 They gave him seventy pieces of silver out of the house of Baal Berith, with which Abimelech hired vain and light fellows, who followed him. 5 He went to his father's house at Ophrah, and killed his brothers the sons of Jerubbaal, being seventy persons, on one stone. But Jotham the youngest son of Jerubbaal was left; for he hid himself. 6 And all the lords of Shechem assembled themselves together, and all Beth Millo, and went and made Abimelech king by the oak which is found at the pillar in Shechem. 7 And when they told it to Jotham, he went and stood on the top of Mount Gerizim, and lifted up his voice, and cried, and said to them, "Listen to me, you lords of Shechem, that God may listen to you. 8 The trees went forth on a time to anoint a king over them; and they said to the olive tree, 'Reign you over us.' 9 "But the olive tree said to father of Shechem, But why should we serve him? 29 them, 'Should I leave my fatness, with which by me they Would that this people were under my hand. Then I honor God and man, and go to wave back and forth over would remove Abimelech. I would say to Abimelech, the trees?' 10 "The trees said to the fig tree, 'Come, and "Increase your army, and come out." 30 When Zebul reign over us.' 11 "But the fig tree said to them, 'Should I the ruler of the city heard the words of Gaal the son of leave my sweetness, and my good fruit, and go to wave Ebed, his anger was kindled. 31 He sent messengers to back and forth over the trees?' 12 "The trees said to the Abimelech in Arumah, saying, "Look, Gaal the son of vine, 'Come, and reign over us.' 13 "The vine said to Ebed and his brothers have come to Shechem; and them, 'Should I leave my new wine, which cheers God look, they constrain the city to take part against you. 32 and man, and go to wave back and forth over the trees?' Now therefore, rise up by night, you and the people who 14 "Then all the trees said to the bramble, 'Come, and are with you, and lie in wait in the field. 33 And it shall reign over us.' 15 "The bramble said to the trees, 'If in be that in the morning, as soon as the sun is up, you truth you anoint me king over you, then come and take shall rise early, and rush on the city. And look, when he refuge in my shade; and if not, let fire come out of the and the people who are with him come out against you, bramble, and devour the cedars of Lebanon.' 16 "Now then do whatever you can to them." 34 Abimelech rose therefore, if you have dealt truly and righteously, in that up, and all the people who were with him, by night, and you have made Abimelech king, and if you have dealt they lay in wait against Shechem in four companies. 35 well with Jerubbaal and his house, and have done to And it happened early in the morning that Gaal the son him according to the deserving of his hands 17 (for my of Ebed went out, and stood in the entrance of the gate father fought for you, and risked his life, and delivered of the city. And Abimelech rose up, and the people who you out of the hand of Midian: 18 and you are risen up were with him, from the ambush. 36 When Gaal saw against my father's house this day, and have slain his the people, he said to Zebul, "Look, there are people sons, seventy persons, on one stone, and have made coming down from the tops of the mountains." Zebul Abimelech, the son of his female servant, king over the said to him, "You see the shadow of the mountains as if lords of Shechem, because he is your brother). 19 If you they were men." 37 Gaal spoke again and said, "Look, then have dealt truly and righteously with Jerubbaal and there are people coming down by the central part of with his house this day, then rejoice in Abimelech, and the land, and one company comes by the way of the let him also rejoice in you: 20 but if not, let fire come Diviners' Oak." 38 Then Zebul said to him, "Where is out from Abimelech, and devour the lords of Shechem, now your mouth, that you said, 'Who is Abimelech, that and Beth Millo; and let fire come out from the lords of we should serve him?' Is not this the people that you Shechem, and from Beth Millo, and devour Abimelech." have despised? Please go out now and fight with them." 21 And Jotham escaped and fled and went to Beer 39 And Gaal went out before the lords of Shechem, and and lived there, for fear of Abimelech his brother. 22 fought with Abimelech. 40 Abimelech chased him, and Abimelech was prince over Israel three years. 23 And he fled before him, and there fell many wounded, even God sent a spirit of hostility between Abimelech and to the entrance of the gate of the city. 41 And Abimelech the lords of Shechem; and the lords of Shechem dealt returned to Arumah; and Zebul drove out Gaal and treacherously with Abimelech: 24 that the violence done his brothers, so that they could not dwell in Shechem. to the seventy sons of Jerubbaal might come, and that 42 It happened on the next day, that the people went their blood might be laid on Abimelech their brother, out into the field; and they told Abimelech. 43 He took who killed them, and on the men of Shechem, who the people, and divided them into three companies, strengthened his hands to kill his brothers. 25 And the and waited in ambush in the field; and he looked, and lords of Shechem set an ambush for him on the tops of look, the people came forth out of the city. He rose up the mountains, and they robbed all who came along that against them, and struck them. 44 Abimelech, and the way by them. And it was told to Abimelech. 26 And Gaal companies that were with him, rushed forward, and the son of Ebed came with his brothers, and went over stood in the entrance of the gate of the city: and the two to Shechem; and the lords of Shechem put their trust companies rushed against all who were in the field, and in him. 27 They went out into the field, and gathered struck them. 45 Abimelech fought against the city all their vineyards, and trod the grapes, and held festival, that day; and he took the city, and killed the people who and went into the house of their god, and did eat and were in it. And he destroyed the city, and sowed it with drink, and cursed Abimelech. 28 Gaal the son of Ebed salt. 46 And when all the lords of the Tower of Shechem said, "Who is Abimelech, and who is Shechem, that heard of it, they entered into the stronghold of the house we should serve him? Isn't he the son of Jerubbaal, of El Berith. 47 And it was told Abimelech that all the

and Zebul his officer? Serve the men of Hamor the lords of the Tower of Shechem were gathered together.

48 So Abimelech went up to Mount Zalmon, he and all against Benjamin, and against the house of Ephraim; so the people who were with him; and Abimelech took that Israel was very distressed. 10 The children of Israel an axe in his hand, and cut down a branch from the cried to the LORD, saying, "We have sinned against trees, and took it up, and laid it on his shoulder. And he you, even because we have forsaken our God, and have said to the people who were with him, "What you have served the Baals." 11 The LORD said to the children of seen me do, do quickly, and do as I have done." 49 All Israel, "Did I not save you from the Egyptians, and from the people likewise cut down his branch and followed the Amorites, from the people of Ammon, and from the Abimelech, and put them on the stronghold, and set the Philistines? 12 Also the Sidonians, and Amalek, and stronghold on fire on them; so that all the men of the Midian oppressed you; and you cried to me, and I saved Tower of Shechem died also, about a thousand men you out of their hand. 13 Yet you have forsaken me, and and women. 50 Then Abimelech went to Thebez, and served other gods. Therefore I will save you no more. camped against Thebez, and took it. 51 But there was a 14 Go and cry to the gods which you have chosen; let strong tower within the city, and all the men and women them save you in the time of your distress." 15 The fled, and all the lords of the city, and shut themselves in, children of Israel said to the LORD, "We have sinned. and got them up to the roof of the tower. 52 Abimelech Do to us whatever seems good to you; only deliver came to the tower, and fought against it, and drew near us, please, this day." 16 They put away the foreign to the door of the tower to burn it with fire. 53 A certain gods from among them, and served the LORD; and his woman threw down an upper millstone on Abimelech's soul was grieved with the misery of Israel. 17 Then the head, and broke his skull. 54 Then he called guickly people of Ammon were gathered together, and camped to the young man his armor bearer, and said to him, in Gilead. The children of Israel assembled themselves "Draw your sword, and kill me, that men not say of me, together, and camped at Mizpah. 18 And the people. 'A woman killed him." So the young man thrust him the leaders of Gilead, said to each other, "What man is through, and he died. 55 When the men of Israel saw he who will begin to fight against the people of Ammon? that Abimelech was dead, they departed every man He shall be head over all the inhabitants of Gilead." to his place. 56 Thus God requited the wickedness of Abimelech, which he did to his father, in killing his seventy brothers: 57 and all the wickedness of the men of Shechem did God return on their heads, and on them came the curse of Jotham the son of Jerubbaal.

10 After Abimelech there arose to save Israel Tola not inherit in our father's house; for you are the son Issachar; and he lived in Shamir in the hill country of brothers, and lived in the land of Tob: and there were died, and was buried in Shamir. 3 After him arose Jair, with him. 4 It happened after a while, that the people He had thirty sons who rode on thirty donkeys, and they when the people of Ammon made war against Israel, had thirty towns, which are called Havvoth Jair to this the elders of Gilead went to get Jephthah out of the day, which are in the land of Gilead. 5 Jair died, and land of Tob; 6 and they said to Jephthah, "Come and be was buried in Kamon. 6 The children of Israel again our chief, that we may fight with the people of Ammon." did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, and 7 And Jephthah said to the elders of Gilead. "Did you served the Baals, and the Ashtaroth, and the gods of not hate me, and drive me out of my father's house, Aram, and the gods of Sidon, and the gods of Moab, and sent me away from you? And why have you come and the gods of the people of Ammon, and the gods to me now when you are in distress?" 8 The elders of of the Philistines; and they forsook the LORD, and did Gilead said to Jephthah, "Not so. We have turned to not serve him. 7 The anger of the LORD was kindled you now, that you may go with us, and fight with the against Israel, and he sold them into the hand of the people of Ammon; and you shall be our head over all Philistines, and into the hand of the people of Ammon. 8 the inhabitants of Gilead." 9 Jephthah said to the elders And they shattered and oppressed the children of Israel of Gilead, "If you bring me home again to fight with the that year. Eighteen years they oppressed all the children people of Ammon, and the LORD delivers them before of Israel that were beyond the Jordan in the land of the me, shall I be your head?" 10 The elders of Gilead said Amorites, which is in Gilead. 9 The people of Ammon to Jephthah, "The LORD shall be witness between us; passed over the Jordan to fight also against Judah, and surely according to your word so will we do." 11 Then

11 Now Jephthah the Gileadite was a mighty man of valor, and he was the son of a prostitute. And Gilead became the father of Jephthah. 2 Gilead's wife bore him sons; and when his wife's sons grew up, they drove out Jephthah, and said to him, "You shall the son of Puah, the son of Dodo, a man of of another woman." 3 Then Jephthah fled from his Ephraim. 2 He judged Israel twenty-three years, and gathered vain fellows to Jephthah, and they went out the Gileadite; and he judged Israel twenty-two years. 4 of Ammon made war against Israel. 5 It was so, that

Jephthah went with the elders of Gilead, and the people day between the children of Israel and the people of made him head and chief over them. And Jephthah Ammon." 28 However the king of the people of Ammon spoke all his words before the LORD in Mizpah. 12 did not listen to the words of Jephthah which he sent Jephthah sent messengers to the king of the people of him. 29 Then the Spirit of the LORD came on Jephthah, Ammon, saying, "What have you to do with me, that you and he passed over Gilead and Manasseh, and passed have come to me to fight against my land?" 13 And the over Mizpeh of Gilead, and from Mizpeh of Gilead he king of the people of Ammon answered the messengers passed over to the people of Ammon. 30 Jephthah of Jephthah, "Because Israel took away my land, when made a vow to the LORD, and said, "If you will indeed he came up out of Egypt, from the Arnon even to the deliver the people of Ammon into my hand, 31 then Jabbok, and to the Jordan. Now therefore restore it it shall be that whatever comes forth from the doors peaceably, and I will depart." 14 And the messengers of my house to meet me, when I return in peace from returned to Jephthah, and Jephthah sent messengers the people of Ammon, it shall be the LORD's, and I will again to the king of the people of Ammon; 15 and he offer it up for a burnt offering." 32 So Jephthah passed said to him, "Thus says Jephthah: 'Israel did not take over to the people of Ammon to fight against them; and away the land of Moab, nor the land of the people of the LORD delivered them into his hand. 33 He struck Ammon, 16 but when they came up from Egypt, and them from Aroer until you come to Minnith, even twenty Israel went through the wilderness to the Red Sea, and cities, and to Abel Keramim, with a very great slaughter. came to Kadesh; 17 then Israel sent messengers to So the people of Ammon were subdued before the the king of Edom, saying, 'Please let me pass through children of Israel. 34 Jephthah came to Mizpah to his your land.' But the king of Edom did not listen. In the house; and look, his daughter came out to meet him same way, he sent to the king of Moab; but he would with tambourines and with dances: and she was his not. So Israel stayed in Kadesh. 18 Then they went only child; besides her he had neither son nor daughter. through the wilderness, and went around the land of 35 And it happened, when he saw her, that he tore his Edom, and the land of Moab, and came by the east side clothes, and said, "Alas, my daughter. You have brought of the land of Moab, and they camped on the other side me very low. You have become a stumbling block in of the Arnon; but they did not come within the territory my sight. And you are among those who trouble me. of Moab, for the Arnon was the boundary of Moab. 19 For I have given my word to the LORD, and I can't Israel sent messengers to Sihon king of the Amorites, break it." 36 She said to him, "My father, since you the king of Heshbon; and Israel said to him, "Please let have given your word to the LORD; do to me as you me pass through your land to our land.' 20 But Sihon promised, because the LORD has taken vengeance for did not trust Israel to pass through his territory; but you on your enemies, even on the people of Ammon." Sihon gathered all his people together, and camped 37 She said to her father, "Let this thing be done for in Jahaz, and fought against Israel. 21 The LORD, me: leave me alone two months, that I may depart and the God of Israel, delivered Sihon and all his people go down on the mountains, and weep because of my into the hand of Israel, and they struck them. So Israel virginity, I and my companions." 38 He said, "Go." He possessed all the land of the Amorites, the inhabitants sent her away for two months: and she departed, she of that country. 22 They possessed all the territory of and her companions, and wept because of her virginity the Amorites, from the Arnon even to the Jabbok, and on the mountains. 39 It happened at the end of two from the wilderness even to the Jordan. 23 So now the months, that she returned to her father, who did with her LORD, the God of Israel, has driven out the Amorites according to what he had vowed. And she was a virgin. from before his people Israel, and should you possess It became a custom in Israel, 40 that the daughters of them? 24 Won't you possess that which Chemosh your Israel went yearly four days in a year to commemorate god gives you to possess? So whoever the LORD our the daughter of Jephthah the Gileadite. God has driven out from before us, we will possess. 25 And now are you anything better than Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab? Did he ever contend against Israel, or did he ever fight against them? 26 While Israel lived in Heshbon and its towns, and in Aroer and its towns, and in all the cities that are along by the side of the Arnon, three hundred years; why did you not liberate them within that time? 27 I therefore have not sinned against you, but you do me wrong by making war against me. The LORD, the Judge, be judge this

12 The men of Ephraim were gathered together, and passed northward; and they said to Jephthah, "Why did you pass over to fight against the people of Ammon, and did not call us to go with you? We will burn your house on you with fire." 2 And Jephthah said to them, "I and my people had a dispute, and the people of Ammon were oppressing me greatly; and when I called you, you did not save me out of their hand. 3 When I saw that you did not save me, I put my life in my own hands, and passed over against the death." 8 Then Manoah pleaded with the LORD, and people of Ammon, and the LORD delivered them into said, "Oh, Lord, please let the man of God whom you "You are fugitives of Ephraim, you Gileadites, in the husband, wasn't with her, 10 The woman ran guickly. sons. He judged Israel seven years. 10 Ibzan died, Manoah, "Though you detain me, I won't eat of your the Pirathonite died, and was buried in Pirathon in the land of Ephraim, in the hill country of the Amalekites.

13 The children of Israel again did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD; and the LORD delivered them into the hand of the Philistines forty years. 2 There was a certain man of Zorah, of the family of the Danites, whose name was Manoah: and his wife was barren. and did not bear. 3 The angel of the LORD appeared to the woman, and said to her, "See now, you are barren, and do not bear; but you shall conceive, and bear a son. 4 Now therefore please be careful and drink no wine nor strong drink, and do not eat any unclean thing 5 For look, you shall conceive, and bear a son; and no razor will come on his head; for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb. And he shall begin to save Israel out of the hand of the Philistines." 6 Then the woman came and told her husband, saving, "A man of God came to me, and his face was like the face of the angel of God, very awesome; and I didn't ask him where he was from, neither did he tell me his name, 7 but he said to me, 'Look, you shall conceive, and bear a son. And now drink no wine nor strong drink, and do not eat any unclean thing; for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb until the day of his

my hand. Why then have you come up to me this day, to did send come again to us, and teach us what we shall fight against me?" 4 Then Jephthah gathered together do to the child who shall be born." 9 God listened to the all the men of Gilead, and fought with Ephraim; and voice of Manoah; and the angel of God came again the men of Gilead struck Ephraim, because they said, to the woman as she sat in the field: but Manoah, her midst of Ephraim, and in the midst of Manasseh." 5 and told her husband, and said to him, "Look, the man The Gileadites took the fords of the Jordan against the who came to me the other day has appeared to me." 11 Ephraimites. It was so, that when any of the fugitives of Manoah arose, and went after his wife, and came to the Ephraim said, "Let me go over," the men of Gilead said man, and said to him, "Are you the man who spoke to to him, "Are you an Ephraimite?" If he said, "No"; 6 the woman?" He said, "I am." 12 Manoah said, "Now let then they said to him, "Now say 'Shibboleth;" and he your word happen. How shall the child be raised and said "Sibboleth"; for he couldn't manage to pronounce it what is he to do?" 13 The angel of the LORD said to right: then they seized him, and killed him at the fords of Manoah, "Of all that I said to the woman let her be the Jordan. There fell at that time of Ephraim forty-two careful. 14 She may not eat of anything that comes of thousand. 7 Jephthah judged Israel six years. Then the vine, neither let her drink wine or strong drink, nor Jephthah the Gileadite died, and was buried in his city in eat any unclean thing. All that I have commanded her Gilead. 8 After him Ibzan of Bethlehem judged Israel. 9 she is to observe." 15 Manoah said to the angel of the He had thirty sons; and thirty daughters he sent abroad, LORD, "Please, stay a bit longer that we may prepare a and thirty daughters he brought in from abroad for his young goat for you." 16 The angel of the LORD said to and was buried at Bethlehem. 11 After him Elon the bread. And if you prepare a burnt offering, you must Zebulunite judged Israel: and he judged Israel ten years. offer it to the LORD." For Manoah did not know that 12 Elon the Zebulunite died, and was buried in Aijalon in he was the angel of the LORD. 17 Manoah said to the the land of Zebulun. 13 After him Abdon the son of Hillel angel of the LORD, "What is your name, that when the Pirathonite judged Israel. 14 He had forty sons and your words come true we may honor you?" 18 And the thirty grandsons who rode on seventy donkey colts. And angel of the LORD said to him, "Why do you ask for my he judged Israel eight years. 15 Abdon the son of Hillel name? It is incomprehensible." 19 So Manoah took the young goat and a grain offering, and offered it on the rock to the LORD, the LORD who works wonders. And Manoah and his wife looked on. 20 For it happened. when the flame went up toward the sky from off the altar, that the angel of the LORD ascended in the flame of the altar. And Manoah and his wife looked on, and they fell on their faces to the ground. 21 But the angel of the LORD did not appear again to Manoah or to his wife. Then Manoah knew that he was the angel of the LORD. 22 Manoah said to his wife, "We shall surely die, because we have seen God." 23 But his wife said to him, "If the LORD meant to kill us, he wouldn't have received a burnt offering and a grain offering from us. neither would he have shown us all these things, nor would he have spoken to us now like this." 24 The woman bore a son, and named him Samson. And the child grew, and the LORD blessed him. 25 And the Spirit of the LORD began to direct him in Mahaneh Dan. between Zorah and Eshtaol.

> 14 And Samson went down to Timnah, and saw a woman in Timnah of the daughters of the Philistines, and she was right in his eyes. 2 He came up, and told his father and his mother, and said, "I

the uncircumcised Philistines?" And Samson said to his who explained the riddle. His anger was kindled, and he But his father and his mother did not know that it was of was given to his companion, who had been his friend. the LORD, for he sought for an opportunity against the Philistines. Now at that time the Philistines had rule over Israel. 5 Then Samson went down with his father and his mother to Timnah. And he turned aside and went into the vineyards of Timnah, and look, a young lion roared against him. 6 And the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon him, and he tore him as he would have torn a voung goat. And he had nothing in his hand, but he did not tell his father or his mother what he had done. 7 He went down and talked with the woman, and she was right in Samson's eyes. 8 After a while he returned to take her; and he turned aside to see the carcass of the lion, and look, there was a swarm of bees in the body of the lion, and honey. 9 He took it into his hands, and went on, eating as he went. And he came to his father and mother, and gave to them, and they ate. But he did not tell them that he had taken the honey out of the body of the lion. 10 His father went down to the woman. and Samson made a feast there, since young men used to do so. 11 It happened, when they saw him, that they brought thirty companions to be with him. 12 Samson said to them, "Let me now put forth a riddle to you. If you can explain it to me within the seven days of the feast, and figure it out, then I will give you thirty linen garments and thirty changes of clothing. 13 But if you can't explain it to me, then you shall give me thirty linen garments and thirty changes of clothing." And they said to him, "Propose your riddle, we want to hear it." 14 He said to them, "Out of the eater came forth food. Out of the strong came forth sweetness." They couldn't in three days declare the riddle. 15 And it happened on the fourth day, that they said to Samson's wife, "Entice your husband, that he may tell us the riddle, lest we burn you and your father's house with fire. Did you invite us here to impoverish us?" 16 Samson's wife wept before him, and said. "You just hate me, and do not love me. You have put forth a riddle to the children of my people, and haven't told it me." And he said to her, "Look, I haven't told it to my father or my mother, and shall I tell you?" 17 She wept before him the seven days, while their feast lasted: and it happened on the seventh day, that he told her, because she pressed him hard; and she told the riddle to the children of her people. 18 The men of the city said to him on the seventh day before the sun went down, "What is sweeter than honey? What is stronger

have seen a woman in Timnah of the daughters of the than a lion?" He said to them. "If you hadn't plowed with Philistines. Now therefore get her for me as wife." 3 my heifer, you wouldn't have found out my riddle." 19 Then his father and his mother said to him, "Is there The Spirit of the LORD rushed upon him, and he went not a woman among the daughters of your brothers, or down to Ashkelon, and struck thirty men of them, and among all my people, that you go to take a wife from took their belongings, and gave their garments to those father, "Get her for me, for she is right in my eyes," 4 went up to his father's house. 20 But Samson's wife

> 15 But after a while, in the time of wheat harvest, that Samson visited his wife with a young goat; and he said, "I will go in to my wife into the room." But her father wouldn't allow him to go in. 2 Her father said, "I most certainly thought that you had utterly hated her; therefore I gave her to your companion. Isn't her younger sister more beautiful than she is? Please take her, instead." 3 Samson said to him, "This time I will be blameless in regard of the Philistines, when I harm them." 4 Samson went and caught three hundred foxes, and took torches, and turned tail to tail, and put a torch in the midst between every two tails. 5 And when he had set fire to the torches, he let them go into the standing grain of the Philistines, and burnt up both the shocks and the standing grain, as well as the vineyards and olive groves. 6 Then the Philistines said, "Who has done this?" They said, "Samson, the son-in-law of the Timnite, because he has taken his wife, and given her to his companion." The Philistines came up, and burnt her and her father's house with fire. 7 Samson said to them, "Because you did this, I will surely take revenge on you, and after that I will cease." 8 He struck them hip and thigh with a great slaughter: and he went down and lived in the cleft of the rock of Etam. 9 Then the Philistines went up, and camped in Judah, and spread out in Lehi. 10 The men of Judah said, "Why have you come up against us?" They said, "We have come up to bind Samson, to do to him as he has done to us." 11 Then three thousand men of Judah went down to the cleft of the rock of Etam, and said to Samson, "Do you not know that the Philistines are rulers over us? What then is this that you have done to us?" He said to them, "As they did to me, so have I done to them." 12 They said to him, "We have come down to bind you, that we may deliver you into the hand of the Philistines." Samson said to them, "Swear to me that you will not fall on me yourselves." 13 They spoke to him, saying, "No; but we will bind you fast, and deliver you into their hand; but surely we will not kill you." They bound him with two new ropes, and brought him up from the rock. 14 When he came to Lehi, the Philistines shouted as they met him: and the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon him, and the ropes that were on his arms became like flax that was burnt with fire, and his bands dropped from off his

hands. 15 And he found a fresh jawbone of a donkey. He broke them off his arms like a thread. 13 Delilah said days of the Philistines twenty years.

16 And Samson went from there to Gaza, and saw a prostitute there, and went in to her. 2 And it was reported to the Gazites, saying, "Samson is here." They surrounded him, and lay in wait for him all night at the gate of the city, and were quiet all night, saying, "Wait until morning light, then we will kill him." 3 Now Samson rested until midnight, but got up at midnight and took hold of the doors of the gate of the city, and the two posts, and pulled them up, bar and all, and put them on his shoulders, and carried them up to the top of the mountain that is overlooking Hebron, and set them down there. 4 It came to pass afterward, that he fell in love with a woman in the Valley of Sorek, whose name was Delilah. 5 The lords of the Philistines came up to her, and said to her, "Entice him, and see in which his great strength lies, and by what means we may prevail against him, that we may bind him to afflict him; and we will each give you eleven hundred pieces of silver." 6 Delilah said to Samson, "Please tell me where your great strength lies, and how you can be bound and subdued." 7 Samson said to her, "If they bind me with seven green cords that were never dried, then shall I become weak, and be as another man." 8 Then the lords of the Philistines brought up to her seven green cords which had not been dried, and she bound him with them. 9 Now she had an ambush waiting in the inner room. She said to him, "The Philistines are on you, Samson." He broke the cords, as a string of tow is broken when it touches the fire. So his strength was not known. 10 Delilah said to Samson, "Look, you have mocked me, and told me lies: now please tell me with which you might be bound." 11 He said to her, "If they only bind me with new ropes with which no work has been done, then shall I become weak, and be as another man." 12 So Delilah took new ropes, and bound him therewith, and said to him, "The Philistines are on you, Samson." The ambush was waiting in the inner room.

and reached down and took it, and struck a thousand to Samson, "Until now, you have mocked me and told men with it. 16 Samson said, "With the jawbone of a me lies. Tell me how you might be bound." He said to donkey, heaps on heaps; with the jawbone of a donkey I her, "If you weave the seven braids on my head with have struck a thousand men." 17 It happened, when he the fabric and fasten them with the pin, then I will be had finished speaking, that he cast away the jawbone weak as another man." 14 So while he slept, Delilah out of his hand: and that place was called Ramath Lehi, took the seven braids on his head, and wove them with 18 He was very thirsty, and called on the LORD, and the fabric, and she fastened it with the pin, and said to said, "You have given this great deliverance by the hand him, "The Philistines are upon you, Samson." And he of your servant; and now shall I die for thirst, and fall awoke from his sleep, and pulled away the pin of the into the hand of the uncircumcised?" 19 And God split loom and the fabric. 15 She said to him, "How can you the hollow place that is at Lehi, and water came out say, 'I love you,' when your heart is not with me? You of it. When he had drunk, his spirit came again, and have mocked me these three times, and have not told he revived: therefore its name was called En Hakkore, me where your great strength lies." 16 It happened, which is in Lehi, to this day. 20 He judged Israel in the when she pressed him daily with her words, and urged him, that his soul was troubled to death. 17 He told her all his heart, and said to her, "No razor has ever come on my head: for I have been a Nazirite to God from my mother's womb. If I am shaved, then my strength will go from me, and I will become weak, and be like any other man." 18 When Delilah saw that he had told her all his heart, she sent and called for the lords of the Philistines, saying, "Come up this once, for he has told me all his heart." Then the lords of the Philistines went up to her, and brought the money in their hands. 19 She made him sleep on her knees: and she called for a man, and shaved off the seven locks of his head; and he began to weaken, and his strength went from him. 20 She said, "The Philistines are upon you, Samson." He awoke out of his sleep, and said, "I will go out as at other times, and shake myself free." But he didn't know that the LORD had departed from him. 21 The Philistines seized him, and gouged out his eyes. And they brought him down to Gaza, and bound him with bronze shackles, and he ground at the mill in the prison. 22 However the hair of his head began to grow again after he was shaved. 23 The lords of the Philistines gathered them together to offer a great sacrifice to their god Dagon, and to celebrate; for they said, "Our god has delivered Samson our enemy into our hand." 24 When the people saw him, they praised their god; for they said. "Our god has delivered our enemy and the destroyer of our country, who has slain many of us, into our hand." 25 And it happened, when their hearts were merry, that they said, "Call for Samson, that he may entertain us." So they called for Samson out of the prison; and he performed before them. And they were striking him. And they set him between the pillars; 26 and Samson said to the boy who held him by the hand, "Allow me to feel the pillars on which the house rests, that I may lean on them." And the boy did so. 27 Now the house was full of men and women: and all the lords of the Philistines were there. And there were on the roof

about three thousand men and women watching while Samson performed. 28 Samson called to the LORD, "Let me die with the Philistines." He bowed himself with to the hill country of Ephraim, to the house of Micah, buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the burial site of Manoah his father. He judged Israel twenty years.

There was a man of the hill country of Ephraim, 17 whose name was Micah. 2 And he said to his mother, "The eleven hundred pieces of silver that were taken from you, about which you uttered a curse, and also spoke it in my ears, look, the silver is with me; I took it, but now I will restore it to you." And his mother said, "Blessed be my son by the LORD." 3 And he restored the eleven hundred pieces of silver to his mother; and his mother said, "I most certainly dedicate the silver to the LORD from my hand for my son, to make an engraved image and a molten image." 4 When he restored the money to his mother, his mother took two hundred pieces of silver, and gave them to the founder, who made of it an engraved image and a molten image: and it was in the house of Micah. 5 The man Micah had a house of God, and he made an ephod, and teraphim, and consecrated one of his sons, who became his priest. 6 In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes. 7 There was a young man out of Bethlehem Judah, of the family of Judah, who was a Levite; and he lived there. 8 The man departed out of the city, out of Bethlehem Judah, to live where he could find a place, and he came to the hill country of Ephraim to the house of Micah, as he traveled. 9 Micah said to him, "Where did you come from?" He said to him, "I am a Levite of Bethlehem Judah, and I am going to settle wherever I may find a place." 10 Micah said to him, "Dwell with me, and be to me a father and a priest, and I will give you ten pieces of silver by the year, and a suit of clothing, and your food." So the Levite went in. 11 The Levite was content to dwell with the man; and the young man was to him as one of his sons. 12 Micah consecrated the Levite, and the young man became his priest, and was in the house of Micah. 13 Then Micah said, "Now I know that the LORD will do good to me, seeing I have a Levite as my priest."

f 18 In those days there was no king in Israel. And in those days the tribe of the Danites was looking and said, "Lord GOD, please remember me, and please for an inheritance to dwell in; for to that day, their strengthen me only this once, God, that I may be at inheritance had not fallen to them among the tribes of once avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes." 29 Israel. 2 The people of Dan sent of their family five men Samson took hold of the two middle pillars on which the from their whole number, men of valor, from Zorah, and house rested, and leaned on them, the one with his from Eshtaol, to spy out the land, and to search it; and right hand, and the other with his left. 30 Samson said, they said to them, "Go, explore the land." They came all his might; and the house fell on the lords, and on all and stayed there. 3 When they were by the house of the people who were in it. So the dead that he killed at Micah, they knew the voice of the young man the Levite; his death were more than those who he killed in his and they turned in that direction, and said to him, "Who life. 31 Then his brothers and all the house of his father brought you here? What are you doing in this place? came down, and took him, and brought him up, and And what is your business here?" 4 He said to them, "Thus and so has Micah dealt with me, and he has hired me, and I have become his priest." 5 They said to him, "Please ask counsel of God, that we may know whether our way which we go shall be prosperous." 6 The priest said to them, "Go in peace. The LORD will watch over you on your journey." 7 Then the five men departed, and came to Laish, and saw the people who were there, and how they lived in security, after the manner of the Sidonians, guiet and secure; for there was no one in the land possessing authority that might trouble them in anyway, and they were far from the Sidonians, and had no dealings with Aram. 8 They came to their brothers at Zorah and Eshtaol, and their brothers said to them. "What do you say?" 9 They said, "Arise, and let us go up against them, for we have entered and journeyed in the land as far as Laish, and we saw the people how they lived in security, after the manner of the Sidonians, and they were far from the Sidonians, and they had no dealings with Aram. But arise, and let us go up against them; for we have seen the land, and look, it is very good. Will you do nothing? Do not hesitate to go and to enter in to possess the land. 10 When you go, you shall come to a secure people, and the land is large; for God has given it into your hand, a place where there is no want of anything that is on the earth." 11 Then the family of the Danites, out of Zorah and out of Eshtaol, six hundred men armed with weapons of war, set forth from there. 12 They went up, and camped in Kiriath Jearim. in Judah. Therefore they called that place Mahaneh Dan to this day; look, it is behind Kiriath Jearim. 13 They passed there to the hill country of Ephraim, and came to the house of Micah. 14 Then the five men who went to spy out the country of Laish answered, and said to their brothers, "Do you know that there is in these houses an ephod, and teraphim, and an engraved image, and a molten image? Now therefore consider what you have to do." 15 They turned aside there, and came to the house of the young man the Levite, even to the house of Micah, and asked him of his welfare. 16 The six hundred men armed with their weapons of war. Ephraim, who took for himself a secondary wife from land went up, and came in there, and took the engraved Bethlehem of Judah, and was there about four months. image: and the priest stood by the entrance of the gate to her, to bring her again, having his servant with him, 18 And these went into Micah's house, and took the her father's house; and when the father of the young your hand on your mouth, and go with us, and be to us and stayed there. 5 It happened on the fourth day, the house of one man, or to be priest to a tribe and a depart: and the young woman's father said to his sontook the ephod, and the teraphim, and the engraved that you may go." 6 So they sat down, ate, and drank, made for myself, and the priest, and have gone away, the day draws toward evening, please stay the night. angry men will attack you, and you lose your life, with wouldn't stay that night, but he rose up and departed, with anyone, and it was in the valley that lies by Beth will pass over to Gibeah." 13 He said to his servant, Dan set up for themselves the engraved image. And turned that way to go in to spend the night in Gibeah. themselves Micah's engraved image which he made, all an old man from his work out in the field at evening. the time that the house of God was in Shiloh.

1 Q It happened in those days, when there was no king in Israel, that there was a certain Levite sojourning on the farther side of the hill country of

who were of the people of Dan, stood by the entrance Bethlehem Judah. 2 His secondary wife was angry with of the gate. 17 The five men who went to spy out the him and went away from him to her father's house in image, and the ephod, and the teraphim, and the molten 3 Her husband arose, and went after her, to speak kindly with the six hundred men armed with weapons of war. and a couple of donkeys. And she brought him into engraved image, the ephod, and the teraphim, and the woman saw him, he rejoiced to meet him. 4 His fathermolten image. And the priest said to them, "What are in-law, the young woman's father, welcomed him; and you doing?" 19 They said to him, "Hold your peace, lay he stayed with him three days. So they ate and drank a father and a priest. Is it better for you to be priest to that they arose early in the morning, and he rose up to family in Israel?" 20 The priest's heart was glad, and he in-law, "Refresh yourself with a piece of bread, and after image, and the molten image, and went in the midst of both of them together. Then the young woman's father the people. 21 So they turned and departed, and put the said to the man, "Please agree to stay the night, and little ones and the livestock and the goods before them. enjoy yourself." 7 The man rose up to depart; but his 22 They were some distance from the house of Micah, father-in-law urged him, and he stayed there again. 8 and look, Micah and the men who were in the houses He arose early in the morning on the fifth day to depart; near Micah's house gathered together and overtook and the young woman's father said, "Please refresh the people of Dan. 23 They cried to the people of Dan. yourself and stay until the day declines." And the two of They turned their faces, and said to Micah, "What's them ate and drank. 9 When the man rose up with his wrong with you, that you come with such a company?" secondary wife and his servant to leave, his father-in-24 He said, "You have taken away my gods which I law, the young woman's father, said to him, "Look, now and what more do I have? How then do you say to me, Look, the day grows to an end, stay here, and enjoy 'What's wrong with you?" 25 The people of Dan said yourself; and tomorrow you can get up early for your to him, "Do not let your voice be heard among us, or journey so that you may go home." 10 But the man the lives of your household." 26 The people of Dan and went toward Jebus (that is, Jerusalem). And there went their way; and when Micah saw that they were too were with him a couple of saddled donkeys, and his strong for him, he turned and went back to his house. secondary wife and his servant were with him. 11 When 27 They took that which Micah had made, and the priest they were by Jebus, the day was almost gone, and the whom he had, and came to Laish, to a people quiet and servant said to his master, "Please come and let us stop secure, and struck them with the edge of the sword; and at this city of the Jebusites, and spend the night in it." they burnt the city with fire. 28 There was no deliverer, 12 His master said to him, "We won't go into the city of because it was far from Sidon, and they had no dealings a foreigner that is not of the children of Israel, but we Rehob. They built the city, and lived there. 29 They "Come and let us try to reach one of those places and called the name of the city Dan, after the name of Dan we will spend the night in Gibeah or Ramah." 14 So their ancestor, who was born to Israel. However the they passed on and went their way; and the sun set on name of the city was originally Laish. 30 The people of them near Gibeah, which belongs to Benjamin. 15 They Jonathan, the son of Gershom, the son of Moses, and And he went in and they sat down in the street of the his sons were priests to the tribe of the Danites until the city; for there was no one who would take them into day of the exile from the land. 31 So they set up for their house to spend the night. 16 Look, there came Now the man was of the hill country of Ephraim, and he was residing in Gibeah; but the men of the place were Benjamites. 17 He lifted up his eyes, and saw the traveler in the street of the city. And the old man said,

"Where are you going, and where did you come from?" Dan even to Beersheba, with the land of Gilead, to 18 He said to him, "We are passing from Bethlehem in the LORD at Mizpah. 2 The leaders of all the people, Judah to the farther side of the hill country of Ephraim. even of all the tribes of Israel, presented themselves I am from there, and I went to Bethlehem in Judah. in the assembly of the people of God, four hundred And I am going to my home, and there is no one who thousand footmen who drew sword. 3 (Now the people will take me into his home. 19 Yet there is both straw of Benjamin heard that the children of Israel had gone and feed for our donkeys, and there is bread and wine up to Mizpah.) The children of Israel said, "Tell us, also for me, and for your female servant, and for the how did this wickedness happen?" 4 The Levite, the young man who is with your servants. There is no lack husband of the woman who was murdered, answered of anything." 20 And the old man said, "Peace be to and said, "I came into Gibeah that belongs to Benjamin, you. I will take care of all your needs; however, do not I and my secondary wife, to spend the night. 5 And the spend the night in the square." 21 So he brought him leaders of Gibeah rose against me, and surrounded into his house, and fed the donkeys. And they washed the house at night. They intended to kill me, and they their feet, and ate and drank. 22 As they were enjoying raped my secondary wife, and she is dead. 6 I took themselves, look, the men of the city, some wicked my secondary wife, and cut her in pieces, and sent her men of the city surrounded the house, beating at the throughout all the territory of the inheritance of Israel; for door. And they spoke to the master of the house, the they have committed wickedness and disgrace in Israel. old man, saying, "Bring out the man who came into 7 Look, you children of Israel, all of you, give your advice your house, that we may have sex with him." 23 The and counsel here." 8 All the people arose as one man. man, the master of the house, went out to them, and saying, "None of us will go to his tent, neither will any of said to them, "No, my brothers, please do not act so us return to his house. 9 But now this is the thing which wickedly; since this man has come into my house. Do we will do to Gibeah: we will go up against it by lot; 10 not do this disgraceful thing. 24 Look, here is my virgin and we will take ten men of one hundred throughout all daughter and his secondary wife. I will bring them out the tribes of Israel, and one hundred of one thousand, now. Ravish them and do with them what seems good and a thousand out of ten thousand, to get food for to you; but do not do any such a disgraceful thing to this the people, those setting forth, that when they come to man." 25 But the men wouldn't listen to him: so the man Gibeah of Benjamin they may repay all the disgrace that her go. 26 Then at daybreak the woman arrived and fell Benjamin, saying, "What wickedness is this that has down at the door of the man's house where her lord happened among you? 13 Now therefore deliver up was, until daylight. 27 Her lord rose up in the morning, the men, the wicked men who are in Gibeah, that we and opened the doors of the house, and went out to go may put them to death, and put away evil from Israel." his way; and look, the woman his secondary wife was But the sons of Benjamin would not listen to the voice fallen down at the door of the house, with her hands on of their brothers, the children of Israel. 14 The people the threshold. 28 And he said to her, "Get up, and let us of Benjamin gathered themselves together out of the go." But there was no answer, for she was dead. So he cities to Gibeah, to go out to battle against the children placed her on the donkey, and the man rose up and of Israel. 15 The people of Benjamin were numbered went to his home. 29 When he had come into his house, on that day out of the cities twenty-six thousand men he took a knife, and took hold of his secondary wife and who drew the sword, besides the inhabitants of Gibeah, divided her, limb by limb, into twelve pieces, and sent who were numbered seven hundred chosen men. 16 her throughout all the territory of Israel. 30 And it was Among all this people there were seven hundred chosen so, that all who saw it said, "Nothing like this has been men left-handed; everyone could sling stones at a hair done or seen since the day that the children of Israel and not miss. 17 The men of Israel, besides Benjamin, came up out of the land of Egypt until this day." And he were numbered four hundred thousand men who drew commanded the men whom he sent, saying, "This is sword: all these were men of war. 18 The children what you will say to all the men of Israel, 'Has anything of Israel arose, and went up to Bethel, and asked like this happened since the day that the children of counsel of God; and they said, "Who shall go up for Israel came up out of the land of Egypt until this day? us first to battle against the people of Benjamin?" The Consider it, take counsel, and speak."

20 Then all the children of Israel went out, and the congregation was assembled as one man, from

laid hold of his secondary wife, and brought her out to they have committed in Israel." 11 So all the men of them. And they raped her and abused her all night until Israel gathered against the city, united as one man. 12 the morning, and when the day began to dawn they let The tribes of Israel sent men through all the tribe of LORD said, "Judah will go up first." 19 The children of Israel rose up in the morning, and camped against Gibeah. 20 The men of Israel went out to battle against

Benjamin: and the men of Israel set the battle in array and struck all the city with the edge of the sword, 38 against them at Gibeah. 21 The people of Benjamin Now the appointed sign between the men of Israel and came forth out of Gibeah, and destroyed down to the the ambushers was that they should make a great cloud ground of the Israelites on that day twenty-two thousand of smoke rise up out of the city. 39 The men of Israel men. 22 The people, the men of Israel, encouraged turned in the battle, and Benjamin began to strike and themselves, and set the battle again in array in the place kill of the men of Israel about thirty persons; for they where they set themselves in array the first day. 23 The said, "Surely they are defeated before us, as in the first children of Israel went up and wept before the LORD battle." 40 But when the cloud began to arise up out until evening; and they asked of the LORD, saying, of the city in a pillar of smoke, the Benjamites looked "Shall I again draw near to battle against the people of behind them; and look, the whole city went up in smoke Benjamin my brother?" The LORD said, "Go up against into the sky. 41 The men of Israel turned, and the men him." 24 The children of Israel came near against the of Benjamin were terrified; for they saw that disaster people of Benjamin the second day. 25 Benjamin went had come on them. 42 Therefore they turned their backs forth against them out of Gibeah the second day, and before the men of Israel to the way of the wilderness; destroyed down to the ground of the children of Israel but the battle overtook them; and those who came again eighteen thousand men: all these drew the sword, out of the cities destroyed them in its midst. 43 They 26 Then all the children of Israel, and all the people, surrounded Benjamin, and they pursued them from went up, and came to Bethel, and wept, and sat there Nohah and overtook them near Gibeah toward the east. before the LORD, and fasted that day until evening; 44 There fell of Benjamin eighteen thousand men; all and they offered burnt offerings and peace offerings these were men of valor. 45 They turned and fled toward before the LORD. 27 The children of Israel asked of the the wilderness to the rock of Rimmon: and they killed LORD (for the ark of the covenant of God was there in on the highways five thousand men, and followed hard those days, 28 and Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the after them to Gidom, and struck down two thousand son of Aaron, stood before it in those days), "Shall I yet men. 46 So that all who fell that day of Benjamin were again go out to battle against the people of Benjamin twenty-five thousand swordsmen; all these were valiant my brother, or shall I cease?" The LORD said, "Go up; fighters. 47 But six hundred men turned and fled toward for tomorrow I will deliver him into your hand." 29 Israel the wilderness to the rock of Rimmon, and stayed in set ambushes all around Gibeah. 30 The children of the rock of Rimmon four months. 48 The men of Israel Israel went up against the people of Benjamin on the turned again on the people of Benjamin, and struck third day, and set themselves in array against Gibeah, them with the edge of the sword, both the entire city, as at other times. 31 The people of Benjamin went out and the livestock, and all that they found: moreover all against the people, and were drawn away from the city; the cities which they found they set on fire. and they began to strike and kill some of the people, as at other times, on the highways, of which one goes up to Bethel, and the other to Gibeah, in the field, about thirty men of Israel. 32 The people of Benjamin said, "They are defeated before us, as previously." But the children of Israel said, "Let us flee, and draw them away from the city to the highways." 33 All the men of Israel rose up out of their place, and set themselves in array at Baal Tamar. And the men of Israel in ambush rushed out of their place west of Geba. 34 There came over against Gibeah ten thousand chosen men out of all Israel, and the battle was severe; but they didn't know that disaster was close upon them. 35 The LORD struck Benjamin before Israel; and the children of Israel destroyed of Benjamin that day twenty-five thousand one hundred men: all armed with swords. 36 So the people of Benjamin saw that they were defeated; for the men of Israel gave ground to Benjamin, because they trusted the ambushers whom they had set against Gibeah. 37 The ambushers hurried, and rushed on Gibeah; and the ambushers drew themselves along,

21 Now the men of Israel had sworn in Mizpah, saying, "There shall not any of us give his daughter to Benjamin as wife." 2 The people came to Bethel, and sat there until evening before God, and lifted up their voices, and wept severely. 3 They said, "LORD God of Israel, why has this happened in Israel, that there should be today one tribe lacking in Israel?" 4 It happened on the next day that the people rose early, and built there an altar, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. 5 The children of Israel said, "Who is there among all the tribes of Israel who did not come up in the assembly to the LORD?" For they had made a great oath concerning anyone who did not come up to the LORD to Mizpah, saying, "He shall surely be put to death." 6 The children of Israel grieved for Benjamin their brother, and said, "There is one tribe cut off from Israel this day. 7 How shall we do for wives for those who remain, seeing we have sworn by the LORD that we will not give them of our daughters to wives?" 8 They said, "What one is there of the tribes of Israel who did not come up to the LORD to Mizpah?" Look, no one

came to the camp from Jabesh Gilead to the assembly. 9 For when the people were numbered, look, there were none of the inhabitants of Jabesh Gilead there. 10 The congregation sent there twelve thousand men of the most valiant, and commanded them, saying, "Go and strike the inhabitants of Jabesh Gilead with the edge of the sword, with the women and the little ones. 11 This is the thing that you shall do: you shall utterly destroy every male, and every woman who has slept with a man, but the virgins you are to keep alive." And they did so. 12 They found among the inhabitants of Jabesh Gilead four hundred young virgins who had never slept with a man; and they brought them to the camp to Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan. 13 The whole congregation sent and spoke to the people of Benjamin who were in the rock of Rimmon, and proclaimed peace to them. 14 Benjamin returned at that time; and they gave them the women whom they had saved alive of the women of Jabesh Gilead: and yet so they weren't enough for them. 15 The people grieved for Benjamin, because the LORD had made a gap in the tribes of Israel. 16 Then the elders of the congregation said, "How shall we provide wives for those who remain, since the women of Benjamin have been destroyed?" 17 They said, "How will an inheritance remain for the survivors of Benjamin, that a tribe not be blotted out from Israel. 18 However we may not give them wives of our daughters, for the children of Israel had sworn, saying, 'Cursed is he who gives a wife to Benjamin." 19 They said, "Look, there is a feast of the LORD from year to year in Shiloh, which is on the north of Bethel, on the east side of the highway that goes up from Bethel to Shechem, and on the south of Lebonah." 20 They commanded the people of Benjamin, saying, "Go and lie in wait in the vineyards, 21 and watch. If the daughters of Shiloh come out to dance in the dances, then come out of the vinevards, and each man catch his wife from the daughters of Shiloh, and go to the land of Benjamin. 22 It shall be, when their fathers or their brothers come to complain to us, that we will say to them, 'Grant them graciously to us, because we didn't take wives for each man in battle, neither did vou give them to them, otherwise you would now be guilty." 23 The people of Benjamin did so, and took them wives, according to their number, of those who danced, whom they carried off. They went and returned to their inheritance, built the cities, and lived in them. 24 The children of Israel departed there at that time, every man to his tribe and to his family, and they went out from there every man to his inheritance. 25 In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes.

Ruth

1 It happened in the days when the judges judged. that there was a famine in the land. A certain man of Bethlehem Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he, and his wife, and his two sons. 2 The name of the man was Elimelech, and the name of his wife Naomi, and the name of his two sons Mahlon and Kilion, Ephrathites of Bethlehem Judah. They came into the country of Moab, and continued there. 3 Elimelech, Naomi's husband, died; and she was left, and her two sons. 4 And they took for themselves wives from the women of Moab; the name of the one was Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth: and they lived there about ten vears. 5 Mahlon and Kilion both died, and the woman was bereaved of her two children and of her husband. 6 Then she arose with her daughters-inlaw, that she might return from the country of Moab: for she had heard in the country of Moab how that the LORD had visited his people in giving them bread. 7 She went forth out of the place where she was, and her two daughters-in-law with her; and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. 8 Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead, and with me. 9 The LORD grant you that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband." Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voice, and wept. 10 They said to her. "No. but we will return with you to your people." 11 Naomi said, "Go back, my daughters. Why do you want to go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb, that they may be your husbands? 12 Go back, my daughters, go your way; for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say, 'I have hope,' if I should even have a husband tonight, and should also bear sons; 13 would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from having husbands? No, my daughters, for it grieves me much for your sakes, for the hand of the LORD has gone out against me." 14 They lifted up their voice, and wept again: and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law and returned to her people, but Ruth clung to her. 15 She said, "Look, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people, and to her god. Follow your sister-in-law. 16 Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you, and to return from following after you, for where you go, I will go; and where you stay, I will stay; your people shall be my people, and your God my God; 17 where you die, will I die, and there will I be buried. The LORD do so to me, and more also, if anything but death part you and me." 18 When she saw that she was steadfastly minded to go with her, she left off speaking to her. 19 So they two went until they came to Bethlehem. It happened, when they had come

to Bethlehem, that all the city was moved about them, and they asked, "Is this Naomi?" **20** She said to them, "Do not call me Naomi. Call me Marah; for Shaddai has dealt very bitterly with me. **21** I went out full, and the LORD has brought me home again empty. Why do you call me Naomi, since the LORD has testified against me, and Shaddai has afflicted me?" **22** So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabitess, her daughter-in-law, with her, who returned out of the country of Moab: and they came to Bethlehem at the beginning of barley harvest.

2 Naomi had a kinsman of her husband's, a mighty man of wealth, of the family of Elimelech, and his name was Boaz. 2 Ruth the Moabitess said to Naomi. "Let me now go to the field, and glean among the ears of grain after him in whose sight I shall find favor." She said to her, "Go, my daughter." 3 She went, and came and gleaned in the field after the reapers: and she happened to come to the portion of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the family of Elimelech. 4 Look, Boaz came from Bethlehem, and said to the reapers, "The LORD be with you." They answered him, "The LORD bless you." 5 Then Boaz said to his servant who was set over the reapers, "Whose young woman is this?" 6 The servant who was set over the reapers answered, "It is the Moabite woman who came back with Naomi out of the country of Moab. 7 She said, 'Please let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves.' So she came, and has continued even from the morning until now, except that she stayed a little in the house." 8 Then Boaz said to Ruth. "Listen. my daughter. Do not go to glean in another field, and do not go from here, but stay here close to my maidens. 9 Let your eyes be on the field that they reap, and go after them. Haven't I commanded the young men not to touch you? When you are thirsty, go to the vessels, and drink from that which the young men have drawn." 10 Then she fell on her face, and bowed herself to the ground, and said to him, "Why have I found favor in your sight, that you should take knowledge of me, since I am a foreigner?" 11 Boaz answered her, "It has fully been shown to me, all that you have done to your mother-inlaw since the death of your husband; and how you have left your father and your mother, and the land of your birth, and have come to a people that you didn't know before. 12 May the LORD repay your work, and a full reward be given you from the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge." 13 Then she said, "Let me find favor in your sight, my lord, because you have comforted me, and because you have spoken kindly to your handmaid, though I am not as one of your handmaidens." 14 At meal time Boaz said to her, "Come here, and eat of the bread, and dip vour morsel in the vinegar." She sat beside the reapers. more kindness in the latter end than at the beginning. and they reached her parched grain, and she ate, and inasmuch as you didn't follow young men, whether poor was satisfied, and left some of it. 15 When she had or rich. 11 Now, my daughter, do not be afraid; I will risen up to glean, Boaz commanded his young men, do to you all that you say; for all the city of my people saying, "Let her glean even among the sheaves, and do does know that you are a worthy woman. 12 Now it is not humiliate her. 16 Also pull out some for her from true that I am a redeeming kinsman; however there is a the bundles, and leave it, and let her glean, and do redeemer closer than I am. 13 Stay this night, and it not rebuke her." 17 So she gleaned in the field until shall be in the morning, that if he will perform for you evening; and she beat out that which she had gleaned, the part of a redeemer, well; let him do the redeemer's and it was about an ephah of barley. 18 She took it up, part. But if he will not do the part of a redeemer for you, and went into the city; and her mother-in-law saw what then I will do the part of a redeemer for you, as the she had gleaned: and she brought out and gave to her LORD lives. Lie down until the morning." 14 She lay at that which she had left after she was sufficed. 19 Her his feet until the morning. She rose up before one could mother-in-law said to her, "Where have you gleaned discern another. For he said, "Let it not be known that today? And where have you worked? Blessed be he the woman came to the threshing floor." 15 He said, who noticed you." She showed her mother-in-law with "Bring the cloak that is on you, and hold it." She held it; whom she had worked, and said, "The man's name with and he measured six measures of barley, and laid it on whom I worked today is Boaz." 20 Naomi said to her her; and he went into the city. 16 When she came to her daughter-in-law, "Blessed be he of the LORD, who has mother-in-law, she said, "How did it go, my daughter?" not left off his kindness to the living and to the dead." She told her all that the man had done to her. 17 She Naomi said to her, "The man is a close relative to us, said, "He gave me these six measures of barley; for he one of our near kinsmen." 21 And Ruth the Moabitess said to me, 'Do not go empty-handed to your mother-insaid, "He even said to me, 'You shall stay close to my law." 18 Then she said, "Wait, my daughter, until you young men, until they have ended all my harvest." 22 know how the matter will fall; for the man will not rest. Naomi said to Ruth her daughter-in-law, "It is good, my until he has finished the thing this day." daughter, that you go out with his maidens, and that they not meet you in any other field." 23 So she stayed close to the maidens of Boaz, to glean to the end of barley harvest and of wheat harvest; and she lived with her mother-in-law.

with you? 2 Now isn't Boaz our kinsman, with whose the parcel of land, which was our brother Elimelech's. the threshing floor. 3 Therefore wash yourself, anoint those who sit here, and before the elders of my people." yourself, and put on your clothes, and go down to the If you will redeem it, redeem it; but if you will not redeem man until he has finished eating and drinking. 4 It shall redeem it besides you; and I am after you." He said, where he lies, and you shall go in, and uncover his feet, buy the field from the hand of Naomi and from Ruth eaten and drank, and his heart was merry, he went to lie right of redemption for yourself; for I can't redeem it." are you by the LORD, my daughter. You have shown are witnesses this day, that I have bought all that was

A Now Boaz went up to the gate, and sat down there. Look, the near kinsman of whom Boaz spoke came by; to whom he said, "Come over here, friend, and sit down." He turned aside, and sat down. 2 He took ten men of the elders of the city, and said, "Sit down here." 3 Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, They sat down. 3 He said to the near kinsman, "Naomi, shall I not seek rest for you, that it may be well who has come back out of the country of Moab, is selling maidens you were? Look, he winnows barley tonight at 4 I thought to disclose it to you, saying, 'Buy it before threshing floor, but do not make yourself known to the it, then tell me, that I may know. For there is no one to be, when he lies down, that you shall notice the place "I will redeem it." 5 Then Boaz said, "On the day you and lie down; then he will tell you what you shall do." the Moabitess, you must also acquire the widow of the 5 She said to her, "All that you say I will do." 6 She deceased, to raise up the name of the deceased on his went down to the threshing floor, and did according to inheritance." 6 The near kinsman said. "I can't redeem all that her mother-in-law told her. 7 When Boaz had it for myself, lest I mar my own inheritance. Take my down at the end of the heap of grain. She came quietly, 7 Now this was the custom in former time in Israel uncovered his feet, and lay down. 8 It happened at concerning redeeming and concerning exchanging, to midnight, that the man was startled and turned over; and confirm all things: a man took off his sandal, and gave it look, a woman lay at his feet. 9 He said, "Who are you?" to his neighbor; and this was the way of attestation in She answered, "I am Ruth your handmaid. Therefore Israel. 8 So the near kinsman said to Boaz, "Buy it for spread the corner of your garment over your handmaid; yourself." And he took off his sandal and gave it to him. for you are a redeeming kinsman." 10 He said, "Blessed 9 Boaz said to the elders, and to all the people, "You

Elimelech's, and all that was Kilion's and Mahlon's, from the hand of Naomi. 10 Moreover Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of Mahlon, have I purchased to be my wife, to raise up the name of the deceased on his inheritance, that the name of the deceased may not be cut off from among his brothers, and from the gate of his place. You are witnesses this day." 11 All the people who were in the gate, and the elders, said, "We are witnesses. May the LORD make the woman who has come into your house like Rachel and like Leah, which two built the house of Israel; and treat you worthily in Ephrathah, and be famous in Bethlehem. 12 Let your house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah, because of the offspring which the LORD shall give you of this young woman." 13 So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife: and he went in to her, and the LORD gave her conception, and she bore a son. 14 The women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without a redeemer; and let his name be famous in Israel. 15 He shall be to you a restorer of life, and sustain you in your old age, for your daughter-in-law, who loves you, who is better to you than seven sons, has borne him." 16 Naomi took the child, and laid it in her bosom, and looked after him. 17 The women, her neighbors, gave him a name, saying, "There is a son born to Naomi." And they named him Obed. He is the father of Jesse, the father of David, 18 Now these are the generations of Perez: Perez became the father of Hezron. 19 and Hezron became the father of Ram, and Ram became the father of Amminadab, 20 and Amminadab became the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon became the father of Salmon, 21 and Salmon became the father of Boaz, and Boaz became the father of Obed, 22 and Obed became the father of Jesse, and Jesse became the father of David.

1 Samuel

1 Now there was a certain man of Ramathaim, a Zuphite of the hill country of Ephraim, and his name was Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Toah, the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite. 2 And he had two wives; the name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other, Peninnah. And Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children. 3 This man went up out of his city from year to year to worship and to sacrifice to the LORD of hosts in Shiloh. The two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, priests of the LORD, were there. 4 When the day came for Elkanah to sacrifice, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and her daughters. 5 But to Hannah he would give a double portion because he loved Hannah. Now the LORD had kept her from conceiving. 6 And because the LORD kept her from conceiving, her rival used to taunt her severely, to irritate her. 7 And this went on year after year, as often as she went up to the house of the LORD, she taunted her; therefore she would weep and refuse to eat. 8 And her husband Elkanah said to her, "Hannah, why are you weeping? And why are you not eating? And why are you so sad? Am I not better to you than ten sons?" 9 So Hannah got up after eating and drinking in Shiloh, and stood before the LORD. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat by the doorpost of the temple of the LORD. 10 And she was greatly distressed and prayed to the LORD, and wept uncontrollably. 11 And she vowed a vow and said, "LORD of hosts, if you will indeed look on the affliction of your servant and remember me and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a son, then I will set him before you mouth boasts over my enemies, because I rejoice in as a Nazirite until the day of his death. And he will not your salvation. 2 Truly, there is no one as holy as drink wine or strong drink, and no razor will come on his the LORD. Truly, there is no one besides you, nor is head." 12 Now it happened, as she continued praying there any rock like our God. 3 "Do not keep speaking before the LORD, that Eli observed her mouth. 13 And proudly. Do not let arrogance come out of your mouth, she was speaking in her heart; only her lips moved, but for the LORD is a God of knowledge. By him actions are her voice was not heard. Therefore Eli thought she was weighed. 4 "The bows of the mighty men are broken. drunk. 14 So Eli said to her, "How long will you make Those who stumbled are armed with strength. 5 Those yourself drunk? Put away your wine, and go from before who were full have hired themselves out for bread. the LORD." 15 And Hannah answered, "No, my lord, I Those who were hungry are satisfied. Even the barren am a woman of a sorrowful spirit. I have drunk neither has borne seven, and she who has many children wine nor strong drink, but I poured out my soul before languishes. 6 "The LORD kills, and makes alive. He the LORD. 16 Do not count your servant as a worthless brings down to Sheol, and brings up. (Sheol h7585) 7 The woman; for I have been speaking out of the abundance LORD makes poor, and makes rich. He brings low, he of my distress and my anguish." 17 Then Eli answered, also lifts up. 8 He raises up the poor out of the dust. "Go in peace; and may the God of Israel grant your He lifts up the needy from the dunghill. To make them petition that you have asked of him." 18 She said, "Let sit with princes, and inherit the throne of glory. For the your servant find favor in your sight." So the woman pillars of the earth are the LORD's. He has set the world went her way, and entered her quarters, and ate; and on them. 9 He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but her facial expression wasn't sad any more. 19 They the wicked will be put to silence in darkness. For no rose up in the morning early, and worshiped before man will prevail by strength. 10 The LORD will shatter

the LORD, and returned, and came to their house to Ramah: and Elkanah knew Hannah his wife; and the LORD remembered her. 20 It happened, when the time had come, that Hannah conceived, and bore a son; and she named him Samuel, saying, "Because I have asked him of the LORD." 21 The man Elkanah, and all his house, went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and to redeem his vow and all the tithes of his land. 22 But Hannah did not go up; for she said to her husband, "Not until the child is weaned; then I will bring him, that he may appear before the LORD, and stay there forever." 23 And Elkanah her husband said to her, "Do what seems good in your eyes. Wait until you have weaned him; only may the LORD establish what you have said." So the woman waited and nursed her son, until she weaned him. 24 Then she took him to Shiloh along with a three-year old bull, and bread, and an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. And she came to the house of the LORD in Shiloh, and the boy was with them. And they went before the LORD and his father slaughtered the sacrifice, which he did annually to the LORD. Then he brought the boy, 25 and he slaughtered the bull. And Hannah, the mother of the boy, brought him to Eli. 26 She said, "Oh, my lord, as your soul lives, my lord, I am the woman who stood by you here, praying to the LORD. 27 For this child I prayed; and the LORD has given me my petition which I asked of him. 28 Therefore also I have lent him to the LORD. As long as he lives he is lent to the LORD." Then she left him there, and she worshipped before the LORD.

2 Then Hannah prayed, and said: "My heart rejoices in the LORD. My strength rises up in my God. My his adversaries. He will thunder against them in the sky, with a selfish eve, and honor your sons more than me in "The LORD will judge the farthest parts of the earth. letting them eat from the first part of every offering of He will give strength to his king, and exalt the horn of Israel before me?' 30 "Therefore the LORD, the God his anointed." 11 And she went to Ramah, while the of Israel, says, 'I said indeed that your house, and the child served the LORD before Eli the priest. 12 Now the house of your father, should walk before me forever.' sons of Eli were worthless men; they did not know the But now the LORD says, 'Be it far from me; for those LORD. 13 The custom of the priests with the people who honor me I will honor, and those who despise me was that when any man offered sacrifice, the priest's shall be lightly esteemed. 31 Look, the days come, that servant came, while the flesh was boiling, with a fork I will cut off your descendants, and the descendants of of three teeth in his hand; 14 and he struck it into the your father's house, that there shall not be an old man in pan, or kettle, or caldron, or pot; all that the fork brought your house. 32 And you will see distress in the dwelling up the priest took therewith. So they did in Shiloh to place, in all that he does good with Israel. And there will all the Israelites who came there. 15 Yes, before they not be an old man in your house all the days. 33 And burnt the fat, the priest's servant came, and said to the the man of yours I do not cut off from my altar will be to man who sacrificed, "Give meat to roast for the priest; cause his eyes to fail and to grieve his soul, and all the for he will not accept boiled meat from you, but raw." increase of your house will die by the sword of men. 34 16 If the man said to him, "Let the fat be burned first, "This shall be the sign to you, that shall come on your and then take all of it which your soul desires"; then he two sons, on Hophni and Phinehas: in one day they would say, "No, but you shall give it to me now; and if shall both die. 35 I will raise me up a faithful priest, that not, I will take it by force." 17 The sin of the young men shall do according to that which is in my heart and in was very great before the LORD; for they despised the my mind. I will build him a sure house; and he shall offering of the LORD. 18 But Samuel ministered before walk before my anointed forever. 36 It shall happen, that the LORD, being a child, clothed with a linen ephod. 19 everyone who is left in your house shall come and bow Moreover his mother made him a little robe, and brought down to him for a piece of silver and a loaf of bread. it to him from year to year, when she came up with her and shall say, "Please put me into one of the priests' husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. 20 And Eli would offices, that I may eat a morsel of bread."" bless Elkanah and his wife, and said, "May the LORD repay you with offspring by this woman for the gift which she made to the LORD." And the man returned to his home. 21 The LORD visited Hannah, and she bore more children, three sons and two daughters. The child Samuel grew before the LORD. 22 Now Eli was very old; and he heard what his sons did to the children of Israel (and how that they lay with the women who served at the door of the Tent of Meeting). 23 And he said to them, "Why do you do such things as these that I hear being said of you from the mouth of the people of the LORD? 24 No, my sons, do not do this. For it is not a good report that I hear the people of the LORD spreading. 25 If one man sins against another, he shall appeal to the LORD; but if a man sins against the LORD, who shall entreat for him?" But, they did not listen to the voice of their father, because the LORD intended to kill them. 26 The child Samuel grew on, and increased in favor both with the LORD, and also with men. 27 A man of God came to Eli, and said, "Thus says the LORD, I plainly revealed myself to the house of your father, when they were slaves in Egypt to the house of Pharaoh. 28 And I chose him out of all the tribes of Israel to be my priest, to go up to my altar, to burn incense, and to wear an ephod. And I gave to the house of your father all the offerings by fire of the children of Israel as food. 29 Then why do you look at my sacrifice and my offering

3 The child Samuel ministered to the LORD before Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision. 2 It happened at that time, when Eli was lying down in his place (now his eyes had begun to grow dim, so that he could not see), 3 and the lamp of God hadn't yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the LORD's temple, where the ark of God was; 4 that the LORD called, "Samuel. Samuel." And he said, "Here I am." 5 He ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am; for you called me." He said, "I did not call; lie down again." He went and lay down. 6 The LORD called yet again, "Samuel. Samuel." And he arose and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am; for you called me." He answered, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." 7 Now Samuel did not yet know God, neither was the word of the LORD yet revealed to him. 8 The LORD called Samuel again the third time. He arose and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am; for you called me." Eli perceived that the LORD had called the child. 9 Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down: and it shall be, if he calls you, that you shall say, 'Speak, for your servant is listening." So Samuel went and lay down in his place. 10 The LORD came, and stood, and called as at other times, "Samuel. Samuel." Then Samuel said, "Speak; for your servant hears." 11 The LORD said to Samuel, "Look, I will do a thing in Israel, at which both the ears of everyone who hears it shall tingle. 12 In that day I will perform against Eli

all that I have spoken concerning his house, from the these mighty gods? These are the gods that struck the beginning even to the end. 13 For I have told him that I Egyptians with all kinds of plagues in the wilderness. will judge his house forever, for the iniquity which he 9 Be strong, and behave like men, O you Philistines, not restrain them. 14 Therefore I have sworn to the been to you. Strengthen yourselves like men, and fight." Samuel lay there until the morning, and in the morning slaughter, for there fell of Israel thirty thousand footmen. the LORD revealed himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the go, my son?" 17 He who brought the news answered, word of the LORD.

And Samuel's words came to all Israel. And Eli grew very old, and his sons kept advancing in their wicked behavior before the LORD. And it came to pass in those days that the Philistines gathered themselves together against Israel. And Israel went out to meet them in battle, and camped beside Ebenezer, and the Philistines camped in Aphek. 2 The Philistines put themselves in array against Israel: and when they joined battle, Israel was struck before the Philistines; and they killed of the army in the field about four thousand men. 3 When the people had come into the camp, the elders of Israel said, "Why has the LORD struck us today before the Philistines? Let us get the ark of the LORD out of Shiloh to us, that it may come among us, and save us out of the hand of our enemies." 4 So the people sent to Shiloh; and they brought from there the ark of the LORD, who sits above the cherubim: and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were there with the ark of God. 5 When the ark of the LORD came into the camp, all Israel shouted with a great shout, so that 5 Now the Philistines had taken the ark of God, and the earth rang again. 6 When the Philistines heard the

knew, because his sons were cursing God, and he did that you not be servants to the Hebrews, as they have house of Eli, that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not 10 So they fought, and Israel was defeated, and they be removed with sacrifice nor offering forever." 15 And fled every man to his tent. And there was a very great he got up and opened the doors of the house of the 11 The ark of God was taken; and the two sons of Eli, LORD. And Samuel was afraid to tell Eli the vision. 16 Hophni and Phinehas, were slain. 12 There ran a man Then Eli called Samuel, and said, "Samuel, my son." He of Benjamin out of the army, and came to Shiloh the said, "Here I am." 17 He said, "What is the thing that he same day, with his clothes torn, and with earth on his has spoken to you? Please do not hide it from me. God head. 13 When he came, look, Eli was sitting on his do so to you, and more also, if you hide anything from seat by the side of the gate watching the road, for his me of all the things that he spoke to you in your ears." heart trembled for the ark of God. When the man came 18 And Samuel told him everything, and did not hide into the city, and told it, all the city cried out. 14 When Eli anything from him. And he said, "It is the LORD. Let him heard the noise of the crying, he said, "What does the do what seems good to him." 19 Samuel grew, and the noise of this tumult mean?" The man hurried, and came LORD was with him, and let none of his words fall to and told Eli. 15 Now Eli was ninety-eight years old; and the ground. 20 All Israel from Dan even to Beersheba his eyes were set, so that he could not see. 16 The man knew that Samuel was established to be a prophet of said to Eli, "I am he who came out of the army, and I the LORD. 21 The LORD appeared again in Shiloh; for fled today out of the army." He said, "How did the matter

> "Israel has fled before the Philistines, and there has been also a great slaughter among the people. Your two sons also, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead, and the ark of God has been captured." 18 It happened, when he made mention of the ark of God, that Eli fell from off his seat backward by the side of the gate; and his neck broke, and he died; for he was an old man, and heavy. He had judged Israel forty years. 19 His daughter-in-law, Phinehas' wife, was with child, near to be delivered. When she heard the news that the ark of God was taken, and that her father-in-law and her husband were dead, she bowed herself and gave birth; for her pains came on her. 20 When her time came, she was abount to die, and the women who stood by her said to her, "Do not be afraid; for you have given birth to a son." But she did not answer, neither did she regard it. 21 And she named the boy Ichabod, because of the ark of God, and because of her father-in-law and her husband. 22 She said. "The glory has departed from Israel, for the ark of God has been captured."

they brought it from Ebenezer to Ashdod. 2 The noise of the shout, they said, "What does the noise of Philistines took it, and brought it into the house of this great shout in the camp of the Hebrews mean?" Dagon, and set it by Dagon. 3 And the Ashdodites rose They understood that the ark of the LORD had come early on the next day, and look, Dagon had fallen on into the camp. 7 The Philistines were afraid, for they his face before the ark of the LORD. So they raised up said, "Gods have come into the camp." They said, "Woe Dagon and set him in his place again. 4 And it happened to us. For there has not been such a thing before. 8 when they arose early the next morning, look, Dagon Woe to us. Who shall deliver us out of the hand of had fallen on his face before the ark of the LORD; and the head of Dagon and both the palms of his hands they not let the people go, and they departed? 7 "Now intact. 5 Therefore neither the priests of Dagon, nor any two milk cows, on which there has come no yoke; and them and afflicted them with tumors, both Ashdod and trespass offering, in a box by its side; and send it away, out on them. 10 So they sent the ark of God to Ekron. It valley, and they lifted up their eyes and saw the ark, about the ark of the God of Israel to us, to kill us and a large rock. And they split the wood of the cart, and our people?" 11 And they sent and gathered together all offered up the cows for a burnt offering to the LORD. the lords of the Philistines, and they said, "Send away 15 The Levites took down the ark of the LORD, and heaven.

6 The ark was in the country of the Philistines seven months. 2 The Philistines called for the priests, and for the diviners, and for the magicians, saying, "What shall we do with the ark of the LORD? Tell us how we should send it to its place." 3 And they said, "If you are going to send away the ark of the God of Israel, do not send it empty. But return to him a reparation, then you shall be healed and he will be reconciled to you. Will not, then, his hand be removed from you?" 4 Then they said, "What shall be the trespass offering which we shall return to him?" They said, "Five golden tumors, according to the number of the lords of the Philistines. for the same plaque was on you and your lords. 5 Therefore you shall make images of your tumors, and images of the mice that ravage the land, and you shall give glory to the God of Israel; perhaps he will lighten his hand from off you, and from off your gods, and from off your land. 6 Why then do you harden your hearts, as the Egyptians and Pharaoh hardened their hearts? When he had worked wonderfully among them, did

were cut off on the threshold. Only Dagon's torso was therefore take and prepare yourselves a new cart, and who come into Dagon's house, step on the threshold of tie the cows to the cart, and take their calves from them Dagon in Ashdod, to this day. 6 But the hand of the back home; 8 and take the ark, and lay it on the cart; LORD was heavy on the Ashdodites, and he ravaged and put the figures of gold, which you return him for a its territory. And he brought up against them mice, and that it may go. 9 And watch; if it goes up by the way of they burst out in their ships, and mice sprang up in the its own territory to Beth Shemesh, then he has done midst of their land, and there was a great terror of death us this great evil: but if not, then we shall know that in the city. 7 When the men of Ashdod saw what was it is not his hand that struck us; it was a chance that happening, they said, "The ark of God shall not stay happened to us." 10 The men did so, and took two with us; for his hand is severe on us, and on Dagon our milk cows, and tied them to the cart, and shut up their god." 8 So they sent and gathered all the lords of the calves at home; 11 and they put the ark on the cart, and Philistines to them, and said, "What shall we do with the the box with the mice of gold and the images of their ark of God?" Then the Gittites answered. "Let the ark of tumors, 12 The cows took the straight way by the way God be carried over to us." So they brought the ark of to Beth Shemesh; they went along the highway, mooing God to Gath. 9 And it came about that after they had as they went, and did not turn aside to the right hand brought it around, the hand of the LORD was against or to the left. And the lords of the Philistines followed the city with a very great confusion: and he struck the them to the territory of Beth Shemesh. 13 And those of men of the city, both small and great; and tumors broke Beth Shemesh were reaping their wheat harvest in the happened, as the ark of God came to Ekron, that the and rejoiced to meet it. 14 And the cart came into the Ekronites cried out, saving, "Why have you brought field of Joshua, a Bethshemite, and stopped there near the ark of the God of Israel, and let it go again to its the chest that was with it, in which the articles of gold own place, so that it will not kill us and our people." For were, and put them on the large rock. And the men of there was a panic throughout all the city when the ark of Beth Shemesh offered burnt offerings and sacrificed God arrived there. 12 The men who did not die were sacrifices the same day to the LORD. 16 When the five struck with the tumors; and the cry of the city went up to lords of the Philistines had seen it, they returned to Ekron the same day. 17 These are the golden tumors which the Philistines returned for a trespass offering to the LORD: for Ashdod one, for Gaza one, for Ashkelon one, for Gath one, for Ekron one; 18 and the golden mice, according to the number of all the cities of the Philistines belonging to the five lords, both of fortified cities and of country villages. The large rock on which they set down the ark of the LORD is a witness to this day in the field of Joshua the Bethshemite. 19 But the sons of Jeconiah did not rejoice with the people of Beth Shemesh when they saw the ark of the LORD. So he struck seventy men of them, and the people mourned. because the LORD had struck the people with a great slaughter. 20 And the men of Beth Shemesh said, "Who is able to stand before this holy thing? And to whom should he go up from us?" 21 They sent messengers to the inhabitants of Kiriath Jearim, saying, "The Philistines have brought back the ark of the LORD: come down. and bring it up to yourselves."

> The men of Kiriath Jearim came and took up the ark of the LORD and brought it into the house of

Abinadab, which was on the hill, and sanctified Eleazar walk in his ways, but turned aside toward dishonest his son to keep the ark of the LORD. 2 It happened, gain, and took bribes, and perverted justice. 4 Then from the day that the ark stayed in Kiriath Jearim, that all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, the time was long; for it was twenty years: and all the and came to Samuel to Ramah; 5 and they said to house of Israel lamented after the LORD. 3 Samuel him, "Look, you are old, and your sons do not walk in spoke to all the house of Israel, saying, "If you do your ways: now make us a king to judge us like all the return to the LORD with all your heart, then put away nations." 6 But the thing displeased Samuel, when they the foreign gods and the Ashtaroth from among you, said, "Give us a king to judge us." Samuel prayed to and direct your hearts to the LORD, and serve him the LORD. 7 The LORD said to Samuel, "Listen to the only; and he will deliver you out of the hand of the voice of the people in all that they tell you; for they Philistines." 4 Then the children of Israel removed the have not rejected you, but they have rejected me, that I Baals and the Ashtaroth, and served the LORD only. should not be king over them. 8 According to all the 5 Samuel said, "Gather all Israel to Mizpah, and I will works which they have done to me since the day that I pray for you to the LORD." 6 They gathered together brought them up out of Egypt even to this day, in that to Mizpah, and drew water, and poured it out before they have forsaken me, and served other gods, so do the LORD, and fasted on that day, and said, "We have they also to you. 9 Now therefore listen to their voice: sinned against the LORD." Samuel judged the children however you shall protest solemnly to them, and shall of Israel in Mizpah. 7 When the Philistines heard that show them the way of the king who shall reign over the children of Israel were gathered together at Mizpah, them." 10 Samuel told all the words of the LORD to the lords of the Philistines went up against Israel. When the people who asked of him a king. 11 He said, "This the children of Israel heard it, they were afraid of the will be the way of the king who shall reign over you: he Philistines. 8 The children of Israel said to Samuel, will take your sons, and appoint them to him, for his "Do not cease to cry to the LORD your God for us, chariots, and to be his horsemen; and they shall run that he will save us out of the hand of the Philistines." before his chariots. 12 And he will appoint for himself 9 Samuel took a suckling lamb, and offered it for a commanders of thousands, and commanders of fifties; whole burnt offering to the LORD: and Samuel cried and he will assign some to plow his ground, and to reap to the LORD for Israel; and the LORD answered him. his harvest, and gather his vintage, and to make his 10 As Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the implements of war, and the equipment of his chariots. Philistines drew near to battle against Israel; but the 13 He will take your daughters to be perfumers, and to LORD thundered with a great thunder on that day on the be cooks, and to be bakers. 14 He will take your fields, Philistines, and confused them; and they were struck and your vineyards, and your olive groves, even their down before Israel. 11 The men of Israel went out of best, and give them to his servants. 15 He will take the Mizpah, and pursued the Philistines, and struck them, tenth of your seed, and of your vineyards, and give to as far as below Beth Kar. 12 Then Samuel took a stone, his officers, and to his servants. 16 He will take your and set it between Mizpah and Jashan, and called its male servants, and your female servants, and your best name Ebenezer, saving, "The LORD helped us until cattle, and your donkeys, and put them to his work. 17 now." 13 So the Philistines were subdued, and they He will take the tenth of your flocks: and you shall be came no more within the territory of Israel. The hand of his servants. 18 You shall cry out in that day because of the LORD was against the Philistines all the days of your king whom you shall have chosen for yourselves, Samuel. 14 The cities which the Philistines had taken and the LORD will not answer you in that day." 19 But from Israel were restored to Israel, from Ekron even to the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; Gath: and Israel recovered its territory out of the hand and they said. "No: but we will have a king over us. 20 of the Philistines. There was peace between Israel and that we also may be like all the nations, and that our the Amorites. 15 Samuel judged Israel all the days of king may judge us, and go out before us, and fight our his life. 16 He went from year to year in circuit to Bethel battles." 21 Samuel heard all the words of the people, and Gilgal, and Mizpah; and he judged Israel in all those and he repeated them in the hearing of the LORD. 22 places. 17 His return was to Ramah, for there was his The LORD said to Samuel, "Listen to their voice, and house; and there he judged Israel: and he built there an make them a king." Samuel said to the men of Israel, altar to the LORD.

his sons judges over Israel. 2 Now the name of his

"Every man go to his city."

8 It happened, when Samuel was old, that he made 9 Now there was a man of Benjamin, whose name was Kish, the son of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son firstborn was Joel; and the name of his second, Abijah: of Becorath, the son of Aphiah, a Benjaminite, a mighty they were judges in Beersheba. 3 His sons did not man of valor. 2 He had a son, whose name was Saul, a handsome young man; and there was no one among said to him. "Look, the man of whom I spoke to you, the children of Israel more handsome than he was. This one shall have authority over my people." 18 Then From his shoulders and upward he was taller than any Saul drew near to Samuel in the city, and said, "Tell of the people. 3 Now the donkeys of Kish, Saul's father, me where is the house of the seer?" 19 And Samuel were lost. And Kish said to Saul his son, "Take now one answered Saul, and said, "I am he. Go up before me to of the servants with you, and arise, go and look for the the high place, for you will eat with me today. In the donkeys." So Saul got up and took one of the servants morning I will let you go, and will tell you all that is in of his father with him and went to look for the donkeys of your heart. 20 As for your donkeys who were lost three his father Kish. 4 He passed through the hill country of days ago, do not set your mind on them; for they have Ephraim and passed through the land of Shalishah, but been found. And for whom does all Israel desire? Is they did not find them. Then they passed through the it not for you, and for the house of your father?" 21 land of Shaalim, but they weren't there. Then he passed Saul answered, "Am I not a Benjaminite, of the smallest through the land of the Jaminites, but they did not find of the tribes of Israel? And my family the least of all them. 5 When they had come to Zuph, Saul said to his the families of the tribe of Benjamin? Why then do you servant who was with him, "Come, and let us return, speak to me like this?" 22 Samuel took Saul and his lest my father stop caring about the donkeys, and be servant, and brought them into the guest room, and anxious for us." 6 He said to him, "See now, there is in made them sit in the best place among those who were this city a man of God, and he is a man who is held invited, who were about thirty persons. 23 And Samuel in honor. All that he says surely comes to pass. Now said to the cook, "Bring the portion which I gave you, of let us go there. Perhaps he can tell us concerning our which I told you to set aside." 24 The cook picked up the journey on which we have set out." 7 Then Saul said to leg, and that which was attached to it, and set it before his servant, "But look, if we go, what shall we bring the Saul. And he said, "Look, here is what has been kept man? For the bread is gone in our vessels, and there is for you. Set it before you and eat, because it was kept no gift to bring to the man of God. What do we have?" 8 especially for you until the right time; because I said, The servant answered Saul again, and said, "Look, I 'I have invited the people." So Saul ate with Samuel have in my hand the fourth part of a shekel of silver. You that day. 25 When they had come down from the high shall give that to the man of God, to tell us about our place into the city, they prepared a bed for Saul on the journey." 9 (In earlier times in Israel, whenever someone roof, 26 and he slept. And it happened about daybreak went to inquire of God, he would say, "Come, and let that Samuel called to Saul on the roof, saying, "Get us go to the seer"; for he who is now called a prophet up, that I may send you away." So Saul got up, and was formerly called a seer.) 10 Then Saul said to his he and Samuel went outside. 27 As they were going servant, "Well said. Come, let us go." So they went to down to the edge of the city, Samuel said to Saul, "Tell the city where the man of God was. 11 As they went up the servant to go on ahead of us. But you remain here the ascent to the city, they found young maidens going awhile, so that I may make known to you the word of out to draw water, and said to them, "Is the seer here?" God." 12 And they answered them, and said, "He is. Look, he is ahead of you. Just now he has come to the city since the people have a sacrifice today on the high place. 13 As soon as you have come into the city, you shall immediately find him, before he goes up to the high place to eat; for the people will not eat until he comes, because he must bless the sacrifice, and afterwards those who are invited may eat. Now therefore go up for you shall find him right now." 14 They went up to the city. As they came within the city, look, Samuel came out toward them, to go up to the high place. 15 Now the LORD had revealed to Samuel a day before Saul came, saying, 16 "Tomorrow about this time I will send you a man from Benjamin, and you shall anoint him to be prince over my people Israel; and he shall save my people out of the hand of the Philistines; for I have seen the suffering of my people, because their cry has come to me." 17 When Samuel saw Saul, the LORD

Then Samuel took the vial of oil and poured it on 1 his head, and kissed him, and said, "Has not the LORD anointed you to be ruler over his people Israel? And you shall rule over the people of the LORD, and you shall save them out of the hand of their enemies all around. And this shall be the sign to you that the LORD has anointed you to be ruler over his inheritance. 2 When you have departed from me today, then you shall find two men by Rachel's tomb, in the territory of Benjamin at Zelzah; and they will tell you, 'The donkeys which you went to seek have been found; and look, your father has stopped caring about the donkeys, and is anxious for you, saying, "What shall I do about my son?" 3 Then you will go on further from there and you will come to the oak of Tabor, and three men going up to God at Bethel will meet you. One will be carrying three young goats, and another carrying three containers of bread, and another carrying a container of wine. 4 And

of bread, which you shall accept from their hand. 5 among the baggage." 23 They ran and fetched him After that you shall come to Gibeath Elohim, where the there; and when he stood among the people, he was Philistine garrison is. And it shall happen, when you higher than any of the people from his shoulders and have come there to the city, that you shall meet a band upward. 24 Samuel said to all the people, "You see him of prophets coming down from the high place with harps, whom the LORD has chosen, that there is none like and tambourines, and flutes, and lyres before them, and him among all the people?" All the people shouted, and they will be prophesying. 6 And the Spirit of the LORD said, "Let the king live." 25 Then Samuel told the people will come mightily on you, and you shall prophesy with the regulations of the kingdom, and wrote it on a scroll, them, and shall be transformed into a different person. and laid it up before the LORD. Samuel sent all the 7 And let it be, when these signs have come to you, that people away, every man went to his place 26 Saul also you do as the occasion demands, for God is with you. went to his house to Gibeah; and there went with him 8 You shall go down before me to Gilgal; and look, I the valient men, whose hearts the LORD had touched. will come down to you, to offer burnt offerings, and to 27 But certain worthless fellows said, "How shall this sacrifice sacrifices of peace offerings: you shall wait man save us?" So they despised him, and brought him seven days, until I come to you, and show you what no present. Now Nahash, king of the Ammonites, was you shall do." 9 When he had turned his back to leave severely oppressing the Gadites and the Reubenites. Samuel, God changed his heart, and all these signs He put out the right eye of all of them, and he would not came to pass that day. 10 And he went from there to allow anyone to rescue Israel. Not one was left of the Gibeah, and look, a band of prophets met him; and the children of Israel beyond the Jordan whose right eye Spirit of God came mightily on him, and he prophesied Nahash, king of the Ammonites, did not put out, except among them. 11 It happened, when all who knew him for seven thousand men who had escaped from the before saw that, look, he prophesied with the prophets, then the people said one to another, "What is this that has come to the son of Kish? Is Saul also among the prophets?" 12 One of the same place answered, "Who is their father?" Therefore it became a proverb, "Is Saul also among the prophets?" 13 And when he had finished prophesying, and went home, 14 then his uncle said to him and to his servant, "Where did you go?" And he said, "To seek the donkeys. When we saw that they were not found, we went to Samuel." 15 Saul's uncle said, "Please tell me what Samuel said to you." 16 Saul said to his uncle, "He told us plainly that the donkeys were found." But concerning the matter of the kingdom he did not tell him. 17 Samuel called the people together to the LORD to Mizpah; 18 and he said to the children of Israel, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'I brought up Israel out of Egypt, and I delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all the kingdoms that oppressed you:' 19 but you have this day rejected your God, who himself saves you out of all your calamities and your distresses; and you have said, 'No. Set a king over us.' Now therefore present vourselves before the LORD by your tribes, and by your thousands." 20 So Samuel brought all the tribes of Israel near, and the tribe of Benjamin was taken. 21 He brought the tribe of Benjamin near by their families, and the family of the Matrites was taken. And he brought the family of the Matrites near man by man, and Saul the son of Kish was taken. But when they looked for him, he could not be found. 22 Therefore they asked of the LORD further, "Is there a man yet to come here?"

they will greet you and give you two wave offerings The LORD answered. "Look, he has hidden himself Ammonites and went to Jabesh Gilead.

> After about a month, Nahash the Ammonite came 1 up and camped against Jabesh Gilead: and all the men of Jabesh said to Nahash, "Make a covenant with us, and we will serve you." 2 And Nahash the Ammonite said to them, "On this condition I will make a covenant with you, that all your right eyes are put out; and I will make it a disgrace on all Israel." 3 The elders of Jabesh said to him, "Give us seven days, that we may send messengers to all the borders of Israel; and then, if there is no one to save us, we will come out to you." 4 Then the messengers came to Gibeah of Saul, and spoke these words in the ears of the people: and all the people lifted up their voice, and wept. 5 Look, Saul came following the oxen out of the field; and Saul said, "What ails the people that they weep?" They told him the words of the men of Jabesh. 6 The Spirit of God came mightily on Saul when he heard those words, and his anger was kindled greatly. 7 He took a voke of oxen, and cut them in pieces, and sent them throughout all the borders of Israel by the hand of messengers, saying, "Whoever doesn't come forth after Saul and after Samuel, so shall it be done to his oxen." The dread of the LORD fell on the people, and they came out as one man. 8 He numbered them in Bezek; and the children of Israel were three hundred thousand, and the men of Judah thirty thousand. 9 And he said to the messengers who came, "Thus you shall tell the men of Jabesh, 'Tomorrow, by the time the sun is hot, you shall have deliverance." The messengers came and told the men of Jabesh; and they were glad. 10

Therefore the men of Jabesh said. "Tomorrow we will and delivered you out of the hand of your enemies on Ammonites until the heat of the day: and it happened, Now therefore see the king whom you have chosen, Saul and all the men of Israel rejoiced greatly.

Samuel said to all Israel, "Look, I have listened to your voice in all that you said to me, and have made a king over you. 2 Now, look, the king walks before you; and I am old and gray-headed; and look, my sons are with you: and I have walked before you from my youth to this day. 3 Here I am. Testify against me before the LORD, and before his anointed. Whose ox have I taken, or whose donkey have I taken, or whom have I defrauded? Whom have I oppressed, or from whose hand have I taken a bribe, or a shoe? Testify against me, and I will restore it to you." 4 They said, "You have not defrauded us, nor oppressed us, neither have you taken anything of any man's hand." 5 He said to them, "The LORD is witness against you, and his anointed is witness this day, that you have not found anything in my hand." They said, "He is witness." 6 Samuel said to the people, "It is the LORD who appointed Moses and Aaron, and that brought your fathers up out of Egypt. 7 Now therefore stand still, that I may plead with you before the LORD and will recount for you all the righteous acts of the LORD, which he did to you and to your fathers. 8 "When Jacob went into Egypt, and the Egyptians oppressed them, and your fathers cried to the LORD, then the LORD sent Moses and Aaron, who brought your fathers out of Egypt, and made them to dwell in this place. 9 "But they forgot the LORD their God: and he sold them into the hand of Sisera, captain of the army of Hazor, and into the hand of the Philistines, and into the hand of the king of Moab; and they fought against them. 10 And they cried to the LORD, and they said, 'We have sinned, because we have forsaken the LORD, and have served the Baals and the Ashtaroth: but now deliver us out of the hand of our enemies, and we will serve you.' 11 The LORD Philistines, and also that Israel had become repulsive to sent Jerubbaal, and Barak, and Jephthah, and Samuel, the Philistines. So the people were called out to join

come out to you, and you shall do with us all that seems every side; and you lived in safety. 12 "When you saw good to you." 11 It was so on the next day, that Saul put that Nahash the king of the people of Ammon came the people in three companies; and they came into the against you, you said to me, 'No, but a king shall reign midst of the camp in the morning watch, and struck the over us," when the LORD your God was your king. 13 that those who remained were scattered, so that no two and whom you have asked for: and look, the LORD has of them were left together. 12 And the people said to set a king over you. 14 If you will fear the LORD, and Samuel, "Who is it that said Saul should not reign over serve him, and listen to his voice, and not rebel against us? Bring those men so we may put them to death." the commandment of the LORD, and both you and also 13 Saul said, "There shall not a man be put to death the king who reigns over you are followers of the LORD this day; for today the LORD has worked deliverance in your God, then he will rescue you. 15 But if you will not Israel." 14 Then Samuel said to the people, "Come, and listen to the voice of the LORD, but rebel against the let us go to Gilgal, and renew the kingdom there." 15 All commandment of the LORD, then the hand of the LORD the people went to Gilgal; and there they made Saul will be against you, and against your king to destroy king before the LORD in Gilgal; and there they offered you. 16 "Now therefore stand still and see this great sacrifices of peace offerings before the LORD; and there thing, which the LORD will do before your eyes. 17 Isn't it wheat harvest today? I will call to the LORD, that he may send thunder and rain; and you shall know and see that your wickedness is great, which you have done in the sight of the LORD, in asking for a king." 18 So Samuel called to the LORD; and the LORD sent thunder and rain that day: and all the people greatly feared the LORD and Samuel. 19 All the people said to Samuel, "Pray for your servants to the LORD your God, that we not die; for we have added to all our sins this evil, to ask us a king." 20 Samuel said to the people, "Do not be afraid. You have indeed done all this evil; yet do not turn aside from following the LORD, but serve the LORD with all your heart. 21 Do not turn aside to go after vain things which can't profit nor deliver, for they are vain. 22 For the LORD will not forsake his people for his great name's sake, because it has pleased the LORD to make you a people to himself. 23 Moreover as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you: but I will instruct you in the good and the right way. 24 Only fear the LORD, and serve him in truth with all your heart; for consider what great things he has done for you. 25 But if you shall still do wickedly, you shall be swept away, both you and your king."

> 13 Saul was ruling for less than a year, when he ruled during year two over Israel, 2 that Saul chose for himself three thousand men of Israel, of which two thousand were with Saul in Michmash and in the hill country of Bethel, and one thousand were with Jonathan in Gibeah of Benjamin. And the rest of the people he sent away, each to his own home. 3 Now Jonathan struck the garrison of the Philistines that was at Gibeah, and the Philistines heard of it. Saul blew the trumpet throughout all the land, saying, "Let the Hebrews hear." 4 All Israel heard that Saul had struck the garrison of the

together to fight with Israel, and brought up against Israel the plowshares and for the mattocks, and three shekels three thousand chariots, and six thousand horsemen, for picks and axes and to set the goads. 22 So on the and people as the sand which is on the seashore in day of the battle of Michmash there was neither sword multitude: and they came up, and camped in Michmash, eastward of Beth Aven. 6 When the men of Israel saw that they were in trouble (for the people were in a difficult Jonathan had them, 23 The garrison of the Philistines situation), then the people hid themselves in caves and thickets, among the rocks, and in pits and cisterns. 7 Now some of the Hebrews had gone over the Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead; but as for Saul, he was yet in Gilgal, and all the people followed him trembling. 8 And he stayed seven days, according to the time that Samuel had said. But Samuel did not come to Gilgal, and the people began to abandon him. 9 Saul said, "Bring here the burnt offering to me, and the peace offerings." He offered the burnt offering. 10 It came to pass that as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt offering, look, Samuel came; and Saul went out to meet him, that he might greet him. 11 Samuel said, "What have you done?" Saul said, "Because I saw that the people were scattered from me, and that you did not come within the days appointed, and that the Philistines assembled themselves together at Michmash: 12 therefore I said, 'Now the Philistines will come down on me to Gilgal, and I haven't entreated the favor of the LORD.' I forced myself therefore, and offered the burnt offering." 13 Samuel said to Saul, "You have done foolishly. You have not kept the commandment of the LORD your God, which he commanded you; for now the LORD would have established your kingdom on Israel forever. 14 But now your kingdom shall not continue. The LORD has sought for himself a man after his own heart, and the LORD has appointed him to be prince over his people, because you have not kept that which the LORD commanded you." 15 And Samuel arose and departed from Gilgal, and the rest of the people went up after Saul to meet him after the men of war, when they had come up from Gilgal to Gibeah of Benjamin. And Saul numbered the people who were present with him, about six hundred men. 16 Saul, and Jonathan his son, and the people who were present with them. stayed in Geba of Benjamin: but the Philistines camped in Michmash. 17 The spoilers came out of the camp of the Philistines in three companies: one company turned to the way that leads to Ophrah, to the land of Shual; 18 and another company turned the way to Beth Horon; and another company turned toward the border that overlooks the valley of Zeboim. 19 Now there was no blacksmith found throughout all the land of Israel: for the Philistines had said, "Otherwise the Hebrews will make swords or spears." 20 But all Israel would go down to the Philistines, each to sharpen his plowshare, mattock,

Saul at Gilgal. 5 The Philistines assembled themselves axe, and sickle: 21 and the charge was one pavim for nor spear found in the hand of any of the people who were with Saul and Jonathan; but Saul and his son went out to the pass of Michmash.

> **1 L** Now it happened one day that Jonathan, the son of Saul, said to the young man who carried his armor, "Come, let's go over to the Philistine garrison on the other side." But he did not tell his father. 2 Now Saul stayed in the outskirts of Gibeah under the pomegranate tree by the threshing floor, and the people who were with him were about six hundred men. 3 Now Ahiiah was wearing an ephod. He was the son of Ahitub, the brother of Ichabod, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eli, the priest of the LORD in Shiloh. And the people did not know that Jonathan was gone. 4 Now on each side of the pass through which Jonathan intended to cross to the Philistine garrison there was a steep cliff on one side and a steep cliff on the other side. And the name of the one was Bozez, and the name of the other Seneh. 5 The one cliff was to north in front of Michmash, and the other on the south in front of Geba. 6 Then Jonathan said to the young man who carried his armor, "Come, let's go over to the garrison of these uncircumcised. It may be that the LORD will work for us, for nothing can prevent the LORD from saving by many or by a few." 7 His armor bearer said to him, "Do all that your heart inclines toward. Look, I am with you, my heart is as your heart." 8 Then Jonathan said, "Look, we will pass over to the men, and we will reveal ourselves to them. 9 If they say thus to us, 'Wait until we come to you,' then we will stop where we are, and will not go up to them. 10 But if they say this, 'Come up to us,' then we will go up; for the LORD has delivered them into our hand. This shall be the sign to us." 11 Both of them revealed themselves to the garrison of the Philistines: and the Philistines said, "Look, the Hebrews are coming out of the holes where they had hidden themselves." 12 The men of the garrison answered Jonathan and his armor bearer, and said, "Come up to us, and we will show you something." Jonathan said to his armor bearer, "Come up after me; for the LORD has delivered them into the hand of Israel." 13 Jonathan climbed up on his hands and on his feet, and his armor bearer after him. And they fell before Jonathan; and his armor bearer killed them after him. 14 That first slaughter which Jonathan and his armor bearer made was about twenty men, with arrows and with weapons from flints of the field. 15 And there was a terror in the camp, and in

the field, and among all the people. The garrison and ate them with the blood. 33 Then they told Saul, saying, even the raiders were terrified. And the earth quaked, "Look, the people are sinning against the LORD, in that and it became a terror of God. 16 And the watchmen of they eat meat with the blood." He said, "You have dealt Saul in Gibeah of Benjamin saw, and look, the multitude treacherously. Roll a large stone to me this day." 34 And was scattering here and there. 17 Then Saul said to Saul said, "Disperse yourselves among the people, and the people who were with him, "Count now, and see say to them, 'Each one of you bring to me his ox or who is missing from us." When they had counted, look, his sheep, and slaughter them here and eat, and do Jonathan and his armor bearer were not there. 18 And not sin against the LORD by eating with the blood." Saul said to Ahijah, "Bring near the ephod," for he wore So everyone of the people brought whatever he had at the ephod at that time before Israel. 19 And it happened, hand with him, and slaughtered it there. 35 Saul built an while Saul was speaking to the priest, that the tumult altar to the LORD. This was the first altar that he built that was in the camp of the Philistines went on and to the LORD. 36 Saul said, "Let us go down after the increased: and Saul said to the priest, "Withdraw your Philistines by night, and take spoil among them until the hand." 20 Saul and all the people who were with him morning light, and let us not leave a man of them." They were gathered together, and came to the battle: and said, "Do whatever seems good to you." Then the priest look, every man's sword was against his fellow: a very said, "Let us draw near here to God." 37 Saul asked great confusion. 21 Now the Hebrews who were with the counsel of God, "Shall I go down after the Philistines? Philistines previously when they went up with them to Will you deliver them into the hand of Israel?" But he the camp, they too turned to be with the Israelites who did not answer him that day. 38 And Saul said, "Come were with Saul and Jonathan. 22 Likewise all the men here, all you leaders of the people; and investigate and of Israel who had hidden themselves in the hill country see how this sin has arisen today. 39 For, as the LORD of Ephraim, when they heard that the Philistines fled, lives, who saves Israel, though it is in Jonathan my son, even they also followed closely after them in the battle. he shall surely die." But there was not a man among all 23 So the LORD saved Israel that day, and the battle the people who answered him. 40 Then he said to all passed over by Beth Aven. And all the people with Saul Israel, "You be on one side, and I and Jonathan my were about ten thousand men. And the battle extended son will be on the other side." The people said to Saul, itself into every city in the hill country of Ephraim. 24 "Do what seems good to you." 41 Therefore Saul said, And Saul committed a great blunder that day, for he had "LORD, God of Israel, why have you not answered your placed the people under an oath, saying, "Cursed is servant this day? If this sin is mine or in Jonathan my the man who eats any food until it is evening, and I am son, LORD, God of Israel, give Urim. But if this sin is in avenged of my enemies." So none of the people tasted your people Israel, give Thummim." And Jonathan and food. 25 Now all the people came upon a honeycomb, Saul were chosen, but the people were cleared. 42 And and there was honey on the ground. 26 And when the Saul said, "Cast lots between me and Jonathan my son. people came upon the honeycomb, look, its bees had Whomever the LORD shall indicate to be taken by lot, left, but no man would raise his hand to his mouth, for let him die." And the people said to Saul, "This thing the people feared the oath. 27 But Jonathan did not hear is not to be." And Saul prevailed over the people, and when his father commanded the people with the oath, they cast lots between him and Jonathan his son. And so he put forth the end of the staff that was in his hand, Jonathan was selected. 43 Then Saul said to Jonathan, and dipped it in the honeycomb, and raised his hand to "Tell me what you have done." And Jonathan told him, his mouth, and his eyes brightened. 28 Then one of and said, "I certainly did taste a little honey with the end the people answered, and said, "Your father directly of the staff that was in my hand; and look, I must die." 44 commanded the people with an oath, saving, 'Cursed is And Saul said, "God do the same to me and more also the man who eats food this day." The people were faint. if you are not put to death this day." 45 The people said 29 Then Jonathan said, "My father has troubled the to Saul, "Shall he who has worked this great salvation in land. Please look how my eyes have been enlightened. Israel die today? As the LORD lives, there shall not one because I tasted a little of this honey. 30 How much hair of his head fall to the ground; for he has worked with better if the people had eaten freely today of the spoil God this day." So the people rescued Jonathan, and he of their enemies when they found it, for the slaughter did not die. 46 Then Saul went up from following the among the Philistines would have been greater." 31 Philistines; and the Philistines went to their own place. They struck of the Philistines that day from Michmash to 47 Now when Saul had taken the kingdom over Israel, Aijalon. The people were very faint; 32 and the people he fought against all his enemies on every side, against pounced upon the spoil, and took sheep, and cattle, and Moab, and against the people of Ammon, and against

calves, and killed them on the ground; and the people Edom, and against Beth Rehob, and against the king of

Zobah, and against the Philistines; and wherever he what does this bleating of the sheep in my ears, and the any valiant man, he took him to him.

15 Samuel said to Saul, "The LORD sent me to anoint you to be king over Israel. Now therefore listen to the voice of the words of the LORD. 2 Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'I will punish Amalek for what he did to Israel, how he set himself against him in the way, when he came up out of Egypt. 3 Now go and strike Amalek and put them and everything that belongs to them under the ban. And do not spare them, but kill both man and woman, child and infant, ox and sheep, camel and donkey." 4 Saul summoned the people, and numbered them in Telaim, two hundred thousand footmen, and ten thousand men of Judah. 5 Saul came to the city of Amalek, and lay in wait in the valley. 6 Saul said to the Kenites, "Go, depart, go down from among Amalek, lest I sweep you away with them; for you showed kindness to the children of Israel, when they came up out of Egypt." So the Kenites departed from among Amalek. 7 Saul struck Amalek, from Havilah as you go to Shur, that is before Egypt. 8 He took Agag the king of Amalek alive, and utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword. 9 But Saul and the people spared Agag, and the best of the sheep, and the cattle, and the fat ones and the lambs, and all that was good, and wouldn't utterly destroy them; but everything that was despised and rejected, that they utterly destroyed. 10 Then the word of the LORD came to Samuel, saying, 11 "It grieves me that I have made Saul king; for he has turned back from following me, and has not carried out my commandments." And Samuel was angry; and he cried to the LORD all night. 12 And Samuel rose early to meet Saul in the morning; and it was told Samuel, saying, "Saul came to Carmel, and look, he set up a monument for himself, and turned, and passed on, and went down to Gilgal." And Samuel came to Saul, and look, he was offering up a burnt offering to the LORD, the best of the spoils which he had brought from Amalek. 13 And Samuel came to Saul; and Saul said to him, "You are blessed by the LORD. I have performed the commandment of the LORD." 14 Samuel said, "Then

turned, he was victorious. 48 And he did valiantly, and lowing of the cattle which I hear mean?" 15 And Saul struck Amalek, and delivered Israel out of the hand of said, "I have brought them from Amalek; for the people its plunderers. 49 Now the sons of Saul were Jonathan, spared the best of the sheep and the cattle to sacrifice and Jishvi, and Malkishua; and the names of his two to the LORD your God, and I have utterly destroyed the daughters were these: the name of the firstborn Merob, rest." 16 Then Samuel said to Saul, "Stay, and I will tell and the name of the younger Mikal: 50 and the name of you what the LORD has said to me last night." He said Saul's wife was Ahinoam the daughter of Ahimaaz. The to him, "Say on." 17 Samuel said, "Though you were name of the commander of his army was Abiner the son little in your own sight, weren't you made the head of of Ner, Saul's uncle. 51 Kish was the father of Saul; the tribes of Israel? The LORD anointed you king over and Ner the father of Abner was the son of Abiel. 52 Israel; 18 and the LORD sent you on a journey, and said There was severe war against the Philistines all the to you, 'Go, and utterly destroy those sinners, Amalek, days of Saul: and when Saul saw any mighty man, or and fight against them until you have destroyed them.

> 19 Why then did you not obey the voice of the LORD, but took the spoils, and did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD?" 20 Saul said to Samuel, "But I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and have gone the way which the LORD sent me, and have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and have utterly destroyed Amalek. 21 But the people took of the spoil, sheep and cattle, the chief of the devoted things, to sacrifice to the LORD your God in Gilgal." 22 Samuel said, "Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Look, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams. 23 For rebellion is like the sin of divination, and arrogance like the evil of idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, he has also rejected you from being king." 24 Saul said to Samuel, "I have sinned; for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD, and your words, because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice. 25 Now therefore, please pardon my sin, and turn again with me, that I may worship the LORD." 26 Samuel said to Saul, "I will not return with you; for you have rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD has rejected you from being king over Israel." 27 As Samuel turned about to go away, he grabbed the skirt of his robe, and it tore. 28 Samuel said to him, "The LORD has torn the kingdom of Israel from you this day, and has given it to a neighbor of yours who is better than you. 29 And also the Eternal One of Israel will not retract or change his mind; for he is not a man that he should change his mind." 30 Then he said, "I have sinned: yet please honor me now before the elders of my people, and before Israel, and come back with me, that I may worship the LORD your God." 31 So Samuel went back with Saul; and he worshiped the LORD. 32 Then Samuel said, "Bring here to me Agag the king of Amalek." And Agag came to him trembling. And Agag said, "Surely death is bitter." 33 Samuel said, "As your sword has made women childless, so your mother will be childless among women." Samuel cut Agag in pieces before the LORD in Gilgal. 34 Then Samuel went to

Ramah: and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah. 35 play well, and bring him to me." 18 Then one of the grieved that he had made Saul king over Israel.

16 The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite; for I have provided a king for myself among his sons." 2 Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me." The LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. 3 Call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do. You shall anoint to me him whom I name to you." 4 And Samuel did what the LORD said, and came to Bethlehem. And the elders of the city came to meet him trembling. And they said, "Is your visit peaceful, seer?" 5 And he said, "Peaceful; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." He sanctified Jesse and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice. 6 It happened, when they had come, that he looked at Eliab, and said, "Surely the LORD's anointed is before him." 7 But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For humans do not see as God sees, for humans look at the outward appearance, but God looks at the heart." 8 Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." 9 Then Jesse made Shimeah to pass by. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." 10 And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. But Samuel said, "The LORD has not chosen these." 11 Then Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your children here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest. Look, he is tending the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and get him, for we will not sit down until he comes here." 12 So he sent and brought him in. And he was reddish brown, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. And the LORD said, "Arise, anoint him, for he is the one." 13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brothers: and the Spirit of the LORD came mightily on David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah. 14 Now the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and a harmful spirit from the LORD tormented him. 15 Saul's servants said to him, "See now, a harmful spirit from God troubles you. 16 Let our lord now command your servants who are before you, to seek out a man who is a skillful player on the harp. It shall happen, when the harmful spirit is on you, that he shall play with his hand, and you shall be well, and it will give you relief." 17 Saul said to his servants, "Provide me now a man who can

And Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his young men answered, and said, "Look, I have seen a death; for Samuel mourned for Saul. And the LORD son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, who is skillful in playing, and a mighty man of valor, and a warrior, and articulate in speech, and a handsome man; and the LORD is with him." 19 Therefore Saul sent messengers to Jesse, and said, "Send me David your son, who is with the sheep." 20 And Jesse took a donkey and loaded it with an omer of bread, and a skin of wine, and a young goat, and sent them by David his son to Saul. 21 David came to Saul, and stood before him. He loved him greatly; and he became his armor bearer. 22 Saul sent to Jesse, saying, "Please let David stand before me; for he has found favor in my sight." 23 It happened, when the spirit from God was on Saul, that David took the harp, and played with his hand: so Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the harmful spirit departed from him.

> **17** Now the Philistines gathered together their armies to battle; and they were gathered together at Socoh, which belongs to Judah, and camped between Socoh and Azekah, in Ephes Dammim. 2 Saul and the men of Israel were gathered together, and camped in the Valley of Elah, and set the battle in array against the Philistines. 3 The Philistines stood on the mountain on the one side, and Israel stood on the mountain on the other side: and there was a valley between them. 4 There went out a champion out of the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six feet eight inches. 5 And he had a helmet on his head, and wore bronze scale-armor. And the weight of the bronze armor was five thousand shekels. 6 And he had bronze armor on his shins, and a bronze javelin was slung over his shoulders. 7 Now the shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and its blade weighed six hundred iron shekels, and his shield bearer went in front of him. 8 He stood and shouted to the armies of Israel, and said to them, "Why have you come out to set your battle in array? Am I not a Philistine, and you servants to Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. 9 If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants; but if I prevail against him, and kill him, then you will be our servants, and serve us." 10 The Philistine said, "I defy the armies of Israel this day. Give me a man, that we may fight together." 11 When Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, they were dismayed, and greatly afraid. 12 Now David was the son of that Ephrathite of Bethlehem in Judah, whose name was Jesse: and he had eight sons. And in the days of Saul the man was old and advanced in years. 13 The three eldest sons of Jesse had gone after Saul to the battle. And the names of his sons who went to the battle were Eliab,

the firstborn, and Abinadab, the second, and Shimeah, and he a man of war from his youth." 34 David said to the third. 14 David was the youngest; and the three Saul, "Your servant was keeping his father's sheep; and eldest followed Saul. 15 Now David went back and forth when a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb out of from Saul to feed his father's sheep at Bethlehem. 16 the flock, 35 I went out after him, and struck him, and The Philistine drew near morning and evening, and rescued it out of his mouth. When he arose against me, I presented himself forty days. 17 Then Jesse said to caught him by his beard, and struck him, and killed him. David, "Now take for your brothers an ephah of this 36 Your servant struck both the lion and the bear, and parched grain, and these ten loaves, and carry them this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them. quickly to the camp and give them to your brothers; Should I not go and smite him, and remove this day a 18 and bring these ten cheeses to the captain of their disgrace from Israel? For who is this uncircumcised one, thousand, and see how your brothers are doing, and since he has defied the armies of the living God? 37 bring back news." 19 Now Saul and they and all the The LORD who delivered me out of the paw of the lion, men of Israel were in the Valley of Elah, fighting with the and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of Philistines. 20 So David arose early in the morning and the hand of this Philistine." Saul said to David, "Go; and left the flock with a keeper and took and went, as Jesse the LORD shall be with you." 38 And he dressed David had commanded him: and he came to the perimeter of in a uniform with a bronze helmet on his head, and he the camp as the army was marching out to its battle clothed him with a coat of armor. 39 And David strapped formation and shouting the war cry. 21 And Israel and on his sword over his uniform, and after he had tried the Philistines lined up in battle formation, army against once or twice to walk, then David said to Saul, "I can't army. 22 And David left his supplies in the care of the walk with these, for I am not used to them." So they took attendant, and ran to the army and came and greeted them off him. 40 Then he took his staff in his hand and his brothers. 23 As he talked with them, look, there chose for himself five smooth stones from the wadi, and came up the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath put them in the shepherd's bag, in the pouch. And his by name, out of the ranks of the Philistines, and spoke sling was in his hand, and he approached the Philistine. according to the same words: and David heard them. 41 So the Philistine moved forward and came near to 24 All the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled David, and his shield-bearer was in front of him. 42 from him, and were terrified. 25 The men of Israel said, When the Philistine looked and saw David, he despised "Have you seen this man who has come up? He has him, for he was but a youth, and ruddy, and handsome surely come up to defy Israel. It shall be, that the man in appearance. 43 The Philistine said to David, "Am I a who kills him, the king will enrich him with great riches, dog, that you come to me with a stick and stones?" And and will give him his daughter, and make his father's David said, "No, worse than a dog." And the Philistine house exempt in Israel." 26 David spoke to the men who cursed David by his gods. 44 The Philistine said to stood by him, saying, "What shall be done to the man David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the who kills this Philistine, and takes away this disgrace birds of the sky, and to the animals of the field." 45 Then from Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a that he should defy the armies of the living God?" 27 sword, and with a spear, and with a javelin: but I come The people answered him in this way, saying, "So shall to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the it be done to the man who kills him." 28 Eliab his eldest armies of Israel, whom you have defied. 46 Today, the brother heard when he spoke to the men; and Eliab's LORD will deliver you into my hand; and I will strike you, anger was kindled against David, and he said, "Why and take your head from off you. And I will give your have you come down? With whom have you left those corpse and the corpses of the Philistine army this very few sheep in the wilderness? I know your insolence and day to the birds of the air, and to the wild animals of the the wickedness of your heart; for you have come down earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in that you might see the battle." 29 David said, "What Israel, 47 and that all this assembly may know that the have I now done? Is there not a cause?" 30 Then he LORD doesn't save with sword and spear: for the battle turned away from him toward another, and spoke in the is the LORD's, and he will give you into our hand." 48 It same way, and they gave him an answer as before. 31 happened, when the Philistine arose, and came and When the words that David spoke were overheard, they drew near to meet David, that David hurried, and ran repeated them before Saul; and he sent for him. 32 toward the army to meet the Philistine. 49 David put his David said to Saul, "Let not my lord's heart fail because hand in his bag, took a stone, and slung it, and struck of him. Your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." the Philistine in his forehead; and the stone sank into 33 Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against his forehead, and he fell on his face to the ground. 50

this Philistine to fight with him; for you are but a youth, So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and

but there was no sword in the hand of David. 51 Then him, and had departed from Saul. 13 Therefore Saul David ran and stood beside him, and took his sword removed him from him, and made him his captain over and drew it out of its sheath and killed him, and cut off a thousand; and he went out and came in before the his head with it. When the Philistines saw that their people. 14 David behaved himself wisely in all his ways; champion was dead, they fled. 52 The men of Israel and the LORD was with him. 15 When Saul saw that he the Philistines fell down by the way to Shaaraim, even and came in before them. 17 Saul said to David, "Look, to Gath, and to Ekron. 53 The children of Israel returned my elder daughter Merob, I will give her to you as wife. from chasing after the Philistines, and they plundered Only be valiant for me, and fight the LORD's battles." their camp. 54 David took the head of the Philistine, and For Saul said, "Do not let my hand be on him, but let the brought it to Jerusalem; but he put his armor in his tent. hand of the Philistines be on him." 18 David said to Saul. 55 When Saul saw David go out to meet the Philistine, "Who am I, and what is my life, or my father's family in he said to Abner, the commander of the army, "Whose Israel, that I should be son-in-law to the king?" 19 But it son is that boy?" And Abner said. "As your soul lives, O happened at the time when Merob. Saul's daughter. king, I don't know." 56 The king said, "Inquire whose should have been given to David, that she was given to son that young man is." 57 As David returned from the Adriel the Meholathite as wife. 20 Mikal. Saul's daughter. slaughter of the Philistine, Abner took him, and brought loved David; and they told Saul, and the thing pleased him before Saul with the head of the Philistine in his him. 21 And Saul thought, "I will give her to him, that hand. 58 Saul said to him, "Whose son are you, young she may be a snare to him, and that the hand of the man?" David answered, "I am the son of your servant Philistines may be against him." Therefore Saul said to Jesse the Bethlehemite."

18 It happened, when he had made an end of speaking to Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. 2 Saul took him that day, and would let him go no more home to his father's house. 3 Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul. 4 Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was on him, and gave it to David, and his armor, and even his sword and his bow and his belt. 5 Then Saul set him over the men of war, and David went out, succeeding wherever Saul sent him. And it was good in the sight of all the people, and also in the sight of Saul's servants. 6 It happened as they came, when David returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, that the women came out of all the cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet king Saul, with tambourines, with joy, and with instruments of music. 7 The women sang one to another as they played, and said, "Saul has slain his thousands, David his ten thousands." 8 Saul was very angry, and this saying displeased him; and he said, "They have ascribed to David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed but thousands. What can he have more but the kingdom?" 9 Saul viewed David with suspicion from that day and forward. 10 It happened on the next day, that a harmful spirit from God came mightily on Saul, and he prophesied in the midst of the house. David played with his hand, as he did dav by day. Saul had his spear in his hand; 11 and Saul

with a stone, and struck the Philistine, and killed him: Saul was afraid of David, because the LORD was with and of Judah arose, and shouted, and pursued them as behaved himself very wisely, he stood in awe of him. 16 far as Gath, and to the gates of Ekron. The wounded of But all Israel and Judah loved David; for he went out David, "You shall this day be my son-in-law a second time." 22 Then Saul commanded his servants. "Talk with David secretly, and say, 'Look, the king has delight in you, and all his servants love you. So now therefore be the king's son-in-law." 23 Saul's servants spoke those words in the ears of David. David said, "Does it seems to you a little thing to be the king's son-in-law, since I am a poor man, and insignificant?" 24 The servants of Saul told him, saying, "David spoke like this." 25 Saul said, "You shall tell David, 'The king desires no dowry except one hundred foreskins of the Philistines. to be avenged of the king's enemies." Now Saul thought to make David fall by the hand of the Philistines. 26 When his servants told David these words, it pleased David well to be the king's son-in-law. The days were not expired; 27 and David arose and went, he and his men, and killed of the Philistines one hundred men; and David brought their foreskins, and they gave them in full number to the king, that he might be the king's son-inlaw. Then Saul gave him Mikal his daughter as wife. 28 When Saul saw and knew that the LORD was with David, and that all Israel loved him. 29 then he was even more afraid of David. So Saul was David's enemy continually. 30 Then the leaders of the Philistines went forth: and it happened, as often as they went forth, that David behaved himself more wisely than all the servants of Saul; so that his name was highly esteemed.

1 Q Saul spoke to Jonathan his son, and to all his servants, that they should kill David. But Saul's threw the spear; for he said, "I will pin David even to son Jonathan liked David very much. 2 So Jonathan the wall." David escaped from his presence twice. 12 told David, saying, "Saul seeks to kill you. Please take

a secret place. 3 I will go out and stand beside my the bare hill. And he asked, "Where are Samuel and father in the field where you are, and I will talk with my David?" And one said, "Look, they are in the dwellings at father about you; and if I see anything, I will tell you." 4 Ramah." 23 So he went to the dwellings at Ramah. Then Jonathan spoke good of David to Saul his father, and the Spirit of God came on him also, and he went on, and said to him, "Do not let the king sin against his servant, prophesied, until he came to the dwellings in Ramah. against David; because he has not sinned against you, 24 And he stripped off his clothes and prophesied before and because his works have been very good toward them, and lay down naked all that day and all that night. you; 5 for he put his life in his hand, and struck the Thus it is said, "Is Saul also among the prophets?" Philistine, and the LORD worked a great victory for all Israel. You saw it, and rejoiced. Why then will you sin against innocent blood, to kill David without a cause?" 6 Saul listened to the voice of Jonathan, and Saul swore, "As the LORD lives, he shall not be put to death." 7 Jonathan called David, and Jonathan showed him all those things. Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence, as before. 8 There was war again. David went out, and fought with the Philistines, and killed them with a great slaughter; and they fled before him. 9 A harmful spirit from the LORD was on Saul, as he sat in his house with his spear in his hand; and David was playing with his hand. 10 Saul sought to pin David even to the wall with the spear; but he slipped away out of Saul's presence, and he stuck the spear into the wall. David fled, and escaped that night. 11 Saul sent messengers to David's house, to watch him, and to kill him in the morning. Mikal, David's wife, told him, saying, "If you do not save your life tonight, tomorrow you will be killed." 12 So Mikal let David down through the window. He went, fled, and escaped. 13 Mikal took the teraphim, and laid it in the bed, and put a pillow of goats' hair at its head, and covered it with the clothes. 14 When Saul sent messengers to take David, she said, "He is sick." 15 Then he sent the messengers to see David, saying, "Bring him up to me in the bed, that I may kill him." 16 When the messengers came in, look, the teraphim was in the bed, with the pillow of goats' hair at its head. 17 Saul said to Mikal, "Why have you deceived me thus, and let my enemy go, so that he is escaped?" Mikal answered Saul, "He said, 'Let me go. Why should I kill you?" 18 Now David fled, and escaped, and came to Samuel to Ramah, and told him all that Saul had done to him. And he and Samuel went and lived in the dwellings. 19 And it was told to Saul, saying, "Look, David is in the dwellings at Ramah." 20 And Saul sent messengers to capture David. But when they saw a company of the prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing as head over them, the Spirit of God came upon the messengers of Saul, and they prophesied. 21 When it was told to Saul, he sent other messengers, and they also prophesied. Saul sent messengers again the third time, and they also prophesied. 22 And Saul became very angry, and he himself also went to Ramah,

care of yourself in the morning, and keep hidden in and came to the cistern of the threshing floor that is on

20 Then David fled from the dwellings at Ramah, and came before Jonathan and said, "What have I done? What is my iniquity? What is my sin before your father, that he seeks my life?" 2 He said to him, "Far from it; you shall not die. Look, my father does nothing either great or small, but that he discloses it to me; and why should my father hide this thing from me? It is not so." 3 And David answered and said, "Your father knows well that I have found favor in your eyes; and he says, 'Do not let Jonathan know this, lest he be grieved:' but truly as the LORD lives, and as your soul lives, there is but a step between me and death." 4 Then Jonathan said to David, "Whatever your soul desires, I will do for you." 5 So David said to Jonathan, "Look, tomorrow is the new moon, and I should not fail to sit with the king to eat. Instead, let me go so that I may hide myself in the field until evening. 6 If your father missed me at all, then say, 'David urgently requested of me that he might run to Bethlehem his city, for it is the yearly sacrifice there for all the family.' 7 If he says, 'It is well;' your servant shall have peace: but if he be angry, then know that evil is determined by him. 8 Therefore deal kindly with your servant; for you have brought your servant into a covenant of the LORD with you: but if there is iniquity in me, kill me yourself; for why should you bring me to your father?" 9 Jonathan said, "Far be it from you; for if I should at all know that evil were determined by my father to come on you, then wouldn't I tell you that?" 10 Then David said to Jonathan, "Who will tell me if your father answers you harshly?" 11 Jonathan said to David, "Come, and let us go out into the field." They both went out into the field. 12 Jonathan said to David, "The LORD, the God of Israel, is witness. When I have studied my father, about this time tomorrow, or the third day, look, if there is good toward David, shall I not then send to you, and disclose it to you? 13 But should it please my father to do you harm, God do so to Jonathan and more also if I do not let you know and send you away, that you may go in safety. And may the LORD be with you, as he has been with my father. 14 And if I am still alive, deal loyally with me. But if I die, 15 do not cut off your loyalty from my house forever. And when the LORD cuts off the enemies of David, each one from the face of the earth. 16 if the name of Jonathan require it at the hand of the enemies of David." 17 And it to pass beyond, toward the city. 37 When the boy Jonathan swore to David again, because he loved him, had come to the place of the arrow which Jonathan had for he loved him as he loved his own soul. 18 Then shot, Jonathan called after the youth, and said, "Isn't the Jonathan said, "Tomorrow is the new moon: and you arrow beyond you?" 38 Jonathan cried after the boy, will be missed, because your seat will be empty. 19 On "Go fast. Hurry. Do not delay." Jonathan's boy gathered the third day you should go down quickly, and come to up the arrows, and came to his master. 39 But the boy the place where you hid yourself when this started, and did not know anything. Only Jonathan and David knew stay by that mound. 20 And as for me, on the third day I the matter. 40 Jonathan gave his weapons to his boy, will shoot arrows to its side, aiming it toward a target. 21 and said to him, "Go, carry them to the city." 41 As Look, I will send the boy, saying, 'Go, find the arrows.' If soon as the boy was gone, David arose from beside I tell the boy, 'Look, the arrow is on this side of you. Take the mound, and fell on his face to the ground, and it;' then come; for there is peace to you and no hurt, as bowed himself three times. They kissed one another, the LORD lives. 22 But if I say this to the boy, 'Look, the and wept one with another, and David wept the most. arrow is beyond you," then go your way; for the LORD 42 Then Jonathan said, "Go in peace, because we have has sent you away. 23 Concerning the matter which both sworn in the name of the LORD, saving, 'The you and I have spoken of, look, the LORD is a witness LORD shall be between me and you, and between my between you and me forever." 24 So David hid himself descendants and your descendants, forever." He arose in the field. And when the new moon had come, the and departed; and Jonathan went into the city. king sat at the table to eat. 25 The king sat on his seat, as at other times, even on the seat by the wall; and Jonathan sat opposite, and Abner sat by Saul's side: but David's place was empty. 26 Nevertheless Saul did not say anything that day: for he thought, "Something has happened to him. He is not clean. Surely he is not clean." 27 It happened on the next day after the new moon, the second day, that David's place was empty. Saul said to Jonathan his son, "Why hasn't the son of Jesse come to the table, either yesterday or today?" 28 Jonathan answered Saul, and said, "David earnestly asked leave of me to go to Bethlehem. 29 He said, 'Please let me go, for our family has a sacrifice in the city. And as for me, my brothers have ordered me to be there. Now, if I have found favor in your eyes, please let me go away and see my brothers.' Therefore he has not come to the king's table." 30 Then Saul's anger flared up at Jonathan, and he said to him, "You son of a rebellious slave girl, don't I know that you are the companion of the son of Jesse, to your own disgrace, and to the disgrace of your mother's nakedness? 31 For as long as the son of Jesse lives on the earth, your kingdom will not be established. Therefore now send and bring him to me. for he shall surely die." 32 But Jonathan answered Saul, "Why should he be put to death? What has he done?" 33 Then Saul raised his spear at him to strike him, and Jonathan realized that this evil from his father to kill David was determined. 34 So Jonathan sprang up from the table in fierce anger, and ate no food the second day of the month; for he was grieved for David, because his father had dishonored him. 35 It happened in the morning, that Jonathan went out into the field at the time appointed with David, and a little boy with him. 36 He said to the boy, "Run, find now the arrows which I

be cut off from the house of David, then may the LORD shoot." And as the boy ran, he shot an arrow, causing

21 Then David came to Nob to Ahimelech the priest. Z And Ahimelech was shaking in fear when he met David, and said to him, "Why are you alone, and no one with you?" 2 And David said to the priest, "The king has given me orders, and he instructed me, 'No one must know of the matter about which I send you, or about your orders; and I have arranged to meet the young men at a certain place.' 3 Now, if there are five loaves of bread under your control, give them into my hand, or whatever there is." 4 And the priest answered David, and said, "There is no common bread in my control, but there is holy bread. If the young men have kept themselves from women, they may eat of it." 5 And David answered the priest, and said to him, "Truly women have been kept from us as always when I set out. All the young men are holy, even when it is an ordinary mission. So how much more today will their vessels be holv?" 6 So the priest gave him what had been consecrated, for there was no bread there but the show bread, that had been removed before the LORD, to put hot bread in the day when it was taken away. 7 Now a certain man of the servants of Saul was there that day, detained before the LORD; and his name was Doeg the Edomite, the best of the herdsmen who belonged to Saul. 8 David said to Ahimelech, "Isn't there here under your control spear or sword? For I have neither brought my sword nor my weapons with me, because the king's business required haste." 9 The priest said, "The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom you killed in the Valley of Elah, look, it is here wrapped in a cloth behind an ephod. If you will take that, take it; for there is no other except that here." David said, "There is none like that. Give it to me." 10 David arose, and fled that day for fear of Saul, and went to Achish

the king of Gath. 11 The servants of Achish said to him, that he should rise against me, to lie in wait, as my presence? Shall this fellow come into my house?"

22 David therefore departed there, and escaped to the cave of Adullam. When his brothers and his father's house heard it, they went down there to him. 2 Everyone who was in distress, and everyone who was in debt, and everyone who was discontented, gathered themselves to him; and he became captain over them: and there were with him about four hundred men. 3 David went there to Mizpeh of Moab, and he said to the king of Moab, "Please let my father and my mother stay with you, until I know what God will do for me." 4 He brought them before the king of Moab; and they lived with him all the while that David was in the stronghold. 5 The prophet Gad said to David, "Do not stay in the stronghold. Depart, and go into the land of Judah." Then David departed, and came into the forest of Hereth. 6 Saul heard that David had been discovered, and the men who were with him. Now Saul was in Gibeah, sitting under the tamarisk tree at the high place, with his spear in his hand, and all his servants were standing about him. 7 And he said to them, "Hear now, you floors." 2 Therefore David inquired of the LORD, saying, Benjamites. Will the son of Jesse give everyone of you him bread, and a sword, and have inquired of God for mischief against him; and he said to Abiathar the priest,

him, "Isn't this David the king of the land? Did they not at this day?" 14 Then Ahimelech answered the king, sing one to another about him in dances, saying, 'Saul and said, "Who among all your servants is so faithful as has slain his thousands, David his ten thousands?" 12 David, who is the king's son-in-law, and a commander David laid up these words in his heart, and was very over your bodyguard, and honored in your house? 15 afraid of Achish the king of Gath. 13 He changed his Have I today begun to inquire of God for him? Be it behavior before them, and pretended to be mad in their far from me. Do not let the king impute anything to hands, and drummed on the doors of the gate, and let his servant, nor to all the house of my father; for your his spittle run down his beard. 14 Then Achish said to servant knows nothing of all this, less or more." 16 The his servants, "Look, you see the man is mad. Why then king said, "You shall surely die, Ahimelech, you, and all have you brought him to me? 15 Do I lack madmen, your father's house." 17 The king said to the guard who that you have brought this fellow to play the madman in stood about him, "Turn, and kill the priests of the LORD; because their hand also is with David, and because they knew that he fled, and did not disclose it to me." But the servants of the king wouldn't put forth their hand to fall on the priests of the LORD. 18 The king said to Doeg, "Turn and attack the priests." Doeg the Edomite turned, and he attacked the priests, and he killed on that day eighty-five people who wore a linen ephod. 19 He struck Nob, the city of the priests, with the edge of the sword, both men and women, children and nursing babies, and cattle and donkeys and sheep. 20 One of the sons of Ahimelech, the son of Ahitub, named Abiathar, escaped, and fled after David. 21 Abiathar told David that Saul had slain the LORD's priests. 22 Then David said to Abiathar, "I knew on that day that Doeg the Edomite would surely tell Saul. I am responsible for all the lives of your father's house. 23 Stay with me, do not be afraid; for he who seeks my life seeks your life. For with me you shall be in safeguard."

23 David was told, "Look, the Philistines are fighting against Keilah, and are robbing the threshing "Shall I go and strike these Philistines?" Then the LORD fields and vineyards, will he make you all captains of replied, "Go strike the Philistines, and save Keilah." 3 thousands and captains of hundreds, 8 that all of you David's men said to him, "Look, we are afraid here in have conspired against me, and there is none who Judah: how much more then if we go to Keilah against discloses to me when my son makes a covenant with the armies of the Philistines?" 4 Then David inquired of the son of Jesse, and there is none of you who is sorry the LORD yet again. The LORD answered him, and for me, or discloses to me that my son has stirred up said, "Arise, go down to Keilah; for I will deliver the my servant against me, to lie in wait, as at this day?" 9 Philistines into your hand." 5 David and his men went to Then Doeg the Edomite, who stood by the servants Keilah, and fought with the Philistines, and brought away of Saul, answered and said, "I saw the son of Jesse their livestock, and killed them with a great slaughter. So coming to Nob, to Ahimelech the son of Ahitub. 10 He David saved the inhabitants of Keilah. 6 It happened, inquired of God for him, gave him food, and gave him when Abiathar the son of Ahimelech fled to David, that the sword of Goliath the Philistine." 11 Then the king he went down with David to Keilah, having an ephod in sent to call Ahimelech, the son of Ahitub, and all his his hand. 7 Now it was told Saul that David had come to father's house, the priests who were in Nob: and they Keilah. So Saul said, "God has sold him into my hand, came all of them to the king. 12 Saul said, "Hear now, for he has shut himself in by entering into a town that you son of Ahitub." He answered, "Here I am, my lord." has gates and bars." 8 Then Saul summoned all the 13 Saul said to him, "Why have you conspired against people to war, to go down to Keilah, to besiege David me, you and the son of Jesse, in that you have given and his men. 9 David knew that Saul was devising "Bring the ephod here." 10 Then David said. "LORD. against the Philistines. Therefore they called that place God of Israel, your servant has surely heard that Saul Rock of Divisions. 29 David went up from there, and seeks to come to Keilah, to destroy the city for my sake. lived in the strongholds of En Gedi. 11 And now, will Saul come down, as your servant has heard? LORD, God of Israel, tell your servant." And the LORD said, "He will come down." 12 Then David said, "Will the men of Keilah deliver me and my men into the hand of Saul?" The LORD said, "They will deliver you up." 13 Then David and his men, who were about six hundred, arose and departed out of Keilah, and went wherever they could go. And Saul was told that David had escaped Keilah; so he gave up the pursuit. 14 David stayed in the wilderness in the strongholds, and remained in the hill country in the wilderness of Ziph. Saul sought him every day, but the LORD did not deliver him into his hand. 15 Now David was afraid that Saul had come out to seek his life. And David was in the wilderness of Ziph at Horesh. 16 Jonathan. Saul's son. set out and came to David at Horesh and encouraged him in the LORD. 17 He said to him, "Do not be afraid; for the hand of Saul my father shall not find you; and you shall be king over Israel, and I shall be next to you; and that also Saul my father knows." 18 They both made a covenant before the LORD: and David stayed at Horesh, and Jonathan went to his house. 19 Then the Ziphites came up to Saul to Gibeah, saving, "Doesn't David hide himself with us in the strongholds at Horesh, on the hill of Hakilah, which is on the south of Jeshimon? 20 Now therefore, O king, come down, according to all the desire of your soul to come down. It will be our responsibility to deliver him up into the king's hand." 21 Saul said, "You are blessed by the LORD: for you have had compassion on me. 22 Please go investigate again, and look around and learn the place where his swift foot is, for I am told that he is very clever. 23 See therefore, and find out all the hiding places where he hides himself, and come back to me when you know for certain, and I will go with you. And it shall happen, if he is in the land, that I will search for him among all the thousands of Judah." 24 They arose, and went to Ziph before Saul: but David and his men were in the wilderness of Maon. in the Arabah on the south of Jeshimon. 25 Saul and his men went to seek him. When David was told, he went down to the rock. and stayed in the wilderness of Maon. When Saul heard that, he pursued David in the wilderness of Maon. 26 And Saul went on this side of the mountain, and David and his men on that side of the mountain. And David was hurrying to get away for fear of Saul; for Saul and his men surrounded David and his men to take them. 27 But a messenger came to Saul, saving, "Hurry and come: for the Philistines have made a raid on the land." 28 So Saul returned from pursuing after David, and went

24 It happened, when Saul was returned from following the Philistines, that it was told him, saying, "Look, David is in the wilderness of En Gedi." 2 Then Saul took three thousand chosen men out of all Israel, and went to seek David and his men on the rocks of the wild goats. 3 He came to the sheep pens by the way, where there was a cave; and Saul went in to relieve himself. Now David and his men were abiding in the innermost parts of the cave. 4 The men of David said to him, "Look, the day of which the LORD said to you, 'Look, I will deliver your enemy into your hand. and you shall do to him as it shall seem good to you." Then David arose, and cut off an edge of Saul's robe secretly. 5 It happened afterward, that David's heart struck him, because he had cut off an edge of Saul's robe. 6 He said to his men. "The LORD forbid that I should do this thing to my lord, the LORD's anointed, to put forth my hand against him, since he is the LORD's anointed." 7 So David persuaded his men with these words and did not allow them to rise up against Saul. Then Saul got up, and went down the road. 8 Afterward David also got up and left the cave, and called out after Saul, saying, "My lord the king." When Saul looked behind him. David bowed with his face to the ground and did homage. 9 David said to Saul, "Why do you listen to men's words, saying, 'Look, David seeks your harm?' 10 Look, this day your eves have seen how that the LORD had delivered you today into my hand in the cave, but I refused to kill you, and my eye spared you; and I said, 'I will not put forth my hand against my lord; for he is the LORD's anointed.' 11 Now look, the skirt of your robe in my hand. When I cut off the skirt, and did not kill you, know and see that there is neither evil nor disobedience in my hand, and I have not sinned against you, though you hunt for my life to take it. 12 May the LORD judge between me and you, and may the LORD avenge me of you; but my hand shall not be on you. 13 As the proverb of the ancients says, 'Out of the wicked comes forth wickedness;' but my hand shall not be on you. 14 Against whom has the king of Israel come out? Whom do you pursue? After a dead dog, or one flea? 15 May the LORD therefore be judge and give sentence between me and you. May he see and plead my cause, and deliver me out of your hand." 16 It came to pass, when David had made an end of speaking these words to Saul, that Saul said, "Is this your voice, my son David?" Saul lifted up his voice, and wept. 17 He said to David, "You are more righteous than I; for you have done good to me, whereas I have

done evil to you. 18 And you have declared this day messengers out of the wilderness to greet our master; his men went up to the stronghold.

25 Samuel died; and all Israel gathered themselves together, and lamented him, and buried him in his house at Ramah. David arose, and went down to the wilderness of Maon. 2 There was a man in Maon, whose possessions were in Carmel; and the man was very great, and he had three thousand sheep, and a thousand goats: and he was shearing his sheep in Carmel. 3 Now the name of the man was Nabal; and the name of his wife Abigail. And the woman was intelligent and beautiful, but the man was harsh and evil in his dealings; and the man was a Calebite. 4 David heard in the wilderness that Nabal was shearing his sheep. 5 So David sent ten young men, and said to the young men, "Go up to Carmel, and go to Nabal, and greet him in my name. 6 Thus you are to say to my brother, 'Peace be to you, and peace be to your house, and peace be to all that you have. 7 And now, look, I have heard that you have shearers. Now your shepherds have been with us in the wilderness, and we did not hurt them, neither was there anything missing from them, all the while they were in Carmel. 8 Ask your young men, and they will tell you. Therefore let the young men find favor in your eyes; for we come in a good day. Please give whatever comes to your hand, to your servants, and to your son David."" 9 So the young men came and spoke to Nabal according to all those words on David's behalf, but he behaved arrogantly. 10 Nabal answered David's servants, and said, "Who is David? Who is the son of Jesse? There are many servants who break away from their masters these days. 11 Shall I then take my bread, and my wine, and my meat that I have slaughtered for the shearers of my sheep, and give it to men who I do not know where they come from?" 12 So David's young men turned on their way, and went back, and came and told him according to all these words. 13 David said to his men, "Every man put on his sword." So every man put on his sword. David also put on his sword. About four hundred men followed David; and two hundred stayed by the baggage. 14 But one of the young men told Abigail, Nabal's wife, saying, "Look, David sent

how you have dealt well with me, in that the LORD had and he railed at them. 15 But the men were very good delivered me up into your hand and you did not kill to us, and we were not hurt, nor did we miss anything me. 19 For if a man finds his enemy, will he let him go as long as we went with them, when we were in the away unharmed? Therefore may the LORD reward you fields. 16 They were a wall to us both by night and by good for that which you have done this day. 20 Now, day, all the while we were with them keeping the sheep. look, I know that you shall surely be king, and that the 17 Now therefore know and consider what you will do; kingdom of Israel shall be established in your hand. for evil is determined against our master, and against all 21 Swear now therefore to me by the LORD, that you his house; for he is such a worthless fellow that one will not cut off my descendants after me, and that you can't speak to him." 18 Then Abigail hurried and took will not destroy my name out of my father's house." 22 two hundred loaves of bread, two bottles of wine, five David swore to Saul. Saul went home; but David and sheep ready dressed, five measures of parched grain, one hundred clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs, and laid them on donkeys. 19 She said to her young men, "Go on before me. Look, I come after you." But she did not tell her husband. 20 It was so, as she rode on her donkey, and came down by the covert of the mountain, that look, David and his men came down toward her; and she met them. 21 Now David had said, "Surely in vain have I kept all that this fellow has in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that pertained to him. He has returned me evil for good. 22 God do so to David, and more also, if I leave of all that belongs to him by the morning light so much as one who urinates on a wall." 23 When Abigail saw David, she hurried, and got off from her donkey, and fell before David on her face, and bowed herself to the ground at his feet. 24 And she said, "On me, my lord, be the guilt; and please let your servant speak to you directly, and hear the words of your servant. 25 Please do not let my lord regard this worthless fellow, for as his name is, so is he. Nabal is his name, and folly is with him; but I, your servant, did not see the young men whom you sent. 26 Now therefore, my lord, as the LORD lives, and as your soul lives, since the LORD has withheld you from blood guiltiness, and from avenging yourself with your own hand, now therefore let your enemies, and those who seek evil to my lord, be as Nabal. 27 Now this present which your servant has brought to my lord, let it be given to the young men who follow my lord. 28 Please forgive the trespass of your servant. For the LORD will certainly make my lord a sure house, because my lord fights the battles of the LORD; and evil shall not be found in you all your days. 29 Though men may rise up to pursue you, and to seek your soul, yet the soul of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of life with the LORD your God. He will sling out the souls of your enemies, as from the hollow of a sling. 30 It shall come to pass, when the LORD has done to my lord according to all the good that he has spoken concerning you, and shall have appointed you prince over Israel, 31 that this will have no cause of grief or a troubled conscience for my lord, that blood was shed without cause and that my lord has gained victory by his own hand. And when camped: and David saw the place where Saul lay, and the LORD has done well with my lord, then remember Abner the son of Ner, the captain of his army: and Saul your servant." 32 David said to Abigail, "Blessed is the lay within the place of the wagons, and the people were LORD, the God of Israel, who sent you this day to meet camped around him. 6 Then answered David and said me. 33 Blessed is your discretion, and blessed are to Ahimelech the Hethite, and to Abishai the son of you, that have kept me this day from blood guiltiness, Zeruiah, brother to Joab, saying, "Who will go down with and from avenging myself with my own hand. 34 For me to Saul to the camp?" Abishai said, "I will go down indeed, as the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, who has with you." 7 So David and Abishai came to the people withheld me from hurting you, unless you had hurried by night: and, look, Saul lay sleeping within the place urinates on a wall." 35 So David received of her hand Then Abishai said to David, "God has delivered up your that which she had brought him: and he said to her, "Go enemy into your hand this day. Now therefore please let up in peace to your house. Look, I have listened to your me strike him with the spear to the earth at one stroke, voice, and have granted your request." 36 Abigail came and I will not strike him the second time." 9 David said to Nabal; and look, he held a feast in his house, like to Abishai, "Do not destroy him; for who can put forth his the feast of a king. Nabal's heart was merry within him, hand against the LORD's anointed, and be guiltless?" for he was very drunk. Therefore she told him nothing, 10 David said, "As the LORD lives, the LORD will strike less or more, until the morning light. 37 It happened in him; or his day shall come to die; or he shall go down the morning, when the wine was gone out of Nabal, into battle and perish. 11 The LORD forbid that I should that his wife told him these things, and his heart died put forth my hand against the LORD's anointed; but now within him, and he became as a stone. 38 It happened please take the spear that is at his head, and the jar of about ten days after, that the LORD struck Nabal, so water, and let us go." 12 So David took the spear and that he died. 39 And David heard, and he said, "Blessed the jar of water at his head, and they went away. And no is the LORD, who has taken my side in the matter of one saw it or knew about it, nor did any awake. For they Nabal's insult, and has kept back his servant from evil. were all asleep, because a deep sleep from the LORD The LORD has returned the evildoing of Nabal on his had fallen on them. 13 Then David crossed over to the own head." David sent and spoke concerning Abigail, other side and stood on the top of the hill some distance to take her to him as wife. 40 When the servants of away; there was a great distance between them. 14 David had come to Abigail to Carmel, they spoke to And David called to the people, and to Abner, saving, her, saying, "David has sent us to you, to take you to "Will you not answer, Abner?" Then Abner replied, "Who be his wife." 41 She got up and bowed herself with are you that calls?" 15 David said to Abner, "Aren't you her face to the ground, and said, "Look, your servant a man? Who is like you in Israel? Why then have you is a lowly servant to wash the feet of your servants." not kept watch over your lord, the king? For one of the 42 Then Abigail got up quickly and rode on a donkey, people came in to destroy the king your lord. 16 This and with five female servants following her; and she thing isn't good that you have done. As the LORD lives, followed the messengers of David, and became his you are worthy to die, because you have not kept watch wife. 43 David also took Ahinoam of Jezreel; and they over your lord, the LORD's anointed. Now look, where his daughter, David's wife, to Palti the son of Laish, who was by his head?" 17 Saul knew David's voice, and was of Gallim.

26 Then the Ziphites came to Saul at Gibeah, saying, "Look, David is hiding himself on the hill of Hakilah, which is near Jeshimon." 2 Then Saul arose, and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, having three thousand chosen men of Israel with him, to seek David in the wilderness of Ziph. 3 Saul camped on the hill of Hakilah, which is before Jeshimon, near the road. But David stayed in the wilderness, and he saw that Saul came after him into the wilderness. 4 David therefore sent out spies, and understood that Saul had certainly come. 5 David arose, and came to the place where Saul had

and come to meet me, surely there wouldn't have been of the wagons, with his spear stuck in the ground at left to Nabal by the morning light so much as one who his head; and Abner and the people lay around him. 8 both became his wives. 44 Now Saul had given Mikal is the king's spear, and where is the jar of water that said, "Is this your voice, my son David?" David said, "It is my voice, my lord, O king," 18 He said, "Why does my lord pursue after his servant? For what have I done? Or what evil is in my hand? 19 Now therefore, please let my lord the king hear the words of his servant. If it is so that God has stirred you up against me, let him accept an offering. But if it is from human beings, they are cursed before the LORD; for they have driven me out this day that I shouldn't cling to the LORD's inheritance, saying, 'Go, serve other gods.' 20 Now therefore, do not let my blood fall to the earth away from the presence of the LORD; for the king of Israel has come out to seek my life, as when one hunts a

partridge in the mountains." 21 Then Saul said, "I have people Israel utterly to abhor him. Therefore he shall be sinned. Come back, my son David, for I will not harm my servant forever." you, because my life was precious in your eyes this day. Look, I have behaved foolishly, and have made a great mistake." 22 And David answered and said, "Look, the king's spear. Now let one of the young men come over and get it. 23 The LORD will render to every man his righteousness and his faithfulness; because the LORD delivered you into my hand today, and I wouldn't put forth my hand against the LORD's anointed. 24 Look, as your life was respected this day in my eyes, so let my life be respected in the eyes of the LORD, and let him deliver me out of all oppression." 25 Then Saul said to David, "You are blessed, my son. You will accomplish much, and will surely be successful." So David went his way, and Saul returned to his place.

me except that I escape into the land of the Philistines; by dreams, nor by Urim, nor by prophets. 7 Then Saul and Saul will despair of me, to seek me any more in said to his servants, "Find for me a woman who is a all the borders of Israel. So shall I escape out of his medium, that I may go to her and inquire of her." His hand." 2 David arose, and passed over, he and the servants said to him, "Look, there is a woman who is a six hundred men who were with him, to Achish the medium at Endor." 8 Saul disguised himself, and put on son of Maoch, king of Gath. 3 So David lived with other clothing, and went, he and two men with him, and Achish, he and his men, along with his men and their they came to the woman by night. And he said, "Divine families, and David with his two wives, Ahinoam of a spirit for me, please, and bring up for me the one Jezreel, and Abigail of Carmel, Nabal's widow. 4 Now it whom I name to you." 9 The woman said to him, "Look, was told Saul that David had fled to Gath, so he no you know what Saul has done, how he has cut off the longer searched for him. 5 David said to Achish, "If mediums and spiritists out of the land. Why then do you now I have found favor in your eyes, let them give me lay a snare for my life, to cause me to die?" 10 But Saul a place in one of the cities in the country, that I may swore to her, saying, "As the LORD lives, no punishment dwell there. For why should your servant dwell in the will come upon you for this thing." 11 Then the woman royal city with you?" 6 So he gave him Ziklag that day. said, "Whom shall I bring up to you?" He said. "Bring (For that reason Ziklag has belonged to the kings of Samuel up for me." 12 When the woman saw Samuel, Judah to this day.) 7 The number of the days that David she cried with a loud voice; and the woman spoke to lived in the country of the Philistines was a full year and Saul, saying, "Why have you deceived me? For you are four months. 8 Now David and his men went up, and Saul." 13 The king said to her, "Do not be afraid. For made a raid on the Geshurites, and the Amalekites. what do you see?" The woman said to Saul, "I see a god And look, the land was inhabited from Telem, until you coming up out of the earth." 14 He said to her, "What come to Shur, and on toward Egypt. 9 David struck does he look like?" She said, "An old man comes up. the land, and saved neither man nor woman alive, and He is covered with a robe." Saul perceived that it was took away the sheep, and the cattle, and the donkeys, Samuel, and he bowed with his face to the ground, and and the camels, and the clothing; and he returned, and showed respect. 15 And Samuel said, "Why have you came to Achish. 10 Achish said, "Against whom have disturbed me by bringing me up?" And Saul answered, you made a raid today?" David would say, "Against the "I am very distressed, for the Philistines are fighting Negev of Judah," or "Against the Negev of Jerahmeel," against me, and God has turned away from me and no or "Against the Negev of the Kenizzites." 11 And neither longer answers me, either by prophets, or by dreams. man nor woman would he leave alive to be brought to So therefore I have called on you, that you may make Gath, thinking, "Otherwise they will tell about us, saying, known to me what I should do." 16 Samuel said, "Why 'This is what David did," and this has been his practice then do you ask of me, since the LORD has departed all the time he lived in the country of the Philistines. from you and is with your neighbor? 17 The LORD 12 Achish believed David, saying, "He has made his has done to you as he spoke by me. The LORD has

28 It happened in those days, that the Philistines gathered their armies together for warfare, to fight with Israel. Achish said to David, "Know assuredly that you are to go out with me to battle, you and your men." 2 David said to Achish, "Therefore you shall know what your servant will do." Achish said to David, "therefore I will make you my bodyguard for ever." 3 Now Samuel was dead, and all Israel had lamented him, and buried him in Ramah, even in his own city. Saul had removed the mediums, and spiritists, from the land. 4 The Philistines gathered themselves together, and came and camped in Shunem: and Saul gathered all Israel together, and they camped in Gilboa. 5 When Saul saw the army of the Philistines, he was afraid, 27 David said in his heart, "I shall now perish one day and his heart trembled greatly. 6 When Saul inquired by the hand of Saul. There is nothing better for of the LORD, The LORD did not answer him, neither

torn the kingdom out of your hand, and given it to your

neighbor, even to David. 18 Because you did not obey done? What have you found in your servant so long as I the voice of the LORD, and did not execute his fierce have been before you to this day, that I may not go and thing to you this day. 19 Moreover the LORD will deliver Achish answered David, "I know that you are good in Israel also with you into the hand of the Philistines; my sight. However, the leaders of the Philistines have LORD will deliver the army of Israel also into the hand up early in the morning, you and the servants of your length on the earth, and was terrified, because of the I allotted to you. As for evil remarks, take none to heart; the woman came to Saul and saw that he was terrified, David and his men got up early to return to the land of and said to him, "Look, your servant has obeyed you, the Philistines. But the Philistines went up to Jezreel. and I have put my life in my hand and have listened to your words which you spoke to me. 22 Now therefore, please listen also to the voice of your servant, and let me set a morsel of bread before you; and eat, that you may have strength, when you go on your way." 23 But he refused, and said, "I will not eat." But his servants, together with the woman, pressed him; and he listened to their voice. So he arose from the ground, and sat on the bed. 24 The woman had a fattened calf in the house. She hurried and killed it; and she took flour, and kneaded it, and baked unleavened bread of it. 25 She brought it before Saul, and before his servants; and they ate. Then they rose up, and went away that night.

20 Now the Philistines gathered together all their armies to Aphek: and the Israelites camped by the spring which is in Jezreel. 2 The lords of the Philistines passed on by hundreds, and by thousands; and David and his men passed on in the rear with Achish. 3 Then the leaders of the Philistines said, "What about these Hebrews?" And Achish said to the leaders of the Philistines, "Isn't this David, the servant of Saul the king of Israel, who has been with me these days, or rather these years, and I have found no fault in him since he defected to me until this day?" 4 But the leaders of the Philistines were angry with him, and said to him, "Send that man back to the place where you have assigned him, and he must not go down with us to battle, or in the battle he may become an adversary. For how could this fellow reconcile himself to his lord? Should it not be with the heads of these men? 5 Is not this David about whom they sang one to another in dances, saying, 'Saul has slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands?" 6 Then Achish called David, and said to him, "As the LORD lives, you have been upright, and your going out and your coming in with me in the army is good in my sight; for I have not found evil in you since the day of your coming to me to this day. Nevertheless, the lords do not favor you. 7 Therefore now return, and go in peace, that you not displease the lords of the

wrath on Amalek, therefore the LORD has done this fight against the enemies of my lord the king?" 9 Then and tomorrow you and your sons with you will fall. The said, 'He must not go up with us to the battle.' 10 So get of the Philistines." 20 Then Saul fell immediately his full lord who have come with you, and go to the place which words of Samuel. There was no strength in him; for he for you are good in my sight. And as soon as you are had eaten no bread all the day, nor all the night. 21 And up early in the morning, and have light, depart." 11 So

30 It happened, when David and his men had come to Ziklag on the third day, that Amalek had made a raid on the Negev, and on Ziklag, and had struck Ziklag, and burned it with fire, 2 and had taken captive the women and all who were in it, both small and great. They did not kill any, but carried them off, and went their way. 3 When David and his men came to the city, look. it was burned with fire; and their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, were taken captive. 4 Then David and the people who were with him lifted up their voice and wept, until they had no more power to weep. 5 David's two wives were taken captive. Ahinoam the Jezreelite and Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite. 6 David was greatly distressed; for the people spoke of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but David strengthened himself in the LORD his God. 7 David said to Abiathar the priest, the son of Ahimelech, "Please bring me here the ephod." Abiathar brought the ephod to David. 8 David inquired of the LORD, saying, "If I pursue after this troop, shall I overtake them?" He answered him, "Pursue; for you shall surely overtake them, and shall without fail recover all." 9 So David went, he and the six hundred men who were with him. and came to the Wadi Besor, where those who were left behind stayed. 10 But David pursued, he and four hundred men; for two hundred stayed behind, who were so faint that they couldn't cross the Wadi Besor. 11 They found an Egyptian in the field, and brought him to David, and gave him bread, and he ate; and they gave him water to drink. 12 They gave him a piece of a cake of figs, and two clusters of raisins. When he had eaten, his spirit came again to him; for he had eaten no bread, nor drunk any water, three days and three nights. 13 David asked him, "To whom do you belong? Where are you from?" He said, "I am a young man of Egypt, servant to an Amalekite; and my master left me, because three days ago I fell sick. 14 We made a raid on the Negev of the Kerethites, and on that which belongs to Judah, Philistines." 8 David said to Achish, "But what have I and on the Negev of Caleb; and we burned Ziklag with

this troop?" He said, "Swear to me by God that you will neither kill me, nor deliver me up into the hands of my and fell down slain on Mount Gilboa. 2 The Philistines master, and I will bring you down to this troop." And he followed hard on Saul and on his sons; and the Philistines swore to him. 16 When he had brought him down, look, killed Jonathan, and Abinadab, and Malkishua, the sons they were spread around over all the ground, eating, of Saul. 3 The battle was fierce against Saul, and the drinking, and dancing, because of all the great spoil that archers found him, and he was wounded by the archers. they had taken out of the land of the Philistines, and out 4 Then Saul said to his armor bearer, "Draw your sword, of the land of Judah. 17 David struck them from the and thrust me through with it, lest these uncircumcised twilight even to the evening of the next day and he put come and thrust me through, and torture me." But his them to death. Not a man of them escaped from there, armor bearer would not; for he was terrified. Therefore except four hundred young men, who rode on camels Saul took his sword, and fell on it. 5 When his armor and fled. 18 He recovered all that the Amalekites had bearer saw that Saul was dead, he likewise fell on his taken; and David rescued his two wives. 19 There was sword, and died with him. 6 So Saul died, and his three nothing lacking to them, neither small nor great, neither sons, and his armor bearer, and all his men, that same sons nor daughters, neither spoil, nor anything that they day together, 7 When the men of Israel who were on the had taken to them. David brought back all. 20 He took other side of the valley, and those who were beyond the all the flocks and the herds, which they drove before Jordan, saw that the men of Israel fled, and that Saul those other livestock, and said, "This is David's spoil." and his sons were dead, they abandoned their cities, 21 David came to the two hundred men, who were so and fled; and the Philistines came and lived in them. 8 It faint that they could not follow David, whom he also had happened on the next day, when the Philistines came made to stay at the Wadi Besor; and they went forth to to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his three meet David, and to meet the people who were with him. sons fallen on Mount Gilboa. 9 They cut off his head, And when David came near to the people, he greeted and stripped off his armor, and sent into the land of the them. 22 Then every wicked and worthless one of the Philistines all around, to carry the news to their idols, men who had gone with David answered, and they said, and to the people. 10 They put his armor in the house "Because they did not go with us, we will not give them of the Ashtaroth; and they fastened his body to the wall anything of the spoil that we have recovered, except to of Beth Shan. 11 But when the inhabitants of Jabesh each man his wife and his children. And let them take Gilead heard what the Philistines had done to Saul, 12 them, and depart." 23 Then David said, "You shall not all the valiant men arose and traveled all night, and took do so after what the LORD has given to us, who has the body of Saul and the bodies of his sons from the preserved us, and delivered into our hand the raiding wall of Beth Shan, and brought them to Jabesh and party that came against us. 24 So who will listen to you burnt them there. 13 They took their bones, and buried in this matter? For they are not inferior to you. For as his them under the tamarisk tree in Jabesh, and fasted share is who goes down to the battle, so will his share seven days. be who remains with the supplies; they will share alike." 25 It was so from that day forward, that he made it a statute and an ordinance for Israel to this day. 26 When David came to Ziklag, he sent of the spoil to the elders of Judah and to his friends, saying, "Look, a present for you of the spoil of the enemies of the LORD." 27 He sent it to those who were in Bethel, and to those who were in Ramath Negev, and to those who were in Jattir, 28 and to those who were in Aroer, and to those who were in Siphmoth, and to those who were in Eshtemoa, 29 and to those who were in Racal, and to those who were in the cities of the Jerahmeelites, and to those who were in the cities of the Kenizzites. 30 and to those who were in Hormah, and to those who were in Bor Ashan, and to those who were in Athach. 31 and to those who were in Hebron, and to all the places where David himself and his men used to stay.

fire." 15 David said to him, "Will you bring me down to **31** Now the Philistines fought against Israel: and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines,

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1 It happened after the death of Saul, that David returned from the slaughter of the Amalekites, and he stayed two days in Ziklag. 2 It happened on the third day, that, look, a man came out of the camp from Saul, with his clothes torn and dirt on his head. And it came about when he came to David that he fell to the ground and paid homage. 3 David said to him. "Where do you come from?" He said to him, "I have escaped out of the camp of Israel." 4 David said to him, "How did it go? Please tell me." He answered, "The people have fled from the battle, and many of the people also have fallen and are dead; and Saul and Jonathan his son are dead also." 5 David said to the young man who had told him this, "How do you know that Saul and Jonathan his son are dead?" 6 Then the young man replied, "I happened Judah?" The LORD said to him, "Go up." David said. to be on Mount Gilboa and saw Saul leaning on his "Where shall I go up?" He said, "To Hebron." 2 So David spear. And look, the chariots and the horsemen were went up there, and his two wives also, Ahinoam the closing in on him, 7 When he turned around he saw me. Jezreelite and Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite. and called to me. I answered, 'Here I am.' 8 He said to 3 and the men who were with him, everyone with his me, 'Who are you?' I answered him, 'I am an Amalekite.' household. And they lived in Hebron. 4 Then the men of 9 He said to me, 'Please stand beside me, and kill me; Judah came, and they anointed David king over the for anguish has taken hold of me, yet there is life in me house of Judah. When David was told that the men of still.' 10 So I stood beside him, and killed him, because I Jabesh Gilead buried Saul, 5 then he sent messengers was sure that he could not live after that he had fallen. I to the lords of Jabesh Gilead, and said to them, "May took the crown that was on his head, and the bracelet you be blessed by the LORD, since you showed loyalty that was on his arm, and have brought them here to my towards your lord, Saul, and have buried him. 6 Now lord." 11 Then David took hold on his clothes, and tore may the LORD show loving kindness and truth to you. them; and likewise all the men who were with him. 12 I also will reward you for this kindness, because you They mourned, and wept, and fasted until evening, for have done this thing. 7 Now therefore let your hands Saul, and for Jonathan his son, and for the people of the be strong, and be valiant; for Saul your lord is dead, LORD, and for the house of Israel; because they had and also the house of Judah has anointed me king over fallen by the sword. 13 David said to the young man them." 8 Now Abner the son of Ner, commander of who had told him, "Where are you from?" He answered, Saul's army, had taken Ishbaal the son of Saul, and "I am the son of a foreigner, an Amalekite." 14 David brought him over to Mahanaim; 9 and he made him said to him, "How is it that you were not afraid to put king over Gilead, and over the Geshurites, and over forth your hand to destroy the LORD's anointed?" 15 Jezreel, and over Ephraim, and over Benjamin, and David called one of the young men, and said, "Go near, over all Israel. 10 Ishbaal, Saul's son, was forty years and fall on him." He struck him, so that he died. 16 old when he began to reign over Israel, and he reigned David said to him, "Your blood be on your head; for your two years. But the house of Judah followed David. 11 mouth has testified against you, saying, 'I have slain the And the time that David ruled in Hebron over the house LORD's anointed." 17 And David lamented with this of Judah was seven years and six months. 12 Abner the lamentation over Saul and over Jonathan his son, 18 son of Ner, and the servants of Ishbaal the son of Saul, and said it should be taught to the people of Judah. went out from Mahanaim to Gibeon. 13 Joab the son of Look, it is written in the book of Jashar. 19 "Your glory, Zeruiah, and the servants of David, went out, and met Israel, is slain on your high places. How the mighty have them by the pool of Gibeon; and they sat down, the one fallen. 20 Do not tell it in Gath. Do not publish it in the on the one side of the pool, and the other on the other streets of Ashkelon, lest the daughters of the Philistines side of the pool. 14 Abner said to Joab, "Let the young rejoice, lest the daughters of the uncircumcised triumph. men now arise and compete before us." Joab said, 21 You mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew nor rain "Let them arise." 15 Then they arose and went over by on you, nor fields of offerings. For there the shield of the number: twelve of the sons of Benjamin of Ishbaal the mighty was vilely cast away. The shield of Saul was son of Saul, and twelve of the servants of David. 16

not anointed with oil. 22 From the blood of the slain. from the fat of the mighty, Jonathan's bow did not turn back. Saul's sword did not return empty. 23 Saul and Jonathan, beloved and lovely, not separated. Lovely in their life, and in their death they were not separated. They were swifter than eagles. They were stronger than lions. 24 You daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, who clothed you luxuriously in scarlet, who put ornaments of gold on your clothing. 25 How are the mighty fallen in the midst of the battle. Jonathan is slain on your high places. 26 I grieve for you, my brother. You have been very pleasant to me. Your love for me was a wonder, more than the love of women. 27 How are the mighty fallen, and the weapons of war perished."

 $\mathbf{2}$ It happened after this, that David inquired of the LORD, saying, "Shall I go up into any of the cities of

They each caught his opponent by the head, and thrust his firstborn was Amnon, of Ahinoam of Jezreel: 3 and his sword in his fellow's side; so they fell down together. his second, Daluiah, of Abigail of Carmel; and the third, Therefore that place was called Field of Blades, which Absalom the son of Maacah the daughter of Talmai and Abner and the men of Israel were defeated before Haggith; and the fifth, Shephatiah, of Abital; 5 and the the servants of David. 18 The three sons of Zeruiah sixth, Ithream, of Eglah, David's wife. These were born were there, Joab, and Abishai, and Asahel. And Asahel to David in Hebron. 6 And it came about while there to the right hand nor to the left from following Abner. Saul. 7 Now Saul had a secondary wife, Rizpah, the 20 Then Abner looked behind him, and said, "Is it you, daughter of Aiah. And Ishbaal son of Saul said to Abner, Asahel?" He answered, "It is I." 21 Abner said to him, "Why have you gone in to my father's secondary wife?" "Turn aside to your right hand or to your left, and grab 8 Then Abner was very angry over the words of Ishbaal, one of the young men, and take his armor." But Asahel and said, "Am I a dog's head? Until today, is it for myself would not stop from pursuing him. 22 Abner said again that I have been doing all these things, showing loyalty to Asahel, "Stop pursuing me. Why should I strike you to to the house of Saul your father, to his brothers, and to the ground? How then should I hold up my face to Joab his friends, and have not delivered you into the hand Abner with the back end of the spear struck him in the concerning this woman. 9 God do so to Abner, and down there, and died in the same place. And it came do even so to him; 10 to transfer the kingdom from the fallen and died, stopped there. 24 But Joab and Abishai Israel and over Judah, from Dan even to Beersheba." pursued after Abner: and the sun went down when they **11** And Ishbaal could not answer Abner another word. had come to the hill of Ammah, that lies before Giah by because he feared him. 12 Abner sent messengers to the way of the wilderness of Gibeon. 25 The sons of David on his behalf, saying, "Whose is the land?" and Benjamin gathered themselves together after Abner, saying, "Make an agreement with me, and look, my and formed a single group, and stood on the top of hand shall be with you, to bring all Israel around to you." the sword devour forever? Do you not know that it will one thing I require of you. That is, you shall not see my be bitterness in the latter end? How long shall it be face unless you first bring Mikal, Saul's daughter, when then, before you ask the people to stop pursuing their you come to see my face." 14 David sent messengers brothers?" 27 Joab said, "As the LORD lives, if you had to Ishbaal, Saul's son, saying, "Give me my wife Mikal, not spoken, surely the people would not have given whom I betrothed to myself for one hundred foreskins of up the pursuit of their brothers until the morning." 28 the Philistines." 15 Ishbaal sent and took her from her So Joab blew the trumpet; and all the people stopped, husband Paltiel the son of Laish. 16 But her husband and no longer chased after Israel, and they no longer went with her, weeping behind her, as far as Bahurim. fought. 29 Abner and his men went all that night through Then Abner said to him, "Go back." So he went back. the Arabah; and they passed over the Jordan, and 17 Abner advised the elders of Israel, saying, "For some 30 Joab returned from pursuing Abner. And when he had Now then do it, for the LORD has spoken of David, gathered all the people together, there were missing saving, 'By the hand of my servant David, I will save my Benjamin, from the men of Abner, three hundred and spoke privately to the sons of Benjamin. And Abner also sixty men who died. 32 They took up Asahel, and buried spoke privately to David in Hebron all that seemed good Joab and his men went all night, and the day broke on Abner came to David to Hebron, and twenty men with them at Hebron.

3 Now there was a long war between the house of Saul and the house of David. But David grew stronger and stronger, while the house of Saul grew weaker and weaker. 2 Now sons were born to David in Hebron. And

is in Gibeon. 17 The battle was very severe that day, king of Geshur; 4 and the fourth, Adonijah the son of was as quick on his feet as a wild gazelle. 19 Asahel was war between the house of Saul and the house of pursued after Abner, and as he went he did not turn David, that Abner was gaining power in the house of your brother?" 23 But he refused to stop. Therefore of David? And yet you charge me this day with a fault body, so that the spear came out behind him; and he fell more also, if, as the LORD has sworn to David, I do not about that all who came to the place where Asahel had house of Saul, and to set up the throne of David over a hill. 26 Then Abner called to Joab, and said, "Shall 13 He said, "Good. I will make a covenant with you, but marched the whole morning, and came to Mahanaim. time you have wanted David to be king over you. 18 from David's servants nineteen men and Asahel. 31 people Israel out of the hand of the Philistines, and out But the servants of David had struck of the people of of the hand of all their enemies." 19 And Abner also him in the tomb of his father, which was in Bethlehem. to Israel, and to the whole house of Benjamin. 20 So him. David made Abner and the men who were with him a feast. 21 Abner said to David, "I will arise and go, and will gather all Israel to my lord the king, that they may make a covenant with you, and that you may reign over all that your soul desires." David sent Abner away; and he left in peace. 22 Look, the servants of David was troubled. 2 And Ishbaal. Saul's son, had two men him had come, they told Joab, saying, "Abner the son of of Benjamin; 3 and the Beerothites fled to Gittaim, movements and to learn everything that you are doing." was Mippibaal. 5 The sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, but David did not know it. 27 When Abner returned to noon. 6 And look, the doorkeeper of the house had to speak with him quietly, and struck him there in the asleep. And Rechab and his brother Baanah slipped by. abdomen, so that he died, for the blood of Asahel his 7 And they went into the house where he was lying on brother. 28 Afterward, when David heard it, he said, "I his bed in his bedchamber. And they struck him and and my kingdom are guiltless before the LORD now and killed him, and beheaded him. And they took his head it whirl over the head of Joab, and on all his father's brought the head of Ishbaal to David at Hebron, and he had killed their brother Asahel at Gibeon in the battle. his brother, the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, and 34 Your hands were not bound in chains, your feet were blood of your hand, and take you away from the earth?" not put into fetters. As a man falls before the ruthless, 12 David commanded his young men, and they killed while it was yet day; but David swore, saying, "God do head of Ishbaal, and buried it in the grave of Abner son so to me, and more also, if I taste bread, or anything of Ner. else, until the sun goes down." 36 And all the people took notice of it, and it pleased them; just as everything the king did pleased the people. 37 So all the people and all Israel understood that day that it was not of the king to kill Abner the son of Ner. 38 The king said to his servants, "Do you not realize that a leader and a great man has fallen this day in Israel? 39 I am this day weak, though anointed king. And these men, the sons of Zerujah, are too brutal for me. May the LORD reward the evildoer according to his wickedness."

was dead in Hebron, he lost courage, and all Israel

and Joab were returning from a raid, and brought in a who were captains of bands; the name of the one was great spoil with them. But Abner was not with David Baanah, and the name of the other Rechab, the sons in Hebron, for he had sent him away, and he left in of Rimmon the Beerothite, of the people of Benjamin peace. 23 When Joab and all the army who was with (for Beeroth was regarded as belonging to the people Ner came to David, and he has sent him away, and and have lived as foreigners there until this day). 4 he left in peace." 24 Then Joab came to the king, and Now Jonathan, Saul's son, had a son whose feet were said, "What have you done? Look, Abner came to you. crippled. He was five years old when the news came of Why is it that you have sent him away? Now he has Saul and Jonathan from Jezreel, and his nurse took him gone. 25 Don't you know the evil ways of Abner the son up and fled. And it happened as she was hurrying to of Ner? He came to deceive you and to observe your get away that he fell and was injured. And his name 26 When Joab had left David, he sent messengers after Rechab and Baanah, went, and came about the heat of Abner, and they brought him back from the well of Sirah; the day to the house of Ishbaal, as he took his rest at Hebron, Joab took him aside into the midst of the gate been sifting wheat, and she became drowsy and fell forever of the blood of Abner the son of Ner. 29 May and went by the way of the Arabah all night. 8 They house. Let there not fail from the house of Joab one said to the king, "Look, the head of Ishbaal, the son who has an issue, or who is a leper, or who leans on a of Saul, your enemy, who sought your life. The LORD staff, or who falls by the sword, or who lacks bread." 30 has avenged my lord the king this day of Saul and his So Joab and Abishai his brother killed Abner, because descendants." 9 David answered Rechab and Baanah 31 David said to Joab, and to all the people who were said to them, "As the LORD lives, who has redeemed with him, "Tear your clothes, and clothe yourselves with my soul out of all adversity, 10 when someone told sackcloth, and mourn before Abner." And King David me, 'Look, Saul is dead,' thinking to have brought good followed the coffin. 32 They buried Abner in Hebron: news, I took hold of him, and killed him in Ziklag, which and the king lifted up his voice, and wept at the grave of was the reward I gave him for his news. 11 How much Abner; and all the people wept. 33 The king lamented more, when wicked men have slain a righteous person for Abner, and said, "Should Abner die as a fool dies? in his own house on his bed, shall I not now require his so you fell." All the people wept again over him. 35 Then them, and cut off their hands and their feet, and hanged all the people came to persuade David to eat bread them up beside the pool in Hebron. But they took the

5 Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, saying, "Look, we are your bone and your flesh. 2 In times past, when Saul was king over us, it was you who led out and brought in Israel. The LORD said to you, 'You shall be shepherd of my people Israel, and you shall be ruler over Israel."" 3 So all the elders of Israel came to the king to Hebron; and king David made a covenant with them in Hebron before the LORD; and they anointed David king over Israel. 4 David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty A Now when Ishbaal, Saul's son, heard that Abner years. 5 In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty- 6 And David again gathered together all the chosen three years over all Israel and Judah. 6 Then the king and his men went to Jerusalem against the Jebusites, and went with all the people who were with him to the inhabitants of the land, who said to David, "You Baalah, that is, Kiriath Jearim of Judah, to bring up from will not get in here." For the blind and the lame incited there the ark of God, which is called there by the name them, saying, "David can't get in here." 7 Nevertheless, of the LORD enthroned on the cherubim. 3 And they set David captured the stronghold of Zion (that is, the City the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the of David). 8 David said on that day, "Whoever strikes house of Abinadab that was on the hill. And Uzza and the Jebusites, let him get up to the watercourse, and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, guided the cart 4 with the strike the lame and the blind, those who hate the soul of ark; and Ahio was walking in front of the ark. 5 And David." Therefore they say, "The blind and the lame can't David and the children of Israel played before the LORD come into the palace." 9 David lived in the stronghold, with all their strength and with songs, and with harps, and called it the City of David. And he built a city all and with stringed instruments, and with tambourines, around from the Millo and inward. 10 David grew greater and with castanets, and with cymbals. 6 And when they and greater; for the LORD of hosts was with him. 11 came to the threshing floor of Nodan, Uzza reached out Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar his hand to the ark of God, to steady it; for the oxen trees, and craftsmen of wood, and craftsmen of a wall; stumbled. 7 And the LORD became angry at Uzza; and and they built David a palace. 12 And David knew that God struck him there for his error; and there he died the LORD had established him king over Israel, and before God. 8 And David was displeased, because the that he had exalted his kingdom for his people Israel's LORD had broken forth on Uzza; and he called that sake. 13 David took more secondary wives and wives place Perez Uzza, to this day. 9 And David was afraid out of Jerusalem, after he had come from Hebron; and of the LORD that day; and he said, "How can the ark of there were born to David more sons and daughters. 14 God come to me?" Now the ark of the LORD arrived, 10 These are the names of those who were born to him in but David was not willing to move the ark of the LORD Jerusalem: Shammua, and Shobab, and Nathan, and with him to the City of David; so David diverted it to the Solomon, 15 and Ibhar, and Elishua, and Eliphelet, and house of Obed-Edom the Gittite. 11 And the ark of the Nogah, and Nepheg, and Japhia, 16 and Elishama, LORD remained in the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite and Baaliada, and Eliphelet. 17 When the Philistines three months, and the LORD blessed Obed-Edom and heard that David had been anointed king over Israel, the all his house. 12 And it was told king David, saying, Philistines went up to seek David; and David heard of it, "The LORD has blessed the house of Obed-Edom and and went down to the stronghold. 18 Now the Philistines all that belongs to him because of the ark of God." And came and spread out in the Valley of Rephaim. 19 So David said, "I will bring back the blessing to my house." David inquired of the LORD, asking, "Shall I go up And David went and brought up the ark of the LORD against the Philistines? Will you deliver them into my from the house of Obed-Edom into the City of David hand?" Then the LORD answered David, "Go up, for with joy. 13 And it was so, that, when those who bore I will certainly deliver them into your hand." 20 David the ark had gone six steps, he sacrificed an ox and a came to Baal Perazim, and David struck them there; and fattened calf. 14 And David danced before the LORD he said, "The LORD has broken through my enemies with all his might; and he was clothed in a linen ephod. before me, like a breakthrough of waters." Therefore he 15 And David and all Israel brought up the ark of the called the name of that place Baal Perazim. 21 And they LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet. abandoned their idols there; and David and his men took 16 Now, as the ark entered the City of David, Mikal the them away. 22 The Philistines came up yet again, and daughter of Saul looked out at the window, and saw spread themselves in the Valley of Rephaim. 23 And king David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and David inquired of the LORD, and the LORD said to him, she despised him in her heart. 17 And they brought in "You shall not go up. Circle around behind them, and the ark of the LORD, and set it in its place, in the midst attack them opposite the poplar trees. 24 And it shall of the tent that David had set up for it; and David offered be, when you hear the sound of marching in the tops of burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD. 18 the poplar trees, that then you are to act decisively; for And when David had made an end of offering the burnt then the LORD has gone out before you to strike the offering and the peace offerings, he blessed the people army of the Philistines." 25 And David did as the LORD in the name of the LORD of hosts. 19 And he gave commanded him, and struck the Philistines from Gibeon to all the people, even among the whole multitude of all the way to Gezer.

men of Israel, thirty thousand. 2 And David arose, Israel, both to men and women, to everyone a portion of bread, a date cake, and a raisin cake. So all the people

departed everyone to his house. 20 And then David chasten him with a human rod, and with the stripes the day of her death.

7 It happened, when the king lived in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies all around, 2 that the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells within curtains." 3 Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that is in your heart; for the LORD is with you." 4 It happened the same night, that the word of the LORD came to Nathan, saying, 5 "Go and tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD, "Shall you build me a house for me to dwell in? 6 For I have not lived in a house since the day that I brought up the children of Israel out of Egypt, even to this day, but have moved around in a tent and in a tabernacle. 7 In all places in which I have walked throughout Israel, did I say a word to any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to be shepherd of my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?"" 8 Now therefore you shall tell my servant David this, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, "I took you from the sheep pen, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. 9 And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you, and I will make for you a name like the name of the great ones of the earth. 10 I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in their own place, and be moved no more; neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them any more, as at the first, 11 and from the time that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel. I will cause you to rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD tells you that he will build you a house. 12 And it will come about when your days are fulfilled, and you sleep with your fathers, that I will raise up your descendant after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He will build a house for my name, and I will establish his throne forever. 14 I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commits iniquity, I will 3 David struck also Hadadezer the son of Rehob, king of

returned to bless his household. Mikal the daughter of from human beings; 15 but my loving kindness I will Saul came out to meet David. And she greeted him, and not take from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put said, "How glorious the king of Israel was today, who away before you. 16 And your house and your kingdom uncovered himself today in the eyes of the servants of shall be made sure forever before me, and your throne his servants, as one of the vain fellows shamelessly shall be established forever."" 17 According to all these uncovers himself." 21 And David said to Mikal, "I was words, and according to all this vision, so Nathan spoke dancing before the LORD. Blessed be the LORD, who to David. 18 Then king David went in and sat before chose me above your father, and above all his house, to the LORD and said, "Who am I, Lord GOD, and what appoint me prince over his people Israel; therefore I will is my house, that you have brought me thus far? 19 celebrate before the LORD. 22 And I will be yet more This was a small thing in your eyes, my Lord, and you vile than this, and will be lowly in your eyes. But of the have spoken of your servant's house for a great while to servants of whom you have spoken, they shall honor come, and you have let me look upon the generation of me." 23 And Mikal the daughter of Saul had no child to humankind to come, Lord GOD. 20 And what more can David add to you concerning the honor which is done to your servant? For you know your servant, LORD. 21 For your servant's sake, and according to your own heart, you have worked all this greatness, to make your servant know it. 22 Therefore you are great, Lord GOD. For there is none like you, neither is there any God besides you, according to all that we have heard with our ears. 23 And what other nation on the earth is like your people Israel, whom God went to redeem for himself, and to make a name for yourself and to do great and awesome deeds by driving out before your people, whom you redeemed for yourself from Egypt, a nation and it's gods? 24 And you established your people Israel for yourself to be your people forever; and you, LORD, became their God. 25 And now, my Lord, the word that you have spoken concerning your servant, and concerning his house, confirm it forever, and do as you have spoken. 26 Let your name be magnified forever, saying, 'The LORD of hosts is the God of Israel,' and the house of your servant David shall be established before you. 27 For you have revealed to your servant, saying, 'I will build you a house.' Therefore your servant has found in his heart to pray this prayer to you. 28 "Now, O Lord GOD, you are God, and your words are truth, and you have promised this good thing to your servant. 29 Now therefore let it please you to bless the house of your servant, that it may continue forever before you: for you, Lord GOD, have spoken it. Let the house of your servant be blessed forever with your blessing."

R After this it happened that David struck the Philistines. and subdued them, and David took the bridle of Ammah out of the hand of the Philistines. 2 He struck Moab, and measured them with the line, making them to lie down on the ground; and he measured two lines to put to death, and one full line to keep alive. The Moabites became servants to David, and brought tribute. Zobah, as he went to recover his dominion at the River.

4 And David took from him a thousand of his chariots, king sent, and brought him out of the house of Makir the and seven thousand horsemen, and twenty thousand son of Ammiel, from Lo Debar. 6 And Mippibaal, the son footmen: and David hamstrung all the chariot horses, but of Jonathan, the son of Saul, came to David, and he fell reserved of them for one hundred chariots. 5 When the face down in homage. And David said, "Mippibaal?" Arameans of Damascus came to help Hadadezer king And he answered, "Look, your servant." 7 And David of Zobah, David struck of the Arameans two and twenty said to him, "Do not be afraid, for I will surely show thousand men. 6 Then David put garrisons in Aram you kindness for Jonathan your father's sake, and will of Damascus; and the Arameans became servants to restore to you all the land of Saul your grandfather. You David, and brought tribute. The LORD gave victory to shall eat bread at my table continually." 8 He bowed David wherever he went. 7 And David took the shields down, and said, "What is your servant, that you should of gold that were on the servants of Hadadezer, and look on such a dead dog as I am?" 9 Then the king brought them to Jerusalem, which, later on, were also called to Ziba, Saul's servant, and said to him, "All that taken by Shishak king of Egypt in the days of Rehoboam pertained to Saul and to all his house have I given to son of Solomon when he went up to Jerusalem. 8 From your master's son. 10 You shall till the land for him, Tebah and from Berothai, cities of Hadadezer, king you, and your sons, and your servants, and you shall David took a very great amount of bronze. 9 When Toi bring food into your master's house that they may eat. king of Hamath heard that David had struck all the army But Mippibaal your master's son shall eat bread always of Hadadezer, 10 then Toi sent Hadoram his son to king at my table." Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty David, to greet him, and to bless him, because he had servants. 11 Then Ziba said to the king, "According to fought against Hadadezer and struck him: for Hadadezer all that my lord the king commands his servant, so your had wars with Toi. And he brought with him vessels servant shall do." So Mippibaal ate at David's table like of silver, and vessels of gold, and vessels of bronze. one of the king's sons. 12 Mippibaal had a young son, 11 The King also dedicated these to the LORD, with whose name was Micah. All that lived in the house of the silver and gold that he dedicated of all the nations Ziba were servants to Mippibaal. 13 So Mippibaal lived which he subdued; 12 of Edom, and of Moab, and of the in Jerusalem; for he ate continually at the king's table. people of Ammon, and of the Philistines, and of Amalek, He was lame in both his feet. and of the spoil of Hadadezer, son of Rehob, king of Zobah. 13 And David made a name for himself when he returned from defeating the Arameans. And Abishai son of Zeruiah defeated the Edomites in the Valley of Salt--eighteen thousand. 14 And he put a garrison in Edom, and all the Edomites became servants to David. The LORD gave victory to David wherever he went. 15 And David reigned over Israel, exercising justice and righteousness for all his people. 16 And Joab the son of Zeruiah was in charge of the army; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was recorder; 17 and Zadok the son of Ahitub, and Abiathar the son of Ahimelech, were priests; and Shisha was scribe; 18 and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada supervised the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and David's sons were chief ministers.

Q David said, "Is there yet any who is left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake?" 2 There was of the house of Saul a servant whose name was Ziba, and they called him to David; and the king said to him, "Are you Ziba?" He said, "Your servant is he." 3 The king said, "Is there not yet any of the house of Saul, that I may show the kindness of God to him?" Ziba said to the king, "Jonathan has yet a son, who is lame of his feet." 4 And the king said, "Where is he?" And Ziba said to the king, "Look, he is in the house of Makir the son of Ammiel, in Lo Debar." 5 Then the

10 It happened after this, that the king of the people of Ammon died, and Hanun his son reigned in his place. 2 David said, "I will show kindness to Hanun the son of Nahash, as his father showed kindness to me." So David sent by his servants to comfort him concerning his father. David's servants came into the land of the people of Ammon. 3 But the leaders of the people of Ammon said to Hanun their lord, "Do you think that David honors your father, in that he has sent comforters to you? Hasn't David sent his servants to you to search the city, and to spy it out, and to overthrow it?" 4 So Hanun took David's servants and shaved off their beards, and cut off their garments in the middle, even to their buttocks, and sent them away. 5 When David was told, he sent to meet them; for the men were greatly ashamed. The king said, "Wait at Jericho until your beards have grown, and then return." 6 When the people of Ammon saw that they were become odious to David, the people of Ammon sent and hired the Arameans of Beth Rehob, and the Arameans of Zobah, twenty thousand footmen, and the king of Maacah with one thousand men, and the men of Tob twelve thousand men. 7 When David heard of it, he sent Joab, and all the army of the mighty men. 8 The people of Ammon came out, and put the battle in array at the entrance of the gate: and the Arameans of Zobah and of Rehob, and the men of Tob and Maacah, were by themselves in the field, 9 Now when Joab saw that the battle was Uriah. "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." So set against him before and behind, he chose of all the Uriah went out from the presence of the king, and a choice men of Israel, and put them in array against the gift from the king was sent after him. 9 But Uriah slept Arameans: 10 The rest of the people he committed into at the king's door with his master's servants, and did the hand of Abishai his brother; and he put them in not go down to his house. 10 And it was reported to array against the people of Ammon. 11 He said, "If the David, saying, "Uriah did not go down to his house." So Arameans are too strong for me, then you shall help David said to Uriah, "Haven't you come from a journey? me; but if the people of Ammon are too strong for you, Why did you not go down to your house?" 11 And then I will come and help you. 12 Be courageous, and Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah are let us be strong for our people, and for the cities of staying in tents; and my lord Joab and the servants of our God; and the LORD do that which seems good to my lord are camped in the open field. Then how can I him." 13 So Joab and the people who were with him go to my house to eat and to drink and to lie with my drew near to the battle against the Arameans: and they wife? As the LORD lives, and as you live, I will not do fled before him. 14 When the people of Ammon saw this thing." 12 Then David said to Uriah, "Stay here that the Arameans had fled, they likewise fled before today also, and tomorrow I will let you depart." So Uriah Abishai, and entered into the city. Then Joab returned staved in Jerusalem that day. 13 And the next day David from the people of Ammon, and came to Jerusalem. 15 summoned him, and he ate and drank in his presence. When the Arameans saw that they were defeated by the and he became drunk. But in the evening he went out children of Israel, they gathered themselves together. and lay on a bed with his master's servants, and did not 16 Hadadezer sent, and brought out the Arameans go down to his house. 14 It happened in the morning, who were beyond the River: and they came to Helam, that David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the with Shobach the captain of the army of Hadadezer hand of Uriah. 15 He wrote in the letter, saying, "Send at their head. 17 It was told David; and he gathered Uriah to the forefront of the hottest battle, and retreat all Israel together, and passed over the Jordan, and from him, that he may be struck down and die." 16 It came to Helam. The Arameans set themselves in array happened, when Joab kept watch on the city, that he against David, and fought with him, 18 but fled before assigned Uriah to the place where he knew that valiant Israel: and David killed of the Arameans seven hundred men were, 17 The men of the city went out, and fought charioteers, and forty thousand foot soldiers, and struck with Joab. Some of the people fell, even of the servants Shobach the commander of their army, and he died of David: and Uriah the Hethite died also, 18 Then Joab there. 19 When all the vassals of Hadadezer saw that sent and told David all the things concerning the war; they were defeated before Israel, they made peace with 19 and he commanded the messenger, saying, "When Israel, and served them. So the Arameans were afraid you have finished telling all the things concerning the to give further aid to the Ammonites.

11 It happened, at the return of the year, at the time when kings go out, that David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the people of Ammon, and besieged Rabbah. But David stayed at Jerusalem. 2 Now it happened one evening that David got up from his bed and walked on the roof of the king's palace; and he saw a woman bathing, and the woman was very beautiful. 3 And David sent and inquired about the woman. And one said. "Isn't this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hethite?" 4 So David sent messengers to get her, and she came in to him, and he lav with her. (For she had been purifying herself from her uncleanness.) And she returned to her house. 5 The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, and said, "I'm pregnant." 6 Then David sent to Joab and said. "Send me Uriah the Hethite." So Joab sent Uriah to him. 7 And Uriah came to him, and David asked about the prosperity of Joab, and of the prosperity of the people, and of the prosperity of the war. And he said, "Its well." 8 And David said to

war to the king. 20 if it happens that he becomes angry. 21 then you are to say, 'Your servant Uriah the Hethite is dead also." 22 So the messenger of Joab went to the king in Jerusalem and reported to David everything that Joab had told him. 23 The messenger said to David, "The men overpowered us, and came out to us into the field, and when we drove them back to the entrance of the gate, 24 then the arrows came down heavily on your servants from the wall, and some eighteen men of the king's servants died." And the messenger finished the words to the king about the report of the battle. Then David was very angry with Joab, and said to the messenger, "Why did you go so close to the city to fight? Didn't you know you would be struck from the wall? Who struck Abimelech the son of Jerubbaal? Didn't a woman cast an upper millstone on him from the wall so that he died at Thebez? Why did you go so near to the wall?" [Then he said to the king,] "Also your servant Uriah the Hethite is dead." 25 Then David said to the messenger, "Thus you shall tell Joab, 'Do not let this thing displease you, for the sword devours one as well

as another. Make your battle stronger against the city, and it was very sick. 16 Then David sought from God on and overthrow it.' And encourage him." 26 When the behalf of the child. And David fasted, and went in and wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, lay all night on the ground. 17 And the elders of his she made lamentation for her husband. 27 When the house approached him to lift him up from the ground, mourning was past, David sent and took her home to but he was unwilling, and he would not eat food with son. But the thing that David had done displeased the died. The servants of David feared to tell him that the LORD.

12 So the LORD sent Nathan to David. And he came to him, and said to him, "Tell me how you judge this case. There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. 2 The rich man had very many flocks and herds, 3 but the poor man had nothing, except one little ewe lamb, which he had aquired. And he raised it and it grew up alongside him and his children. It used to eat of his morsel and drink from his cup and sleep in his arms, and it was like a daughter to him. 4 Now a traveler came to the rich man, but he was unwilling to take from his own flock or his own herd to prepare for the traveler who had come to him, but took the poor man's lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him." 5 Then David became very angry with that man, and he said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves death. 6 He must restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity." 7 Then Nathan said to David, "You are the man. This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you out of the hand of Saul. 8 I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your care, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that would have been too little, I would have added to you many more such things. 9 Why have you despised the LORD, to do that which is evil in his sight? You have struck Uriah the Hethite with the sword. and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have slain him with the sword of the people of Ammon. 10 Now therefore the sword will never depart from your house, because you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hethite to be your wife.' 11 "This is what the LORD says: 'Look, I will raise up evil against you out of your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbor, and he will lie with your wives in the sight of this sun. 12 For you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun." 13 David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." Nathan said to David, "The LORD also has put away your sin. You will not die. 14 However, because by this deed you have shown utter contempt for the LORD, the child also who is born to you shall surely die." 15 Then Nathan went to his home. And God struck the child that Uriah's wife bore to David,

his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a them. 18 It happened on the seventh day, that the child child was dead; for they said, "Look, while the child was yet alive, we spoke to him, and he did not listen to our voice. How will he then harm himself, if we tell him that the child is dead?" 19 But when David noticed that his servants were whispering together, David perceived that the child was dead; and David said to his servants, "Is the child dead?" They said, "He is dead." 20 Then David arose from the ground, and washed, and anointed himself, and changed his clothing; and he came into the house of the LORD, and worshiped. Then he went to his own house, and he asked for bread to eat. And they set bread before him, and he ate. 21 Then his servants said to him, "What is this that you have done? You fasted and wept and kept vigil for the child while he was alive; but when the child was dead, you rose up and ate bread." 22 He said, "While the child was yet alive. I fasted and wept: for I said. 'Who knows whether the LORD will not be gracious to me, that the child may live?' 23 But now he is dead, why should I fast? Can I bring him back? I shall go to him, but he will not return to me." 24 David comforted Bathsheba his wife, and went in to her, and lay with her. She bore a son, and he called his name Solomon. The LORD loved him; 25 and he sent by the hand of Nathan the prophet; and he named him Jedidiah, for the LORD's sake. 26 Now Joab fought against Rabbah of the people of Ammon, and took the royal city. 27 Joab sent messengers to David, and said, "I have fought against Rabbah, and have also taken the water supply of the city. 28 Now therefore gather the rest of the people together, and besiege the city and capture it yourself, or I will capture the city, and it will be named after me." 29 David gathered all the people together, and went to Rabbah, and fought against it, and took it. 30 He took the crown of their king from off his head: and its weight was a talent of gold. and in it were precious stones; and it was set on David's head. He brought out the spoil of the city, a very great amount. 31 He brought out the people who were in it, and put them to work with saws, and iron picks, and iron axes, and to labor at the brick kiln. And he did the same to all the cities of the people of Ammon. David and all the people returned to Jerusalem.

> 13 It happened after this, that Absalom the son of David had a beautiful sister, whose name was Tamar; and Amnon the son of David loved her. 2 Amnon was so troubled that he fell sick because of his sister

Tamar: for she was a virgin: and it seemed hard to your brother. Do not take this too seriously." So Tamar. Amnon to do anything to her. 3 But Amnon had a friend, devastated, lived in her brother Absalom's house. 21 whose name was Jonadab, the son of Shimeah, David's But when king David heard of all these things, he was brother. Now Jonadab was a very crafty man. 4 He said very angry. But he did not inflict pain on the spirit of to him, "Why, son of the king, are you so sad from day his son Amnon, because he loved him, for he was his to day? Won't you tell me?" Amnon said to him, "I love firstborn. 22 Absalom spoke to Amnon neither good Tamar, my brother Absalom's sister." 5 Jonadab said to nor bad; for Absalom hated Amnon, because he had him, "Lie down on your bed, and pretend to be sick. violated his sister Tamar. 23 It happened after two full When your father comes to see you, tell him, 'Please let years, that Absalom had sheepshearers in Baal Hazor, my sister Tamar come and give me bread to eat, and which is beside Ephraim: and Absalom invited all the dress the food in my sight, that I may see it, and eat it king's sons. 24 Absalom came to the king, and said, from her hand."" 6 So Amnon lay down and faked being "See now, your servant has sheepshearers. Please let sick. When the king came to see him, Amnon said to the the king and his servants go with your servant." 25 king, "Please let my sister Tamar come, and make me a The king said to Absalom, "No, my son, let us not all couple of cakes in my sight, that I may eat from her go, lest we be burdensome to you." But he pleaded hand." 7 Then David sent home to Tamar, saying, "Go with him; however he would not go, but blessed him. now to your brother Amnon and prepare food for him." 26 Then Absalom said, "If not, please let my brother 8 So Tamar went to her brother Amnon's house; and Amnon go with us." The king said to him, "Why should he was lying down. And she took dough, and kneaded he go with you?" 27 But Absalom pleaded with him. it, and made cakes while he watched, and baked the and he let Amnon and all the king's sons go with him. cakes. 9 She took the pan, and poured them out before And Absalom prepared a feast like a king's feast. 28 him; but he refused to eat. Amnon said, "Have all men And Absalom commanded his servants, saying, "Watch leave me." Every man went out from him. 10 Amnon Amnon until he is in a good mood from the wine, and said to Tamar, "Bring the food into the room, that I may when I tell you, 'Strike Amnon,' then kill him. Do not eat from your hand." Tamar took the cakes which she be afraid. Haven't I commanded you? Be strong and had made, and brought them into the room to Amnon brave." 29 So the servants of Absalom did to Amnon her brother. 11 When she had brought them near to as Absalom had commanded. Then all the king's sons him to eat, he took hold of her, and said to her, "Come, got up, and each mounted his mule and fled. 30 And it lie with me, my sister." 12 She answered him, "No, my happened, while they were on the way, that the news brother, do not force me. For no such thing ought to be came to David, saying, "Absalom has struck down all done in Israel. Do not do this folly. 13 I, where would I the king's sons, and there is not one of them left." 31 carry my shame? And as for you, you will be as one of Then the king got up and tore his clothes and lay down the fools in Israel. Now therefore, please speak to the on the ground. And all the servants who were standing king; for he will not withhold me from you." 14 However around him also tore their clothes. 32 But Jonadab the he would not listen to her voice; but being stronger than son of Shimeah, David's brother, said, "My lord the king she was, he overpowered her and raped her. 15 Then must not think that they have killed all the young men. Amnon hated her with intense hatred, so that the hatred the king's sons, for only Amnon is dead. For this has with which he hated her was greater than the love with been Absalom's plan since the day that he raped his which he had loved her. And Amnon said to her, "Get sister Tamar. 33 Now therefore do not let my lord the up, go away." 16 And Tamar said to him, "Don't, my king take the thing to his heart, to think that all the brother, for this latter evil in sending me away is greater king's sons are dead; for Amnon only is dead." 34 But than the former thing that you did to me." But he would Absalom fled. And the young man who kept the watch not listen to her. 17 Then he called the young man who lifted up his eyes and looked, and he saw many men served him, and said, "Send this one away from me, coming on the road behind him from the side of the and bolt the door after her." 18 Now she was wearing mountain in the descent. And the watchman came and an ornamented robe, for this was what the king's virgin told the king, and said, "I have seen many men coming daughters used to wear. Then his servant brought her from the Horonan road by the side of the mountain." 35 out, and bolted the door after her. 19 And Tamar took Jonadab said to the king, "Look, the king's sons are ashes and put them on her head, and tore the long coming. It is as your servant said." 36 It happened, as robe she was wearing. And she put her hand on her soon as he had finished speaking, that look, the king's head and went away, crying aloud as she went. 20 sons came, and lifted up their voice, and wept. The king And her brother Absalom said to her, "Has Amnon your also and all his servants wept bitterly. 37 And David

brother been with you? Be quiet for now, my sister. He is mourned for his son every day. 38 And Absalom fled

and went to Talmai the son of Ammihud, king of Geshur, son is dead, and as water spilled on the ground can't death of Amnon.

1 When Joab the son of Zeruiah perceived that the king's heart longed for Absalom, 2 he sent to Tekoa and brought a wise woman from there, and said to her, "Please pretend to be a mourner, and put on mourning clothing, and do not anoint yourself with oil, but behave as a woman who has been mourning for the dead a long time. 3 Go in to the king and say this to him." Then Joab told her what to say. 4 And the woman of Tekoa went to the king, and she bowed down with her face to the ground and showed respect, and said, "Help, O king." 5 And the king said to her, "What is your trouble?" And she replied, "Truly I am a widow, and my husband is dead. 6 And your servant had two sons, and they both fought together in the field, and there was no one to separate them, and one struck the other and killed him. 7 Look, the whole family has risen against your servant, and they say, 'Give us the man who struck his brother, that we may kill him for the life of his brother whom he killed.' Thus they would eliminate also the heir and the one ember I have left will be extinguished, and would leave to my husband neither name nor remnant on the face of the earth. 8 Now therefore seeing that I have come to speak this word to the king, my lord, it is because the people have made me afraid: and your servant said, 'I will now speak to the king; it may be that the king will perform the request of his servant.' 9 For the king will hear and deliver his servant out of the hand of the man who is seeking to destroy me and my son together out of the inheritance of the LORD. 10 Then your servant said, 'Please let the word of my lord the king bring rest; for as an angel of God, so is my lord the king to discern good and bad. May the LORD, your God, be with you." 11 Then the king said, "Go to your house, and I will give a command concerning you." 12 The woman of Tekoa said to the king, "My lord, O king, the iniquity be on me, and on my father's house; and the king and his throne be guiltless." 13 The king said, "Whoever says anything to you, bring him to me, and he shall not touch you any more." 14 Then she said, "Please let the king remember the LORD your God, that the avenger of blood destroy not any more, lest they destroy my son." He said, "As the LORD lives, not one hair of your son shall fall to the ground." 15 Then the woman said, "Please let your servant speak a word to my lord the king." He said, "Say on." 16 The woman said, "Why then have you devised such a thing against the people of the LORD? For in speaking this word the king is as one who is guilty, in that the king does not bring home again his exiled one. 17 For your

and was there three years. 39 And the spirit of the king be gathered up again, so he can't bring his life back longed to go to Absalom, for he was consoled about the again. But it seems sensible to the king to keep his exiled one away from him." 18 Then the king answered and said to the woman, "Please do not hide from me anything that I ask you." And the woman said, "Let my lord the king speak." 19 So the king said, "Did Joab put you up to all this?" The woman answered, "As your soul lives, my lord the king, no one can turn to the right hand or to the left from anything that my lord the king has said. Indeed, it was your servant Joab who had me do this, and he put all these words in the mouth of your servant. 20 Your servant Joab did this in order to change this situation. But my lord has wisdom like the wisdom of an angel of God for knowing things in the land." 21 Then the king said to Joab, "Look now, I have done according to your word. Go, bring back the young man Absalom." 22 Then Joab bowed down with his face toward the ground, and blessed the king. And Joab said, "Today your servant knows that I have found favor in your sight, my lord the king, in that the king has granted the request of his servant." 23 So Joab arose and went to Geshur, and brought Absalom to Jerusalem. 24 The king said, "He must return to his own house, but he must not see my face." So Absalom returned to his own house, and did not see the king's face. 25 Moreover, Absalom - in Israel no one was so much admired as he for his fine appearance. From the sole of his foot even to the crown of his head there was no blemish in him. 26 When he cut the hair of his head - now it was at the end of every year that he cut it, because it became too heavy, therefore he cut it - he weighed the hair of his head at one hundred shekels by the king's weight. 27 To Absalom there were born three sons, and one daughter, whose name was Tamar. She was a beautiful woman. 28 Absalom lived two full years in Jerusalem; and he did not see the king's face. 29 Then Absalom sent for Joab, to send him to the king; but he would not come to him: and he sent again a second time, but he would not come. 30 Therefore he said to his servants, "Look, Joab's field is near mine, and he has barley there. Go and set it on fire." Absalom's servants set the field on fire. And the servants of Joab came to him with their clothes rent, and they said to him, "The servants of Absalom have set the field on fire." 31 Then Joab arose, and came to Absalom to his house, and said to him, "Why have your servants set my field on fire?" 32 And Absalom answered Joab, "Look, I sent to you, saying, 'Come here, that I may send you to the king, to say, "Why have I come from Geshur? It would be better for me if I were still there. Now therefore let me appear before the king. If I am guilty, put me to death." 33 So Joab went to the king and told him, and he summoned

Absalom. And he came to the king and bowed himself before him. And when all the Cherethites and all the kissed Absalom.

15 And after this Absalom began to furnish himself with a chariot and horses, and fifty men to run before him. 2 And Absalom used to get up early and stand beside the road. Then when anyone had a dispute which should come to the king for judgment, then Absalom would call out to him and say, "What city are you from?" When he said, "Your servant is from one of the tribes of Israel," 3 then Absalom would say to him, "Look, your matters are good and right; but there is no one from the king to hear you." 4 And Absalom would say, "Oh that I were made judge in the land, then anyone who had a dispute could come to me, and I would give him justice." 5 It was so, that when any man came near to do him obeisance, he would extend his hand and embrace him, and kiss him. 6 Absalom did this sort of thing to all Israel who came to the king for judgment. So Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel. 7 It happened at the end of four years, that Absalom said to the king, "Please let me go and pay my vow, which I have vowed to the LORD, in Hebron. 8 For your servant vowed a vow while I stayed at Geshur in Aram, saying, 'If the LORD will bring me back to Jerusalem, then I will serve the LORD in Hebron." 9 The king said to him, "Go in peace." So he arose, and went to Hebron. 10 But Absalom sent spies throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, "As soon as you hear the sound of the trumpet, then you shall say, 'Absalom is king in Hebron."" 11 Two hundred men went with Absalom out of Jerusalem, who were invited, and went in their simplicity; and they did not know anything. 12 And he sent and invited Ahithophel the Gilonite, David's counselor, from his city Giloh, where he was offering sacrifice. The conspiracy was strong, for the people increased continually with Absalom. 13 A messenger came to David, saying, "The hearts of the men of Israel are after Absalom." 14 So David said to all his servants who were with him at Jerusalem, "Arise, and let us flee, otherwise none of us shall escape from Absalom. Go immediately, or else he will quickly overtake us and bring down the city on top of us, and strike the city with the edge of the sword." 15 Then the king's servants said to him, "Look, your servants are ready to do whatever the king chooses." 16 And the king went out with all his household following him. But the king left ten women, who were secondary wives, to take care of the palace. 17 So the king went out with all his servants following him, and they stopped at the last house. 18 And all the people passed on before him. And all those with him, all the officers and warriors, were six hundred men, and they passed on

with his face to the ground before the king, and the king Pelethites and all the Gittites who followed him from Gath passed on before the king. 19 Then the king said to Ittai the Gittite, "Why do you also go with us? Go back and stay with the king, for you are a foreigner and you also are an exile from your place. 20 You came only vesterday. Should I today make you wander about with us, since I go I know not where? Go back, and take your brothers with you, and may the LORD show you kindness and truth." 21 Ittai answered the king, and said, "As the LORD lives, and as my lord the king lives, surely in what place my lord shall be, whether for death or for life, even there also will your servant be." 22 So David said to Ittai, "Go and pass over." Then Ittai passed over, and all his men, and all the little ones who were with him. 23 And all the land wept aloud as all the people crossed over. And the king crossed the Wadi Kidron, and all the people passed before him on the Olive road into the wilderness. 24 And look, Zadok also came (and all the Levites with him, bearing the ark of the covenant of the LORD) and Abiathar. And they set down the ark of God until all the people finished passing by from the city. 25 The king said to Zadok, "Return the ark of God to the city. If I find favor in the eyes of the LORD, he will bring me back and show me both it and his dwelling place; 26 but if he should say, 'I have no delight in you:' look, here I am. Let him do to me as seems good to him." 27 And the king said also to Zadok the priest, "Look, you return into the city in peace, and your two sons with you, Ahimaaz your son, and Jonathan the son of Abiathar. 28 Look, I will wait at the fords of the wilderness until word comes from you to inform me." 29 So Zadok and Abiathar carried the ark to Jerusalem and returned it there. 30 And David went up by the Ascent of the Olives, and wept as he went, and he had his head covered and went barefoot. And all the people who were with him covered their heads, and they went up weeping as they went. 31 And it had been told to David, saying, "Ahithophel is among the conspirators with Absalom." David said, "LORD, please turn the counsel of Ahithophel into foolishness." 32 It happened that when David had come to the top, where God was worshiped, look, Hushai the Archite came to meet him with his coat torn, and earth on his head, 33 David said to him, "If you pass on with me, then you will be a burden to me; 34 but if you return to the city, and tell Absalom, 'Your brothers have left, O king, after your father left, and now I am your servant, O king. Allow me to live. As I have been your father's servant in the past, so now I am your servant,' then you will defeat for me the counsel of Ahithophel. 35 And look, Zadok and Abiathar the priests will be there with you. So whatever you hear from the king's house you must tell it to Zadok and Abiathar the priests. 36 Look, their Archite came to Absalom, that Hushai said to Absalom. two sons are with them there, Ahimaaz, Zadok's son, send to me everything that you hear." 37 So Hushai, into Jerusalem.

16 Now when David was a little past the top, look, Ziba the servant of Mippibaal met him with a couple of donkeys saddled, and on them two hundred loaves of bread, a hundred bunches of raisins, a hundred of summer fruits, and a container of wine. 2 And the king said to Ziba, "Why did you bring these things?" And Ziba replied, "The donkeys are for the king's household to ride on, and the bread and summer fruit for the young men to eat, and the wine is for those who get exhausted in the desert." 3 Then the king said, "Where is your master's son?" Ziba said to the king, "Look, he is staying in Jerusalem, for he said, 'Today the children of Israel will restore to me the kingdom of my father." 4 Then the king said to Ziba, "Look, all that pertains to Mippibaal is yours." Ziba said, "I humbly bow. May I find favor in the sight of my lord the king." 5 And when king David reached Bahurim, now look, a man of the family of the house of Saul came out, whose name was Shimei the son of Gera. He came out and cursed continuously as he approached. 6 And he threw stones at David and at all his servants, and all the people and all the soldiers at his right hand and at his left. 7 And Shimei said as he cursed, "Get out, get out, you man of blood, and worthless man. 8 The LORD has returned on you all the blood of the house of Saul, in whose place you have reigned, and the LORD has given the kingdom into the hand of your son Absalom. And look, your evil is upon you, because you are a man of bloodshed." 9 Then Abishai the son of Zeruiah said to the king, "Why should this dead dog curse my lord the king? Please let me go over and take off his head." 10 The king said. "What have I to do with you, you sons of Zeruiah? Because he curses, and because the LORD has said to him, 'Curse David;' who then shall say, 'Why have you done so?"" 11 Then David said to Abishai and to all his servants, "Look, my son who came from my body seeks my life. So also now this Benjamite. Leave him alone and let him curse, for the LORD has told him to. 12 Perhaps the LORD will look on my affliction and return good to me for his cursing today." 13 So David and his men went by the way; and Shimei went along on the hillside opposite him, and cursed as he went, threw stones at his flank, and threw dirt. 14 Now the king and all his people arrived weary at the Jordan, and he refreshed himself there. 15 Now Absalom and all the men of Israel arrived in Jerusalem, and Ahithophel was with him. personally go into battle. 12 So we will come upon him 16 And it came about when David's friend Hushai the in some place where he can be found, and we will fall

"Long live the king. Long live the king." 17 So Absalom and Jonathan, Abiathar's son. And by them you must said to Hushai, "Is this your loyalty to your friend? Why did you not go with your friend?" 18 Then Hushai said to David's friend, came into the city; and Absalom came Absalom, "No, but whom the LORD and this people and all the men of Israel have chosen, his will I belong, and with him I will stay. 19 Again, whom should I serve? Shouldn't I serve in the presence of his son? As I have served in your father's presence, so will I be in your presence." 20 Then Absalom said to Ahithophel, "Give your counsel. What should we do?" 21 Ahithophel said to Absalom, "Go in to your father's secondary wives, that he has left to care for the palace. Then all Israel will hear that you have made yourself a stench to your father. Then those on your side will be motivated to support you." 22 So they set up a tent for Absalom on the roof, and Absalom went in to his father's secondary wives in the sight of all Israel. 23 Now in those days the counsel that Ahithophel gave was as if one inquired of the word of God. So was all the counsel of Ahithophel both to David and to Absalom.

> 17 Moreover Ahithophel said to Absalom, "Let me now choose twelve thousand men, and I will arise and pursue after David tonight. 2 And I will catch up with him while he is weary and discouraged, and will thow him into a panic, and all the people who are with him will flee. And I will strike the king alone. 3 Then all the people will come back to you, as a bride returns to her husband. You seek the life of only one man; then all the people will be in peace." 4 And the advice seemed good to Absalom and all the elders of Israel. 5 Then Absalom said, "Now call Hushai the Archite, and let's hear what he says." 6 When Hushai came to Absalom, Absalom said to him, "Ahithophel has spoken thus. Should we follow his advice? And if not, speak up." 7 So Hushai said to Absalom, "The counsel that Ahithophel has given this time is not good." 8 Moreover, Hushai said, "You know your father and his men, that they are warriors, and that they are as fierce as a bear robbed of her cubs in the wild, or a sow snared in the wild. Your father is expert in war, and will not camp with the people. 9 Look, he is now hidden in some pit, or in some other place. And it will happen when some of them have fallen first, that whoever hears it will say, 'There is a slaughter among the people who follow Absalom.' 10 Then even the one who is brave, whose heart is like the heart of a lion, will utterly melt; for all Israel knows that your father is a warrior, and those who are with him are brave men. 11 But, I strongly advise as follows: Let all Israel be gathered to you from Dan to Beersheba. as the sand that is by the sea in number, and that you

on him as the dew falls on the ground, and of him and parched grain, and beans, and lentils, 29 and honey. all the men with him not one will be left. 13 Moreover, if and curd of the flock, and cheese of the herd. And they he withdraws into a city, then all Israel will take up ropes to that city, and we will drag it into the riverbed, until with him to eat. For they said, "The people are hungry there isn't one pebble to be found there." 14 Absalom and all the men of Israel said, "The counsel of Hushai the Archite is better than the counsel of Ahithophel." For the LORD had ordained to defeat the good counsel of Ahithophel, to the intent that the LORD might bring evil on Absalom. 15 Then Hushai said to Zadok and to Abiathar the priests, "Ahithophel counseled Absalom and the elders of Israel that way; and I have counseled this way. 16 Now therefore send guickly, and tell David, saying, 'Do not lodge this night at the fords of the wilderness, but by all means pass over; lest the king be swallowed up, and all the people who are with him." 17 Now Jonathan and Ahimaaz were staying by En Rogel; and a female servant used to go and tell them; and they went and told king David. For they might not be seen to come into the city. 18 But a boy saw them, and told Absalom. Then they both went away guickly, and came to the house of a man in Bahurim, who had a well in his court; and they went down there. 19 The woman took and spread the covering over the well's mouth, and spread out bruised grain on it; and nothing was known. 20 Absalom's servants came to the woman to the house; and they said. "Where are Ahimaaz and Jonathan?" The woman said to them, "They have gone over the brook of water." When they had sought and could not find them, they returned to Jerusalem. 21 It happened, after they had departed, that they came up out of the well, and went and told king David. And they said to him, "Arise and pass quickly over the water; for thus has Ahithophel counseled against you." 22 Then David arose, and all the people who were with him, and they passed over the Jordan. By the morning light there lacked not one of them who had not gone over the Jordan. 23 When Ahithophel saw that his counsel was not followed, he saddled his donkey, and arose, and went home, to his city, and set his house in order, and hanged himself; and he died, and was buried in the tomb of his father. 24 Then David came to Mahanaim. Absalom passed over the Jordan, he and all the men of Israel with him. 25 Absalom set Amasa over the army instead of Joab. Now Amasa was the son of a man, whose name was Jether the Ishmaelite, who went in to Abigail the daughter of Jesse, sister to Zeruiah, Joab's mother. 26 Israel and Absalom camped in the land of Gilead. 27 It happened, when David had come to Mahanaim, that Shobi the son of Nahash of Rabbah of the people of Ammon, and Makir the son of Ammiel of Lodebar, and Barzillai the Gileadite of Rogelim, 28 brought beds, and basins, and pottery utensils, and wheat, and barley, and meal, and

presented them to David and to the people who were and tired and thirsty in the wilderness."

18 David numbered the people who were with him, and set captains of thousands and captains of hundreds over them. 2 David sent forth the people, a third part under the hand of Joab, and a third part under the hand of Abishai the son of Zeruiah, Joab's brother, and a third part under the hand of Ittai the Gittite. The king said to the people, "I will surely go forth with you myself also." 3 But the people said, "You must not go out, for if we retreat, no one will care about us. If half of us die, no one will care about us. But you are worth ten thousand of us. Therefore it is better now if you support us in the city." 4 The king said to them, "I will do what seems best to you." The king stood beside the gate, and all the people went out by hundreds and by thousands. 5 The king commanded Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, "Deal gently for my sake with the young man, even with Absalom." And all the people were listening when the king commanded all the captains concerning Absalom. 6 So the people went out into the field against Israel: and the battle was in the forest of Ephraim. 7 The people of Israel were struck there before the servants of David, and there was a great slaughter there that day of twenty thousand men. 8 For the battle there spread over the entire region, and the forest devoured more people that day than the sword devoured. 9 And Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. And he was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick boughs of a great oak, and his head caught hold of the oak, and he was left hanging between the sky and earth; and the mule that was under him went on. 10 And a certain man saw it, and told Joab, and said, "Look, I saw Absalom hanging in an oak." 11 Joab said to the man who told him, "Look, you saw it, and why did you not strike him there to the ground? I would have given you ten pieces of silver, and a belt." 12 The man said to Joab, "Though I should receive a thousand pieces of silver in my hand. I still wouldn't put forth my hand against the king's son; for in our hearing the king commanded you and Abishai and Ittai, saying, 'Protect the young man Absalom for my sake.' 13 Otherwise if I had dealt falsely against his life (and there is no matter hidden from the king), then you yourself would have set yourself against me." 14 Then Joab said, "I'm not going to wait like this with you." He took three darts in his hand, and thrust them through the heart of Absalom, while he was vet alive in the midst of the oak. 15 Ten young men who bore Joab's armor surrounded and struck Absalom, and killed him. 16 Joab blew the

Israel; for Joab held back the people. 17 They took up to the room over the gate, and wept. As he went, he Absalom, and cast him into the great pit in the forest, said, "My son Absalom. My son, my son Absalom. I and raised over him a very great heap of stones. Then all Israel fled everyone to his tent. 18 Now Absalom in his lifetime had taken and reared up for himself the pillar, which is in the King's Valley; for he said, "I have no son to keep my name in memory." He called the pillar after his own name; and it is called Absalom's monument, to this day. 19 Then Ahimaaz the son of Zadok said, "Let me now run, and bear the king news, how that the LORD has avenged him of his enemies. 20 Joab said to him, "You shall not be the bearer of news this day, but you shall bear news another day. But today you shall bear no news, because the king's son is dead." 21 Then Joab said to the Cushite. "Go. tell the king what you have seen." The Cushite bowed himself to Joab, and ran. 22 Then Ahimaaz the son of Zadok said yet again to Joab, "But come what may, please let me also run after the Cushite." Joab said, "Why do you want to run, my son, since that you will have no reward for the news?" 23 And he said, "But come what may, I will run." He said to him, "Run." Then Ahimaaz ran by the way of the Plain, and outran the Cushite. 24 Now David was sitting between the two gates, and the watchman went up to the roof of the gate to the wall and lifted up his eves and looked and saw a man was running alone towards him. 25 And the watchman called out, and told the king. And the king said, "If he is alone, there is good news in his mouth." And he came closer and closer. 26 And the watchman saw another man running. And the watchman above the gate called out, and said, "Look, another man running alone." And the king said, "He also brings good news." 27 The watchman said, "I think the running of the first one is like the running of Ahimaaz the son of Zadok." The king said, "He is a good man, and comes with good news." 28 And Ahimaaz came near and said to the king, "All is well." He bowed himself before the king with his face to the earth, and said, "Blessed is the LORD your God, who has delivered up the men who lifted up their hand against my lord the king." 29 The king said, "Is it well with the young man Absalom?" And Ahimaaz answered, "When Joab, the king's servant, sent your servant off, I saw a great commotion, but I do not know what it was." 30 The king said, "Turn aside, and stand here." He turned aside, and stood still. 31 Look, the Cushite came. And he said, "News for my lord the king; for the LORD has avenged you this day of all those who rose up against you." 32 The king said to the Cushite, "Is it well with the young man Absalom?" The Cushite answered, "May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up against you to do you harm, be as that

trumpet, and the people returned from pursuing after young man is." 33 The king was much moved, and went wish I had died for you, Absalom, my son, my son."

> 19 It was told Joab, "Look, the king weeps and mourns for Absalom." 2 The victory that day was turned into mourning to all the people; for the people heard it said that day, "The king grieves for his son." 3 So the people went quietly into the city that day, the way that people who are humiliated creep away when fleeing in battle. 4 The king covered his face, and he cried with a loud voice, "My son Absalom, Absalom, my son, my son." 5 Joab came into the house to the king, and said, "You have shamed this day the faces of all your servants, who this day have saved your life, and the lives of your sons and of your daughters, and the lives of your wives, and the lives of your secondary wives; 6 in that you love those who hate you, and hate those who love you. For you have declared this day, that leaders and servants are nothing to you. For today I perceive that if Absalom had lived, and all of us had died, then you would be pleased. 7 Now therefore arise, go out, and speak to comfort your servants; for I swear by the LORD, if you do not go out, not a man will stay with you this night. That would be worse to you than all the evil that has happened to you from your youth until now." 8 Then the king arose, and sat in the gate. They told to all the people, saying, "Look, the king is sitting in the gate." All the people came before the king. Now Israel had fled every man to his tent. 9 All the people were at strife throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, "The king delivered us out of the hand of our enemies, and he saved us out of the hand of the Philistines, but now he has fled from the land and from being over his kingdom. 10 And Absalom, whom we anointed over us, is dead in battle. Now therefore why do you not speak a word of bringing the king back?" And the talk of all Israel came to the king. 11 So king David sent to Zadok and to Abiathar the priests, saying, "Speak to the elders of Judah, saying, 'Why are you the last to bring the king back to his house? 12 You are my brothers, you are my bone and my flesh. Why then are you the last to bring back the king?' 13 And say to Amasa, 'Aren't you my bone and my flesh? Now then, God do so to me, and more also, if you aren't commander of the army before me continually in place of Joab. " 14 Thus he won over the heart of all the men of Judah, even as one man, so that they sent to the king, saving, "Return, you and all your servants." 15 So the king returned and came to the Jordan. And Judah came to Gilgal, having come down to meet the king, to bring the king across the Jordan. 16 And Shimei the son of Gera, the Benjamite who was from Bahurim, hurried and came

down with the men of Judah to meet king David. 17 discern between good and bad? Can your servant taste And there were a thousand men from Benjamin with what I eat or what I drink? Can I hear any more the him. But Ziba the servant of the house of Saul, and his voice of singing men and singing women? Why then fifteen sons and his twenty servants with him, waded should your servant be yet a burden to my lord the through the Jordan ahead of the king, 18 and they king? 36 Your servant would but just go over the Jordan crossed the ford to bring over the king's household, and with the king. Why should the king repay me with such to do what was good in his sight. And Shimei the son of a reward? 37 Please let your servant turn back again. Gera fell down before the king, when he had crossed that I may die in my own city, by the grave of my father over the Jordan. 19 He said to the king, "Do not let my and my mother. But look, your servant Kimham; let him lord impute iniquity to me, nor remember that which go over with my lord the king; and do to him what shall your servant did perversely the day that my lord the king seem good to you." 38 The king answered, "Kimham went out of Jerusalem, that the king should take it to his shall go over with me, and I will do to him that which heart. 20 For your servant knows that I have sinned. shall seem good to you. Whatever you require of me. Therefore look, I have come this day the first of all the that I will do for you." 39 All the people crossed over the house of Joseph to go down to meet my lord the king." Jordan, but the king remained. Then the king kissed 21 But Abishai the son of Zeruiah answered. "Shall Barzillai, and blessed him: and he returned to his own Shimei not be put to death for this, because he cursed place. 40 So the king went over to Gilgal, and Kimham the LORD's anointed?" 22 David said, "What have I went over with him. All the people of Judah brought the to do with you, you sons of Zeruiah, that you should king over, and also half the people of Israel. 41 Look, all this day be adversaries to me? Shall there any man be the men of Israel came to the king, and said to the king, put to death this day in Israel? For do you not realize "Why have our brothers the men of Judah stolen you that I am this day king over Israel?" 23 The king said to away, and brought the king, and his household, over the Shimei, "You shall not die." The king swore to him. 24 Jordan, and all David's men with him?" 42 All the men of Now Mippibaal son of Jonathan son of Saul came down Judah answered the men of Israel, "Because the king is to meet the king; and he had neither cared for his feet, a close relative to us. Why then are you angry about this nor trimmed his beard, nor washed his clothes, from matter? Have we eaten at all at the king's cost? Or has the day the king departed until the day he came home he given us any gifts?" 43 The men of Israel answered safely. 25 It happened, when he had come to Jerusalem the men of Judah, and said, "We have ten parts in the to meet the king, that the king said to him, "Why did you king, and we are the firstborn rather than you. Why then not go with me, Mippibaal?" 26 He answered, "My lord, did you despise us, that our advice should not be first O king, my servant deceived me. For your servant said had in bringing back our king?" The words of the men of to him, 'Saddle a donkey for me so that I may ride on it Judah were fiercer than the words of the men of Israel. and go with the king,' for your servant is lame. 27 He has slandered your servant to my lord the king; but my lord the king is as an angel of God. Do therefore what is good in your eyes. 28 For all my father's house were but dead men before my lord the king; yet you set your servant among those who ate at your own table. What right therefore have I yet that I should cry any more to the king?" 29 The king said to him, "Why do you speak any more of your matters? I say, you and Ziba divide the land," 30 Mippibaal said to the king, "Yes, let him take all, because my lord the king has come in peace to his own house." 31 Barzillai the Gileadite came down from Rogelim; and he went over the Jordan with the king, to conduct him from the Jordan. 32 Now Barzillai was a very old man, eighty years old; and he had provided for the king while he was staying at Mahanaim, for he was a very rich man. 33 The king said to Barzillai, "Come over with me, and I will sustain you with me in Jerusalem." 34 Barzillai said to the king, "How many are the days of the years of my life, that I should go up with the king to Jerusalem? 35 I am this day eighty years old. Can I

20 There happened to be there a base fellow, whose name was Sheba, the son of Bikri, a Benjamite: and he blew the trumpet, and said, "We have no portion in David, neither have we inheritance in the son of Jesse. Every man to his tents, Israel." 2 So all the men of Israel went up from following David, and followed Sheba the son of Bikri; but the men of Judah joined with their king, from the Jordan even to Jerusalem. 3 David came to his house at Jerusalem; and the king took the ten women his secondary wives, whom he had left to keep the house, and put them in custody, and provided them with sustenance, but did not go in to them. So they were shut up to the day of their death, living in widowhood. 4 Then the king said to Amasa. "Call me the men of Judah together within three days, and be here present." 5 So Amasa went to call the men of Judah together; but he stayed longer than the set time which he had appointed him. 6 David said to Abishai, "Now Sheba the son of Bikri will do us more harm than Absalom did. Now then, take your lord's servants, and pursue after him, lest he get himself fortified cities, and

Joab's men, and the Cherethites and the Pelethites, and Pelethites; 24 and Adoniram was over the men subject all the mighty men; and they went out of Jerusalem, to to forced labor; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was pursue after Sheba the son of Bikri. 8 When they were recorder; 25 and Shisha was scribe; and Zadok and at the great stone which is in Gibeon, Amasa came Abiathar were priests; 26 and also Ira the Jairite was to meet them. Joab was clothed in his apparel of war chief minister to David. that he had put on, and on it was a sash with a sword fastened on his waist in its sheath; and as he went forth it fell out. 9 Joab said to Amasa, "Is it well with you, my brother?" Joab took Amasa by the beard with his right hand to kiss him. 10 But Amasa took no heed to the sword that was in Joab's hand. So he struck him with it in the body, and shed out his bowels to the ground, and did not strike him again; and he died. Joab and Abishai his brother pursued after Sheba the son of Bikri. 11 There stood by him one of Joab's young men, and said, "He who favors Joab, and he who is for David, let him follow Joab." 12 Amasa lay wallowing in his blood in the midst of the highway. When the man saw that all the people stood still, he carried Amasa out of the highway into the field, and cast a garment over him, when he saw that everyone who came by him stood still. 13 When he was taken out of the highway, all the people went on after Joab, to pursue after Sheba the son of Bikri. 14 He went through all the tribes of Israel to Abel of Beth Maacah, and all the Bikrites; and they assembled and followed him. 15 They came and besieged him in Abel of Beth Maacah, and they built a siege ramp against the city, and it stood against the outer wall; and all the people who were with Joab battered the wall, to bring it down. 16 Then a wise woman cried out of the city, "Hear, hear. Please say to Joab, 'Come near here, that I may speak with you." 17 He came near to her; and the woman said, "Are you Joab?" He answered, "I am." Then she said to him, "Hear the words of your servant." He answered, "I do hear." 18 Then she spoke, saying, "They used to say a saying, 'Let them inquire in Abel and in Dan whether 19 that which the faithful of Israel established has been carried out.' You seek to destroy a city and a mother in Israel. Why do you want to swallow up the inheritance of the LORD?" 20 Joab answered, "Far be it from me that I should swallow up or destroy. 21 The matter is not so. But a man of the hill country of Ephraim. Sheba the son of Bikri by name, has lifted up his hand against the king, even against David. Deliver him only, and I will depart from the city." The woman said to Joab, "Look, his head shall be thrown to you over the wall." 22 Then the woman went to all the people in her wisdom, and they cut off the head of Sheba the son of Bikri, and threw it out to Joab. He blew the trumpet, and they were dispersed from the city, every man to his tent. Joab returned to Jerusalem to the king. 23 Now Joab was over all the army of Israel; and Benaiah the

escape out of our sight." 7 There went out after him son of Jehojada was over the Cherethites and over the

There was a famine in the days of David three 21 years, year after year; and David sought the face of the LORD. The LORD said, "It is for Saul, and for his bloody house, because he put to death the Gibeonites." 2 The king called the Gibeonites, and spoke to them. (Now the Gibeonites were not of the children of Israel, but of the remnant of the Amorites; and the children of Israel had sworn to them: and Saul sought to kill them in his zeal for the children of Israel and Judah.) 3 And David said to the Gibeonites, "What shall I do for you? And with what shall I make atonement, that you may bless the inheritance of the LORD?" 4 The Gibeonites said to him, "It is no matter of silver or gold between us and Saul, or his house: neither is it for us to put any man to death in Israel." He said, "Whatever you say, that will I do for you." 5 They said to the king, "The man who consumed us, and who devised against us, that we should be destroyed from remaining in any of the borders of Israel, 6 let seven men of his sons be delivered to us, and we will hang them up to the LORD in Gibeah of Saul, the chosen of the LORD." The king said, "I will give them." 7 But the king spared Mippibaal, the son of Jonathan the son of Saul, because of the LORD's oath that was between them, between David and Jonathan the son of Saul. 8 But the king took the two sons of Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, whom she bore to Saul, Armoni and Mippibaal; and the five sons of Merob the daughter of Saul, whom she bore to Adriel the son of Barzillai the Meholathite. 9 He delivered them into the hands of the Gibeonites, and they hanged them in the mountain before the LORD, and all seven of them fell together. They were put to death in the days of harvest, in the first days, at the beginning of barley harvest. 10 Rizpah the daughter of Aiah took sackcloth, and spread it for her on the rock, from the beginning of harvest until water was poured on them from the sky. She allowed neither the birds of the sky to rest on them by day, nor the animals of the field by night. 11 It was told David what Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, the secondary wife of Saul, had done. 12 David went and took the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son from the men of Jabesh Gilead, who had stolen them from the street of Beth Shan, where the Philistines had hanged them, in the day that the Philistines killed Saul in Gilboa; 13 and he brought up from there the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son: and they gathered the bones of those who were hanged. 14 They buried the bones of Saul and Jonathan his son in dark with water. 13 From the brightness before him his servants.

22 David spoke to the LORD the words of this song in the day that the LORD delivered him out of the hand of all his enemies, and out of the hand of Saul: 2 and he said, "The LORD is my Rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer. 3 My God, my Rock, in him I will take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my savior; from violent people he saves me. 4 I call on the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies. 5 For the waves of death surrounded me, and the currents of ungodliness overwhelmed me. 6 The cords of Sheol were around me. The snares of death caught me. (Sheol h7585) 7 In my distress I called upon the LORD, and I cried out to my God. He heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came into his ears. 8 Then the earth shook and trembled. The foundations of the mountains quaked and were shaken, because he was angry. 9 Smoke went up out of his nostrils. Fire out of his mouth devoured. Coals were kindled by it. 10 He bowed the heavens also, and came down. Thick darkness was under his feet. 11 He rode on a cherub, and flew; and he alided on the wings of the wind. 12 He made darkness his hiding place, his canopy around him thick clouds

the country of Benjamin in Zela, in the tomb of Kish his thick clouds passed on, with hailstones and coals of father: and they performed all that the king commanded. fire. 14 The LORD thundered from heaven. The Most After that God was entreated for the land. 15 The High uttered his voice. 15 And he sent out arrows and Philistines had war again with Israel; and David went scattered them, and he shot lightning bolts and routed down, and his servants with him, and fought against the them. 16 Then the channels of the sea appeared. The Philistines, and David became exhausted. 16 And Dodo foundations of the world were laid bare by the rebuke of son of Joash, one of the descendants of the Raphah, the LORD, at the blast of the breath of his nostrils. 17 captured him. His spear weighed three hundred bronze He sent from on high and he took me. He drew me out shekels, and he was girded with a new sword, and he of many waters. 18 He delivered me from my strong thought he could kill David. 17 But Abishai the son of enemy, from those who hated me, for they were too Zeruiah helped him, and struck the Philistine, and killed mighty for me. 19 They came on me in the day of my him. Then the men of David swore, saying, "You must calamity, but the LORD was my support. 20 He also not go out to battle with us again, so that you do not brought me out into a large place. He delivered me, extinguish the lamp of Israel." 18 It came to pass after because he delighted in me. 21 The LORD rewarded this, that there was again war with the Philistines at me according to my righteousness. He rewarded me Gezer. Then Sibbekai the Hushathite killed Saph, a according to the cleanness of my hands. 22 For I have descendant of the Raphah. 19 There was again war kept the ways of the LORD, and have not wickedly with the Philistines at Gob; and Elhanan the son of Jair departed from my God. 23 For all his ordinances were the Bethlehemite killed the brother of Goliath the Gittite, before me, and his statutes I did not put away from the staff of whose spear was like a weaver's beam. 20 me. 24 I was also perfect toward him. I kept myself There was again war at Gath, where there was a man from my iniquity. 25 Therefore the LORD has rewarded of great stature, who had on every hand six fingers, and me according to my righteousness, according to the on every foot six toes, four and twenty in number; and cleanness of my hands in his sight. 26 With the faithful he also was born to the giant. 21 When he defied Israel, you show yourself faithful. With the innocent you show Jonathan the son of Shimeah, David's brother, killed yourself innocent. 27 With the pure you show yourself him. 22 These four were born to the giant in Gath: and pure. And with the crooked you show yourself tortuous. they fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his 28 You save a humble people, but the eves of the proud you will bring low. 29 For you light my lamp. The LORD my God lights up my darkness. 30 For by you, I run against a troop. By my God, I leap over a wall. 31 As for God, his way is perfect. The word of the LORD is pure. He is a shield to all those who take refuge in him. 32 For who is God, besides the LORD? Who is a rock, besides our God, 33 the God who girds me with strength, and makes my way blameless? 34 He makes my feet like those of a deer, and sets me on my high places. 35 He teaches my hands to war, so that my arms bend a bow of bronze. 36 You have also given me the shield of your salvation, and your right hand holds me up, and your help has made me great. 37 You have enlarged my steps under me. My feet have not slipped. 38 | pursued my enemies and overtook them, and I did not turn back until they were destroyed. 39 And I consumed them, and struck them through, so that they did not rise. And they fell beneath my feet. 40 For you have equipped me with strength for the battle. You have subdued under me those who rose up against me. 41 You have also made my enemies turn their backs to me, that I might cut off those who hate me. 42 They cry out, but there was none to save; even to the LORD, but he did not answer them. 43 Then I ground them as fine as the dust on the surface of a path. Like the mud in the streets, I

trampled them. 44 You also have delivered me from troop of the Philistines was camped in the Valley of the strivings of my people. You have kept me to be the Rephaim. 14 David was then in the stronghold; and the head of the nations. A people whom I have not known garrison of the Philistines was then in Bethlehem. 15 will serve me. 45 As soon as they hear of me they obey And David had a craving and said, "Oh that one would me. Foreigners come cringing to me; 46 they are not give me water to drink of the well of Bethlehem, which bound in chains. 47 The LORD lives. Blessed be my is by the gate." 16 The Three warriors broke through rock. Exalted be God, the rock of my salvation, 48 even the army of the Philistines, and drew water out of the the God who executes vengeance for me, and subdues well of Bethlehem, that was by the gate, and took it, peoples under me, 49 who brings me away from my and brought it to David: but he would not drink of it, enemies. Yes, you lift me up above those who rise up but poured it out to the LORD. 17 He said, "Far be it against me. You protect me from the violent man. 50 from me, LORD, that I should do this. Shall I drink the Therefore I will praise you, LORD, among the nations, blood of the men who went in jeopardy of their lives?" and will sing praises to your name. 51 He gives great Therefore he would not drink it. The Three warriors did deliverance to his king, and shows loving kindness to these things. 18 And Abishai, the brother of Joab, the his anointed, to David and to his descendants, until son of Zeruiah, was leader of the Thirty. And he wielded forever."

23 Now these are the last words of David. David the son of Jesse says, the man whom God raised up, the anointed of the God of Jacob, the sweet psalmist of Israel: 2 "The Spirit of the LORD spoke by me. His word was on my tongue. 3 The God of Israel said, the Rock of Israel spoke to me, 'One who rules over men righteously, who rules in the fear of God, 4 shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun rises, a morning without clouds, when the tender grass springs out of the earth, through clear shining after rain.' 5 Most certainly my house is not so with God, yet he has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things, and sure, for it is all my salvation, and all my desire, although he doesn't make it grow. 6 But all of the ungodly shall be as thorns to be thrust away, because they can't be taken with the hand, 7 But the man who touches them must be armed with iron and the staff of a spear. They shall be utterly burned with fire in their place." 8 These are the names of the warriors whom David had: Jeshbaal the son of Hachmoni, leader of the Three. He wielded his spear against eight hundred whom he killed at one time. 9 After him was Eleazar the son of Dodo, the Ahohite, one of the Three warriors. He was with David in Pas Dammim when they defied the Philistines who were gathered there for battle, and the men of Israel had retreated. 10 He arose, and struck the Philistines until his hand was weary, and his hand froze to the sword; and the LORD worked a great victory that day; and the people returned after him only to take spoil. 11 After him was Shamma the son of Agee the Hararite. The Philistines were gathered together at Lehi, where there was a plot of ground full of lentils; and the people fled from the Philistines. 12 But he stood in the midst of the plot, and defended it, and killed the Philistines; and the LORD worked a great victory. 13 And three of the Thirty chief men went down, and came to David "Go, number Israel and Judah." 2 The king said to Joab in the harvest time to the cave of Adullam; and the and the captains of the army, who were with him, "Now

his spear against three hundred and killed them, and had a name beside the Three. 19 He was the most illustrious of the Thirty, and he became their leader. However he did not attain to the Three. 20 Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was a valiant man of Kabzeel, who performed great deeds. He killed the two sons of Ariel of Moab. He also went down and killed a lion in the midst of a pit in time of snow. 21 He killed an Egyptian, a man of great stature. And the Egyptian had a spear in his hand; but he went down to him with a staff, and grabbed the spear out of the Egyptian's hand, and killed him with his own spear. 22 Benaiah the son of Jehoiada did these things, and had a name among the Three warriors. 23 He was more honored than the Thirty, but he did not attain to the Three. David set him over his guard. 24 Asahel the brother of Joab was one of the Thirty; Elhanan the son of Dodo from Bethlehem, 25 Shammah the Harodite, Elika the Harodite, 26 Helez the Paltite, Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite, 27 Abiezer the Anathothite, Sibbekai the Hushathite, 28 Zalmon the Ahohite, Maharai the Netophathite, 29 Heled the son of Baanah the Netophathite, Ittai the son of Ribai of Gibeah of the people of Benjamin, 30 Benaiah a Pirathonite, Hiddai of Nahale Gaash. 31 Abiel son of the Arbathite, Azmaveth the Bahurimite, 32 Eliahba the Shaalbinite, Jashen the Gizonite, 33 Jonathan son of Shamma the Hararite. Ahiam the son of Sakar the Hararite, 34 Eliphelet the son of Ahasbai the Maacathite, Eliam the son of Ahithophel the Gilonite. 35 Hezrai the Carmelite, Paarai the Arbite, 36 Igal the son of Nathan, from the army of the Hagrites, 37 Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the Beerothite, armor bearer to Joab the son of Zeruiah, 38 Ira the Jattirite, Gareb the Jattirite, 39 Uriah the Hethite: thirty-seven in all.

24 Again the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and he moved David against them, saying, Dan even to Beersheba, and number the people, that I faces. 17 David spoke to the LORD when he saw the may know the sum of the people." 3 Joab said to the angel who struck the people, and said, "Look, I have king, "Now may the LORD your God add to the people, sinned, and I, the shepherd, have done great evil. But however many they may be, one hundred times; and these sheep, what have they done? Please let your may the eyes of my lord the king see it. But why does hand be against me, and against my father's house." my lord the king delight in this thing?" 4 Notwithstanding, 18 Gad came that day to David, and said to him, "Go the king's word prevailed against Joab, and against the up, build an altar to the LORD on the threshing floor of captains of the army. Joab and the captains of the army Araunah the Jebusite." 19 David went up according to went out from the presence of the king, to number the the saying of Gad, as the LORD commanded. 20 And children of Israel. 5 They crossed over the Jordan and Araunah looked out and saw the king and his servants began at Aroer, and from the city that is in the middle coming on toward him, so Araunah went out and bowed of the valley of Gad; then on to Jazer. 6 Then they himself before the king with his face to the ground. 21 came to Gilead, and to the region of the Hethites, to And Araunah said, "Why has my lord the king come Kedesh; and they came to Dan, and around to Sidon, to his servant?" David said, "To buy your threshing 7 and came to the stronghold of Tyre, and to all the floor, to build an altar to the LORD, that the plague cities of the Hivites, and of the Canaanites; and they may be stopped from afflicting the people." 22 Araunah went out to the south of Judah, at Beersheba. 8 So said to David, "Let my lord the king take and offer up when they had gone back and forth through all the land, what seems good to him. Look, the cattle for the burnt they came to Jerusalem at the end of nine months and offering, and the threshing instruments and the yokes of twenty days. 9 Joab gave up the sum of the numbering the oxen for the wood." 23 All these Araunah gave to of the people to the king: and there were in Israel eight the king." And Araunah said to the king, "May the LORD hundred thousand valiant men who drew the sword; and your God accept you." 24 The king said to Araunah, the men of Judah were five hundred thousand men. 10 "No; but I will most certainly buy it from you for a price. I David's heart struck him after that he had numbered the will not offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God which people. David said to the LORD, "I have sinned greatly cost me nothing." So David bought the threshing floor in that which I have done. But now, LORD, put away, I and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver. 25 David built an beg you, the iniquity of your servant; for I have done altar to the LORD there, and offered burnt offerings and very foolishly." 11 When David rose up in the morning, peace offerings. So the LORD responded to the plea for the word of the LORD came to the prophet Gad, David's the land, and the plaque was stayed from Israel. seer, saying, 12 "Go and speak to David, 'Thus says the LORD, "I offer you three things. Choose one of them, that I may do it to you."" 13 So Gad came to David, and told him, and said to him, "Shall three years of famine come to you in your land? Or will you flee three months before your foes while they pursue you? Or shall there be three days' pestilence in your land? Now answer, and consider what answer I shall return to him who sent me." 14 David said to Gad, "I am in distress. Let me fall now into the hand of the LORD; for his mercies are great. Let me not fall into the hand of man." 15 So the LORD sent a pestilence on Israel from the morning even to the appointed time; and the destruction began among the people. And there died of the people from Dan even to Beersheba seventy thousand men. 16 When the angel stretched out his hand toward Jerusalem to destroy it, the LORD relented of the disaster, and said to the angel who destroyed the people, "It is enough. Now stay your hand." The angel of the LORD was by the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite. And David lifted up his eyes and saw the angel of the LORD standing between earth and the sky, having a drawn sword in his hand stretched out over Jerusalem. Then David

go back and forth through all the tribes of Israel, from and the elders, clothed in sackcloth, fell down on their

1 Kings

1 Now king David was old and advanced in years; and they covered him with clothes, but he couldn't keep warm. 2 Therefore his servants said to him, "Let there be sought for my lord the king a young virgin. And let her attend the king, and care for him; and let her lie in your bosom, that my lord the king may keep warm." 3 So they sought for a beautiful young woman throughout all the borders of Israel, and found Abishag the Shunammite, and brought her to the king. 4 The young woman was very beautiful; and she became the king's attendant and served him; but the king did not know her intimately. 5 Then Adoniiah the son of Haggith exalted himself, saving, "I will be king." So he prepared for himself chariots and horsemen, and fifty men to run before him. 6 His father had never scolded him at any time by saying, "Why have you done so?" And he was also a very handsome man; and he was born after Absalom. 7 And he conferred with Joab the son of Zeruiah, and with Abiathar the priest. And they followed Adonijah and helped him. 8 But Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and Nathan the prophet, and Shimei, and Rei, and the mighty men who belonged to David, were not with Adonijah. 9 And Adonijah sacrificed sheep and oxen and fatlings by the stone of Zoheleth, which is near En Rogel; and he called all his brothers, the king's sons, and all the men of Judah, the king's servants: 10 but he did not invite Nathan the prophet, or Benaiah, or the mighty men, or his brother Solomon. 11 Then Nathan spoke to Bathsheba the mother of Solomon, saying, "Haven't you heard that Adonijah the son of Haggith reigns, and David our lord doesn't know it? 12 Now therefore come, please let me give you advice, that you may save your own life, and the life of your son Solomon. 13 Go in to king David, and tell him, 'Did you not, my lord, king, swear to your handmaid, saying, "Surely Solomon your son shall be king after me, and he shall sit on my throne"? Why then does Adonijah reign?' 14 And look, while you are still there speaking with the king, I also will come in after you and confirm your words." 15 Bathsheba went in to the king into the room. The king was very old; and Abishag the Shunammite was attending to the king. 16 Bathsheba bowed, and showed respect to the king. The king said, "What would you like?" 17 And she said to him, "My lord, you swore by the LORD your God to your handmaid, 'Assuredly Solomon your son shall be king after me, and he shall sit on my throne.' 18 Now, look, Adonijah reigns; and you, my lord the king, do not know it. 19 And he has sacrificed many oxen and fatlings and sheep, and has invited all the sons of the king, and Abiathar the priest, and Joab the commander of the

army; but he hasn't invited Solomon your servant. 20 And now, my lord the king, the eyes of all Israel are on you to announce to them who shall sit on the throne of my lord the king after him. 21 Otherwise it will happen, when my lord the king shall sleep with his fathers, that I and my son Solomon will be considered criminals." 22 And look, while she was still speaking with the king, Nathan the prophet came in. 23 And they told the king, saying, "Look, Nathan the prophet." And when he came in before the king, he bowed himself before the king with his face to the ground. 24 And Nathan said, "My lord, king, have you said, 'Adonijah shall be king after me, and he shall sit on my throne?' 25 For he has gone down today and has sacrificed oxen and fatlings and sheep in abundance, and has invited all the king's sons, and the commanders of the army, and Abiathar the priest. Look, they are eating and drinking before him, and say, 'Long live king Adonijah.' 26 But me, me your servant, and Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and your servant Solomon, he has not invited. 27 Has this thing been brought about by my lord the king, and you haven't told your servants who should sit on the throne of my lord the king after him?" 28 Then king David answered, "Summon Bathsheba to me." So she came into the king's presence, and stood before him. 29 And the king vowed, saying, "As the LORD lives, who has redeemed my soul out of all adversity. 30 most certainly as I vowed to you by the LORD, the God of Israel, saying, 'Assuredly Solomon your son shall be king after me, and he shall sit on my throne in my place;' so I certainly will do this day." 31 Then Bathsheba bowed with her face to the ground, paying homage to the king, and said, "Let my lord king David live forever." 32 And King David said, "Summon to me Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada." They came before the king. 33 The king said to them, "Take with you the servants of your lord, and have Solomon my son ride on my own mule, and bring him down to Gihon. 34 And have Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him there king over Israel. Blow the trumpet, and say, 'Long live king Solomon.' 35 Then you shall come up after him, and he shall come and sit on my throne; for he shall be king in my place. I have appointed him to be prince over Israel and over Judah." 36 Benaiah the son of Jehoiada answered the king, and said, "Amen. May the LORD, the God of my lord the king, say so. 37 As the LORD has been with my lord the king, even so may he be with Solomon, and make his throne greater than the throne of my lord king David." 38 So Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites and the Pelethites, went down, and caused Solomon to ride on king David's mule, and brought him to Gihon. 39 Zadok the priest took the horn before me in truth with all their heart and with all their people piped with pipes, and rejoiced with great joy, so two commanders of the armies of Israel, to Abner the that the earth split open at their sound. 41 Adonijah and son of Ner, and to Amasa the son of Jether, whom he made an end of eating. When Joab heard the sound of the blood of war on my belt that was about my waist, the trumpet, he said, "Why is this noise of the city being and on my sandal that was on my foot. 6 Do therefore in an uproar?" 42 While he yet spoke, look, Jonathan according to your wisdom, and do not let his gray head king David has made Solomon king. 44 The king has to me when I fled from Absalom your brother. 8 "Look, sent with him Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, there is with you Shimei the son of Gera, the Benjamite, the Pelethites; and they have caused him to ride on the day when I went to Mahanaim; but he came down to king's mule. 45 Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet meet me at the Jordan, and I swore to him by the LORD, have anointed him king in Gihon. They have come up saying, 'I will not put you to death with the sword.' 9 from there rejoicing, so that the city rang again. This is Now therefore do not hold him guiltless, for you are a the noise that you have heard. 46 Also, Solomon sits wise man; and you will know what you ought to do to on the throne of the kingdom. 47 Moreover the king's him, and you shall bring his gray head down to Sheol servants came to bless our lord king David, saying, 'May with blood." (Sheol h7585) 10 David slept with his fathers, name, and make his throne greater than your throne;' David reigned over Israel were forty years; he reigned and the king bowed himself on the bed. 48 Also thus seven years in Hebron, and he reigned thirty-three years afraid, and rose up, and each man went his way. 50 the mother of Solomon, and did homage to her. And Adonijah feared because of Solomon; and he arose, she said, "Do you come peaceably?" And he said, altar, saying, 'Let king Solomon swear to me first that he faces on me, that I should reign. However the kingdom will not kill his servant with the sword." 52 Solomon is turned around, and has become my brother's; for him shall fall to the earth; but if wickedness be found in of you. Do not deny me." She said to him, "Say on." down to king Solomon; and Solomon said to him, "Go to Shunammite as wife." 18 Bathsheba said, "Alright. I will vour house."

2 Now the days of David drew near that he should die; and he commanded Solomon his son, saying, 2 "I am going the way of all the earth. You be strong therefore, and show yourself a man; 3 and keep the instruction of the LORD your God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, his commandments, his ordinances, and his testimonies, according to that which is written in the law of Moses, that you may prosper in all that you do, and wherever you turn yourself. 4 That the LORD may establish his word which he spoke concerning me, saving, 'If your children take heed to their way, to walk

of oil out of the Tent, and anointed Solomon. They blew soul, there shall not fail you,' he said, 'a man on the the trumpet; and all the people said, "Long live king throne of Israel.' 5 "Moreover you know also what Joab Solomon." 40 All the people came up after him, and the the son of Zeruiah did to me, even what he did to the all the guests who were with him heard it as they had killed, avenging the blood of war in peacetime, and put the son of Abiathar the priest came: and Adonijah said, go down to Sheol in peace. (Sheol h7585) 7 But show "Come in; for you are a worthy man, and bring good kindness to the sons of Barzillai the Gileadite, and let news." 43 Jonathan answered Adonijah, "No. Our lord them be of those who eat at your table; for so they came Benaiah the son of Jehojada, and the Cherethites and of Bahurim, who cursed me with a grievous curse in the your God make the name of Solomon better than your and was buried in the City of David. 11 The days that said the king, 'Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, in Jerusalem. 12 Solomon sat on the throne of David who has given one to sit on my throne this day, my eyes his father; and his kingdom was firmly established. 13 even seeing it." 49 All the guests of Adonijah were Then Adonijah the son of Haggith came to Bathsheba and went, and caught hold on the horns of the altar. 51 "Peaceably." 14 He said moreover, "I have something to It was told Solomon, saying, "Look, Adonijah fears king tell you." She said, "Say on." 15 He said, "You know Solomon; for, look, he has laid hold on the horns of the that the kingdom was mine, and that all Israel set their said, "If he shows himself a worthy man, not a hair of it was his from the LORD. 16 Now I ask one petition him, he shall die." 53 So king Solomon sent, and they 17 He said, "Please speak to Solomon the king (for brought him down from the altar. He came and bowed he will not tell you 'no'), that he give me Abishag the speak for you to the king." 19 Bathsheba therefore went to king Solomon, to speak to him for Adonijah. The king rose up to meet her, and bowed himself to her, and sat down on his throne, and caused a throne to be set for the king's mother; and she sat on his right hand. 20 Then she said, "I ask one small petition of you; do not deny me." The king said to her, "Ask on, my mother; for I will not deny you." 21 She said, "Let Abishag the Shunammite be given to Adonijah your brother as wife." 22 King Solomon answered his mother, "Why do you ask Abishag the Shunammite for Adonijah? Ask for him the kingdom also. For he is my elder brother. For him, and 23 Then king Solomon swore by the LORD, saying, "God shall be on your own head." 38 Shimei said to the king, do so to me, and more also, if Adonijah has not spoken "The saying is good. As my lord the king has said, so this word against his own life. 24 Now therefore as the will your servant do." Shimei lived in Jerusalem many LORD lives, who has established me, and set me on days. 39 It happened at the end of three years, that the throne of David my father, and who has made me a two of the servants of Shimei ran away to Achish, son house, as he promised, surely Adonijah shall be put to of Maacah, king of Gath. They told Shimei, saying, death this day." 25 King Solomon sent by Benaiah the "Look, your servants are in Gath." 40 Shimei arose, son of Jehoiada; and he fell on him, so that he died. 26 and saddled his donkey, and went to Gath to Achish, To Abiathar the priest the king said, "Go to Anathoth, to to seek his servants; and Shimei went, and brought your own fields; for you are worthy of death. But I will his servants from Gath. 41 It was told Solomon that not at this time put you to death, because you bore the Shimei had gone from Jerusalem to Gath, and had ark of the LORD before David my father, and because come again. 42 The king sent and called for Shimei, you were afflicted in all in which my father was afflicted." and said to him, "Did I not adjure you by the LORD, and 27 So Solomon thrust out Abiathar from being priest to warn you, saying, 'Know for certain, that on the day you the LORD, that he might fulfill the word of the LORD, go out, and walk abroad any where, you shall surely which he spoke concerning the house of Eli in Shiloh. die?' You said to me, 'The saying that I have heard is 28 The news came to Joab; for Joab had turned after good.' 43 Why then have you not kept the oath of the Adonijah, though he did not turn after Absalom. Joab LORD, and the commandment that I have instructed fled to the Tent of the LORD, and caught hold on the you with?" 44 The king said moreover to Shimei, "You horns of the altar. 29 It was told king Solomon, "Joab know all the wickedness which your heart is privy to, has fled to the Tent of the LORD, and look, he is by that you did to David my father. Therefore the LORD the altar." And Solomon sent to Joab, saying, "What shall return your wickedness on your own head. 45 happened to you, that you have fled to the altar?" And But king Solomon shall be blessed, and the throne of Joab said, "Because I was afraid of you, so I fled to David shall be established before the LORD forever." 46 the LORD." And Solomon sent to Benaiah the son of So the king commanded Benaiah the son of Jehoiada; Jehoiada, saying, "Go, fall on him." 30 Benaiah came to and he went out, and fell on him, so that he died. The the Tent of the LORD, and said to him, "Thus says the kingdom was established in the hand of Solomon. king, 'Come forth." He said, "No; but I will die here." Benaiah brought the king word again, saying, "Thus said Joab, and thus he answered me." 31 The king said to him, "Do as he has said, and fall on him, and bury him; that you may take away this day the innocent blood which Joab shed without cause, from me and from my father's house. 32 The LORD will return his blood on his own head, because he fell on two men more righteous and better than he, and killed them with the sword, and my father David did not know it: Abner the son of Ner, commander of the army of Israel, and Amasa the son of Jether, captain of the army of Judah. 33 So shall their blood return on the head of Joab, and on the head of his descendants forever. But to David. and to his descendants, and to his house, and to his throne, there shall be peace forever from the LORD." 34 Then Benaiah the son of Jehoiada went up, and fell on him, and killed him; and he was buried in his own house in the wilderness. 35 The king put Benaiah the son of Jehoiada in his place over the army; and the king put Zadok the priest in the place of Abiathar. 36 The king sent and called for Shimei, and said to him, "Build yourself a house in Jerusalem, and dwell there, and do not go out from there anywhere. 37 For on the day you go out, and pass over the wadi of the Kidron,

for Abiathar the priest, and for Joab the son of Zeruiah." know for certain that you shall surely die: your blood

3 And Solomon became the son-in-law of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and took Pharaoh's daughter, and brought her into the City of David, until he had made an end of building his own house, and the house of the LORD, and the wall of Jerusalem all around. 2 Only the people sacrificed in the high places, because there was no house built for the name of the LORD until those days. 3 Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of David his father: only he sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places. 4 The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there; for that was the great high place. Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. 5 In Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." 6 Solomon said, "You have shown to your servant David my father great loving kindness, according as he walked before you in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with you. You have kept for him this great loving kindness, that you have given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day. 7 Now, LORD my God, you have made your servant king instead of David my father. I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. 8 Your servant is in the midst of your people which you have chosen, a great people, that can't be numbered nor counted for multitude. 9

Give your servant therefore an understanding heart to king had judged: and they feared the king: for they saw judge your people, that I may discern between good and evil; for who is able to judge this your great people?" 10 The speech pleased the LORD, that Solomon had asked this thing. 11 God said to him, "Because you have asked this thing, and have not asked for yourself long life, neither have asked riches for yourself, nor have asked the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern justice; 12 look, I have done according to your word. Look, I have given you a wise and an understanding heart; so that there has been none like you before you, neither after you shall any arise like you. 13 I have also given you that which you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that there shall not be any among the kings like you, all vour days. 14 If you will walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days." 15 Solomon awoke; and look, it was a dream. Then he arose and came to Jerusalem, and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt offerings, offered peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants. 16 Then two women who were prostitutes came to the king, and stood before him. 17 The one woman said, "Oh, my lord, I and this woman dwell in one house. I delivered a child with her in the house. 18 It happened the third day after I delivered, that this woman delivered also. We were together. There was no stranger with us in the house, just us two in the house. 19 This woman's child died in the night, because she lay on it. 20 She arose at midnight, and took my son from beside me, while your handmaid slept, and laid it in her bosom, and laid her dead child in my bosom. 21 When I rose in the morning to nurse my child, look, it was dead; but when I had looked at it in the morning, look, it was not my son, whom I bore." 22 The other woman said, "No; but the living is my son, and the dead is your son." This said, "No; but the dead is your son, and the living is my son." Thus they spoke before the king. 23 Then the king said, "The one says, 'This is my son who lives, and your son is the dead;' and the other says, 'No; but your son is the dead one, and my son is the living one." 24 The king said, "Get me a sword." They brought a sword before the king. 25 The king said. "Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one, and half to the other." 26 Then the woman whose the living child was spoke to the king, for her heart yearned over her son, and she said, "Oh, my lord, give her the living child, and in no way kill it." But the other said, "It shall be neither mine nor yours. Divide it." 27 Then the king answered, "Give her the living child, and in no way kill it. She is its mother." 28 All Israel heard of the judgment which the

that the wisdom of God was in him, to do justice.

A King Solomon was king over all Israel. 2 These were the officials whom he had: Azariah the son of Zadok, the priest; 3 Elihoreph and Ahijah, the sons of Shisha, scribes; Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud, the recorder; 4 and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the army; and Zadok and Abiathar were priests; 5 and Azariah the son of Nathan was over the officers: and Zabud the son of Nathan was chief minister, the king's friend; 6 and Ahishar was over the palace; and Eliab son of Joab was over the army; and Adoniram the son of Abda was over the men subject to forced labor. 7 Solomon had twelve officers over all Israel, who provided food for the king and his household: each man had to make provision for a month in the year. 8 These are their names: Ben Hur, in the hill country of Ephraim; 9 Ben Deker, in Makaz, and in Shaalbim, and Beth Shemesh, and Elon Beth Hanan; 10 Ben Hesed, in Arubboth (to him belonged Socoh, and all the land of Hepher); 11 Ben Abinadab, in all the height of Dor (he had Taphath the daughter of Solomon as wife); 12 Baana the son of Ahilud, in Taanach and Megiddo, and all Beth Shean which is beside Zarethan, beneath Jezreel, from Beth Shean to Abel Meholah, as far as beyond Jokmeam; 13 Ben Geber, in Ramoth Gilead (to him belonged the towns of Jair the son of Manasseh, which are in Gilead; to him belonged the region of Argob, which is in Bashan, sixty great cities with walls and bronze bars): 14 Ahinadab the son of Iddo, in Mahanaim; 15 Ahimaaz, in Naphtali (he also took Basemath the daughter of Solomon as wife); 16 Baana the son of Hushai, in Asher and in Aloth; 17 Jehoshaphat the son of Paruah, in Issachar; 18 Shimei the son of Ela, in Benjamin; 19 Geber the son of Uri, in the land of Gilead, the country of Sihon king of the Amorites and of Og king of Bashan; and he was the only prefect in the land of Judah. 20 Judah and Israel were many as the sand which is by the sea in multitude, eating and drinking and making merry. 21 And Solomon ruled over all the kingdoms, from the River, and to the land of the Philistines, and to the border of Egypt. They brought tribute and served Solomon all the days of his life. 22 Solomon's provision for one day was thirty measures of fine flour, and sixty measures of meal, 23 ten head of fat cattle, and twenty head of cattle out of the pastures, and one hundred sheep, besides deer, and gazelles, and roebucks, and fattened fowl. 24 For he had dominion over all on this side the River, from Tiphsah even to Gaza, over all the kings on this side the River: and he had peace on all sides around him. 25 Judah and Israel lived safely, every man under his vine and under his fig tree, from Dan even to Beersheba, all the days of Solomon. 26 And Solomon had four

thousand stalls of horses for his chariots, and twelve all his desire. 11 Solomon gave Hiram twenty thousand thousand horsemen. 27 Those officers provided food for cors of wheat for food to his household, and twenty king Solomon, and for all who came to king Solomon's thousand baths of pure oil. Solomon gave this to Hiram table, every man in his month; they let nothing be year by year. 12 The LORD gave Solomon wisdom, as lacking. 28 And they also brought barley and straw he promised him; and there was peace between Hiram for the horses and the steeds to the place where the and Solomon; and the two of them made a covenant. 13 officers were, every man according to his duty. 29 God King Solomon raised a levy out of all Israel; and the levy gave Solomon wisdom and exceptional insight, and very was thirty thousand men. 14 He sent them to Lebanon, great understanding, even as the sand that is on the ten thousand a month by courses; a month they were seashore. 30 Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom in Lebanon, and two months at home; and Adoniram of all the people of the east, and all the wisdom of was over the men subject to forced labor. 15 Solomon Egypt. 31 For he was wiser than all men; than Ethan the had seventy thousand who bore burdens, and eighty Ezrahite, and Heman, and Calcol, and Darda, the sons thousand who were stone cutters in the mountains; of Mahol: and his fame was in all the nations all around. 16 besides Solomon's chief officers who were over 32 He spoke three thousand proverbs; and his songs the work, three thousand and six hundred, who bore were one thousand five. 33 He spoke of trees, from the rule over the people who labored in the work. 17 The cedar that is in Lebanon even to the hyssop that springs king commanded, and they cut out great stones, costly out of the wall; he spoke also of animals, and of birds, stones, to lay the foundation of the house with worked and of crawling creatures, and of fish. 34 There came of stone. 18 Solomon's builders and Hiram's builders and all peoples to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from all the Gebalites cut them, and prepared the timber and the kings of the earth, who had heard of his wisdom.

5 Hiram king of Tyre sent his servants to Solomon; for 6 It happened in the four hundred and eightieth year he had heard that they had anointed him king in the place of his father: for Hiram was ever a lover of David. of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over 2 Solomon sent to Hiram, saying, 3 "You know how that Israel, in the month Ziv, which is the second month, that David my father could not build a house for the name of he began to build the house of the LORD. 2 The house the LORD his God for the wars which were about him which king Solomon built for the LORD, its length was on every side, until the LORD put them under the soles one hundred three feet and four inches, and its breadth of his feet. 4 But now the LORD my God has given thirty-four feet and five inches, and its height fifty-one me rest on every side. There is neither adversary, nor feet and eight inches. 3 The porch before the temple of evil occurrence. 5 Look, I purpose to build a house for the house, thirty-four feet and five inches was its length, the name of the LORD my God, as the LORD spoke according to the breadth of the house. Seventeen feet to David my father, saying, 'Your son, whom I will set and three inches was its breadth before the house. 4 on your throne in your place, he shall build the house For the house he made windows of fixed lattice work. 5 for my name.' 6 Now therefore command that they cut Against the wall of the house he built stories all around. me cedar trees out of Lebanon. My servants shall be against the walls of the house all around, both of the with your servants; and I will give you wages for your temple and of the inner sanctuary; and he made sideservants according to all that you shall say. For you rooms all around. 6 The lowest story was eight feet and know that there is not among us any who knows how seven inches broad, and the middle was ten feet and to cut timber like the Sidonians." 7 It happened, when four inches broad, and the third was twelve feet and one Hiram heard the words of Solomon, that he rejoiced inch broad; for on the outside he made offsets in the greatly, and said, "Blessed is the LORD this day, who wall of the house all around, that the beams should not has given to David a wise son over this great people." have hold in the walls of the house. 7 The house, when 8 Hiram sent to Solomon, saying, "I have heard the it was in building, was built of stone prepared at the message which you have sent to me. I will satisfy all quarry; and there was neither hammer nor axe nor any your desire concerning cedar wood and concerning the tool of iron heard in the house, while it was in building. 8 wood of evergreens. 9 My servants shall bring them And the door for the lowest side-rooms was in the right down from Lebanon to the sea. I will make them into side of the house: and they went up by winding stairs rafts to go by sea to the place that you shall appoint me, into the middle story, and out of the middle into the third. and will cause them to be broken up there, and you 9 So he built the house, and finished it; and he covered shall receive them. You shall accomplish my desire, the house with beams and planks of cedar. 10 He built in giving food for my household." 10 So Hiram gave the stories against all the house, each eight feet and Solomon timber of cedar and timber of fir according to seven inches high: and they rested on the house with

stones to build the house.

after the children of Israel had come out of the land

timber of cedar. 11 The word of the LORD came to wood: and he carved on them carvings of cherubim and Solomon, saying, 12 "Concerning this house which you palm trees and open flowers, and overlaid them with are building, if you will walk in my statutes, and execute gold; and he spread the gold on the cherubim, and on my ordinances, and keep all my commandments to walk the palm trees. 33 So also he made for the entrance of in them; then will I establish my word with you, which I the temple door posts of olive wood, out of a fourth part spoke to David your father. 13 I will dwell among the of the wall; 34 and two doors of fir wood: the two leaves children of Israel, and will not forsake my people Israel," of the one door were folding, and the two leaves of the 14 So Solomon built the house, and finished it. 15 He other door were folding. 35 He carved cherubim and built the walls of the house within with boards of cedar: palm trees and open flowers; and he overlaid them with from the floor of the house to the walls of the ceiling, he gold fitted on the engraved work. 36 He built the inner covered them on the inside with wood; and he covered court with three courses of cut stone, and a course of the floor of the house with boards of fir. 16 He built cedar beams. 37 In the fourth year was the foundation thirty-four feet and five inches on the back part of the of the house of the LORD laid, in the month Ziv. 38 In house with boards of cedar from the floor to the beams, the eleventh year, in the month Bul, which is the eighth and he built this within as an inner sanctuary, the most month, was the house finished throughout all its parts. holy place. 17 In front of the temple sanctuary was sixty- and according to all its fashion. So was he seven years eight feet and eleven inches. 18 And the inside of the in building it. house was cedar, carved with buds and open flowers: all was cedar; there was no stone seen. 19 He prepared an inner sanctuary in the midst of the house within, to set there the ark of the covenant of the LORD. 20 And before the sanctuary was thirty-four feet and five inches in length, and thirty-four feet and five inches in breadth, and thirty-four feet and five inches in its height: and he overlaid it with pure gold. And he made the altar of cedar. 21 So Solomon overlaid the house within with pure gold, and he drew chains of gold across, in front of the inner sanctuary, and he overlaid it with gold. 22 The whole house he overlaid with gold, until all the house was finished: also the whole altar that belonged to the inner sanctuary he overlaid with gold. 23 In the inner sanctuary he made two cherubim of olive wood, each seventeen feet and three inches high. 24 Eight feet and seven inches was the one wing of the cherub, and eight feet and seven inches the other wing of the cherub: from the uttermost part of the one wing to the uttermost part of the other were seventeen feet and three inches. 25 The other cherub was seventeen feet and three inches: both the cherubim were of one measure and one form. 26 The height of the one cherub was seventeen feet and three inches, and so was it of the other cherub. 27 He set the cherubim within the inner house; and the wings of the cherubim were stretched forth, so that the wing of the one touched the one wall, and the wing of the other cherub touched the other wall; and their wings touched one another in the midst of the house. 28 He overlaid the cherubim with gold. 29 He carved all the walls of the house around with carved figures of cherubim and palm trees and open flowers, inside and outside. 30 The floor of the house he overlaid with gold, inside and outside. 31 For the entrance of the inner sanctuary he made doors of olive wood: the lintel and door posts were a fifth part of the wall. 32 So he made two doors of olive

7 Solomon was building his own house thirteen years, and he finished all his house. 2 For he built the house of the forest of Lebanon; its length was one hundred seventy-two feet and three inches, and its breadth eighty-six feet and two inches, and its height fifty-one feet and eight inches, on four rows of cedar pillars, with cedar beams on the pillars. 3 It was covered with cedar above atop the beams which were on the pillars, and the pillars numbered forty-five; fifteen in a row. 4 There were beams in three rows, and window was over against window in three ranks. 5 All the doors and posts were made square with beams: and window was over against window in three ranks. 6 He made the porch of pillars; its length was eighty-six feet and two inches, and its breadth fifty-one feet and eight inches; and a porch before them; and pillars and a threshold before them. 7 He made the porch of the throne where he was to judge, even the porch of judgment: and it was covered with cedar from floor to rafters. 8 His house where he was to dwell, the other court within the porch, was of the like work. He made also a house for Pharaoh's daughter (whom Solomon had taken as wife), like this porch. 9 All these were of costly stones, even of cut stone, according to measure, sawed with saws, inside and outside, even from the foundation to the coping, and so on the outside to the great court. 10 The foundation was of costly stones, even great stones, stones of seventeen feet and three inches, and stones of thirteen feet and nine inches. 11 Above were costly stones, even cut stone, according to measure. and cedar wood. 12 The great court around had three courses of cut stone, and a course of cedar beams; like as the inner court of the house of the LORD, and the porch of the house. 13 King Solomon sent and fetched Hiram out of Tyre. 14 He was the son of a widow of the tribe of Naphtali, and his father was a of bronze; and the four feet of it had supports; beneath man of Tyre, a worker in bronze; and he was filled with the basin were the supports molten, with wreaths at the wisdom and understanding and skill, to work all works side of each. 31 The mouth of it within the capital and in bronze. He came to king Solomon, and performed above was twenty-one inches: and its mouth was round all his work. 15 For he cast the two pillars of bronze, after the work of a pedestal, two feet and seven inches; thirty-one feet was the height of one pillar; and a line and also on its mouth were engravings, and their panels of twenty feet and eight inches could encompass the were foursquare, not round. 32 The four wheels were one pillar, and its thickness hollowed out was almost underneath the panels; and the axles of the wheels three inches; and so was the second pillar. 16 He made were in the base: and the height of a wheel was two two capitals of molten bronze, to set on the tops of feet and seven inches. 33 The work of the wheels was the pillars: the height of the one capital was eight feet like the work of a chariot wheel: their axles, and their and seven inches, and the height of the other capital rims, and their spokes, and their naves, were all molten. was eight feet and seven inches. 17 There were nets 34 There were four supports at the four corners of each of checker work, and wreaths of chain work, for the base: its supports were of the base itself. 35 In the capitals which were on the top of the pillars; seven for top of the base was there a round compass ten and a the one capital, and seven for the other capital. 18 So guarter inches high; and on the top of the base its stays he made the pomegranates, two rows around on the and its panels were of the same. 36 On the plates of its one network, to cover the capitals that were on the top stays, and on its panels, he engraved cherubim, lions, of the pillars; and he did so for the other capital. 19 The and palm trees, according to the space of each, with capitals that were on the top of the pillars in the porch wreaths all around. 37 In this way, he made the ten were of lily work, six feet and eleven inches. 20 And bases: all of them had one casting, one measure, and the capitals were on the two pillars, even above and one form. 38 He made ten basins of bronze: one basin close to the rounded projection which was beside the contained forty baths; and every basin was six feet and network. And there were two hundred pomegranates in eleven inches; and on every one of the ten bases one rows all around on the capital, and the same around the basin. 39 He set the bases, five on the right side of the other capital. 21 He set up the pillars at the porch of house, and five on the left side of the house: and he the temple: and he set up the right pillar, and called its set the sea on the right side of the house eastward, name Jakin; and he set up the left pillar, and called its toward the south. 40 Hiram made the pots, and the name Boaz. 22 On the top of the pillars was lily work: shovels, and the basins. So Hiram made an end of so was the work of the pillars finished. 23 He made the doing all the work that he worked for king Solomon in molten sea of seventeen feet and three inches from the house of the LORD: 41 the two pillars, and the two brim to brim, round in compass, and its height was eight bowls of the capitals that were on the top of the pillars; feet and seven inches; and a line of fifty-one feet and and the two networks to cover the two bowls of the eight inches encircled it. 24 Under its brim around there capitals that were on the top of the pillars; 42 and the were buds which encircled it, for seventeen feet and four hundred pomegranates for the two networks; two three inches, encircling the sea: the buds were in two rows of pomegranates for each network, to cover the rows, cast when it was cast. 25 It stood on twelve oxen, two bowls of the capitals that were on the pillars; 43 three looking toward the north, and three looking toward and the ten bases, and the ten basins on the bases; 44 the west, and three looking toward the south, and three and one sea, and the twelve oxen under the sea; 45 looking toward the east; and the sea was set on them and the pots, and the shovels, and the basins: even all above, and all their backs were toward the center. 26 It these vessels, which Hiram made for king Solomon, was almost three inches thick; and its brim was worked in the house of the LORD, were of burnished bronze. like the brim of a cup, like the flower of a lily: it held two 46 The king cast them in the plain of the Jordan, in thousand baths. 27 He made the ten bases of bronze; the clay ground between Succoth and Zarethan. 47 six feet and eleven inches was the length of one base. Solomon left all the vessels unweighed, because they and six feet and eleven inches its breadth, and five feet were exceeding many: the weight of the bronze could and two inches its height. 28 The work of the bases not be found out. 48 Solomon made all the vessels that was like this: they had panels; and there were panels were in the house of the LORD: the golden altar, and between the ledges; 29 and on the panels that were the table whereupon the show bread was, of gold; 49 between the ledges were lions, oxen, and cherubim; and the lampstands, five on the right side, and five on and on the ledges there was a pedestal above; and the left, before the inner sanctuary, of pure gold; and beneath the lions and oxen were wreaths of hanging the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs, of gold; 50 work. 30 Every base had four bronze wheels, and axles and the cups, and the snuffers, and the basins, and the

spoons, and the fire pans, of pure gold; and the hinges, chosen David to be over my people Israel.' 17 "Now it the treasuries of the house of the LORD.

Q Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the ancestral leaders of the children of Israel, to 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 All the men of Israel assembled themselves to king Solomon at the feast, in the month Ethanim, which is the seventh month, 3 All the elders of Israel came, and the priests took up the ark. 4 They brought up the ark of the LORD, and the Tent of Meeting, and all the holy vessels that were in the Tent; and the priests and the Levites brought them up. 5 King Solomon and all the congregation of Israel, who were assembled to him, were with him before the ark, sacrificing sheep and cattle, that could not be counted nor numbered for multitude. 6 The priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD to its place, into the inner sanctuary of the house, to 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 poles above. 8 The poles were so long that the ends of the poles were seen from the holy place before the inner sanctuary; but they were not seen outside. And there they are to this day. 9 There was nothing in the ark except the two tablets of stone which Moses put there at Horeb, when the LORD made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt. 10 It came to pass, when the priests had come out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of the LORD, 11 so that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD. 12 Then Solomon said, "The LORD has said that he would dwell in the thick cloud. 13 I have surely built you a house of habitation, a place for you to dwell in forever." 14 The king turned his face about, and blessed all the assembly of Israel: and all the assembly of Israel stood. 15 He said, "Blessed is the LORD, the God of Israel, who spoke with his mouth to David your father, and has with his hand fulfilled it, saying, 16 'Since the day that I brought my people Israel out of Egypt, I chose no city out of all the tribes of Israel to build a house, so that my name might be there: nor did I choose anyone to be a leader over my people Israel. But I have chosen Jerusalem, so that my name may be there, and I have

both for the doors of the inner house, the most holy was in the heart of David my father to build a house for place, and for the doors of the house, of the temple, of the name of the LORD, the God of Israel. 18 But the gold. 51 Thus all the work that Solomon performed in LORD said to David my father, 'Whereas it was in your the house of the LORD was finished. Solomon brought heart to build a house for my name, you did well that it in the things which David his father had dedicated, the was in your heart. 19 Nevertheless, you shall not build silver, and the gold, and the vessels, and put them in the house; but your son who shall come forth out of your body, he shall build the house for my name.' 20 The LORD has established his word that he spoke; for I have risen up in the place of David my father, and I sit on the throne of Israel, as the LORD promised, and have built the house for the name of the LORD, the God of Israel. 21 There I have set a place for the ark, in which is the covenant of the LORD, which he made with our fathers, when he brought them out of the land of Eqvpt." 22 Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven. Now Solomon had made a bronze scaffold, eight feet and seven inches long, and eight feet and seven inches broad, and five feet and two inches high, and had set it in the midst of the court; and on it he stood, and kneeled down on his knees before all the assembly of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven. 23 And he said, "LORD, the God of Israel, there is no God like you, in heaven above, or on earth beneath; keeping covenant and loving kindness with your servants, who walk before you with all their heart; 24 who have kept with your servant David my father that which you promised him. Yes, you spoke with your mouth, and have fulfilled it with your hand, as it is this day. 25 Now therefore, may the LORD, the God of Israel, keep with your servant David my father that which you have promised him, saying, 'There shall not fail you a man in my sight to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children take heed to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.' 26 "Now therefore, LORD, God of Israel, please let your word be verified, which you spoke to your servant David my father. 27 But will God in very deed dwell on the earth? Look, heaven and the heaven of heavens can't contain you; how much less this house that I have built. 28 Yet have respect for the prayer of your servant, and for his petition, LORD my God, to listen to the cry and to the praver which your servant prays before you this day; 29 that your eyes may be open toward this house night and day, even toward the place of which you have said, 'My name shall be there;' to listen to the prayer which your servant shall pray toward this place. 30 Listen to the petition of your servant, and of your people Israel, when they shall pray toward this place. Yes, hear in heaven, your dwelling place; and when you hear, forgive. 31 "If a man sins against his neighbor, and an oath is laid on him to cause him to swear, and he comes and swear before your altar in this in the land of those who carried them captive, saying, house: 32 then hear in heaven, and do, and judge your 'We have sinned, and have done perversely; we have servants, condemning the wicked, to bring his way on dealt wickedly;' 48 if they return to you with all their his own head, and justifying the righteous, to give him heart and with all their soul in the land of their enemies, according to his righteousness. 33 "When your people who carried them captive, and pray to you toward their Israel are struck down before the enemy, because they land, which you gave to their fathers, the city which you have sinned against you; if they turn again to you, and have chosen, and the house which I have built for your confess your name, and pray and make petition to you name: 49 then hear their prayer and their petition in in this house: 34 then hear in heaven, and forgive the heaven, your dwelling place, and maintain their cause; sin of your people Israel, and bring them again to the 50 and forgive your people who have sinned against land which you gave to their fathers. 35 "When the sky you, and all their transgressions in which they have is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have transgressed against you; and give them compassion sinned against you; if they pray toward this place, and before those who carried them captive, that they may confess your name, and turn from their sin, when you have compassion on them 51 (for they are your people, punish them: 36 then hear in heaven, and forgive the sin and your inheritance, which you brought out of Egypt, of your servants, and of your people Israel, when you from the midst of the iron furnace); 52 that your eyes and teach them the good way in which they should walk; your ears may be open to the petition of your servant, and send rain on your land, which you have given to and to the petition of your people Israel, to listen to them your people for an inheritance. 37 "If there is famine in whenever they cry to you. 53 For you separated them the land, if there is pestilence, if there is blight, mildew, from among all the peoples of the earth, to be your locust or caterpillar; if their enemy besieges them in the inheritance, as you spoke by Moses your servant, when land of their gates; whatever plague, whatever sickness you brought our fathers out of Egypt, Lord GOD." 54 It there is; 38 whatever prayer and petition is made by was so, that when Solomon had made an end of praying any man, or by all your people Israel, who shall each all this prayer and petition to the LORD, he arose from know the plaque of his own heart, and spread forth before the altar of the LORD, from kneeling on his knees his hands toward this house: 39 then hear in heaven, with his hands spread forth toward heaven. 55 He stood, your dwelling place, and forgive, and do, and render to and blessed all the assembly of Israel with a loud voice, every man according to all his ways, whose heart you saying, 56 "Blessed be the LORD, who has given rest know; (for you, even you only, know the hearts of all to his people Israel, according to all that he promised. the children of humankind;) 40 that they may fear you There has not failed one word of all his good promise, all the days that they live in the land which you gave which he promised by Moses his servant. 57 May the to our fathers. 41 "Moreover concerning the foreigner, LORD our God be with us, as he was with our fathers. who is not of your people Israel, when he shall come Let him not leave us, nor forsake us; 58 that he may out of a far country for your name's sake 42 (for they incline our hearts to him, to walk in all his ways, and shall hear of your great name, and of your mighty hand, to keep his commandments, and his statutes, and his and of your outstretched arm); when he shall come ordinances, which he commanded our fathers. 59 Let and pray toward this house; 43 then hear in heaven, these my words, with which I have made petition before your dwelling place, and do according to all that the the LORD, be near to the LORD our God day and night, foreigner calls to you for; that all the peoples of the that he may maintain the cause of his servant, and the earth may know your name, and fear you, as do your cause of his people Israel, as every day shall require; people Israel, and that they may know that this house 60 that all the peoples of the earth may know that the which I have built is called by your name. 44 "If your LORD, he is God. There is no other. 61 "Let your heart people go out to battle against their enemy, by whatever therefore be perfect with the LORD our God, to walk way you shall send them, and they pray to the LORD in his statutes, and to keep his commandments, as at toward the city which you have chosen, and toward the this day." 62 The king, and all Israel with him, offered house which I have built for your name; 45 then hear sacrifice before the LORD. 63 Solomon offered for the in heaven their prayer and their petition, and maintain sacrifice of peace offerings, which he offered to the their cause. 46 If they sin against you (for there is no LORD, two and twenty thousand head of cattle, and one man who doesn't sin), and you are angry with them, hundred twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the and deliver them to the enemy, so that they carry them children of Israel dedicated the house of the LORD. 64 away captive to the land of the enemy, far off or near; The same day the king made the middle of the court 47 yet if they shall repent in the land where they are holy that was before the house of the LORD; for there

carried captive, and repent and make petition to you he offered the burnt offering, and the meal offering, and

the fat of the peace offerings, because the bronze altar given him; and they did not please him. 13 He said. that was before the LORD was too little to receive the "What cities are these which you have given me, my burnt offering, and the meal offering, and the fat of the brother?" He called them the land of Cabul to this day. time, and all Israel with him, a great assembly, from of gold. 15 This is the reason of the levy which king Lebo Hamath to the Wadi of Egypt, before the LORD Solomon raised, to build the house of the LORD, and our God in the house which he built, eating and drinking his own house, and Millo, and the wall of Jerusalem, and rejoicing before the LORD our God, seven days and Hazor, and Megiddo, and Gezer. 16 Pharaoh king day he sent the people away; and they blessed the king, with fire, and slain the Canaanites who lived in the city, the goodness that the LORD had shown to David his wife. 17 Solomon built Gezer, and Lower Beth Horon, servant, and to Israel his people.

Q It happened, when Solomon had finished the building of the house of the LORD, and the king's house, and all Solomon's desire which he was pleased to do, 2 that the LORD appeared to Solomon the second time, as he had appeared to him at Gibeon. 3 And the LORD said to him, "I have heard your prayer and your petition that you have made before me. I have done for you according to all your prayer. I have consecrated this house which you have built, to place my name there forever, and my eyes and my heart will be there perpetually. 4 As for you, if you will walk before me, as David your father walked, in integrity of heart, and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded you, and will keep my statutes and my ordinances; 5 then I will establish the throne of your kingdom over Israel forever, according as I promised to David your father, saying, 'There shall not fail you a man on the throne of Israel.' 6 But if you turn away from following me, you or your children, and not keep my commandments and my statutes which I have set before you, but shall go and serve other gods, and worship them; 7 then will I cut off Israel out of the land which I have given them; and this house, which I have made holy for my name, will I cast out of my sight; and Israel shall be a proverb and a byword among all peoples. 8 And this house, which is exalted, will become a heap of ruins. Everyone who passes by it will be astonished, and will whistle, and they will say, 'Why has the LORD done this to this land, and to this house?' 9 And they shall answer, 'Because they forsook the LORD their God, who brought their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and laid hold of other gods, and worshiped them, and served them. Therefore the LORD has brought all this disaster on them." 10 It happened at the end of twenty years, in which Solomon had built the two houses, the house of the LORD and the king's house 11 (now Hiram the king of Tyre had furnished Solomon with cedar trees and fir trees, and with gold, according to all his desire), that then king Solomon gave Hiram twenty cities in the land of Galilee. 12 Hiram Sheba had seen all the wisdom of Solomon, and the came out from Tyre to see the cities which Solomon had house that he had built, 5 and the food of his table,

peace offerings. 65 So Solomon held the feast at that 14 Hiram sent to the king one hundred twenty talents and seven days; fourteen days. 66 And on the eighth of Egypt had gone up, and taken Gezer, and burnt it and went to their tents joyful and glad of heart for all and given it for a portion to his daughter, Solomon's 18 and Baalath, and Tamar in the wilderness, in the land, 19 and all the storage cities that Solomon had, and the cities for his chariots, and the cities for his horsemen, and that which Solomon desired to build for his pleasure in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and in all the land of his dominion. 20 As for all the people who were left of the Amorites, the Hethites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, who were not of the children of Israel; 21 their descendants who were left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel were not able utterly to destroy, of them Solomon conscripted for slave labor to this day. 22 But of the children of Israel Solomon made no bondservants; but they were the men of war, and his servants, and his commanders, and his captains, and rulers of his chariots and of his horsemen. 23 These were the chief officers who were over Solomon's work, five hundred fifty, who bore rule over the people who labored in the work. 24 But Pharaoh's daughter came up out of the City of David to her house which Solomon had built for her: then he built Millo. 25 Solomon offered burnt offerings and peace offerings on the altar which he built to the LORD three times a year, burning incense with them, on the altar that was before the LORD. So he finished the house. 26 King Solomon also had a fleet of ships at Ezion Geber, which is near Eilat on the shore of the Red Sea, in the land of Edom. 27 Hiram sent in the navy his servants, sailors who had knowledge of the sea, with the servants of Solomon. 28 They came to Ophir, and fetched from there gold, four hundred and twenty talents, and brought it to king Solomon.

> **1** When the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the LORD, she came to prove him with hard questions. 2 She came to Jerusalem with a very great train, with camels that bore spices, and very much gold, and precious stones; and when she had come to Solomon, she talked with him of all that was in her heart. 3 Solomon told her all her questions: there was not anything hidden from the king which he did not tell her. 4 When the gueen of

his ministers, and their clothing, and his cup bearers, of the earth in riches and in wisdom. 24 All the earth and his burnt offerings which he presented at the house sought the presence of Solomon, to hear his wisdom, of the LORD; it left her breathless. 6 She said to the which God had put in his heart. 25 They brought every king, "It was a true report that I heard in my own land of man his tribute, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, your acts, and of your wisdom. 7 However I did not and clothing, and armor, and spices, horses, and mules, believe the words, until I came, and my eyes had seen a rate year by year. 26 Solomon gathered together it. Look, the half was not told me. Your wisdom and chariots and horsemen: and he had a thousand and four prosperity exceed the fame which I heard. 8 Happy hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, that are your wives, happy are these your servants, who he bestowed in the chariot cities, and with the king at stand continually before you, who hear your wisdom. 9 Jerusalem. 27 The king made silver to be in Jerusalem Blessed is the LORD your God, who delighted in you, to as stones, and cedars made he to be as the sycamore set you on the throne of Israel. Because of the LORD's trees that are in the lowland, for abundance. 28 The everlasting love for Israel, therefore he made you king, horses which Solomon had were brought out of Egypt to do justice and righteousness." 10 She gave the king and Kue; and the king's merchants received them from one hundred twenty talents of gold, and of spices very Kue at a price. 29 And came up and went out of Egypt a great store, and precious stones. There came no more chariot for six hundred pieces of silver, and a horse for such abundance of spices as these which the gueen one hundred fifty; and so for all the kings of the Hittites, of Sheba gave to king Solomon. 11 The navy also of and for the kings of Aram, they brought them out by Hiram, that brought gold from Ophir, brought in from their means. Ophir great plenty of almug trees and precious stones. 12 The king made of the almug trees pillars for the house of the LORD, and for the king's house, harps also and stringed instruments for the singers: there came no such almug trees, nor were seen, to this day. 13 King Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatever she asked, besides that which Solomon gave her of his royal bounty. So she turned, and went to her own land, she and her servants. 14 Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred sixty-six talents of gold, 15 besides that which the traders brought, and the traffic of the merchants, and of all the kings of Arabia, and of the governors of the country. 16 King Solomon made two hundred large shields of beaten gold; six hundred shekels of gold went to each shield. 17 He made three hundred shields of beaten gold; three minas of gold went to one shield: and the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon. 18 Moreover the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with the finest gold. 19 There were six steps to the throne, and the top of the throne was round behind: and there were stavs on either side by the place of the seat, and two lions standing beside the stays. 20 Twelve lions stood there on the one side and on the other on the six steps: there was nothing like it made in any kingdom. 21 And all king Solomon's drinking vessels were of gold, and washing 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 considered anything in the days of Solomon. 22 For the king had at sea a navy of Tarshish with the navy of Hiram: once every three years came the navy of Tarshish, bringing gold, and silver, ivory, and apes, and

and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of peacocks, 23 So king Solomon exceeded all the kings

11 Now king Solomon loved women, and he took many foreign women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians, and Hittites; 2 of the nations concerning which the LORD said to the children of Israel, "You shall not go among them, neither shall they come among you; for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods." Solomon clung to these in love. 3 He had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred secondary wives; and his wives turned away his heart. 4 For it happened, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father. 5 For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, and after Chemosh the abomination of the Moabites, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites. 6 Solomon did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, and did not completely follow after the LORD, as did David his father. 7 Then Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the abomination of Moab, on the mountain that is before Jerusalem, and for Milcom the abomination of the people of Ammon. 8 So he did for all his foreign wives, who burnt incense and sacrificed to their gods. 9 The LORD was angry with Solomon, because his heart had turned away from the LORD, the God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice, 10 and had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods. But he did not obey that which the LORD commanded. 11 Therefore the LORD said to Solomon, "Because this is done by you, and you have not kept my covenant and my statutes, which I have commanded you, I will surely tear the kingdom from you, and will give it to your for David your father's sake; but I will tear it out of the Jeroboam, "Take ten pieces; for thus says the LORD, hand of your son. 13 However I will not tear away all the the God of Israel, 'Look, I will tear the kingdom out of kingdom; but I will give one tribe to your son, for David the hand of Solomon, and will give ten tribes to you my servant's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake which I 32 (but he shall have one tribe, for my servant David's have chosen." 14 The LORD raised up an adversary to sake and for Jerusalem's sake, the city which I have Solomon, Hadad the Edomite. He was of the royal line in chosen out of all the tribes of Israel): 33 because he Edom. 15 For it happened, when David had conquered has forsaken me, and has worshiped Ashtoreth the Edom, and Joab the commander of the army was gone goddess of the Sidonians, Chemosh the god of Moab, up to bury the slain, and had struck every male in Edom and Milcom the god of the people of Ammon. And he 16 (for Joab and all Israel remained there six months, has not walked in my ways, to do that which is right in until he had killed every male in Edom); 17 that Hadad my eyes, and to keep my statutes and my ordinances, fled, he and certain Edomites of his father's servants as David his father did. 34 "However I will not take the with him, to go into Egypt, Hadad being yet a little child. whole kingdom out of his hand; but I will make him 18 They arose out of Midian, and came to Paran; and prince all the days of his life, for David my servant's they took men with them out of Paran, and they came sake whom I chose, who kept my commandments and to Egypt, to Pharaoh king of Egypt, who gave him a my statutes; 35 but I will take the kingdom out of his house, and appointed him food, and gave him land. 19 son's hand, and will give it to you, even ten tribes. 36 To Hadad found great favor in the sight of Pharaoh, so his son will I give one tribe, that David my servant may that he gave him as wife the sister of his own wife, the have a lamp always before me in Jerusalem, the city sister of Tahpenes the gueen. 20 The sister of Tahpenes which I have chosen me to put my name there. 37 I will bore him Genubath his son, whom Tahpenes raised take you, and you shall reign according to all that your in Pharaoh's house; and Genubath was in Pharaoh's soul desires, and shall be king over Israel. 38 It shall be. house among the sons of Pharaoh. 21 When Hadad if you will listen to all that I command you, and will walk heard in Egypt that David slept with his fathers, and that in my ways, and do that which is right in my eyes, to Joab the commander of the army was dead, Hadad keep my statutes and my commandments, as David my said to Pharaoh, "Let me depart, that I may go to my servant did; that I will be with you, and will build you own country." 22 Then Pharaoh said to him, "But what a sure house, as I built for David, and will give Israel have you lacked with me, that look, you seek to go to to you. 39 I will for this afflict the offspring of David, your own country?" He answered, "Nothing, however but not forever." 40 Solomon sought therefore to kill only let me depart." 23 God raised up an adversary to Jeroboam; but Jeroboam arose, and fled into Egypt, to him, Rezon the son of Eliada, who had fled from his Shishak king of Egypt, and was in Egypt until the death lord Hadadezer king of Zobah. 24 He gathered men to of Solomon. 41 Now the rest of the acts of Solomon. himself and became leader of a marauding band when and all that he did, and his wisdom, aren't they written David killed them. And they went to Damascus, and in the book of the acts of Solomon? 42 The time that lived there, and reigned in Damascus. 25 He was an Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel was forty adversary to Israel all the days of Solomon, besides the years. 43 Solomon slept with his fathers, and was buried evil Hadad did. And he loathed Israel, and reigned over in the City of David his father. And Rehoboam his son Aram. 26 Jeroboam the son of Nebat, an Ephraimite of reigned in his place. Zeredah, a servant of Solomon, whose mother's name was Zeruah, a widow, he also lifted up his hand against the king. 27 This was the reason why he lifted up his hand against the king: Solomon built Millo, and repaired the breach of the City of David his father. 28 The man Jeroboam was a mighty man of valor; and Solomon saw the young man that he was industrious, and he put him in charge of all the labor of the house of Joseph. 29 And it happened at that time, when Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem, that the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite found him on the way and caused him to turn aside out of the way. Now he had dressed himself with a new garment, and the two were alone in the countryside. 30 And Ahijah laid hold of the new garment that was

servant. 12 Notwithstanding I will not do it in your days. on him, and tore it in twelve pieces. 31 He said to

12 Rehoboam went to Shechem: for all Israel had come to Shechem to make him king. 2 And it happened, when Jeroboam the son of Nebat heard of it (for he was still in Egypt, where he had fled from the presence of king Solomon, and Jeroboam lived in Egypt), he came straight to his own city in the land of Zererah in the hill country of Ephraim. 3 And they sent and called for him. And Jeroboam and all the assembly of Israel came, and spoke to Rehoboam, saying, 4 "Your father made our yoke grievous: now therefore make you the grievous service of your father, and his heavy yoke which he put on us, lighter, and we will serve you." 5 He said to them, "Depart for three days, then come back to me." The people departed. 6 King Rehoboam

Solomon his father while he yet lived, saying, "What man of God, saying, 23 "Speak to Rehoboam the son of counsel do you give me to return answer to this people?" Solomon, king of Judah, and to all the house of Judah 7 They spoke to him, saying, "If you will be a servant to and Benjamin, and to the rest of the people, saying, 24 this people this day, and will serve them, and answer 'Thus says the LORD, "You shall not go up, nor fight them, and speak good words to them, then they will be against your brothers, the children of Israel. Everyone your servants forever." 8 But he forsook the counsel of return to his house; for this thing is of me."" So they the old men which they had given him, and took counsel listened to the word of the LORD, and returned and with the young men who had grown up with him, who went their way, according to the word of the LORD. 25 stood before him. 9 He said to them, "What counsel do Then Jeroboam built Shechem in the hill country of you give, that we may return answer to this people, who Ephraim, and lived in it; and he went out from there, have spoken to me, saying, 'Make the yoke that your and built Penuel. 26 Jeroboam said in his heart, "Now father put on us lighter?" 10 The young men who had the kingdom will return to the house of David. 27 If grown up with him spoke to him, saying, "Thus you shall this people goes up to offer sacrifices in the house of tell this people who spoke to you, saying, 'Your father the LORD at Jerusalem, then the heart of this people made our yoke heavy, but make it lighter to us;' you shall will turn again to their lord, even to Rehoboam king of say to them, 'My little finger is thicker than my father's Judah; and they will kill me, and return to Rehoboam waist. 11 Now whereas my father burdened you with a king of Judah." 28 Whereupon the king took counsel, heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke: my father chastised and made two calves of gold; and he said to the people, you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions."" "It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem. Look and 12 So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam see your gods, Israel, which brought you up out of the the third day, as the king asked, saying, "Come to me land of Egypt." 29 He set the one in Bethel, and the again the third day." 13 The king answered the people other he put in Dan. 30 Then this thing became a sin, roughly, and forsook the counsel of the old men which for the people went before the one at Bethel and before they had given him, 14 and spoke to them according to the one as far as Dan. 31 And he made houses on high the counsel of the young men, saying, "My father made places, and made priests from among all the people, your yoke heavy, but I will add to your yoke. My father who were not of the sons of Levi. 32 Jeroboam ordained chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with a feast in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the scorpions." 15 So the king did not listen to the people; month, like the feast that is in Judah, and he went up to for it was a thing brought about of the LORD, that he the altar; he did so in Bethel, sacrificing to the calves might establish his word, which the LORD spoke by that he had made: and he placed in Bethel the priests of Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat. 16 the high places that he had made. 33 He went up to the When all Israel saw that the king did not listen to them, altar which he had made in Bethel on the fifteenth day the people answered the king, saying, "What portion do in the eighth month, even in the month which he had we have in David? We have no inheritance in the son devised of his own heart: and he ordained a feast for of Jesse. To your tents, Israel. Now see to your own the children of Israel, and went up to the altar, to burn house, David." So Israel departed to their tents. 17 But incense. as for the children of Israel who lived in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them. 18 Then king Rehoboam sent Adoram, who was over the men subject to forced labor; and all Israel stoned him to death with stones. King Rehoboam made speed to get him up to his chariot, to flee to Jerusalem. 19 So Israel rebelled against the house of David to this day. 20 It happened. when all Israel heard that Jeroboam had returned, that they sent and called him to the congregation, and made him king over all Israel: there was none who followed the house of David, but the tribe of Judah only. 21 When Rehoboam had come to Jerusalem, he assembled all the house of Judah, and the tribe of Benjamin, a hundred and eighty thousand chosen men, who were warriors, to fight against the house of Israel, to bring the kingdom again to Rehoboam the son of Solomon.

took counsel with the old men, who had stood before 22 But the word of the LORD came to Shemaiah the

13 Look, there came a man of God out of Judah by the word of the LORD to Beth El: and Jeroboam was standing by the altar to burn incense. 2 He cried against the altar by the word of the LORD, and said, "Altar, altar, thus says the LORD: 'Look, a son shall be born to the house of David, Josiah by name. On you he shall sacrifice the priests of the high places who burn incense on you, and they will burn men's bones on you." 3 He gave a sign the same day, saying, "This is the sign which the LORD has spoken: Look, the altar will be split apart, and the ashes that are on it will be poured out." 4 It happened, when the king heard the saying of the man of God, which he cried against the altar in Bethel, that Jeroboam put out his hand from the altar, saying, "Seize him." His hand, which he put out against him, dried up, so that he could not draw it back

again to himself. 5 The altar also was split apart, and lion met him by the way, and killed him. His body was the ashes poured out from the altar, according to the cast in the way, and the donkey stood by it. The lion sign which the man of God had given by the word of the also stood by the body. 25 Look, men passed by, and LORD. 6 The king answered the man of God, "Now saw the body cast in the way, and the lion standing by plead for the favor of the LORD your God, and pray for the body; and they came and told it in the city where the me, that my hand may be restored me again." The man old prophet lived. 26 When the prophet who brought of God entreated the LORD, and the king's hand was him back from the way heard of it, he said, "It is the restored him again, and became as it was before. 7 The man of God who was disobedient to the mouth of the king said to the man of God, "Come home with me, and LORD. Therefore the LORD has delivered him to the refresh yourself, and I will give you a reward." 8 The lion, which has mauled him and slain him, according to man of God said to the king, "Even if you gave me half the word of the LORD, which he spoke to him." 27 He of your house, I would not go in with you, neither would spoke to his sons, saying, "Saddle the donkey for me." I eat bread nor drink water in this place; 9 for so was it They saddled it. 28 He went and found his body cast in commanded me by the word of the LORD, saying, 'You the way, and the donkey and the lion standing by the shall eat no bread, nor drink water, neither return by body. The lion had not eaten the body, nor mauled the the way that you came." 10 So he went another way, donkey. 29 The prophet took up the body of the man of and did not return by the way that he came to Bethel. God, and laid it on the donkey, and brought it back. And 11 Now there lived an old prophet in Bethel; and one he came to the city of the old prophet to mourn and to of his sons came and told him all the works that the bury him. 30 He laid his body in his own grave; and man of God had done that day in Bethel. And they also they mourned over him, saying, "Alas, my brother." 31 It told their father the words which he had spoken to the happened, after he had buried him, that he spoke to king. 12 Their father said to them, "Which way did he his sons, saying, "When I am dead, then bury me in go?" Now his sons showed him the way the man of the tomb in which the man of God is buried. Lay my God went, who came from Judah. 13 He said to his bones beside his bones. 32 For the saying which he sons, "Saddle the donkey for me." So they saddled the proclaimed by the word of the LORD against the altar in donkey for him; and he rode on it. 14 He went after Bethel, and against all the houses of the high places the man of God, and found him sitting under an oak. which are in the cities of Samaria, will surely happen." He said to him, "Are you the man of God who came 33 After this thing Jeroboam did not return from his evil from Judah?" He said, "I am." 15 Then he said to him, way, but again made priests of the high places from "Come home with me, and eat bread." 16 He said, "I among all the people. He consecrated anyone who may not return with you, nor go in with you; neither will I wanted to be a priest at the high places. 34 This thing eat bread nor drink water with you in this place. 17 For became sin to the house of Jeroboam, even to cut it off, it was said to me by the word of the LORD, 'You shall and to destroy it from off the surface of the earth. eat no bread nor drink water there, nor turn again to go by the way that you came." 18 He said to him, "I also am a prophet as you are; and an angel spoke to me by the word of the LORD, saying, 'Bring him back with you into your house, that he may eat bread and drink water." He lied to him. 19 So he went back with him, and ate bread in his house, and drank water. 20 It happened, as they sat at the table, that the word of the LORD came to the prophet who brought him back; 21 and he cried to the man of God who came from Judah, saying, "Thus says the LORD, 'Because you have been disobedient to the mouth of the LORD, and have not kept the commandment which the LORD your God commanded you, 22 but came back, and have eaten bread and drunk water in the place of which he said to you, "Eat no bread, and drink no water"; your body shall not come to the tomb of your fathers." 23 It happened, after he had eaten bread, and after he had drunk, that he saddled the donkey for the prophet whom he had brought back. 24 When he had gone, a

At that time Abijah the son of Jeroboam fell sick. 2 Jeroboam said to his wife, "Please get up and disguise yourself, that you won't be recognized as the wife of Jeroboam. Go to Shiloh. Look, there is Ahijah the prophet, who spoke concerning me that I should be king over this people. 3 Take with you ten loaves, and cakes, and a jar of honey, and go to him. He will tell you what will become of the child." 4 Jeroboam's wife did so, and arose, and went to Shiloh, and came to the house of Ahijah. Now Ahijah could not see; for his eyes were set by reason of his age. 5 The LORD said to Ahijah, "Look, the wife of Jeroboam comes to inquire of you concerning her son; for he is sick. Thus and thus you shall tell her; for it will be, when she comes in, that she will pretend to be another woman." 6 It was so, when Ahijah heard the sound of her feet, as she came in at the door, that he said, "Come in, you wife of Jeroboam. Why do you pretend to be another? For I am sent to you with heavy news. 7 Go, tell Jeroboam, 'Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: "Because I exalted you from

among the people, and made you prince over my people in the land: they did according to all the abominations Israel, 8 and tore the kingdom away from the house of of the nations which the LORD drove out before the David, and gave it you; and yet you have not been as children of Israel. 25 It happened in the fifth year of my servant David, who kept my commandments, and king Rehoboam, that Shishak king of Egypt came up who followed me with all his heart, to do that only which against Jerusalem; 26 and he took away the treasures was right in my eyes, 9 but have done evil above all of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the who were before you, and have gone and made you king's house; he even took away all: and he took away other gods, and molten images, to provoke me to anger, all the shields of gold which Solomon had made. 27 and have cast me behind your back: 10 therefore, look, King Rehoboam made in their place shields of bronze, I will bring disaster on the house of Jeroboam, and will and committed them to the hands of the captains of cut off from Jeroboam everyone who urinates on a wall, the guard, who kept the door of the king's house. 28 It he who is shut up and he who is left at large in Israel, was so, that as often as the king went into the house and will utterly sweep away the house of Jeroboam, as of the LORD, the guard bore them, and brought them a man sweeps away dung, until it is all gone. 11 He who back into the guard room. 29 Now the rest of the acts of dies of Jeroboam in the city shall the dogs eat; and he Rehoboam, and all that he did, aren't they written in the who dies in the field shall the birds of the sky eat: for book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 30 There the LORD has spoken it." 12 Arise therefore, and go to was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam continually. your house. When your feet enter into the city, the child 31 Rehoboam slept with his fathers, and was buried with shall die. 13 All Israel shall mourn for him, and bury his fathers in the City of David: and his mother's name him; for he only of Jeroboam shall come to the grave, was Naamah the Ammonitess. Abijam his son reigned because in him there is found some good thing toward in his place. the LORD, the God of Israel, in the house of Jeroboam. 14 Moreover the LORD will raise him up a king over Israel, who shall cut off the house of Jeroboam. This is day. What? Even now. 15 For the LORD will strike Israel, as a reed is shaken in the water; and he will root up Israel out of this good land which he gave to their fathers, and will scatter them beyond the River, because they have made their Asherim, provoking the LORD to anger. 16 He will give Israel up because of the sins of Jeroboam, which he has sinned, and with which he has made Israel to sin." 17 Jeroboam's wife arose, and departed, and came to Tirzah. As she came to the threshold of the house, the child died. 18 All Israel buried him, and mourned for him, according to the word of the LORD, which he spoke by his servant Ahijah the prophet. 19 The rest of the acts of Jeroboam, how he warred, and how he reigned, look, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel. 20 The days which Jeroboam reigned were two and twenty years: and he slept with his fathers, and Nadab his son reigned in his place. 21 Rehoboam the son of Solomon reigned in Judah. Rehoboam was forty-one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which the LORD had chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, to put his name there: and his mother's name was Naamah the Ammonitess. 22 Judah did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, and they provoked him to jealousy with their sins which they committed, above all that their fathers had done. 23 For they also built them high places, and pillars, and Asherim, on every high hill, and under every green tree; 24 and there were also male shrine prostitutes

15 Now in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam the son of Nebat began Abijam to reign over Judah. 2 He reigned three years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Maacah the daughter of Abishalom. 3 He walked in all the sins of his father, which he had done before him; and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as the heart of David his father. 4 Nevertheless for David's sake, the LORD his God gave him a lamp in Jerusalem, to set up his son after him, and to establish Jerusalem; 5 because David did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, and did not turn aside from anything that he commanded him all the days of his life, except only in the matter of Uriah the Hethite. 6 [Now there was war between Abijam and Jeroboam all the days of his life.] 7 The rest of the acts of Abijam, and all that he did, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? There was war between Abijam and Jeroboam. 8 Abijam slept with his fathers; and they buried him in the City of David: and Asa his son reigned in his place. 9 In the twentieth year of Jeroboam king of Israel began Asa to reign over Judah. 10 He reigned forty-one years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Maacah the daughter of Abishalom. 11 Asa did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, as did David his father. 12 And he banished the male temple prostitutes out of the land, and removed all the idols that his fathers had made. 13 Also Maacah his mother he removed from being gueen, because she had made an abominable image for an Asherah; and Asa cut down her image, and burnt it in the Kidron Valley. 14 But the high places were not taken away: nevertheless the heart of Asa was perfect with the LORD all his days. 15 He brought into the house aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the of the LORD the things that his father had dedicated, kings of Israel? 32 There was war between Asa and and the things that himself had dedicated, silver, and Baasha king of Israel all their days. 33 In the third year gold, and vessels. 16 There was war between Asa and of Asa king of Judah, Baasha the son of Ahijah began Baasha king of Israel all their days. 17 Baasha king of to reign over all Israel in Tirzah for twenty-four years. 34 Israel went up against Judah, and built Ramah, that he He did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD. might not allow anyone to go out or come in to Asa king and walked in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin with of Judah. 18 Then Asa took all the silver and the gold that were left in the treasures of the house of the LORD. and the treasures of the king's house, and delivered them into the hand of his servants; and king Asa sent them to Ben Hadad, the son of Tabrimmon, the son of Hezion, king of Aram, who lived at Damascus, saving, 19 "Let there be a treaty between me and you, between my father and your father. Look, I have sent to you a present of silver and gold. Go. break your treaty with Baasha king of Israel, that he may depart from me." 20 Ben Hadad listened to king Asa, and sent the captains of his armies against the cities of Israel, and struck ljon, and Dan, and Abel Beth Maacah, and all Kinnereth, with all the land of Naphtali. 21 It happened, when Baasha heard of it, that he left off building Ramah, and lived in Tirzah. 22 Then king Asa made a proclamation to all Judah: none was exempted: and they carried away the stones of Ramah, and its timber, with which Baasha had built: and king Asa built therewith Geba of Benjamin. and Mizpah. 23 Now the rest of all the acts of Asa. and all his might, and all that he did, and the cities which he built, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? But in the time of his old age he was diseased in his feet. 24 Asa slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the City of David his father: and Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his place. 25 Nadab the son of Jeroboam began to reign over Israel in the second year of Asa king of Judah; and he reigned over Israel two years. 26 He did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of his father, and in his sin with which he made Israel to sin. 27 Baasha the son of Ahijah, of the house of Issachar, conspired against him; and Baasha struck him at Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines: for Nadab and all Israel were laving siege to Gibbethon. 28 Even in the third year of Asa king of Judah. Baasha killed him, and reigned in his place. 29 It happened that, as soon as he was king, he struck all the house of Jeroboam: he did not leave to Jeroboam any who breathed, until he had destroyed him; according to the saying of the LORD, which he spoke by his servant Ahijah the Shilonite; 30 for the sins of Jeroboam which he sinned, and with which he made Israel to sin, because of his provocation with which he provoked the LORD, the God of Israel, to anger. 31 Now the rest of the acts of Nadab, and all that he did,

which he made Israel to sin.

16 The word of the LORD came to Jehu the son of Hanani against Baasha, saying, 2 "Because I exalted you out of the dust, and made you ruler over my people Israel, and you have walked in the way of Jeroboam, and have made my people Israel to sin, to provoke me to anger with their sins; 3 look, I will utterly sweep away Baasha and his house; and I will make your house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat. 4 The dogs will eat Baasha's descendants who die in the city; and he who dies of his in the field the birds of the sky will eat." 5 Now the rest of the acts of Baasha, and what he did, and his might, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? 6 Baasha slept with his fathers, and was buried in Tirzah; and Elah his son reigned in his place. 7 Moreover by the prophet Jehu the son of Hanani came the word of the LORD against Baasha, and against his house, both because of all the evil that he did in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger with the work of his hands, in being like the house of Jeroboam, and because he struck him. 8 In the twenty-sixth year of Asa king of Judah, Elah the son of Baasha began to reign over Israel in Tirzah for two years. 9 His servant Zimri, commander of half his chariots, conspired against him. Now he was in Tirzah, drinking himself drunk in the house of Arza, who was over the household in Tirzah. 10 And Zimri went in and struck him, and killed him. in the twenty-seventh year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned in his place. 11 It happened, when he began to reign, as soon as he sat on his throne, that he struck all the house of Baasha: he did not leave him a single one who urinates on a wall, neither of his relatives, nor of his friends. 12 Thus Zimri destroved all the house of Baasha, according to the word of the LORD, which he spoke against Baasha by Jehu the prophet, 13 for all the sins of Baasha, and the sins of Elah his son, which they sinned, and with which they made Israel to sin, to provoke the LORD, the God of Israel, to anger with their vanities. 14 Now the rest of the acts of Elah, and all that he did, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? 15 In the twenty-seventh year of Asa king of Judah. Zimri reigned seven days in Tirzah. Now the people were camped against Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines. 16 The people who were also struck the king." Therefore all Israel made Omri, the captain of the army, king over Israel that day in the camp. 17 Omri went up from Gibbethon, and all Israel with him, and they besieged Tirzah. 18 It happened, when Zimri saw that the city was taken, that he went into the citadel of the king's house, and burnt the king's house over him with fire, and died, 19 for his sins which he sinned in doing that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, in walking in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin which he did, to make Israel to sin. 20 Now the rest of the acts of Zimri, and his treason that he committed, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? 21 Then were the people of Israel divided into two parts: half of the people followed Tibni the son of Ginath, to make him king; and half followed Omri. 22 But the people who followed Omri prevailed against the people who followed Tibni the son of Ginath. So Tibni died and Joram his brother at that time, and Omri became king in the place of Tibni. 23 In the thirtyfirst year of Asa king of Judah, Omri began to reign over Israel for twelve years. He reigned six years in Tirzah. 24 He bought the hill Samaria of Shemer for two talents of silver; and he built on the hill, and called the name of the city which he built, after the name of Shemer, the owner of the hill, Samaria. 25 Omri did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, and dealt wickedly above all who were before him. 26 For he walked in all the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and in his sins with which he made Israel to sin, to provoke the LORD, the God of Israel, to anger with their vanities. 27 Now the rest of the acts of Omri which he did, and his might that he showed, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? 28 So Omri slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria; and Ahab his son reigned in his place. 29 In the thirty-eighth year of Asa king of Judah began Ahab the son of Omri to reign over Israel: and Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty-two years. 30 Ahab the son of Omri did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD above all that were before him. 31 It happened, as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took as wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Sidonians, and went and served Baal, and worshiped him. 32 He reared up an altar for Baal in the house of Baal, which he had built in Samaria. 33 Ahab made the Asherah; and Ahab did yet more to provoke the LORD, the God of Israel, to anger than all the kings of Israel who were before him. 34 In his days Hiel the Bethelite built Jericho: he laid its foundation with the loss of Abiram his firstborn, and set up its gates with the loss of his youngest son Segub,

camped heard it said, "Zimri has conspired, and has according to the word of the LORD, which he spoke by also struck the king." Therefore all Israel made Omri, Joshua the son of Nun.

7 And Elijah the Tishbite, of the inhabitants of Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, except by my word." 2 And the word of the LORD came to him, saying, 3 "Go away from here, turn eastward, and hide yourself by the Wadi Cherith, that is near the Jordan. 4 And it shall be that you will drink from the wadi. I have commanded the ravens to feed you there." 5 So he went and did according to the word of the LORD; for he went and lived by the Wadi Cherith, that is near the Jordan. 6 And the ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening. And he drank from the wadi. 7 And it happened after a while that the wadi dried up, because there was no rain in the land. 8 The word of the LORD came to him, saying, 9 "Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and stay there. Look, I have commanded a widow there to provide for you." 10 So he got up and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, look, a widow was there gathering wood. And he called to her, and said, "Please bring me a little water in a pitcher, that I may drink." 11 And as she was going to get it, he called to her, and said, "Please bring me a piece of bread in your hand." 12 She said, "As the LORD your God lives, I do not have anything baked, except a handful of flour in a jar, and a little oil in a jug. Look, I am gathering a couple of sticks, that I may go in and bake it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die." 13 And Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid. Go and do as you have said. But make me of it a little cake first, and bring it out to me, and afterward make some for yourself and for your son. 14 For thus says the LORD, the God of Israel. 'The jar of flour shall not empty, neither shall the jug of oil be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain on the surface of the land." 15 And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah. And she, and he, and her household, ate for a long time. 16 The jar of flour did not empty, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD, which he spoke by Elijah. 17 It happened after these things, that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick. And his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. 18 And she said to Elijah, "What do we have in common, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to memory, and to kill my son." 19 And he said to her, "Give me your son." And he took him out of her lap and carried him up into the room where he stayed, and laid him on his own bed. 20 He cried to the LORD, and said, "LORD my God, have you also brought disaster on the widow with whom I sojourn, by killing her son?" 21 And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and your father's house, in that you have forsaken the the word of the LORD in your mouth is the truth."

1 R And it happened after many days that the word of the LORD came to Elijah, in the third year, saying, "Go, present yourself to Ahab, and I will send rain on the earth." 2 So Elijah went to present himself to Ahab. And the famine was severe in Samaria. 3 And Ahab summoned Obadiah, the steward of the house. (Now Obadiah feared the LORD greatly. 4 And it came about, when Jezebel was killing the prophets of the LORD, that Obadiah took one hundred prophets and hid them, fifty by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water.) 5 And Ahab said to Obadiah, "Go through the land, to all the springs of water, and to all the wadis. Perhaps we may find grass and save the horses and mules alive, that we not lose all the animals." 6 So they divided the land between them to explore it; Ahab went one way alone, and Obadiah went another way alone. 7 And as Obadiah was on the way, look, Elijah met him; and he recognized him and fell on his face and said. "Is it you. my lord Elijah?" 8 He answered him, "It is I. Go, tell your lord, 'Look, Elijah is here." 9 And he said, "How have I sinned, that you would deliver your servant into the hand of Ahab, to kill me? 10 As the LORD your God lives, there is no nation or kingdom, where my lord has not sent to seek you. When they said, 'He is not here,' he took an oath of the kingdom and nation, that they did not find you. 11 Now you say, 'Go, tell your lord, "Look, Elijah is here." 12 It will happen, as soon as I am gone from you, that the Spirit of the LORD will carry you I do not know where; and so when I come and tell Ahab, and he can't find you, he will kill me. But I, your servant, have feared the LORD from my youth. 13 Wasn't it told my lord what I did when Jezebel killed the prophets of the LORD, how I hid one hundred men of the LORD's prophets, fifty by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water? 14 Now you say, 'Go, tell your lord, "Look, Elijah is here";' and he will kill me." 15 Elijah said, "As the LORD of hosts lives, before whom I stand, I will surely present myself to him today." 16 So Obadiah went to meet Ahab, and told him; and Ahab went to meet Elijah. 17 It happened, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said to him, "Is that you, you troubler of Israel?" 18 He answered, "I have not troubled Israel; but you,

and called out to the LORD, and said, "LORD my God, commandments of the LORD, and you have followed please let this child's soul come into him again." 22 The the Baals. 19 Now therefore send, and gather to me LORD listened to the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the all Israel to Mount Carmel, and four hundred fifty of child came into him again, and he revived. 23 And Elijah the prophets of Baal, and four hundred of the prophets took the child and brought him down out of the room of the Asherah, who eat at Jezebel's table." 20 So into the house and gave him to his mother. And Elijah Ahab sent to all the children of Israel, and gathered the said, "See, your son lives." 24 And the woman said to prophets together at Mount Carmel. 21 Elijah came Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God and that near to all the people, and said, "How long will you keep limping between two positions? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him." But the people did not answer him a word. 22 Then Elijah said to the people, "I, even I only, am left a prophet of the LORD; but the prophets of Baal are four hundred and fifty men, and the prophets of Asherah four hundred. 23 Let them therefore give us two bulls: and let them choose one bull for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay it on the wood, and put no fire under. And I will prepare the other bull, and lay it on the wood, and put no fire under it. 24 You call on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of the LORD, and the god who answers by fire, he is God." All the people answered, "It is well said." 25 Then Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, "Choose one bull for yourselves, and prepare it first, for you are the majority, and call on the name of your god, but put no fire under it." 26 And they took the bull which was given them, and they prepared it, and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, "Baal, answer us." But there was no voice, nor any who answered. And they limped about the altar they had made. 27 And it came about, at noon, that Elijah mocked them, and said, "Cry aloud, for he is a god. Maybe he is thinking about it, or he is busy, or he is on a trip, or perhaps he is sleeping and must be awakened." 28 And they cried aloud, and cut themselves, as was their custom, with swords and spears, until the blood gushed out on them. 29 And when midday was past, they prophesied until the offering up of the offering; but there was no voice, no answer, and no response. 30 Elijah said to all the people, "Come near to me"; and all the people came near to him. He repaired the altar of the LORD that had been torn down. 31 Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob. to whom the word of the LORD came, saying, "Israel shall be your name." 32 And with the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD. And he made a trench around the altar, large enough to contain two seahs of seed. 33 And he arranged the wood, and cut the bull in pieces, and laid it on the wood. 34 And he said, "Fill four jars with water, and pour it on the burnt offering, and on the wood." And they did so. And he said, "Do it a second time"; and they did it the second time. And he said, "Do it a third time"; and

they did it the third time. 35 And the water ran around eat, because the journey is too great for you." 8 And he the altar; and he also filled the trench with water. 36 It got up and ate and drank, and went in the strength of happened at the time of the offering up of the offering, that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the Mount that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, "LORD, of God. 9 And there he came to a cave and lodged the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Israel, let it be there; and look, the word of the LORD came to him, and known this day that you are God in Israel, and that I he said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" 10 am your servant, and that I have done all these things He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the at your word. 37 Hear me, LORD, hear me, that this God of hosts; for the children of Israel have forsaken people may know that you, LORD, are God, and that your covenant, thrown down your altars, and slain your you have turned their heart back again." 38 Then the prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left; and fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt offering, they seek my life, to take it away." 11 And he said, "Go and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked out tomorrow and stand on the mountain before the up the water that was in the trench. 39 And when all the LORD." Look, the LORD passed by, and a great and people saw it, they fell facedown and said, "The LORD, strong wind tore the mountains, and broke in pieces the he is God. The LORD, he is God." 40 And Elijah said to rocks before the LORD; but the LORD was not in the them, "Seize the prophets of Baal. Do not let one of wind. After the wind an earthquake; but the LORD was them escape." And they seized them. And Elijah brought not in the earthquake. 12 After the earthquake a fire them down to the Wadi Kishon, and killed them there. passed; but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the 41 And Elijah said to Ahab, "Get up, eat and drink; for fire a still small voice. 13 It was so, when Elijah heard it, there is the sound of a heavy rain." 42 So Ahab went up that he wrapped his face in his cloak, and went out, and to eat and to drink. Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; stood in the entrance of the cave. Look, a voice came to and he bowed himself down toward the ground, and him, and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" 14 put his face between his knees. 43 And he said to his He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the servant, "Go up now, look toward the sea." So he went God of hosts; for the children of Israel have forsaken up, and looked, and said, "There is nothing." Then he your covenant, thrown down your altars, and slain your said, "Go again" seven times. And the servant went prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left; and again seven times. 44 It happened at the seventh time, they seek my life, to take it away." 15 The LORD said that he said, "Look, a small cloud, like a man's hand, is to him, "Go, return on your way, and you will come to rising out of the sea." He said, "Go up, tell Ahab, 'Get the way of the wilderness of Damascus, and when you ready and go down, so that the rain doesn't stop you." arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Aram. 16 45 It happened in a little while, that the sky grew black You shall anoint Jehu the son of Nimshi to be king over with clouds and wind, and there was a heavy rain. Ahab Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha the son of Shaphat of rode, and went to Jezreel. 46 The hand of the LORD Abel Meholah to be prophet in your place. 17 It shall was on Elijah; and he tucked his cloak into his belt and happen, that he who escapes from the sword of Hazael, ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

1 O Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. 2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time." 3 And he was afraid, and he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there. 4 But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he requested for himself that he might die, and said, "It is enough. Now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers." 5 He lay down and slept under a broom tree. And look, an angel touched him, and said to him, "Arise and eat." 6 He looked, and look, there was at his head a cake baked on the coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. 7 The angel of the LORD came again

Jehu will kill; and he who escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha will kill. 18 Yet I have kept for myself seven thousand people in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him." 19 So he departed there, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing, with twelve yoke of oxen

before him, and he with the twelfth: and Elijah passed over to him, and cast his cloak on him. 20 He left the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me please kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." He said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" 21 He returned from following him, and took the yoke of oxen, and killed them, and boiled their flesh with the instruments of the oxen, and gave to the people, and they ate. Then he arose, and went after Elijah, and served him.

20 Ben Hadad the king of Aram gathered all his armv together; and there were thirty-two kings with him, the second time, and touched him, and said, "Arise and and horses and chariots: and he went up and besieged Samaria, and fought against it, 2 He sent messengers to Arameans fled, and Israel pursued them. Ben Hadad Ahab king of Israel, into the city, and said to him, "Thus the king of Aram escaped on a horse with horsemen. 21 says Ben Hadad, 3 'Your silver and your gold is mine. The king of Israel went out, and struck the horses and Your wives also and your children, even the best, are chariots, and killed the Arameans with a great slaughter. mine." 4 The king of Israel answered, "It is according to 22 The prophet came near to the king of Israel, and said your saying, my lord, O king. I am yours, and all that I to him, "Go, strengthen yourself, and mark, and see have." 5 The messengers came again, and said, "Ben what you do; for at the return of the year the king of Hadad says, 'I sent indeed to you, saying, "You shall Aram will come up against you." 23 The servants of deliver me your silver, and your gold, and your wives, the king of Aram said to him, "Their god is a god of and your children; 6 but I will send my servants to you the hills; therefore they were stronger than we. But let tomorrow about this time, and they shall search your us fight against them in the plain, and surely we shall house, and the houses of your servants; and it shall be, be stronger than they. 24 Do this thing: take the kings that whatever is pleasant in their eyes, they shall put it away, every man out of his place, and put captains in in their hand, and take it away."" 7 Then the king of their place. 25 Muster an army, like the army that you Israel called all the elders of the land, and said, "Please have lost, horse for horse, and chariot for chariot. We notice how this man seeks mischief; for he sent to me will fight against them in the plain, and surely we will for my wives, and for my children, and for my silver, and be stronger than them." He listened to their voice, and for my gold; and I did not deny him." 8 All the elders did so. 26 It happened at the return of the year, that and all the people said to him, "Do not listen, neither Ben Hadad mustered the Arameans, and went up to consent." 9 Therefore he said to the messengers of Ben Aphek, to fight against Israel. 27 The children of Israel Hadad, "Tell my lord the king, 'All that you sent for to were mustered, and were provisioned, and went against your servant at the first I will do; but this thing I cannot them. The children of Israel camped before them like do." The messengers departed, and brought him back two little flocks of young goats; but the Arameans filled the message. 10 Ben Hadad sent to him, and said, the country. 28 A man of God came near and spoke "The gods do so to me, and more also, if the dust of to the king of Israel, and said, "Thus says the LORD, Samaria shall suffice for handfuls for all the people who 'Because the Arameans have said, "The LORD is a god follow me." 11 The king of Israel answered, "Tell him, of the hills, but he is not a god of the valleys"; therefore 'Do not let him who puts on his armor brag like he who I will deliver all this great multitude into your hand, and takes it off." 12 It happened, when Ben Hadad heard you shall know that I am the LORD." 29 They camped this message, as he was drinking, he and the kings, in one over against the other seven days. So it was, that in the pavilions, that he said to his servants, "Prepare to the seventh day the battle was joined; and the children attack." They prepared to attack the city. 13 Look, a of Israel killed one hundred thousand footmen of the prophet came near to Ahab king of Israel, and said, Arameans in one day. 30 But the rest fled to Aphek, into "Thus says the LORD, 'Have you seen all this great the city; and the wall fell on twenty-seven thousand men multitude? Look, I will deliver it into your hand this day; who were left. Ben Hadad fled, and came into the city, and you shall know that I am the LORD." 14 Ahab said, into an inner room. 31 His servants said to him, "See "By whom?" He said, "Thus says the LORD, 'By the now, we have heard that the kings of the house of Israel young men of the governors of the districts." Then he are merciful kings. Please let us put sackcloth on our said, "Who shall begin the battle?" He answered, "You." bodies, and ropes on our heads, and go out to the king 15 Then he mustered the young men of the governors of Israel. Maybe he will save your life." 32 So they put of the districts, and they were two hundred and thirty- sackcloth on their bodies and ropes on their heads, and two. After them, he mustered all the people, even all the came to the king of Israel, and said, "Your servant Ben children of Israel, being seven thousand. 16 They went Hadad says, 'Please let me live." He said, "Is he still out at noon. But Ben Hadad was drinking himself drunk alive? He is my brother." 33 Now the men were looking in the pavilions, he and the kings, the thirty-two kings for an omen, and they seized upon it from him, and who helped him. 17 the young men of the governors they said, "Ben Hadad is your brother." Then he said, of the districts went out first; and Ben Hadad sent out, "Go, bring him." Then Ben Hadad came out to him, and and they told him, saying, "Men are coming out from he had him come up into the chariot. 34 Ben Hadad Samaria." 18 He said, "If they have come out for peace, said to him, "The cities which my father took from your take them alive; or if they have come out for war, take father I will restore. You shall make streets for yourself them alive." 19 So these went out of the city, the young in Damascus, as my father made in Samaria." "I," said men of the governors of the districts, and the army Ahab, "will let you go with this covenant." So he made a

which followed them. 20 They each killed his man. The covenant with him, and let him go. 35 A certain man of

the sons of the prophets said to his fellow by the word "Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth on high among the strike him. 36 Then he said to him, "Because you have let them testify against him, saying, 'You cursed God not obeyed the voice of the LORD, look, as soon as you and the king.' Then carry him out, and stone him to are departed from me, a lion shall kill you." As soon as death." 11 The men of his city, even the elders and the strike me." The man struck him, smiting and wounding she had sent to them. 12 They proclaimed a fast, and him. 38 So the prophet departed, and waited for the king set Naboth on high among the people. 13 The two men, over his eyes. 39 As the king passed by, he cried to fellows testified against him, even against Naboth, in the king; and he said, "Your servant went out into the the presence of the people, saying, "Naboth cursed God midst of the battle; and look, a man turned aside, and and the king." Then they carried him out of the city, and your servant was busy here and there, he was gone." was stoned, and was dead, that Jezebel said to Ahab, be; you yourself have decided it." 41 He hurried, and Jezreelite, which he refused to give you for money; for Israel recognized that he was of the prophets. 42 He Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, that Ahab rose up to said to him, "Thus says the LORD, 'Because you have go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, to to his house sullen and angry, and came to Samaria.

21 It happened after these things, that Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard, which was in Jezreel, near the palace of Ahab king of Samaria. 2 Ahab spoke to Naboth, saying, "Give me your vineyard, that I may have it for a vegetable garden, because it is near to my house; and I will give you for it a better vineyard than it. Or, if it seems good to you, I will give you its worth in money." 3 Naboth said to Ahab, "May the LORD forbid me, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers to you." 4 Ahab came into his house sullen and angry because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him; for he had said, "I will not give you the inheritance of my fathers." He laid himself down on his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no bread. 5 But Jezebel his wife came to him, and said to him, "Why is your spirit so sad, that you eat no bread?" 6 He said to her, "Because I spoke to Naboth the Jezreelite, and said to him, 'Give me your vineyard for money; or else, if it pleases you, I will give you another vineyard for it.' He answered, 'I will not give you my vineyard."" 7 Jezebel his wife said to him, "Do you now govern the kingdom of Israel? Arise, and eat bread, and let your heart be merry. I will give you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite." 8 So she wrote letters in Ahab's name, and sealed them with his seal, and sent the letters to the elders and to the nobles who were in his city, who lived with Naboth. 9 She wrote in the letters, saying,

of the LORD, "Please strike me." The man refused to people. 10 Set two men, base fellows, before him, and he was departed from him, a lion found him, and killed nobles who lived in his city, did as Jezebel had sent to him. 37 Then he found another man, and said, "Please them, according as it was written in the letters which by the way, and disguised himself with his headband the base fellows, came in and sat before him. The base brought a man to me, and said, 'Guard this man. If by stoned him to death with stones. 14 Then they sent any means he be missing, then your life shall be for to Jezebel, saying, "Naboth has been stoned, and is his life, or else you shall pay a talent of silver.' 40 As dead." 15 It happened, when Jezebel heard that Naboth The king of Israel said to him, "So your judgment shall "Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the took the headband away from his eyes; and the king of Naboth is not alive, but dead." 16 It happened, when let go out of your hand the man whom I had devoted to take possession of it. 17 The word of the LORD came to destruction, therefore your life shall go for his life, and Elijah the Tishbite, saying, 18 "Arise, go down to meet your people for his people." 43 The king of Israel went Ahab king of Israel, who dwells in Samaria. Look, he is in the vineyard of Naboth, where he has gone down to take possession of it. 19 You shall speak to him, saying, 'Thus says the LORD, "Have you killed and also taken possession?" You shall speak to him, saying, 'Thus says the LORD, "In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth, dogs will lick your blood, even yours."" 20 And Ahab said to Elijah, "Have you found me, my enemy?" And he answered, "I have found you, because you have sold yourself to do that which is evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger. 21 Thus says the LORD, 'Look, I will bring disaster on you, and will utterly sweep you away and will cut off from Ahab everyone, slave or free in Israel. 22 I will make your house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah for the provocation with which you have provoked me to anger, and have made Israel to sin." 23 The LORD also spoke of Jezebel, saying, "The dogs shall eat Jezebel in the district of Jezreel. 24 The dogs will eat he who dies of Ahab in the city; and the birds of the sky will eat he who dies in the field." 25 But there was none like Ahab, who sold himself to do that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, whom Jezebel his wife stirred up. 26 He did very abominably in following idols, according to all that the Amorites did, whom the LORD cast out before the children of Israel. 27 It happened, when Ahab heard those words, that he tore his clothes, and put sackcloth on his flesh, and fasted, and lay in sackcloth, and went softly. 28 The word of the LORD came to Elijah the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat. "Did I not tell you that days will I bring the disaster on his house."

22 They continued three years without war between Aram and Israel. 2 It happened in the third year. that Jehoshaphat the king of Judah came down to the king of Israel. 3 The king of Israel said to his servants, "You know that Ramoth Gilead is ours, and we are still. and do not take it out of the hand of the king of Aram?" 4 He said to Jehoshaphat, "Will you go with me to battle to Ramoth Gilead?" Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, "I am as you are, my people as your people, my horses as your horses." 5 Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel. "Please inquire first for the word of the LORD." 6 Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, about four hundred men, and said to them, "Shall I go against Ramoth Gilead to battle, or shall I refrain?" They said, "Go up; for the LORD will deliver it into the hand of the king." 7 But Jehoshaphat said. "Isn't there here a prophet of the LORD, that we may inquire of him?" 8 The king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "There is yet one man by whom we may inquire of the LORD, Micaiah the son of Imlah; but I hate him; for he does not prophesy good concerning me, but evil." Jehoshaphat said, "Do not let the king say so." 9 Then the king of Israel called an officer, and said, "Quickly get Micaiah the son of Imlah." 10 Now the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah were sitting each on his throne, arrayed in their robes, in an open place at the entrance of the gate of Samaria: and all the prophets were prophesving before them. 11 Zedekiah the son of Kenaanah made him horns of iron, and said, "Thus says the LORD, 'With these you shall push the Arameans, until they are consumed." 12 All the prophets prophesied so, saying, "Go up to Ramoth Gilead, and prosper; for the LORD will deliver it into the hand of the king." 13 The messenger who went to call Micaiah spoke to him, saying, "See now, the prophets declare good to the king with one mouth. Please let your word be like the word of one of them, and speak good," 14 Micaiah said, "As the LORD lives, what the LORD says to me, that I will speak." 15 When he had come to the king, the king said to him, "Micaiah, shall we go to Ramoth Gilead to battle, or shall we forbear?" He answered him, "Go up and prosper: and the LORD will deliver it into the hand of the king." 16 The king said to him, "How many times do I have to adjure you that you speak to me nothing but the truth in the name of the LORD?" 17 He said, "I saw all Israel scattered on the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd. The LORD said, 'These have no master. Let them each return to his house in peace." 18 The

Tishbite, saving, 29 "See how Ahab humbles himself he would not prophesy good concerning me, but evil?" before me? Because he humbles himself before me. I 19 Micaiah said. "Therefore hear the word of the LORD. will not bring the disaster in his days; but in his son's I saw the LORD sitting on his throne, and all the army of heaven standing by him on his right hand and on his left. 20 The LORD said, 'Who shall entice Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth Gilead?' One said one thing; and another said another. 21 A spirit came out and stood before the LORD, and said, 'I will entice him.' 22 The LORD said to him, 'How?' He said, 'I will go out and will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets." He said, 'You will entice him, and will also prevail. Go out and do so.' 23 Now therefore, look, the LORD has put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these your prophets: and the LORD has pronounced disaster against you." 24 Then Zedekiah the son of Kenaanah came near. and struck Micaiah on the cheek, and said, "Which way did the Spirit of the LORD go from me to speak to you?" 25 Micaiah said, "Look, you will see on that day, when you go into an inner room to hide yourself." 26 The king of Israel said, "Take Micaiah, and carry him back to Amon the governor of the city, and to Joash the king's son. 27 Say, 'Thus says the king, "Put this fellow in the prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and with water of affliction, until I come in peace."" 28 Micaiah said, "If you return at all in peace, the LORD has not spoken by me." He said, "Listen, all you people." 29 So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramoth Gilead. 30 The king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "I will disguise myself, and go into the battle; but you put on your robes." The king of Israel disguised himself, and went into the battle. 31 Now the king of Aram had commanded the thirty-two captains of his chariots, saying, Fight neither with small nor great, except only with the king of Israel. 32 It happened, when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, "Surely that is the king of Israel." and they turned aside to fight against him. Jehoshaphat cried out. 33 It happened, when the captains of the chariots saw that it was not the king of Israel, that they turned back from pursuing him. 34 A certain man drew his bow at random, and struck the king of Israel between the joints of the armor. Therefore he said to the driver of his chariot, "Turn your hand, and carry me out of the battle: for I am severely wounded." 35 The battle increased that day. The king was propped up in his chariot facing the Arameans, and died at evening. The blood ran out of the wound into the bottom of the chariot. 36 A cry went throughout the army about the going down of the sun, saying, "Every man to his city, and every man to his country." 37 So the king died, and was brought to Samaria; and they buried the king in Samaria. 38 They washed the chariot by the pool of Samaria; and the

dogs licked up his blood where the prostitutes washed themselves; according to the word of the LORD which he spoke. 39 Now the rest of the acts of Ahab, and all that he did, and the ivory house which he built, and all the cities that he built, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? 40 So Ahab slept with his fathers: and Ahaziah his son reigned in his place. 41 Jehoshaphat the son of Asa began to reign over Judah in the fourth year of Ahab king of Israel. 42 Jehoshaphat was thirty-five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty-five years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Azubah the daughter of Shilhi. 43 He walked in all the way of Asa his father; He did not turn aside from it, doing that which was right in the eyes of the LORD: however the high places were not taken away; the people still sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places. 44 Jehoshaphat made peace with the king of Israel. 45 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, and his might that he showed, and how he warred, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 46 The remnant of the male temple prostitutes, that remained in the days of his father Asa, he put away out of the land. 47 There was no king in Edom: a deputy was king. 48 Jehoshaphat made ships of Tarshish to go to Ophir for gold: but they did not go; for the ships were broken at Ezion Geber. 49 Then Ahaziah the son of Ahab said to Jehoshaphat. "Let my servants go with your servants in the ships." But Jehoshaphat would not. 50 Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the City of David his father; Jehoram his son reigned in his place. 51 Ahaziah the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria in the seventeenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and he reigned two years over Israel. 52 He did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of his father, and in the way of his mother, and in the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, in which he made Israel to sin. 53 He served Baal, and worshiped him, and provoked to anger the LORD, the God of Israel, according to all that his father had done.

2 Kings

1 Moab rebelled against Israel after the death of Ahab. 2 Ahaziah fell down through the lattice in his upper room that was in Samaria, and was sick. So he sent messengers, and said to them, "Go, inquire of Baal Zebub, the god of Ekron, whether I will recover of this sickness." 3 But the angel of the LORD said to Elijah the Tishbite, "Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and tell them, 'Is it because there is no God in Israel, that you go to inquire of Baal Zebub, the god of Ekron? 4 Now therefore thus says the LORD, "You shall not come down from the bed where you have gone up, but shall surely die."" Elijah departed. 5 The messengers returned to him, and he said to them, "Why is it that you have returned?" 6 They said to him, "A man came up to meet us, and said to us, 'Go, return to the king who sent you, and tell him, "Thus says the LORD, 'Is it because there is no God in Israel, that you send to inquire of Baal Zebub, the god of Ekron? Therefore you shall not come down from the bed where vou have gone up, but shall surely die.""" 7 He said to them, "What kind of man was he who came up to meet you, and told you these words?" 8 They answered him, "He was a hairy man, and wearing a leather belt around his waist." He said, "It is Elijah the Tishbite." 9 Then the king sent a captain of fifty with his fifty to him. He went up to him; and look, he was sitting on the top of the hill. He said to him, "Man of God, the king has said, 'Come down." 10 Elijah answered to the captain of fifty, "If I am a man of God, let fire come down from the sky, and consume you and your fifty." Fire came down from the sky, and consumed him and his fifty. 11 Again he sent to him another captain of fifty and his fifty. And he went up and said to him. "Man of God, the king has said, 'Come down quickly." 12 And Elijah answered and said to him, "If I am a man of God, let fire come down from the sky, and consume you and your fifty." The fire of God came down from the sky, and consumed him and his fifty. 13 And he tried again and sent a third captain with his fifty. The third captain of fifty went up, and came and fell on his knees before Elijah, and begged him, and said to him, "Man of God, please let my life, and the life of these fifty your servants, be precious in your sight. 14 Look, fire came down from the sky, and consumed the two former captains of fifty with their fifties. But now let my life be precious in your sight." 15 The angel of the LORD said to Elijah, "Go down with him. Do not be afraid of him." He arose, and went down with him to the king. 16 He said to him, "Thus says the LORD, 'Because you have sent messengers to inquire of Baal Zebub, the god of Ekron, is it because there is no God in Israel to inquire of his word? Therefore you shall

not come down from the bed where you have gone up, but shall surely die." 17 So he died according to the word of the LORD which Elijah had spoken. And his brother Jehoram began to reign in his place in the second year of Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah; because he had no son. 18 Now the rest of the acts of Ahaziah which he did, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

7 It happened, when the LORD would take up Elijah by a whirlwind into heaven, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal. 2 Elijah said to Elisha, "Please wait here, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. 3 The sons of the prophets who were at Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that the LORD will take away your master from your head today?" He said, "Yes, I know it; hold your peace." 4 Elijah said to him, "Elisha, please wait here, for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." He said, "As the LORD lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. 5 The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho came near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that the LORD will take away your master from your head today?" He answered, "Yes, I know it. Hold your peace." 6 Elijah said to him, "Please wait here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." He said, "As the LORD lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you." They both went on. 7 Fifty men of the sons of the prophets went, and stood opposite them at a distance; and they both stood by the Jordan. 8 Elijah took his cloak, and wrapped it together, and struck the waters, and they were divided here and there, so that the two of them went over on dry ground. 9 It happened, when they had gone over, that Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let a double portion of your spirit be on me." 10 He said, "You have asked a hard thing. If you see me when I am taken from you, it shall be so for you; but if not, it shall not be so." 11 It happened, as they still went on, and talked, that look, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated them; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. 12 Elisha saw it, and he cried, "My father, my father, the chariots of Israel and its horsemen." He saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and tore them in two pieces. 13 And he picked up the cloak of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the bank of the Jordan. 14 And he took the cloak of Elijah that fell from him, and struck the water, and it did not divide. And he said, "Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah, even he?" And he struck the water a second time, and they divided to the one side

and to the other; and Elisha crossed over. 15 When the So the king of Israel went, and the king of Judah, and sons of the prophets who were at Jericho over against the king of Edom; and they made a circuit of seven him saw him, they said, "The spirit of Elijah rests on days' journey. There was no water for the army, nor for to the ground before him. 16 And they said to him, said, "Alas. For the LORD has called these three kings "See now, there are with your servants fifty strong men. together to deliver them into the hand of Moab." 11 Spirit of the LORD has taken him up and thrown him the LORD, that we may inquire of the LORD by him?" into the Jordan, or on some mountain, or into some One of the king of Israel's servants answered, "Elisha valley." And he said, "Do not send them." 17 When they the son of Shaphat is here, who poured water on the urged him until he was ashamed, he said, "Send them." hands of Elijah." 12 And Jehoshaphat said, "The word They sent therefore fifty men; and they searched for of the LORD is with him." So the king of Israel and three days, but did not find him. 18 They came back to Jehoshaphat king of Judah and the king of Edom went "Did I not tell you not to go?" 19 The men of the city have I to do with you? Go to the prophets of your father, said to Elisha, "Look, please, the situation of this city is and to the prophets of your mother." The king of Israel pleasant, as my lord sees; but the water is bad, and said to him, "No; for the LORD has called these three and put salt in it." They brought it to him. 21 He went Elisha said, "As the LORD of hosts lives, before whom I out to the spring of the waters, and threw salt into it, stand, surely, were it not that I respect the presence of and said, "Thus says the LORD, 'I have healed these Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, I would not look toward according to the word of Elisha which he spoke. 23 He the LORD came on him. 16 He said, "Thus says the the way, some youths came out of the city and mocked says the LORD, 'You will not see wind, neither will you him, and said to him, "Go up, you baldy. Go up, you see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water, and baldhead." 24 He looked behind him and saw them, you will drink, both you and your livestock and your and cursed them in the name of the LORD. Two female animals. 18 This is but a light thing in the sight of the bears came out of the woods, and mauled forty-two of LORD. He will also deliver the Moabites into your hand. those youths. 25 He went from there to Mount Carmel, 19 You shall strike every fortified city, and every choice and from there he returned to Samaria.

3 Now Jehoram the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria in the eighteenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and reigned twelve years. 2 He did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, but not like his father, and like his mother; for he put away the pillar of Baal that his father had made. 3 Nevertheless he held to the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, with which he made Israel to sin; he did not depart from it. 4 Now Mesha king of Moab was a sheep breeder; and he rendered to the king of Israel the wool of one hundred thousand lambs, and of one hundred thousand rams. 5 But it happened, when Ahab was dead, that the king of Moab rebelled against the king of Israel. 6 King Jehoram went out of Samaria at that time, and mustered all Israel. 7 He went and sent to Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, saying, "The king of Moab has rebelled against me. Will you go with me against Moab to battle?" He said, "I will go up. I am as you are, my people as your people, my horses as your horses." 8 He said, "Which way shall we go up?" He answered, "The way of the wilderness of Edom." 9

Elisha." They came to meet him, and bowed themselves the animals that followed them. 10 The king of Israel Please let them go and seek your master. Perhaps the But Jehoshaphat said, "Isn't there here a prophet of him, while he stayed at Jericho; and he said to them, down to him. 13 Elisha said to the king of Israel, "What the land miscarries." 20 He said, "Bring me a new jar, kings together to deliver them into the hand of Moab." 14 waters. There shall not be from there any more death or you, nor see you. 15 But now bring me a minstrel." It miscarrying." 22 So the waters were healed to this day, happened, when the minstrel played, that the hand of went up from there to Bethel. As he was going up by LORD, 'Make this valley full of trenches.' 17 For thus city, and shall fell every good tree, and stop all springs of water, and mar every good piece of land with stones." 20 It happened in the morning, about the time of offering the offering, that look, water came by the way of Edom,

and the country was filled with water. 21 Now when all the Moabites heard that the kings had come up to fight against them, they gathered themselves together, all who were able to put on armor, and upward, and stood on the border. 22 They rose up early in the morning, and the sun shone on the water, and the Moabites saw the water over against them as red as blood. 23 They said, "This is blood. The kings are surely destroyed, and they have struck each other. Now therefore, Moab, to the spoil." 24 When they came to the camp of Israel, the Israelites rose up and struck the Moabites, so that they fled before them; and they went forward into the land smiting the Moabites. 25 They beat down the cities; and on every good piece of land they cast every man his stone, and filled it; and they stopped all the springs of water, and felled all the good trees, until in Kir Hareseth only they left its stones; however the men armed with slings went about it, and struck it. 26 When the king of

Moab saw that the battle was too severe for him, he her, 18 And the child grew and it happened one day departed from him, and returned to their own land.

A Now a wife from among the wives of the sons of the prophets cried out to Elisha, saying, "Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that your servant feared the LORD, but the creditor has come to take for himself my two children to be his slaves." 2 Then Elisha said to her, "What shall I do for you? Tell me, what do you have in the house?" And she said. "Your servant has nothing in the house, except a small jar of oil." 3 Then he said, "Go, ask for containers from outside, from all your neighbors, empty containers. 4 Then go in and shut the door behind yourself and your sons and pour into all these containers, and you are to set each one aside when it is full." 5 So she left him and shut the door behind herself and her sons: they kept bringing her containers, and she kept pouring. 6 Now it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said to her son, "Bring me another container." But he said to her, "There aren't any more." Then the oil stopped flowing. 7 Then she came and told the man of God, and he said, "Go, sell the oil and pay your debt, and you and your sons can live on the rest." 8 Now it happened one day that Elisha traveled to Shunem, where there was a prominent woman, who urged him to eat some food. so whenever he passed by, he would stop in there to eat some food. 9 And she said to her husband, "Look now, I know that this is a holy man of God who often passes by us. 10 Please, let's make a little room on the wall. and let's set up a bed, a table, a chair, and a lamp for him there, so that whenever he comes to us, he can stay there." 11 Now it happened one day he came there and he turned into the upper room and rested. 12 And he said to Gehazi his servant, "Call this Shunammite." So he called for her and she stood before him. 13 And he said to him, "Say now to her, 'Look, you have gone to all this trouble for us. What can I do for you? Can I put in a good word for you to the king, or to the commander of the army?" She answered, "I have a home among my own people." 14 So he said, "What then can I do for her?" And Gehazi replied, "Actually, she has no son, and her husband is old." 15 Then he said, "Call her." And when he had called her, she stood in the doorway. 16 And he said. "At this season, when the time comes around, you will be holding a son." And she said, "No, my lord, man of God, do not lie to your servant." 17 But the woman conceived, and bore a son at that season, when the time came around, just as Elisha had said to

took with him seven hundred men who drew sword, to that he went out to his father to the harvest workers. 19 break through to the king of Edom; but they could not. And he said to his father, "My head, my head." And 27 Then he took his eldest son who would have reigned he said to his servant, "Carry him to his mother." 20 in his place, and offered him for a burnt offering on the And when he had taken him and brought him to his wall. There was great wrath against Israel: and they mother, he sat on her lap until noon, and died. 21 Then she went up and put him on the bed of the man of God and shut the door behind him and left. 22 Then she called to her husband and said. "Please send me one of the servants and one of the donkeys, that I may run to the man of God and then return." 23 But he said, "Why would you want to see him today? It is not the new moon or Sabbath." And she said, "It's alright." 24 Then she saddled a donkey, and said to her servant, "Lead on; do not slow down for me unless I tell you." 25 So she went and came to the man of God at Mount Carmel. So it happened when the man of God saw her afar off, that he said to Gehazi his servant, "Look, there is the Shunammite. 26 Please run now to meet her and ask her, 'Is it well with you? Is it well with your husband? Is it well with the child?" And she answered, "It is well." 27 But when she came to the man of God to the mountain, she grabbed hold of his feet. And Gehazi came near to push her away, but the man of God said. "Leave her alone, for she is in severe anguish, and the LORD has hidden it from me and has not told me." 28 Then she said. "Did I ask a son from my lord? Did I not say, 'Do not mislead me?" 29 Then he said to Gehazi, "Tuck your cloak into your belt, and take my staff in your hand, and go. If you meet anyone, do not greet him, and if anyone greets you, do not reply. And lay my staff on the face of the child." 30 But the mother of the child said. "As the LORD lives and as your soul lives. I will not leave you." So he arose and followed her. 31 Now Gehazi went on ahead of them and placed the staff on the face of the child, but there was no sound or response. Therefore he came back to meet him and told him, saying, "The child did not wake up." 32 When Elisha arrived at the house, look, the child was dead, lying on his bed. 33 So he went in and shut the door on the two of them and praved to the LORD. 34 Then he got up and lay on the child, and put his mouth on his mouth, and his eyes on his eyes, and his hands on his hands, and he stretched himself upon him, and the body of the child grew warm. 35 Then he returned and walked in the house once back and forth, and went up and stretched himself upon him, and the child sneezed seven times and the child opened his eyes. 36 Then he called to Gehazi and said, "Call this Shunammite." So he called her. When she had come in to him, he said. "Pick up your son." 37 Then she came in and fell at his feet and bowed herself to the ground. Then she picked up her son and left. 38 Now Elisha came again to Gilgal,

while there was a famine in the land. And the sons of Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall come again the prophets were sitting before him, and he said to to you, and you shall be clean." 11 But Naaman was his servant, "Put on the large pot, and boil stew for the angry, and went away, and said, "Look, I thought, 'He sons of the prophets." 39 Then one of them went out will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the into the field to gather herbs and found a wild vine, and name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over hold, and came and cut them up into the pot of stew, for Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the he was unaware what it was. 40 So they poured out for waters of Israel? Couldn't I go wash in them, and be the men to eat. Now it happened, as they were eating of clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage. 13 His the stew, that they cried out, and said, "Man of God, servants came near, and spoke to him, and said, "My But he said, "Bring some flour." And he threw it into thing, wouldn't you have done it? How much rather then, the pot and said, "Pour it out for the people, that they when he says to you, 'Wash, and be clean?" 14 Then may eat." And there was no harm in the pot. 42 Now a he went down and dipped himself seven times in the man from Baal Shalishah came and brought the man of Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God; and God bread of the first fruits, twenty loaves of barley, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and fresh ears of grain in his sack. And he said, "Give to he was clean. 15 He returned to the man of God, he the people, that they may eat." 43 But his servant said, and all his company, and came, and stood before him; "What, should I set this before a hundred men?" So he and he said, "See now, I know that there is no God in all thus says the LORD, 'They will eat, and will have some from your servant." 16 But he said, "As the LORD lives, left over." 44 So he set it before them, and they ate, and before whom I stand, I will receive none." He urged had some left over, according to the word of the LORD.

5 Now Naaman, captain of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man with his master, and honorable, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram: he was also a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper. 2 The Arameans had gone out in bands, and had brought away captive out of the land of Israel a little maiden: and she waited on Naaman's wife. 3 She said to her mistress, "I wish that my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria. Then he would heal him of his leprosy." 4 Someone went in, and told his lord, saying, "The maiden who is from the land of Israel said this." 5 The king of Aram said, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel." He departed, and took with him ten talents of silver, and six thousand pieces of gold, and ten changes of clothing. 6 He brought the letter to the king of Israel, saying, "Now when this letter has come to you, look, I have sent Naaman my servant to you, that you may heal him of his leprosy." 7 It happened, when the king of Israel had read the letter, that he tore his clothes, and said, "Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends to me to heal a man of his leprosy? But please consider and see how he seeks a quarrel against me." 8 It was so, when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come now to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel." 9 So Naaman came with his horses and with his chariots, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha. 10 Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the

gathered as many of its gourds as his garment would the place, and heal the leper.' 12 Aren't Abanah and there is death in the pot." And they could not eat it. 41 father, if the prophet had asked you to do some great said, "Give them to the people so that they may eat, for the earth, but in Israel. Now therefore, please take a gift him to take it; but he refused. 17 Naaman said, "If not, then, please let two mules' burden of earth be given to your servant; for your servant will from now on offer neither burnt offering nor sacrifice to other gods, but to the LORD. 18 In this thing may the LORD pardon your servant: when my master goes into the house of Rimmon to worship there, and he leans on my hand, and I bow myself in the house of Rimmon. When I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, may the LORD pardon your servant in this thing." 19 He said to him, "Go in peace." So he departed from him a little way. 20 But Gehazi the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, "Look, my master has spared this Naaman the Aramean, in not receiving at his hands that which he brought. As the LORD lives, I will run after him, and take something from him." 21 So Gehazi followed after Naaman. When Naaman saw one running after him, he came down from the chariot to meet him, and said, "Is all well?" 22 He said, "All is well. My master has sent me, saving, 'Look, even now two young men of the sons of the prophets have come to me from the hill country of Ephraim. Please give them a talent of silver and two changes of clothing." 23 Naaman said, "Be pleased to take two talents." He urged him, and bound two talents of silver in two bags, with two changes of clothing, and laid them on two of his servants; and they carried them before him. 24 When he came to the hill, he took them from their hand, and stored them in the house. Then he let the men go, and they departed. 25 But he went in, and stood before his master. Elisha said to him, "Where did you come from, Gehazi?" He said, "Your servant went nowhere." 26 He said to him, "Did not my heart according to the word of Elisha. 19 Elisha said to them, go with you, when the man turned from his chariot to "This is not the way, neither is this the city. Follow me, meet you? Is it a time to receive money, and to receive and I will bring you to the man whom you seek." He led 27 Therefore the leprosy of Naaman will cling to you of these men, that they may see." The LORD opened and to your descendants forever." He went out from his their eyes, and they saw; and look, they were in the presence a leper, as white as snow.

6 The sons of the prophets said to Elisha, "See now, the place where we dwell before you is too small for us. 2 Please let us go to the Jordan, and every man take a beam from there, and let us make us a place there, where we may dwell." He answered, "Go." 3 One said, "Please be pleased to go with your servants." He answered, "I will go." 4 So he went with them. When they came to the Jordan, they cut down wood. 5 But as one was felling a beam, the axe head fell into the water. Then he cried, and said, "Alas, my master. For it was borrowed." 6 The man of God asked, "Where did it fall?" He showed him the place. He cut down a stick, threw it in there, and made the iron float. 7 He said, "Take it." So he put out his hand and took it. 8 Now the king of Aram was warring against Israel; and he took counsel with his servants, saying, "My camp will be in such and such a place." 9 The man of God sent to the king of Israel, saying, "Beware that you not pass such a place; for the Arameans are coming down there." 10 The king of Israel sent to the place which the man of God told him and warned him of; and he saved himself there, not once nor twice. 11 The heart of the king of Aram was very troubled about this. He called his servants, and said to them, "Won't you show me which of us is for the king of Israel?" 12 One of his servants said, "No, my lord, O king; but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedroom." 13 He said, "Go and see where he is, that I may send and get him." It was told him, saying, "Look, he is in Dothan." 14 Therefore he sent horses, chariots, and a great army there. They came by night, and surrounded the city. 15 When the servant of the man of God had risen early, and gone out, look, an army with horses and chariots was around the city. His servant said to him, "Alas, my master. What shall we do?" 16 He answered, "Do not be afraid; for those who are with us are more than those who are with them." 17 Then Elisha prayed and said, "LORD, please open his eyes, that he may see." The LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and look, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire around Elisha. 18 When they came down to him, Elisha prayed to the LORD, and said, "Please strike this fine flour will be sold for a shekel, and two measures of people with blindness." He struck them with blindness barley for a shekel, in the gate of Samaria."" 2 Then

garments, and olive groves and vineyards, and sheep them to Samaria. 20 It happened, when they had come and cattle, and male servants and female servants? into Samaria, that Elisha said, "LORD, open the eyes midst of Samaria. 21 The king of Israel said to Elisha, when he saw them, "My father, shall I strike them? Shall I strike them?" 22 He answered, "You shall not strike them. Would you strike those whom you have taken captive with your sword and with your bow? Set bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink, and go to their master." 23 He prepared great feast for them. When they had eaten and drunk, he sent them away, and they went to their master. The bands of Aram stopped raiding the land of Israel. 24 It happened after this, that Benhadad king of Aram gathered all his army, and went up and besieged Samaria. 25 There was a great famine in Samaria. Look, they besieged it, until a donkey'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 As the king of Israel was passing by on the wall, a woman cried to him, saying, "Help, my lord, O king." 27 He said, "If the LORD doesn't help you, from where could I help you? From of the threshing floor, or from the winepress?" 28 The king said to her, "What ails you?" She answered, "This woman said to me, 'Give your son, that we may eat him today, and we will eat my son tomorrow.' 29 So we boiled my son, and ate him: and I said to her on the next day, 'Give your son, that we may eat him;' and she has hidden her son." 30 It happened, when the king heard the words of the woman, that he tore his clothes. Now he was passing by on the wall, and the people looked and saw that he had sackcloth against his skin. 31 Then he said, "God do so to me, and more also, if the head of Elisha the son of Shaphat shall stay on him this day." 32 But Elisha was sitting in his house, and the elders were sitting with him. Then the king sent a man from before him; but before the messenger came to him, he said to the elders, "Do vou see how this son of a murderer has sent to take away my head? Look, when the messenger comes, shut the door, and hold the door shut against him. Isn't the sound of his master's feet behind him?" 33 While he was still talking with them, look, the messenger came down to him. Then he said, "Look, this disaster is from the LORD. Why should I wait for the LORD any longer?"

> **7** Elisha said, "Hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the LORD, 'Tomorrow about this time a measure of

the man of God, and said, "Look, if the LORD made the camp of the Arameans. So a measure of fine flour windows in heaven, could this thing be?" He said, "Look, was sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a you shall see it with your eyes, but shall not eat of it." 3 shekel, according to the word of the LORD. 17 The king Now there were four leprous men at the entrance of the appointed the captain on whose hand he leaned to be gate. And they said to one another, "Why do we sit here in charge of the gate: and the people trod on him in the until we die? 4 If we say, 'We will enter into the city,' gate, and he died as the man of God had said, who then the famine is in the city, and we shall die there. spoke when the king came down to him. 18 It happened, If we sit still here, we also die. Now therefore come, as the man of God had spoken to the king, saying, "Two and let us surrender to the army of the Arameans. If measures of barley for a shekel, and a measure of fine they save us alive, we will live; and if they kill us, we flour for a shekel, shall be tomorrow about this time in will only die." 5 They rose up in the twilight, to go to the gate of Samaria"; 19 and that captain answered the the camp of the Arameans. When they had come to man of God, and said, "Now, look, if the LORD should the outermost part of the camp of the Arameans, look, make windows in heaven, might such a thing be?" and there was no man there. 6 For the LORD had made the he said, "Look, you shall see it with your eyes, but shall army of the Arameans to hear a noise of chariots, and a not eat of it." 20 It happened like that to him; for the noise of horses, even the noise of a great army: and people trod on him in the gate, and he died. they said one to another, Look, the king of Israel has hired against us the kings of the Hittites, and the kings of the Egyptians, to come on us. 7 Therefore they arose and fled in the twilight, and left their tents, and their horses, and their donkeys, even the camp as it was, and fled for their life. 8 When these lepers came to the outermost part of the camp, they went into one tent, and ate and drink, and carried there silver, and gold, and clothing, and went and hid it. Then they came back, and entered into another tent, and carried there also. and went and hid it. 9 Then they said one to another, "We aren't doing right. This day is a day of good news, and we keep silent. If we wait until the morning light, punishment will overtake us. Now therefore come, let us go and tell the king's household." 10 So they came and called to the gatekeepers of the city; and they told them, saving, "We came to the camp of the Arameans, and, look, there was no man there, neither voice of man, but the horses tied, and the donkeys tied, and the tents as they were." 11 The gatekeepers called out, and it was reported to the king's household within. 12 The king arose in the night, and said to his servants, "I will now show you what the Arameans have done to us. They know that we are hungry. Therefore are they gone out of the camp to hide themselves in the field. saying, 'When they come out of the city, we shall take them alive, and get into the city." 13 And one of his servants answered, "Please let some take five of the horses that remain, which are left in the city. Look, they are like the whole multitude of Israel who have already perished. Let us send and see." 14 They took therefore two chariots with horses; and the king sent after the army of the Arameans, saying, "Go and see." 15 They went after them to the Jordan; and look, all the way was full of garments and vessels, which the Arameans had cast away in their haste. The messengers returned, and

the captain on whose hand the king leaned answered told the king. 16 The people went out, and plundered

8 Now Elisha had spoken to the woman, whose son he had restored to life, saying, "Arise, and go, you and your household, and stay for a while wherever you can; for the LORD has called for a famine. It shall also come on the land seven years." 2 The woman arose, and did according to the word of the man of God. She went with her household, and lived in the land of the Philistines seven years. 3 It happened at the seven years' end, that the woman returned out of the land of the Philistines. Then she went forth to cry to the king for her house and for her land. 4 Now the king was talking with Gehazi the servant of the man of God, saying, "Please tell me all the great things that Elisha has done." 5 It happened, as he was telling the king how he had restored to life him who was dead, that look, the woman, whose son he had restored to life, cried to the king for her house and for her land. Gehazi said, "My lord, O king, this is the woman, and this is her son, whom Elisha restored to life." 6 When the king asked the woman, she told him. So the king appointed to her a certain officer, saying, "Restore all that was hers, and all the fruits of the field since the day that she left the land, even until now." 7 Elisha came to Damascus; and Benhadad the king of Aram was sick. It was told him, saying, "The man of God has come here." 8 The king said to Hazael, "Take a present in your hand, and go, meet the man of God, and inquire of the LORD by him, saying, 'Will I recover from this sickness?" 9 So Hazael went to meet him, and took a present with him, even of every good thing of Damascus, forty camels' burden, and came and stood before him, and said, "Your son Benhadad king of Aram has sent me to you, saying, 'Will I recover from this sickness?" 10 Elisha said to him, "Go, say to him, 'You shall surely recover;' however the LORD has shown me that he shall surely die." 11 He settled his gaze steadfastly on him, until he was ashamed. Then the son of Jehoram king of Judah went down to see the man of God wept. 12 Hazael said, "Why do you weep, my lord?" He answered, "Because I know the evil that you will do to the children of Israel. You will set their strongholds on fire, and you will kill their young men with the sword, and will dash in pieces their little ones, and rip up their women with child." 13 Hazael said, "But what is your servant, who is but a dog, that he should do this great thing?" Elisha answered, "The LORD has shown me that you will be king over Aram." 14 Then he departed from Elisha, and came to his master, who said to him, "What did Elisha say to you?" He answered, "He told me that you would surely recover." 15 It happened on the next day, that he took a thick cloth, dipped it in water, and spread it on his face, so that he died. Then Hazael reigned in his place. 16 In the fifth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel, Jehoshaphat then being king of Judah, Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah began to reign. 17 He was thirty-two years old when he began to reign. He reigned eight years in Jerusalem. 18 He walked in the way of the kings of Israel, as did the house of Ahab; for he had the daughter of Ahab as wife. He did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD. 19 However the LORD would not destroy Judah, for David his servant's sake, as he promised him to give to him a lamp for his children always. 20 In his days Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah. and made a king over themselves. 21 Then Joram passed over to Zair, and all his chariots with him: and he rose up by night, and struck the Edomites who surrounded him, and the captains of the chariots; and the people fled to their tents. 22 So Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah to this day. Then Libnah revolted at the same time. 23 The rest of the acts of Joram, and all that he did, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 24 Joram slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the City of David; and Ahaziah his son reigned in his place. 25 In the twelfth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel, Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah began to reign. 26 Twenty-two years old was Ahaziah when he began to reign; and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Athaliah the daughter of Omri king of Israel. 27 He walked in the way of the house of Ahab, and did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, as did the house of Ahab; for he was the sonin-law of the house of Ahab. 28 He went with Joram the son of Ahab to war against Hazael king of Aram at Ramoth Gilead: and the Arameans wounded Joram. 29 King Joram returned to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which the Arameans had given him at Ramah, when he fought against Hazael king of Aram. Ahaziah

Joram the son of Ahab in Jezreel, because he was sick.

 ${f 9}$ Elisha the prophet called one of the sons of the prophets, and said to him, "Put your belt on your waist, take this vial of oil in your hand, and go to Ramoth Gilead. 2 When you come there, find Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi, and go in, and make him arise up from among his brothers, and carry him to an inner room. 3 Then take the vial of oil, and pour it on his head, and say, 'Thus says the LORD, "I have anointed you king over Israel." Then open the door, flee, and do not wait." 4 So the young prophet went to Ramoth Gilead. 5 When he came, look, the captains of the army were sitting. Then he said. "I have a message for you, captain." Jehu said, "To which of us all?" He said, "To you, O captain." 6 He arose, and went into the house. Then he poured the oil on his head, and said to him. "Thus savs the LORD, the God of Israel, 'I have anointed you king over the people of the LORD, even over Israel. 7 You shall strike the house of Ahab your master, that I may avenge the blood of my servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of the LORD, at the hand of Jezebel. 8 For the whole house of Ahab shall perish. I will cut off from Ahab everyone who urinates against a wall, both him who is shut up and him who is left at large in Israel. 9 I will make the house of Ahab like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah. 10 The dogs will eat Jezebel on the plot of ground of Jezreel, and there shall be none to bury her." He opened the door, and fled. 11 Then Jehu came forth to the servants of his lord: and one said to him, "Is all well? Why did this mad fellow come to you?" He said to them, "You know the man and what his talk was." 12 They said, "That is a lie. Tell us now." He said. "He said to me. 'Thus savs the LORD, I have anointed you king over Israel." 13 Then they hurried, and took every man his garment, and put it under him on the top of the stairs, and blew the trumpet, saying, "Jehu is king." 14 So Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi conspired against Joram. (Now Joram was keeping Ramoth Gilead, he and all Israel, because of Hazael king of Aram; 15 but king Joram was returned to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which the Arameans had given him, when he fought with Hazael king of Aram.) Jehu said, "If this is your thinking, then let no one escape and go out of the city, to go to tell it in Jezreel." 16 So Jehu rode in a chariot, and went to Jezreel; for Joram lay there. Ahaziah king of Judah had come down to see Joram. 17 Now the watchman was standing on the tower in Jezreel, and he spied the company of Jehu as he came, and said, "I see a company." Joram said, "Take a horseman, and send to meet them, and let him

meet him, and said, "Thus says the king, 'Is it peace?" came back, and told him. He said, "This is the word of Jehu said, "What do you have to do with peace? Fall in the LORD, which he spoke by his servant Elijah the behind me." The watchman said, "The messenger came Tishbite, saying, 'The dogs will eat the flesh of Jezebel to them, but he isn't coming back." 19 Then he sent on the plot of Jezreel, 37 and the body of Jezebel shall out a second on horseback, who came to them, and be as dung on the face of the field in the portion of said, "Thus says the king, 'Is it peace?" Jehu answered, Jezreel, so that they shall not say, "This is Jezebel."" "What do you have to do with peace? Fall in behind me." 20 The watchman said, "He came to them, and isn't coming back. The driving is like the driving of Jehu the son of Nimshi; for he drives furiously." 21 Joram said, "Get ready." They got his chariot ready. Joram king of Israel and Ahaziah king of Judah went out, each in his chariot, and they went out to meet Jehu, and found him in the portion of Naboth the Jezreelite. 22 It happened, when Joram saw Jehu, that he said, "Is it peace, Jehu?" He answered, "What peace, so long as the prostitution of your mother Jezebel and her witchcraft abound?" 23 Joram turned his hands, and fled, and said to Ahaziah, "There is treason, Ahaziah." 24 Jehu drew his bow with his full strength, and shot Joram between his arms; and the arrow went out at his heart, and he sunk down in his chariot. 25 Then Jehu said to Bidkar his captain, "Pick him up, and throw him in the plot of the field of Naboth the Jezreelite; for I remember how when you and I rode together behind Ahab his father, the LORD pronounced this judgment on him: 26 'Surely I have seen yesterday the blood of Naboth, and the blood of his sons,' says the LORD; 'and I will repay you in this plot of ground,' says the LORD. Now therefore take and cast him onto the plot of ground, according to the word of the LORD." 27 But when Ahaziah the king of Judah saw this, he fled by the way of the garden house. Jehu followed after him, and said, "Shoot him also." And they shot him in the chariot at the ascent of Gur, which is by Ibleam. He fled to Megiddo, and died there. 28 His servants carried him in a chariot to Jerusalem, and buried him in his tomb with his fathers in the City of David. 29 In the eleventh year of Joram the son of Ahab began Ahaziah to reign over Judah. 30 When Jehu had come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it; and she painted her eyes, and attired her head, and looked out at the window. 31 As Jehu entered in at the gate, she said, "Do you come in peace, Zimri, you murderer of your master?" 32 He lifted up his face to the window, and said, "Who is on my side? Who?" Two or three eunuchs looked out at him. 33 He said, "Throw her down." So they threw her down; and some of her blood was sprinkled on the wall, and on the horses. Then he trampled her under foot. 34 When he had come in, he ate and drink; and he said, "See now to this cursed woman, and bury her; for she is a king's daughter." 35 They went to bury her; but they found no more of her than the skull, and the

say, 'Is it peace?'" 18 So there went one on horseback to feet, and the palms of her hands. 36 Therefore they

10 Now Ahab had seventy sons in Samaria. Jehu wrote letters, and sent to Samaria, to the rulers of the city, even the elders, and to the guardians of the sons of Ahab, saying, 2 "Now as soon as this letter comes to you, since your master's sons are with you, and there are with you chariots and horses, fortified cities also, and weapons. 3 Select the best and fittest of your master's sons, set him on his father's throne, and fight for your master's house." 4 But they were exceedingly afraid, and said, "Look, the two kings did not stand before him. How then shall we stand?" 5 He who was over the household, and he who was over the city, the elders also, and those who raised the children, sent to Jehu, saying, "We are your servants, and will do all that you ask us. We will not make any man king. You do that which is good in your eyes." 6 Then he wrote a letter the second time to them, saying, "If you are on my side, and if you will listen to my voice, take the heads of the men your master's sons, and come to me to Jezreel by tomorrow this time." Now the king's sons, being seventy persons, were with the great men of the city, who brought them up. 7 It happened, when the letter came to them, that they took the king's sons, and killed them, even seventy persons, and put their heads in baskets, and sent them to him to Jezreel. 8 A messenger came, and told him, "They have brought the heads of the king's sons." He said, "Lay them in two heaps at the entrance of the gate until the morning." 9 It happened in the morning, that he went out, and stood, and said to all the people, "You are righteous. Look, I conspired against my master, and killed him; but who struck all these? 10 Know now that nothing shall fall to the earth of the word of the LORD, which the LORD spoke concerning the house of Ahab. For the LORD has done that which he spoke by his servant Elijah." 11 So Jehu struck all that remained of the house of Ahab in Jezreel, with all his great men, his familiar friends, and his priests, until he left him none remaining. 12 He arose and departed, and went to Samaria. As he was at Beth Eked of the Shepherds on the way, 13 Jehu met with the brothers of Ahaziah king of Judah, and said, "Who are you?" They answered, "We are the brothers of Ahaziah. We are going down to greet the children of the king and the children of the gueen." 14 He said, "Take them alive." They took them alive, and killed them at the pit of the shearing house, even forty-two men. He did there, he met Jehonadab the son of Rechab coming to heart. He did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam, with meet him. He greeted him, and said to him, "Is your which he made Israel to sin. 32 In those days the LORD heart right, as my heart is with your heart?" Jehonadab began to cut off from Israel; and Hazael struck them in answered, "It is." And he said, "If it is, give me your all the borders of Israel; 33 from the Jordan eastward, hand." He gave him his hand; and he took him up to all the land of Gilead, the Gadites, and the Reubenites, him into the chariot. 16 He said, "Come with me, and and the Manassites, from Aroer, which is by the Valley see my zeal for the LORD." So he made him ride in his of the Arnon, even Gilead and Bashan. 34 Now the rest chariot. 17 When he came to Samaria, he struck all who of the acts of Jehu, and all that he did, and all his might, remained to Ahab in Samaria, until he had destroyed aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the him, according to the word of the LORD, which he spoke kings of Israel? 35 Jehu slept with his fathers; and they to Elijah. 18 Jehu gathered all the people together, and buried him in Samaria. Jehoahaz his son reigned in said to them, "Ahab served Baal a little; but Jehu will his place. 36 The time that Jehu reigned over Israel in serve him much. 19 Now therefore call to me all the Samaria was twenty-eight years. prophets of Baal, all of his worshippers, and all of his priests. Let none be absent: for I have a great sacrifice to Baal. Whoever is absent, he shall not live." But Jehu did it in subtlety, intending that he might destroy the worshippers of Baal. 20 Jehu said, "Sanctify a solemn assembly for Baal." They proclaimed it. 21 Jehu sent through all Israel; and all the worshippers of Baal came, so that there was not a man left that did not come. They came into the house of Baal; and the house of Baal was filled from one end to another. 22 He said to him who was over the vestry, "Bring out robes for all the worshippers of Baal." He brought robes out to them. 23 Jehu went with Jehonadab the son of Rechab into the house of Baal. Then he said to the worshippers of Baal, "Search, and look that there are here with you none of the servants of the LORD, but the worshippers of Baal only." 24 They went in to offer sacrifices and burnt offerings. Now Jehu had appointed him eighty men outside, and said, "If any of the men whom I bring into your hands escape, he who lets him go, his life shall be for the life of him." 25 It happened, as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt offering, that Jehu said to the guard and to the captains, "Go in, and kill them. Let none escape." They struck them with the edge of the sword; and the guard and the captains cast them out, and went to the city of the house of Baal. 26 They brought out the pillar that was in the house of Baal, and burned it. 27 They broke down the pillar of Baal, and broke down the house of Baal, and made it a latrine, to this day. 28 Thus Jehu destroyed Baal out of Israel. 29 However from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, with which he made Israel to sin, Jehu did not depart from after them, the golden calves that were in Bethel, and that were in Dan. 30 The LORD said to Jehu, "Because you have done well in executing that which is right in my eyes, and have done to the house of Ahab according to all that was in my heart, your descendants of the fourth generation shall sit on the throne of Israel." 31 But Jehu took no heed to walk

not leave any of them. 15 When he had departed from in the law of the LORD, the God of Israel, with all his

Now when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the royal family. 2 But Jehosheba, the daughter of king Joram, sister of Ahaziah, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and secretly took him away from among the king's sons who were to be executed, even him and his nurse, and put them in the bedroom. So he was hidden from Athaliah and was not put to death. 3 He was with her hidden in the house of the LORD six years. Athaliah reigned over the land. 4 In the seventh year Jehoiada sent and fetched the captains over hundreds of the Carites and of the guard, and brought them to him into the house of the LORD; and he made a covenant with them, and took an oath of them in the house of the LORD, and showed them the king's son. 5 He commanded them, saying, "This is the thing that you shall do: a third part of you, who come in on the Sabbath, shall be keepers of the watch of the king's house. 6 A third part shall be at the Foundation Gate, and a third part at the gate behind the guard. So you shall keep the watch of the house, and be a barrier. 7 The two companies of you, even all who go out on the Sabbath, shall keep the watch of the house of the LORD around the king. 8 You shall surround the king, every man with his weapons in his hand; and he who comes within the ranks. let him be slain. Be with the king when he goes out, and when he comes in." 9 The captains over hundreds did according to all that Jehoiada the priest commanded; and they took every man his men, those who were to come in on the Sabbath, with those who were to go out on the Sabbath, and came to Jehoiada the priest. 10 The priest delivered to the captains over hundreds the spears and shields that had been king David's, which were in the house of the LORD. 11 The guard stood, every man with his weapons in his hand, from the right side of the house to the left side of the house, along by the altar and the house, around the king. 12 Then he brought out the king's son, and put the crown on him, and gave him the testimony; and they made him king, and anointed him; and they clapped 8 The priests consented that they should take no more their hands, and said, "Long live the king." 13 When money from the people, neither repair the breaches of Athaliah heard the noise of the guard and of the people, the house. 9 But Jehoiada the priest took a chest, and she came to the people into the house of the LORD: 14 bored a hole in its lid, and set it beside the altar, on the and she looked, and look, the king stood by the pillar, right side as one comes into the house of the LORD: as the tradition was, and the captains and the trumpets and the priests who kept the threshold put in it all the by the king; and all the people of the land rejoiced, money that was brought into the house of the LORD. 10 and blew trumpets. Then Athaliah tore her clothes, It was so, when they saw that there was much money in and cried, "Treason. Treason." 15 Jehoiada the priest the chest, that the king's scribe and the high priest came commanded the captains of hundreds who were set up, and they put up in bags and counted the money that over the army, and said to them, "Bring her out between was found in the house of the LORD. 11 They gave the the ranks. Kill him who follows her with the sword." For money that was weighed out into the hands of those the priest said, "Do not let her be slain in the house of who did the work, who had the oversight of the house of the LORD." 16 So they made way for her; and she went the LORD: and they paid it out to the carpenters and by the way of the horses' entry to the king's house. She the builders, who worked on the house of the LORD, 12 was slain there. 17 Jehojada made a covenant between and to the masons and the stone cutters, and for buying the LORD and the king and the people, that they should timber and cut stone to repair the breaches of the house be the LORD's people; between the king also and the of the LORD, and for all that was laid out for the house people. 18 All the people of the land went to the house to repair it. 13 But there were not made for the house of Baal, and broke it down; his altars and his images of the LORD cups of silver, snuffers, basins, trumpets, broke they in pieces thoroughly, and killed Mattan the any vessels of gold, or vessels of silver, of the money priest of Baal before the altars. The priest appointed that was brought into the house of the LORD; 14 for officers over the house of the LORD. 19 He took the they gave that to those who did the work, and repaired captains over hundreds, and the Carites, and the guard, therewith the house of the LORD. 15 Moreover they did and all the people of the land; and they brought down not demand an accounting from the men into whose the king from the house of the LORD, and came by hand they delivered the money to give to those who did the way of the Gate of the Guard to the king's house. the work; for they dealt faithfully. 16 The money for the He sat on the throne of the kings. 20 So all the people trespass offerings, and the money for the sin offerings, of the land rejoiced, and the city was quiet. Athaliah was not brought into the house of the LORD: it was the they had slain with the sword at the king's house. 21 priests'. 17 Then Hazael king of Aram went up, and Jehoash was seven years old when he began to reign.

12 In the seventh year of Jehu began Jehoash to reign; and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Zibiah of Beersheba. 2 Jehoash did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD all his days in which Jehoiada the priest instructed him. 3 However the high places were not taken away; the people still sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places. 4 Jehoash said to the priests, "All the money of the holy things that is brought into the house of the LORD, in current money, the money of the persons for whom each man is rated, and all the money that it comes into any man's heart to bring into the house of the LORD, 5 let the priests take it to them, every man from his acquaintance: and they shall repair the breaches of the house, wherever any breach shall be found." 6 But it was so, that in the three and twentieth year of king Jehoash the priests had not repaired the breaches of the house. 7 Then king Jehoash called for Jehoiada the priest, and for the other priests, and said to them, "Why do you not repair the breaches of the house? Now therefore take no more money from your treasurers, but deliver it for the breaches of the house."

fought against Gath, and took it; and Hazael set his face to go up to Jerusalem. 18 Jehoash king of Judah took all the holy things that Jehoshaphat and Jehoram and Ahaziah, his fathers, kings of Judah, had dedicated, and his own holy things, and all the gold that was found in the treasures of the house of the LORD, and of the king's house, and sent it to Hazael king of Aram: and he went away from Jerusalem. 19 Now the rest of the acts of Joash, and all that he did, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 20 His servants arose, and made a conspiracy, and struck Joash at the house of Millo, on the way that goes down to Silla. 21 For Jozabad the son of Shimeath, and Jehozabad the son of Shomer, his servants, struck him, and he died; and they buried him with his fathers in the City of David: and Amaziah his son reigned in his place.

13 In the three and twentieth year of Joash the son of Ahaziah, king of Judah, Jehoahaz the son of Jehu began to reign over Israel in Samaria for seventeen years. 2 He did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, and followed the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, with which he made Israel to sin; he did not depart from it. 3 The anger of the LORD was hand of Hazael king of Aram, and into the hand of the tomb of Elisha: and as soon as the man touched Benhadad the son of Hazael, continually. 4 Jehoahaz the bones of Elisha, he revived, and stood up on his begged the LORD, and the LORD listened to him; for feet. 22 Hazael king of Aram oppressed Israel all the he saw the oppression of Israel, how that the king of days of Jehoahaz. 23 But the LORD was gracious to Aram oppressed them. 5 (The LORD gave Israel a them, and had compassion on them, and had respect to savior, so that they went out from under the hand of the them, because of his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, Arameans; and the children of Israel lived in their tents and Jacob, and would not destroy them, neither cast as before. 6 Nevertheless they did not depart from the he them from his presence as yet. 24 Hazael king of sins of the house of Jeroboam, with which he made Aram died; and Benhadad his son reigned in his place. Israel to sin; they walked in them. And the Asherah 25 Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz took again out of the also remained in Samaria.) 7 For he did not leave to hand of Benhadad the son of Hazael the cities which he Jehoahaz of the people any more than fifty horsemen, had taken out of the hand of Jehoahaz his father by and ten chariots, and ten thousand footmen; for the king war. Joash struck him three times, and recovered the of Aram destroyed them, and made them like the dust cities of Israel. in threshing. 8 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoahaz. and all that he did, and his might, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? 9 Jehoahaz slept with his fathers; and they buried him in Samaria: and Joash his son reigned in his place. 10 In the thirty-seventh year of Joash king of Judah. Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz began to reign over Israel in Samaria for sixteen years. 11 He did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD: he did not depart from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, with which he made Israel to sin: but he walked in it. 12 Now the rest of the acts of Joash, and all that he did, and his might with which he fought against Amaziah king of Judah. aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? 13 Joash slept with his fathers; and Jeroboam sat on his throne: and Joash was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel. 14 Now Elisha was fallen sick of his sickness of which he died: and Joash the king of Israel came down to him, and wept over him, and said, "My father, my father, the chariots of Israel and its horsemen." 15 Elisha said to him, "Take bow and arrows"; and he took to him bow and arrows. 16 He said to the king of Israel, "Put your hand on the bow"; and he put his hand on it. Elisha laid his hands on the king's hands. 17 He said, "Open the window eastward"; and he opened it. Then Elisha said, "Shoot." and he shot. He said. "The LORD's arrow of victory, even the arrow of victory over Aram; for you shall strike the Arameans in Aphek, until you have consumed them." 18 He said. "Take the arrows"; and he took them. He said to the king of Israel, "Strike the ground"; and he struck three times, and stopped. 19 The man of God was angry with him, and said, "You should have struck five or six times. Then you would have struck Aram until you had consumed it, whereas now you shall strike Aram just three times." 20 Elisha died, and they buried him. Now the bands of the Moabites invaded the land at the coming in of the year. 21 It happened, as they were burying a man, that

kindled against Israel, and he delivered them into the look, they spied a band; and they cast the man into

14 In the second year of Joash son of Joahaz king of Israel began Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah to reign. 2 He was twenty-five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Jehoaddin of Jerusalem. 3 He did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, yet not like David his father: he did according to all that Joash his father had done. 4 However the high places were not taken away: the people still sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places. 5 It happened, as soon as the kingdom was established in his hand, that he killed his servants who had slain the king his father: 6 but the children of the murderers he did not put to death; according to that which is written in the scroll of the law of Moses, as the LORD commanded, saying, "The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, nor the children be put to death for the fathers; but every man shall die for his own sin." 7 He killed of Edom in the Valley of Salt ten thousand, and took Sela by war, and called its name Joktheel, to this day, 8 Then Amaziah sent messengers to Jehoash, the son of Jehoahaz son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, "Come, let us look one another in the face." 9 Jehoash the king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, "The thistle that was in Lebanon sent to the cedar that was in Lebanon, saying, 'Give your daughter to my son as wife. Then a wild animal that was in Lebanon passed by, and trampled down the thistle. 10 You have indeed struck Edom, and your heart has lifted you up. Enjoy the glory of it, and stay at home; for why should you meddle to your harm, that you should fall, even you, and Judah with you?" 11 But Amaziah would not listen. So Jehoash king of Israel went up; and he and Amaziah king of Judah looked one another in the face at Beth Shemesh, which belongs to Judah. 12 Judah was defeated by Israel; and they fled every man to his tent. 13 Jehoash king of Israel took Amaziah king of

Judah, the son of Jehoash the son of Ahaziah, at Beth Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Jecoliah of Corner Gate, six hundred eighty-nine feet. 14 He took had done. 4 However the high places were not taken all the gold and silver, and all the vessels that were away: the people still sacrificed and burnt incense in the king's house, the hostages also, and returned to he was a leper to the day of his death, and lived in a Samaria. 15 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoash which separate house. Jotham the king's son was over the he did, and his might, and how he fought with Amaziah household, judging the people of the land. 6 Now the chronicles of the kings of Israel? 16 Jehoash slept with they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of his fathers, and was buried in Samaria with the kings of Judah? 7 Azariah slept with his fathers; and they buried Israel; and Jeroboam his son reigned in his place. 17 him with his fathers in the City of David: and Jotham his Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah lived after the son reigned in his place. 8 In the thirty-eighth year of death of Jehoash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel fifteen Azariah king of Judah, Zechariah the son of Jeroboam years. 18 Now the rest of the acts of Amaziah, aren't reigned over Israel in Samaria six months. 9 He did they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, as his of Judah? 19 They made a conspiracy against him in fathers had done: he did not depart from the sins of Jerusalem; and he fled to Lachish: but they sent after Jeroboam the son of Nebat, with which he made Israel him to Lachish, and killed him there. 20 They brought to sin. 10 Then Shallum the son of Jabesh conspired him on horses; and he was buried at Jerusalem with his against him and struck him down at Ibleam and put fathers in the City of David. 21 All the people of Judah him to death, and reigned in his place. 11 Now the rest took Azariah, who was sixteen years old, and made him of the acts of Zechariah, look, they are written in the king in the place of his father Amaziah. 22 He built Eilat, book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel. 12 This and restored it to Judah, after that the king slept with his was the word of the LORD which he spoke to Jehu. fathers. 23 In the fifteenth year of Amaziah the son of saying, "Your sons to the fourth generation shall sit on Joash king of Judah, Jeroboam the son of Joash king of the throne of Israel." So it came to pass. 13 Shallum the Israel began to reign in Samaria for forty-one years. 24 son of Jabesh began to reign in the thirty-ninth year of He did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD: he Uzziah king of Judah; and he reigned for a month in did not depart from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Samaria. 14 Menahem the son of Gadi went up from Nebat, with which he made Israel to sin. 25 He restored Tirzah, and came to Samaria, and struck Shallum the the border of Israel from Lebo Hamath to the sea of the son of Jabesh in Samaria, and killed him, and reigned in Arabah, according to the word of the LORD, the God of his place. 15 Now the rest of the acts of Shallum, and Israel, which he spoke by his servant Jonah the son his conspiracy which he made, look, they are written in of Amittai, the prophet, who was of Gath Hepher. 26 the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel. 16 Then For the LORD saw the affliction of Israel, that it was Menahem struck Tiphsah, and all who were in it, and its very bitter; for there was none shut up nor left at large, borders, from Tirzah: because they did not open to him, neither was there any helper for Israel. 27 The LORD therefore he struck it; and all the women in it who were did not say that he would blot out the name of Israel with child he ripped up. 17 In the nine and thirtieth year from under the sky; but he saved them by the hand of Azariah king of Judah, Menahem the son of Gadi of Jeroboam the son of Joash. 28 Now the rest of the began to reign over Israel for ten years in Samaria. 18 acts of Jeroboam, and all that he did, and his might. He did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD: he how he warred, and how he recovered Damascus, and did not depart all his days from the sins of Jeroboam Hamath, which had belonged to Judah, for Israel, aren't the son of Nebat, with which he made Israel to sin. 19 they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of There came against the land Pul the king of Assyria; Israel? 29 And Jeroboam slept with his fathers, and and Menahem gave Pul one thousand talents of silver, he was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel; and that his hand might be with him to confirm the kingdom Zechariah his son reigned in his place.

15 In the twenty-seventh year of Jeroboam king of Israel began Azariah son of Amaziah king of Judah to reign. 2 Sixteen years old was he when he began to reign; and he reigned fifty-two years in

Shemesh, and came to Jerusalem, and broke down Jerusalem. 3 He did that which was right in the eyes the wall of Jerusalem from the Ephraim Gate to the of the LORD, according to all that his father Amaziah found in the house of the LORD, and in the treasures of the high places. 5 The LORD struck the king, so that king of Judah, aren't they written in the book of the rest of the acts of Azariah, and all that he did, aren't in his hand. 20 Menahem exacted the money of Israel, even of all the mighty men of wealth, of each man fifty shekels of silver, to give to the king of Assyria. So the king of Assyria turned back, and did not stay there in the land. 21 Now the rest of the acts of Menahem, and

all that he did, aren't they written in the book of the

chronicles of the kings of Israel? 22 Menahem slept Jerusalem: and he did not do that which was right in with his fathers; and Pekahiah his son reigned in his the eyes of the LORD his God, like David his father. 3 place. 23 In the fiftieth year of Azariah king of Judah But he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, yes, Pekahiah the son of Menahem began to reign over and made his son to pass through the fire, according to Israel in Samaria for two years. 24 He did that which the abominations of the nations, whom the LORD cast was evil in the sight of the LORD: he did not depart out from before the children of Israel. 4 He sacrificed from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, with which and burnt incense in the high places, and on the hills, he made Israel to sin. 25 Pekah the son of Remaliah, and under every green tree. 5 Then Rezin king of Aram his captain, conspired against him, and struck him in and Pekah son of Remaliah king of Israel came up to Samaria, in the citadel of the king's house, with Argob Jerusalem to war: and they besieged Ahaz, but could and Arieh; and with him were fifty men of the Gileadites: not overcome him. 6 At that time Rezin king of Aram and he killed him, and reigned in his place. 26 Now recovered Eilat to Aram, and drove the Jews from Eilat; the rest of the acts of Pekahiah, and all that he did, and the Arameans came to Eilat, and lived there, to this look, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the day. 7 So Ahaz sent messengers to Tiglath Pileser king kings of Israel. 27 In the two and fiftieth year of Azariah of Assyria, saying, "I am your servant and your son. king of Judah Pekah the son of Remaliah began to Come up, and save me out of the hand of the king of reign over Israel in Samaria for twenty years. 28 He did Aram, and out of the hand of the king of Israel, who that which was evil in the sight of the LORD: he did not rise up against me." 8 Ahaz took the silver and gold depart from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, with that was found in the house of the LORD, and in the which he made Israel to sin. 29 In the days of Pekah treasures of the king's house, and sent it for a present king of Israel came Tiglath Pileser king of Assyria, and to the king of Assyria. 9 The king of Assyria listened to took Ijon, and Abel Beth Maacah, and Janoah, and him; and the king of Assyria went up against Damascus, Kedesh, and Hazor, and Gilead, and Galilee, all the and took it, and carried its people captive to Kir, and land of Naphtali; and he carried them captive to Assyria. killed Rezin. 10 King Ahaz went to Damascus to meet 30 Hoshea the son of Elah made a conspiracy against Tiglath Pileser king of Assyria, and saw the altar that Pekah the son of Remaliah, and struck him, and killed was at Damascus; and king Ahaz sent to Urijah the him, and reigned in his place, in the twentieth year of priest the fashion of the altar, and its pattern, according Jotham the son of Uzziah. 31 Now the rest of the acts to all its workmanship. 11 Urijah the priest built an altar: of Pekah, and all that he did, look, they are written in according to all that king Ahaz had sent from Damascus, the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel. 32 In so Urijah the priest made it for the coming of king Ahaz the second year of Pekah the son of Remaliah king of from Damascus. 12 When the king had come from Israel began Jotham the son of Uzziah king of Judah to Damascus, the king saw the altar: and the king drew reign. 33 He was twenty-five years old when he began near to the altar, and offered on it. 13 He burnt his burnt to reign; and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem: offering and his meal offering, and poured his drink and his mother's name was Jerusha the daughter of offering, and sprinkled the blood of his peace offerings, Zadok. 34 He did that which was right in the eyes of the on the altar. 14 The bronze altar, which was before the LORD; he did according to all that his father Uzziah LORD, he brought from the forefront of the house, from had done. 35 However the high places were not taken between his altar and the house of the LORD, and put it away: the people still sacrificed and burned incense in on the north side of his altar. 15 King Ahaz commanded the high places. He built the Upper Gate of the house Urijah the priest, saying, "On the great altar burn the of the LORD. 36 Now the rest of the acts of Jotham, morning burnt offering, and the evening meal offering, and all that he did, aren't they written in the book of the and the king's burnt offering, and his meal offering, with chronicles of the kings of Judah? 37 In those days the the burnt offering of all the people of the land, and their LORD began to send against Judah Rezin the king of meal offering, and their drink offerings; and sprinkle on Aram, and Pekah the son of Remaliah. 38 Jotham slept it all the blood of the burnt offering, and all the blood with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the of the sacrifice; but the bronze altar shall be for me to City of David his father: and Ahaz his son reigned in his inquire by." 16 Urijah the priest did so, according to all place.

16 In the seventeenth year of Pekah the son of Remaliah Ahaz the son of Jotham king of Judah began to reign. 2 Twenty years old was Ahaz when he began to reign; and he reigned sixteen years in

that king Ahaz commanded. 17 King Ahaz cut off the panels of the bases, and removed the basin from off them, and took down the sea from off the bronze oxen that were under it, and put it on a pavement of stone. 18 The covered way for the Sabbath that they had built in the house, and the king's entry outside, turned he to they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of son reigned in his place.

17 In the twelfth year of Ahaz king of Judah, Hoshea the son of Elah began to reign in Samaria over Israel for nine years. 2 He did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, yet not as the kings of Israel who were before him. 3 Against him came up Shalmaneser king of Assyria; and Hoshea became his servant, and brought him tribute. 4 The king of Assyria found conspiracy in Hoshea; for he had sent messengers to So king of Egypt, and offered no tribute to the king of Assyria, as he had done year by year: therefore the king of Assyria shut him up, and bound him in prison. 5 Then the king of Assyria came up throughout all the land, and went up to Samaria, and besieged it three years. 6 In the ninth year of Hoshea the king of Assyria took Samaria, and carried Israel away to Assyria, and placed them in Halah, and on the Habor, the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes. 7 It was so, because the children of Israel had sinned against the LORD their God, who brought them up out of the land of Egypt from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and had feared other gods, 8 and walked in the statutes of the nations, whom the LORD cast out from before the children of Israel, and of the kings of Israel, which they made. 9 The children of Israel did secretly things that were not right against the LORD their God: and they built them high places in all their cities, from the tower of the watchmen to the fortified city; 10 and they set them up pillars and Asherim on every high hill, and under every green tree; 11 and there they burnt incense in all the high places, as did the nations whom the LORD carried away before them; and they worked wicked things to provoke the LORD to anger; 12 and they served idols, of which the LORD had said to them, "You shall not do this thing." 13 Yet the LORD testified to Israel, and to Judah, by every prophet, and every seer, saying, "Turn from your evil ways, and keep my commandments and my statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by my servants the prophets." 14 Notwithstanding, they would not listen, but hardened their neck, like the neck of their fathers, who did not believe in the LORD their God. 15 They rejected his statutes, and his covenant that he made with their fathers, and his testimonies which he testified to them; and they followed vanity, and became vain, and followed the nations that were around them, concerning whom the LORD had commanded them that they should not do like them. 16

the house of the LORD, because of the king of Assyria. They forsook all the commandments of the LORD their 19 Now the rest of the acts of Ahaz which he did, aren't God, and made them molten images, even two calves, and made an Asherah, and worshiped all the host of Judah? 20 Ahaz slept with his fathers, and was buried heaven, and served Baal. 17 They caused their sons with his fathers in the City of David: and Hezekiah his and their daughters to pass through the fire, practiced divination and sorcery, and sold themselves to do that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger. 18 Therefore the LORD was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of his sight: there was none left but the tribe of Judah only. 19 Also Judah did not keep the commandments of the LORD their God, but walked in the statutes of Israel which they made. 20 The LORD rejected all the descendants of Israel, and afflicted them, and delivered them into the hand of plunderers, until he had cast them out of his sight. 21 For he tore Israel from the house of David; and they made Jeroboam the son of Nebat king: and Jeroboam drove Israel from following the LORD, and made them sin a great sin. 22 The children of Israel walked in all the sins of Jeroboam which he did; they did not depart from them; 23 until the LORD removed Israel out of his sight, as he spoke by all his servants the prophets. So Israel was carried away out of their own land to Assyria to this day. 24 The king of Assyria brought men from Babylon, and from Cuthah, and from Avva, and from Hamath and Sepharvaim, and placed them in the cities of Samaria instead of the children of Israel: and they possessed Samaria, and lived in the cities of it. 25 So it was, at the beginning of their dwelling there, that they did not fear the LORD: therefore the LORD sent lions among them, which killed some of them. 26 Therefore they spoke to the king of Assyria, saying, "The nations which you have carried away, and placed in the cities of Samaria, do not know the law of the god of the land. Therefore he has sent lions among them, and look, they kill them, because they do not know the law of the god of the land." 27 Then the king of Assyria commanded, saying, "Carry there one of the priests whom you brought from there; and let him go and live there, and let him teach them the law of the god of the land." 28 So one of the priests whom they had carried away from Samaria came and lived in Bethel, and taught them how they should fear the LORD. 29 However every nation made gods of their own, and put them in the houses of the high places which the Samaritans had made, every nation in their cities in which they lived. 30 The men of Babylon made Succoth Benoth, and the men of Cuth made Nergal, and the men of Hamath made Ashima, 31 and the Avvites made Nibhaz and Tartak; and the Sepharvites burnt their children in the fire to Adrammelech and Anammelech, the gods of Sepharvaim. 32 And they worshiped the LORD, yet they established their abominations in the houses of the high places which they made in Samaria, each nation in the son of Elah king of Israel, that Shalmaneser king of yet appointed from among themselves priests of the At the end of three years they took it: in the sixth year of high places, who sacrificed for them in the houses of Hezekiah, which was the ninth year of Hoshea king of the high places. 33 And they worshiped the LORD, yet Israel, Samaria was taken. 11 The king of Assyria carried served their own gods, after the ways of the nations Israel away to Assyria, and put them in Halah, and on from among whom they had been carried away. 34 To the Habor, the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the this day they do what they did before: they do not fear Medes, 12 because they did not obey the voice of the the LORD, neither do they follow their statutes, or their LORD their God, but transgressed his covenant, even ordinances, or the law or the commandment which the all that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded. LORD commanded the descendants of Jacob, whom he and would not hear it, nor do it. 13 Now in the fourteenth named Israel; 35 with whom the LORD had made a year of king Hezekiah, Sennacherib king of Assyria covenant, and commanded them, saying, "You shall not came up against all the fortified cities of Judah, and fear other gods, nor bow yourselves to them, nor serve took them. 14 Hezekiah king of Judah sent to the king them, nor sacrifice to them; 36 but you shall fear the of Assyria to Lachish, saying, "I have offended; return LORD, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt from me. That which you put on me, I will bear." The with great power and with an outstretched arm, and king of Assyria appointed to Hezekiah king of Judah you shall bow yourselves to him, and you shall sacrifice three hundred talents of silver and thirty talents of gold. to him. 37 The statutes and the ordinances, and the 15 Hezekiah gave him all the silver that was found in the law and the commandment, which he wrote for you, house of the LORD, and in the treasures of the king's you shall observe to do forevermore. You shall not fear house. 16 At that time, Hezekiah cut off the gold from other gods. 38 You shall not forget the covenant that I the doors of the LORD's temple, and from the pillars have made with you; neither shall you fear other gods. which Hezekiah king of Judah had overlaid, and gave it 39 But you shall fear the LORD your God; and he will to the king of Assyria. 17 The king of Assyria sent Tartan deliver you out of the hand of all your enemies." 40 and Rabsaris and Rabshakeh from Lachish to king However they did not listen, but they did what they Hezekiah with a great army to Jerusalem. They went up did before. 41 So these nations feared the LORD, and and came to Jerusalem and stood by the conduit of the served their engraved images. Their children likewise, upper pool, which is on the highway of the Launderers' and their children's children, as their fathers did, so they Field. 18 When they had called to the king, there came do to this day.

1 R Now it happened in the third year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, that Hezekiah the son of Ahaz king of Judah began to reign. 2 He was twentyfive years old when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Abi the daughter of Zechariah. 3 He did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, according to all that David his father had done. 4 He removed the high places, and broke the pillars, and cut down the Asherah: and he broke in pieces the bronze serpent that Moses had made; for in those days the children of Israel burned incense to it: and he called it Nehushtan. 5 He trusted in the LORD, the God of Israel; so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor among them that were before him. 6 For he joined with the LORD; he did not depart from following him, but kept his commandments, which the LORD commanded Moses. 7 The LORD was with him: wherever he went forth he prospered: and he rebelled against the king of Assyria, and did not serve him. 8 He struck the Philistines to Gaza and its borders, from the tower of the watchmen to the fortified city. 9 It happened in the fourth year of king Hezekiah, which was the seventh year of Hoshea

city in which they dwelt. And they worshiped the LORD, Assyria came up against Samaria, and besieged it. 10 out to them Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who was over the household, and Shebnah the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder. 19 Rabshakeh said to them, "Say now to Hezekiah, 'Thus says the great king, the king of Assyria, "What confidence is this in which you trust? 20 Do you think that empty words are strategy and power for war? Now on whom do you trust, that you have rebelled against me? 21 Now, look, you trust in the staff of this bruised reed, even in Egypt. If a man leans on it, it will go into his hand, and pierce it. So is Pharaoh king of Egypt to all who trust on him. 22 But if you tell me, 'We trust in the LORD our God;' isn't that he whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah has taken away, and has said to Judah and to Jerusalem, 'You shall worship before this altar in Jerusalem?' 23 Now therefore, please give pledges to my master the king of Assyria, and I will give you two thousand horses, if you are able on your part to set riders on them. 24 How then can you turn away the face of one captain of the least of my master's servants, and put your trust on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen? 25 Have I now come up without the LORD against this place to destroy it? The LORD said to me, 'Go up against this land, and destroy it."" 26 Then Eliakim the son of Hilkiah,

and Shebnah, and Joah, said to Rabshakeh, "Please Therefore lift up your praver for the remnant that is left." we understand it. Do not speak with us in the Jews' Isaiah said to them, "Thus you shall tell your master, language, in the hearing of the people who are on the 'Thus says the LORD, "Do not be afraid of the words wall." 27 But Rabshakeh said to them, "Has my master that you have heard, with which the servants of the king words? Hasn't he sent me to the men who sit on the spirit in him, and he will hear news, and will return to his wall, to eat their own dung, and to drink their own water own land. I will cause him to fall by the sword in his with you?" 28 Then Rabshakeh stood, and cried with a own land."" 8 So Rabshakeh returned, and found the loud voice in the Jews' language, and spoke, saying, king of Assyria warring against Libnah; for he had heard Thus says the king, 'Do not let Hezekiah deceive you; said of Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, "Look, he has come for he will not be able to deliver you out of my hand. out to fight against you," he sent messengers again to 30 Neither let Hezekiah make you trust in the LORD, Hezekiah, saying, 10 'Thus you shall speak to Hezekiah saying, "The LORD will surely deliver us, and this city king of Judah, saying, "Do not let your God in whom shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria." you trust deceive you, saying, Jerusalem will not be 31 Do not listen to Hezekiah.' For thus says the king of given into the hand of the king of Assyria. 11 Look, you Assyria, 'Make your peace with me, and come out to have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all me; and everyone of you eat of his vine, and everyone lands, by destroying them utterly. Will you be delivered? of his fig tree, and everyone drink the waters of his 12 Have the gods of the nations delivered them, which own cistern; 32 until I come and take you away to a my fathers have destroyed, Gozan, and Haran, and land like your own land, a land of grain and new wine, Rezeph, and the people of Eden that were in Telassar? a land of bread and vineyards, a land of olive trees 13 Where is the king of Hamath, and the king of Arpad, and of honey, that you may live, and not die. Do not and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, of Hena, and listen to Hezekiah, when he persuades you, saying, Ivvah?"" 14 Hezekiah received the letter from the hand "The LORD will deliver us." 33 Has any of the gods of of the messengers, and read it. Then Hezekiah went the nations ever delivered his land out of the hand of up to the house of the LORD, and spread it before the king of Assyria? 34 Where are the gods of Hamath, the LORD. 15 Hezekiah prayed before the LORD, and and of Arpad? Where are the gods of Sepharvaim, of said, "The LORD, the God of Israel, who sit above the Hena, and Ivvah? Have they delivered Samaria out of cherubim, you are the God, even you alone, of all the my hand? 35 Who are they among all the gods of the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and countries, that have delivered their country out of my earth. 16 Incline your ear, LORD, and hear. Open your hand, that the LORD should deliver Jerusalem out of eyes, LORD, and see. Hear the words of Sennacherib, my hand?" 36 But the people held their peace, and with which he has sent to defy the living God. 17 Truly, answered him not a word; for the king's commandment LORD, the kings of Assyria have laid waste the nations was, "Do not answer him." 37 Then Eliakim the son of and their lands, 18 and have cast their gods into the fire; Hilkiah, who was over the household, came with Shebna for they were no gods, but the work of men's hands, the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder, to wood and stone. Therefore they have destroyed them. Hezekiah with their clothes torn, and told him the words 19 Now therefore, the LORD our God, save us, I beg of Rabshakeh.

19 It happened, when king Hezekiah heard it, that he tore his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the LORD, 2 He sent Eliakim, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz. 3 They said to him, "Thus says Hezekiah, 'This day is a day of trouble, of rebuke, and of rejection; for the children have come to the point of birth, and there is no strength to deliver them. 4 It may be the LORD your God will hear all the words of Rabshakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master has sent to defy the living God, and will rebuke the words which the LORD your God has heard.

speak to your servants in the Aramaic language; for 5 So the servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah. 6 sent me to your master, and to you, to speak these of Assyria have blasphemed me. 7 Look, I will put a "Hear the word of the great king, the king of Assyria. 29 that he had departed from Lachish. 9 When he heard it you, out of his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that you, LORD, are God alone." 20 Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saving, "Thus

says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'Whereas you have prayed to me against Sennacherib king of Assvria. I have heard you. 21 This is the word that the LORD has spoken concerning him: "The virgin daughter of Zion has despised you and ridiculed you. The daughter of Jerusalem has shaken her head at you. 22 Whom have you defied and blasphemed? Against whom have you exalted your voice and lifted up your eyes on high? Against the Holy One of Israel. 23 By your messengers you have defied the LORD, and have said, 'With the multitude of my chariots, I have come up to the height of the mountains, to the innermost parts of Lebanon; and I bitterly, 4 It happened, before Isajah had gone out of will cut down its tall cedars, and its choice fir trees; and the middle court, that the word of the LORD came to I will enter into his farthest lodging place, the forest of him, saying, 5 "Turn back, and tell Hezekiah the prince his fruitful field. 24 I have dug and drunk strange waters, of my people, 'Thus says the LORD, the God of David and with the sole of my feet will I dry up all the rivers your father, "I have heard your prayer. I have seen your of Egypt.' 25 Haven't you heard how I have done it tears. Look, I will heal you. On the third day, you shall long ago, and formed it of ancient times? Now have I go up to the house of the LORD. 6 I will add to your brought it to pass, that it should be yours to lay waste days fifteen years. I will deliver you and this city out of fortified cities into ruinous heaps. 26 Therefore their the hand of the king of Assyria. I will defend this city for and confounded. They were like the grass of the field, Isaiah said, "Take a cake of figs." They took and laid and like the green herb, like the grass on the rooftops it on the boil, and he recovered. 8 Hezekiah said to when it is scorched by the east wind. 27 But I know Isaiah, "What shall be the sign that the LORD will heal in, and your raging against me. 28 Because of your third day?" 9 Isaiah said, "This shall be the sign to you raging against me, and because your arrogance has from the LORD, that the LORD will do the thing that he come up into my ears, therefore I will put my hook in has spoken: shall the shadow go forward ten steps, or you back by the way by which you came." 29 "This thing for the shadow to go forward ten steps. Nay, but shall be the sign to you: You shall eat this year that let the shadow return backward ten steps." 11 Isaiah the which grows of itself, and in the second year that which prophet cried to the LORD; and he brought the shadow springs of the same; and in the third year sow, and reap, ten steps backward, by which it had gone down on the and plant vineyards, and eat its fruit. 30 The remnant dial of Ahaz. 12 At that time Marduk-Baladan the son of take root downward, and bear fruit upward. 31 For out Hezekiah, for he had heard that Hezekiah had been Zion those who shall escape. The zeal of the LORD of this, and showed them all the house of his precious hosts will do this.' 32 "Therefore thus says the LORD things, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and concerning the king of Assyria, 'He shall not come to the precious oil, and the house of his armor, and all this city, nor shoot an arrow there, neither shall he come that was found in his treasures: there was nothing in before it with shield, nor cast up a mound against it. 33 his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah did By the way that he came, by the same shall he return, not show them. 14 Then Isaiah the prophet came to and he shall not come to this city,' says the LORD. 34 king Hezekiah, and said to him, "What did these men 'For I will defend this city to save it, for my own sake, say? From where did they come to you?" Hezekiah and for my servant David's sake." 35 It happened that said, "They have come from a far country, even from night, that the angel of the LORD went out, and struck Babylon." 15 He said, "What have they seen in your these were all dead bodies. 36 So Sennacherib king I have not shown them." 16 Isaiah said to Hezekiah, of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and lived "Hear the word of the LORD. 17 'Look, the days come, at Nineveh. 37 It happened, as he was worshipping in that all that is in your house, and that which your fathers the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and have laid up in store to this day, shall be carried to Sharezer struck him with the sword; and they escaped Babylon. Nothing shall be left,' says the LORD. 18 'Of into the land of Ararat. Esarhaddon his son reigned in your sons who shall issue from you, whom you shall his place.

20 In those days was Hezekiah sick to death. Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came to him, and said to him, "Thus says the LORD, 'Set your house in order; for you shall die, and not live." 2 Then he turned his face to the wall, and prayed to the LORD, saying, 3 "Remember now, LORD, I beg you, how I have walked before you in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in your sight." Hezekiah wept

inhabitants were of small power. They were dismayed my own sake, and for my servant David's sake."" 7 your sitting down, and your going out, and your coming me, and that I shall go up to the house of the LORD the your nose, and my bridle in your lips, and I will turn go back ten steps?" 10 Hezekiah answered, "It is a light that has escaped of the house of Judah shall again Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to of Jerusalem a remnant will go out, and out of Mount sick, and had recovered. 13 Hezekiah was delighted at one hundred eighty-five thousand in the camp of the house?" Hezekiah answered, "They have seen all that is Assyrians. When men arose early in the morning, look, in my house. There is nothing among my treasures that father, shall they take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon." 19 Then Hezekiah said to Isaiah, "The word of the LORD which you have spoken is good." He said moreover, "Isn't it so, if peace and truth shall be in my days?" 20 Now the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and all his might, and how he made the pool, and the conduit, and brought water into the city, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of

and Manasseh his son reigned in his place.

21 Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign; and he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Hephzibah. 2 He did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, after the abominations of the nations whom the LORD cast out before the children of Israel. 3 For he built again the high places which Hezekiah his father had destroyed; and he reared up altars for Baal, and made an Asherah, as did Ahab king of Israel, and worshiped all the host of heaven, and served them. 4 He built altars in the house of the LORD, of which the LORD said, "I will put my name in Jerusalem." 5 He built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the LORD. 6 He made his son to pass through the fire, and practiced sorcery, and practiced divination, and consulted mediums, and spiritists: he worked much evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger. 7 He set the engraved image of Asherah, that he had made, in the house of which the LORD said to David and to Solomon his son, "In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, will I put my name forever; a neither will I cause the feet of Israel to wander any more out of the land which I gave their fathers, if only they will observe to do according to all that I have commanded them, and according to all the law that my servant Moses commanded them." 9 But they did not listen: and Manasseh seduced them to do that which is evil more than the nations did whom the LORD destroyed before the children of Israel. 10 The LORD spoke by his servants the prophets, saying, 11 "Because Manasseh king of Judah has done these abominations, and has done wickedly above all that the Amorites did, who were before him, and has made Judah also to sin with his idols; 12 therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'Look, I bring such disaster on Jerusalem and Judah, that whoever hears of it, both his ears shall tingle. 13 I will stretch over Jerusalem the line of Samaria, and the plummet of the house of Ahab; and I will wipe Jerusalem as a man wipes a dish, wiping it and turning it upside down. 14 I will cast off the remnant of my inheritance, and deliver them into the hand of their enemies. They will become a prey and a spoil to all their enemies; 15 because they have done that which is evil in my sight, and have provoked me to anger, since the day their fathers came forth out of Egypt, even to this day." 16 Moreover Manasseh shed innocent blood very much, until he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another; besides his sin with which he made Judah to sin, in doing that which was evil in the sight of the LORD. 17 Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and all that he did, and his sin that he

the kings of Judah? 21 Hezekiah slept with his fathers: sinned, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 18 Manasseh slept with his fathers, and was buried in the garden of his own house, in the garden of Uzza: and Amon his son reigned in his place. 19 Amon was twenty-two years old when he began to reign; and he reigned two years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Meshullemeth the daughter of Haruz of Jotbah. 20 He did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, as Manasseh his father did. 21 He walked in all the way that his father walked in, and served the idols that his father served, and worshiped them: 22 and he forsook the LORD, the God of his fathers, and did not walk in the way of the LORD. 23 The servants of Amon conspired against him, and put the king to death in his own house. 24 But the people of the land killed all those who had conspired against king Amon; and the people of the land made Josiah his son king in his place. 25 Now the rest of the acts of Amon which he did, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 26 He was buried in his tomb in the garden of Uzza: and Josiah his son reigned in his place.

> 22 Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign; and he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Jedidah the daughter of Adaiah of Bozkath. 2 He did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, and walked in all the way of David his father, and did not turn aside to the right hand or to the left. 3 It happened in the eighteenth year of king Josiah, that the king sent Shaphan, the son of Azaliah the son of Meshullam, the scribe, to the house of the LORD, saying, 4 "Go up to Hilkiah the high priest, that he may melt down the silver which is brought into the house of the LORD, which the keepers of the threshold have gathered of the people. 5 Let them deliver it into the hand of the workmen who have the oversight of the house of the LORD; and let them give it to the workmen who are in the house of the LORD, to repair the breaches of the house, 6 to the carpenters, and to the builders, and to the masons, and for buying timber and cut stone to repair the house. 7 However there was no accounting made with them of the money that was delivered into their hand; for they dealt faithfully." 8 Hilkiah the high priest said to Shaphan the scribe, "I have found the scroll of the law in the house of the LORD." Hilkiah delivered the book to Shaphan, and he read it. 9 Shaphan the scribe came to the king, and brought the king word again, and said, "Your servants have emptied out the money that was found in the house, and have delivered it into the hand of the workmen who have the oversight of the house of the LORD." 10 Shaphan the scribe told the king, saying,

"Hilkiah the priest has delivered a scroll to me." Shaphan high priest, and the priests of the second order, and had heard the words of the scroll of the law, that he tore LORD's temple all the vessels that were made for Baal, fathers have not listened to the words of this scroll, to moon, and to the planets, and to all the host of heaven. keeper of the wardrobe (now she lived in Jerusalem in broke down the living guarters of the temple prostitutes, your grave in peace, neither shall your eyes see all the had made in the two courts of the house of the LORD, back this message to the king.

23 The king sent, and they gathered to him all the elders of Judah and of Jerusalem. 2 The king went up to the house of the LORD, and all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem with him, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the people, both small and great: and he read in their ears all the words of the scroll of the covenant which was found in the house of the LORD. 3 The king stood by the pillar, and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD, and to keep his commandments, and his testimonies, and his statutes, with all his heart, and all his soul, to confirm the words of this covenant that were written in this scroll; and all the people stood to the covenant. 4 The king commanded Hilkiah the

read it before the king. 11 It happened, when the king the keepers of the threshold, to bring forth out of the his clothes. 12 The king commanded Hilkiah the priest, and for the Asherah, and for all the host of heaven, and and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Achbor the son of he burned them outside of Jerusalem in the fields of the Micaiah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah the king's Kidron, and carried their ashes to Bethel. 5 He put down servant, saying, 13 "Go inquire of the LORD for me, the idolatrous priests, whom the kings of Judah had and for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the ordained to burn incense in the high places in the cities words of this scroll that is found; for great is the wrath of Judah, and in the places around Jerusalem; those of the LORD that is kindled against us, because our also who burned incense to Baal, to the sun, and to the do according to all that which is written concerning us." 6 He brought out the Asherah from the house of the 14 So Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam, and Achbor, and LORD, outside of Jerusalem, to the Kidron Valley, and Shaphan, and Asaiah, went to Huldah the prophetess, burned it in the Kidron Valley, and beat it to dust, and the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvah, the son of Harhas, cast its dust on the graves of the common people. 7 He the second quarter); and they talked with her. 15 She that were in the house of the LORD, where the women said to them, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: wove coverings for the Asherah. 8 He brought all the 'Tell the man who sent you to me, 16 "Thus says the priests out of the cities of Judah, and defiled the high LORD, 'Look, I will bring disaster on this place, and on places where the priests had burned incense, from its inhabitants, even all the words of the scroll which the Geba to Beersheba; and he broke down the high places king of Judah has read. 17 Because they have forsaken of the gates that were at the entrance of the gate of me, and have burned incense to other gods, that they Joshua the governor of the city, which were on a man's might provoke me to anger with all the work of their left hand at the gate of the city. 9 Nevertheless the hands, therefore my wrath shall be kindled against this priests of the high places did not come up to the altar of place, and it shall not be guenched." 18 But to the king the LORD in Jerusalem, but they ate unleavened bread of Judah, who sent you to inquire of the LORD, thus among their brothers. 10 He defiled Topheth, which is in you shall tell him, "Thus says the LORD, the God of the Valley of Ben Hinnom, that no man might make his Israel: 'Concerning the words which you have heard, son or his daughter to pass through the fire to Molech. 19 because your heart was tender, and you humbled 11 He took away the horses that the kings of Judah had yourself before the LORD, when you heard what I spoke given to the sun, at the entrance of the house of the against this place, and against its inhabitants, that they LORD, by the room of Nathan Melech the officer, who should become a desolation and a curse, and have was in the court; and he burned the chariots of the sun torn your clothes, and wept before me; I also have with fire. 12 The king broke down the altars that were on heard you,' says the LORD. 20 'Therefore look, I will the roof of the upper room of Ahaz, which the kings gather you to your fathers, and you shall be gathered to of Judah had made, and the altars which Manasseh disaster which I will bring on this place.""" They brought and beat them down from there, and cast their dust into the Kidron Valley. 13 The king defiled the high places that were before Jerusalem, which were on the right hand of the mountain of corruption, which Solomon the king of Israel had built for Ashtoreth the abomination of the Sidonians, and for Chemosh the abomination of Moab. and for Milcom the abomination of the people of Ammon. 14 He broke in pieces the pillars, and cut down the Asherim, and filled their places with the bones of men. 15 Moreover the altar that was at Bethel, and the high place which Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin, had made, even that altar and the high place he broke down; and he burned the high place and beat it to dust, and burned the Asherah. 16 And as Josiah turned himself, he saw the tombs that were there in the mountain. And he sent, and took the bones

defiled it, according to the word of the LORD which the he began to reign; and he reigned three months in man of God proclaimed, when Jeroboam stood by the Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Hamutal the altar at the feast. And he turned and raised his eyes daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah. 32 He did that which to the tomb of the man of God who proclaimed these was evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that things. 17 Then he said, "What monument is that which his fathers had done. 33 Pharaoh Necoh put him in I see?" The men of the city told him, "It is the tomb of bonds at Riblah in the land of Hamath, that he might the man of God, who came from Judah, and proclaimed not reign in Jerusalem; and put the land to a tribute of these things that you have done against the altar of one hundred talents of silver, and a talent of gold. 34 Bethel." 18 He said, "Let him be. Let no man move his Pharaoh Necoh made Eliakim the son of Josiah king in bones." So they let his bones alone, with the bones the place of Josiah his father, and changed his name to of the prophet who came out of Samaria. 19 All the Jehoiakim: but he took Jehoahaz away; and he came houses also of the high places that were in the cities of to Egypt, and died there. 35 Jehoiakim gave the silver Samaria, which the kings of Israel had made to provoke and the gold to Pharaoh; but he taxed the land to give the LORD to anger, Josiah took away, and did to them the money according to the commandment of Pharaoh: according to all the acts that he had done in Bethel. he exacted the silver and the gold of the people of the 20 He killed all the priests of the high places that were land, of everyone according to his taxation, to give it to there, on the altars, and burned men's bones on them; Pharaoh Necoh. 36 Jehoiakim was twenty-five years old and he returned to Jerusalem. 21 The king commanded when he began to reign; and he reigned eleven years in all the people, saying, "Keep the Passover to the LORD Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Zebidah the your God, as it is written in this scroll of the covenant." daughter of Pedaiah of Rumah. 37 He did that which 22 Surely there was not kept such a Passover from the was evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that days of the judges who judged Israel, nor in all the days his fathers had done. of the kings of Israel, nor of the kings of Judah; 23 but in the eighteenth year of king Josiah was this Passover kept to the LORD in Jerusalem. 24 Moreover Josiah removed the mediums, and spiritists, and the teraphim, and the idols, and all the abominations that were seen in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, that he might confirm the words of the law which were written in the scroll that Hilkiah the priest found in the house of the LORD. 25 Like him was there no king before him, who turned to the LORD with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses; neither after him arose there any like him. 26 Notwithstanding, the LORD did not turn from the fierceness of his great wrath, with which his anger was kindled against Judah, because of all the provocation with which Manasseh had provoked him. 27 The LORD said, "I will remove Judah also out of my sight, as I have removed Israel, and I will cast off this city which I have chosen, even Jerusalem, and the house of which I said, 'My name shall be there.'" 28 Now the rest of the acts of Josiah, and all that he did, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 29 In his days Pharaoh Necoh king of Egypt went up against the king of Assyria to the river Perath: and king Josiah went against him; and Pharaoh Necoh killed him at Megiddo, when he had seen him. 30 His servants carried him in a chariot dead from Megiddo, and brought him to Jerusalem, and buried him in his own tomb. The people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, and anointed him, and made him king in his father's

out of the tombs, and burned them on the altar, and place. 31 Jehoahaz was twenty-three years old when

24 In his days Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up, and Jehoiakim became his servant three years: then he turned and rebelled against him. 2 The LORD sent against him bands of the Chaldeans, and bands of the Arameans, and bands of the Moabites, and bands of the people of Ammon, and sent them against Judah to destroy it, according to the word of the LORD, which he spoke by his servants the prophets. 3 Surely at the commandment of the LORD this came on Judah, to remove them out of his sight, for the sins of Manasseh, according to all that he did, 4 and also for the innocent blood that he shed; for he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood: and the LORD would not pardon. 5 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and all that he did, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 6 So Jehoiakim slept with his fathers; and Jehoiachin his son reigned in his place. 7 The king of Egypt did not come again out of his land any more; for the king of Babylon had taken, from the Wadi of Egypt to the river Perath, all that pertained to the king of Egypt. 8 Jehoiachin was eighteen years old when he began to reign; and he reigned in Jerusalem three months: and his mother's name was Nehushta the daughter of Elnathan of Jerusalem. 9 He did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father had done. 10 At that time the servants of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up to Jerusalem, and the city was besieged. 11 Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to the city, while his servants were besieging it; 12 and Jehoiachin the king of Judah went out to the king of Babylon, he, and his mother, and his a servant of the king of Babylon, to Jerusalem, 9 He of Babylon took him in the eighth year of his reign. 13 all the houses of Jerusalem, even every great house, He carried out there all the treasures of the house of the burnt he with fire. **10** All the army of the Chaldeans, LORD, and the treasures of the king's house, and cut in who were with the captain of the guard, broke down the Israel had made in the LORD's temple, as the LORD of the guard carried away captive the residue of the the king's mother, and the king's wives, and his officers, that were in the house of the LORD and the bases and and the chief men of the land, carried he into captivity the bronze sea that were in the house of the LORD, even seven thousand, and the craftsmen and the smiths away the pots, the shovels, the snuffers, the spoons, one thousand, all of them strong and apt for war, even and all the vessels of bronze with which they ministered. them the king of Babylon brought captive to Babylon. 15 The captain of the guard took away the fire pans, was evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that the height of the capital was eight feet seven inches, Jehoiakim had done. 20 For through the anger of the with network and pomegranates on the capital around it, had cast them out from his presence. Zedekiah rebelled with network. 18 The captain of the guard took Seraiah against the king of Babylon.

25 It happened in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, he and all his army, against Jerusalem, and camped against it; and they built forts against it around it. 2 So the city was besieged to the eleventh year of king Zedekiah. 3 On the ninth day of the fourth month the famine was severe in the city, so that there was no bread for the people of the land. 4 Then a breach was made in the city, and all the men of war fled by night by the way of the gate between the two walls, which was by the king's garden (now the Chaldeans were against the city around it); and they went by the way of the Arabah. 5 But the army of the Chaldeans pursued after the king, and overtook him in the plains of Jericho; and all his army was scattered from him. 6 Then they took the king, and carried him up to the king of Babylon to Riblah; and they gave judgment on him. 7 They killed the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, and put out the eyes of Zedekiah, and bound him in fetters, and carried him to Babylon. 8 Now in the fifth month, on the seventh day of the month, which was the nineteenth year of king Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, came Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard,

servants, and his officers, and his officers. And the king burnt the house of the LORD, and the king's house; and pieces all the vessels of gold, which Solomon king of walls around Jerusalem. 11 Nebuzaradan the captain had said. 14 He carried away all Jerusalem, and all people who were left in the city, and those who fell the officials, and all the mighty men of valor, even ten away, who fell to the king of Babylon, and the residue of thousand captives, and all the craftsmen and the smiths; the multitude. 12 But the captain of the guard left some none remained, except the poorest sort of the people of of the poorest of the land to work the vineyards and the land. 15 He carried away Jehoiachin to Babylon; and fields. 13 The Chaldeans broke up the pillars of bronze from Jerusalem to Babylon. 16 All the men of might, and carried the bronze pieces to Babylon. 14 They took 17 The king of Babylon made Mattaniah, Jehoiachin's the basins, that which was of gold, in gold, and that father's brother, king is his place, and changed his name which was of silver, in silver. 16 The two pillars, the one to Zedekiah. 18 Zedekiah was twenty-one years old sea, and the bases, which Solomon had made for the when he began to reign; and he reigned eleven years in house of the LORD, the bronze of all these vessels Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Hamutal the was without weight. 17 The height of the one pillar was daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah. 19 He did that which thirty-one feet, and a capital of bronze was on it; and LORD, it happened in Jerusalem and Judah, until he all of bronze: and like to these had the second pillar the chief priest, and Zephaniah the second priest, and the three keepers of the threshold: 19 and out of the city he took an officer who was set over the men of war; and five men of those who saw the king's face, who were found in the city; and the scribe, the captain of the army, who mustered the people of the land; and sixty men of the people of the land, who were found in the city. 20 Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard took them, and brought them to the king of Babylon to Riblah. 21 The king of Babylon struck them, and put them to death at Riblah in the land of Hamath. So Judah was carried away captive out of his land. 22 As for the people who were left in the land of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had left, even over them he made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, governor. 23 Now when all the captains of the forces, they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah governor, they came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, even Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth the Netophathite, and Jaazaniah the son of the Maacathite, they and their men. 24 Gedaliah swore to them and to their men, and said to them, "Do not be afraid because of the servants of the Chaldeans. Dwell in the land, and serve the king of Babylon, and it shall

be well with you." 25 But it happened in the seventh month, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama, of the royal family came, and ten men with him, and struck Gedaliah, so that he died, and the Jews and the Chaldeans that were with him at Mizpah. 26 All the people, both small and great, and the captains of the forces, arose, and came to Egypt; for they were afraid of the Chaldeans. 27 It happened in the seven and thirtieth year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, that Awil-Marduk king of Babylon, in the year that he began to reign, lifted up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah out of prison; 28 and he spoke kindly to him, and set his throne above the throne of the kings who were with him in Babylon, 29 and changed his prison garments. Jehoiachin ate bread before him continually all the days of his life: 30 and for his allowance, there was a continual allowance given him of the king, every day a portion, all the days of his life.

1 Chronicles

1 Adam, Seth, Enosh, 2 Kenan, Mahalalel, Jared, 3 Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech, 4 Noah. The sons of Noah: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. 5 The sons of Japheth: Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras. 6 The sons of Gomer: Ashkenaz, and Riphath, and Togarmah. 7 The sons of Javan: Elishah, and Tarshish, Kittim, and Rodanim. 8 The sons of Ham: Cush, and Mizraim, Put, and Canaan. 9 The sons of Cush: Seba, and Havilah, and Sabtah, and Raamah, and Sabteca. The sons of Raamah: Sheba, and Dedan. 10 Cush became the father of Nimrod; he began to be a mighty hunter on the earth. 11 Mizraim became the father of Ludim, and Anamim, and Lehabim, and Naphtuhim, 12 and Pathrusim, and Casluhim (from whom came the Philistines), and Caphtorim. 13 Canaan became the father of Sidon his firstborn, and Heth, 14 and the Jebusites, and the Amorites, and the Girgashites, 15 and the Hivites, and the Arkites, and the Sinites, 16 and the Arvadites, and the Zemarites, and the Hamathites. 17 The sons of Shem: Elam, and Asshur, and Arpachshad, and Lud, and Aram. And the sons of Aram: Uz, and Hul, and Gether, and Mash. 18 Arpachshad became the father of Kenan, and Kenan became the father of Shelah, and Shelah became the father of Eber. 19 To Eber were born two sons: the name of the one was Peleg; for in his days the earth was divided: and his brother's name was Joktan. 20 Joktan became the father of Almodad, and Sheleph, and Hazarmaveth, and Jerah, 21 and and Benjamin, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher. 3 The sons of Hadoram, and Uzal, and Diklah, 22 and Obal, and Judah: Er, and Onan, and Shelah; which three were Abimael, and Sheba, 23 and Ophir, and Havilah, and born to him by Bathshua the Canaanite woman. Er, Jobab. All these were the sons of Joktan. 24 Shem, Judah's firstborn, was wicked in the sight of the LORD; Arpachshad, Kenan, Shelah, 25 Eber, Peleg, Reu, 26 and he killed him. 4 Tamar his daughter-in-law bore him Serug, Nahor, Terah, 27 Abram (that is, Abraham). 28 Perez and Zerah. All the sons of Judah were five. 5 The sons of Abraham: Isaac, and Ishmael. 29 These The sons of Perez: Hezron, and Hamuel. 6 The sons are their generations: the firstborn of Ishmael, Nebaioth; of Zerah: Zabdi, and Ethan, and Heman, and Calcol, then Kedar, and Adbeel, and Mibsam, 30 Mishma, and and Darda; five of them in all. 7 The sons of Carmi: Dumah, Massa, Hadad, and Tema, 31 Jetur, Naphish, Achan, the troubler of Israel, who committed a trespass and Kedemah. These are the sons of Ishmael. 32 The in the devoted thing. 8 The sons of Ethan: Azariah. sons of Keturah, Abraham's secondary wife: she bore 9 The sons also of Hezron, who were born to him: Zimran, and Jokshan, and Medan, and Midian, and Jerahmeel, and Ram, and Caleb. 10 Ram became the Ishbak, and Shuah. The sons of Jokshan: Sheba, and father of Amminadab, and Amminadab became the Dedan. 33 The sons of Midian: Ephah, and Epher, and father of Nahshon, prince of the people of Judah; 11 and Hanoch, and Abida, and Eldaah. All these were the sons Nahshon became the father of Salmon, and Salmon of Keturah. 34 Abraham became the father of Isaac. The became the father of Boaz, 12 and Boaz became the sons of Isaac: Esau, and Israel. 35 The sons of Esau: father of Obed, and Obed became the father of Jesse; Eliphaz, Reuel, and Jeush, and Jalam, and Korah. 36 13 and Jesse became the father of his firstborn Eliab. The sons of Eliphaz: Teman, and Omar, Zepho, and and Abinadab the second, and Shimeah the third, 14 Gatam, Kenaz; and by Timna: Amalek. 37 The sons Nethanel the fourth, Raddai the fifth, 15 Ozem the sixth, of Reuel: Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah. 38 Elihu the seventh, David the eighth; 16 and their sisters The sons of Seir: Lotan, and Shobal, and Zibeon, and were Zeruiah and Abigail. The sons of Zeruiah: Abishai,

Anah, and Dishon, and Ezer, and Dishan, 39 The sons of Lotan: Hori, and Hemam; and Timna was Lotan's sister. 40 The sons of Shobal: Alvan, and Manahath, and Ebal, Shepho, and Onam. The sons of Zibeon: Aiah, and Anah. 41 The sons of Anah: Dishon. The sons of Dishon: Hemdan, and Eshban, and Ithran, and Keran. 42 The sons of Ezer: Bilhan, and Zaavan, and Akan. The sons of Dishan: Uz, and Aran. 43 Now these are the kings who reigned in the land of Edom, before there reigned any king over the children of Israel: Bela the son of Beor; and the name of his city was Dinhabah. 44 Bela died, and Jobab the son of Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his place. 45 Jobab died, and Husham of the land of the Temanites reigned in his place. 46 Husham died, and Hadad the son of Bedad, who struck Midian in the field of Moab, reigned in his place; and the name of his city was Avith. 47 Hadad died, and Samlah of Masrekah reigned in his place. 48 Samlah died, and Shaul of Rehoboth-ha-Nahar reigned in his place. 49 Shaul died, and Baal Hanan the son of Achbor reigned in his place. 50 Baal Hanan died, and Hadad son of Bedad reigned in his place; and the name of his city was Pau; and his wife's name was Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred, the daughter of Me-Zahab. 51 Hadad died. The chiefs of Edom were: chief Timna, chief Alvah, chief Jetheth, 52 chief Oholibamah, chief Elah, chief Pinon, 53 chief Kenaz, chief Teman, chief Mibzar, 54 chief Magdiel, chief Iram. These are the chiefs of Edom.

2 These are the sons of Israel: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun, 2 Dan, Joseph, and the father of Amasa was Jether the Ishmaelite. 18 The sons of Jahdai: Regem, and Jotham, and Geshan, Caleb the son of Hezron had sons by his wife Azubah, and Pelet, and Ephah, and Shaaph. 48 Maacah, Caleb's and by Jerioth; and these were her sons: Jesher, and secondary wife, bore Sheber and Tirhanah. 49 She Shobab, and Ardon. 19 Azubah died, and Caleb took to bore also Shaaph the father of Madmannah, Sheva himself Ephrath, who bore him Hur. 20 Hur became the father of Machbena, and the father of Gibea; and the father of Uri, and Uri became the father of Bezalel. the daughter of Caleb was Achsah. 50 These were 21 Afterward Hezron slept with the daughter of Makir the descendants of Caleb, the son of Hur, the firstborn the father of Gilead, whom he married when he was of Ephrathah: Shobal the father of Kiriath Jearim, 51 sixty years old; and she bore him Segub. 22 Segub Salma the father of Bethlehem, Hareph the father of became the father of Jair, who had twenty-three cities in Beth Gader. 52 Shobal the father of Kiriath Jearim had the land of Gilead. 23 Geshur and Aram took the towns sons: Reaiah, half of the Manahathites. 53 The families of Jair from them, with Kenath, and its villages, even of Kiriath Jearim: The Ithrites, and the Puthites, and sixty cities. All these were the descendants of Makir the the Shumathites, and the Mishraites; of them came father of Gilead. 24 And after the death of Hezron, Caleb the Zorathites and the Eshtaolites. 54 The sons of slept with Ephrath. And Hezron's wife Abijah bore him Salma: Bethlehem, and the Netophathites, Atroth Beth Ashhur the father of Tekoa. 25 The sons of Jerahmeel Joab, and half of the Manahathites, the Zorites. 55 The the firstborn of Hezron were Ram the firstborn, and families of scribes who lived at Jabez: the Tirathites, the Bunah, and Oren, and Ozem, and Ahijah. 26 Jerahmeel Shimeathites, the Sucathites. These are the Kenites had another wife, whose name was Atarah; she was the who came from Hammath, the father of the house of mother of Onam. 27 The sons of Ram the firstborn of Rechab. Jerahmeel were Maaz, and Jamin, and Eker. 28 The sons of Onam were Shammai, and Jada. The sons of Shammai: Nadab, and Abishur. 29 The name of the wife of Abishur was Abihail; and she bore him Ahban, and Molid. 30 The sons of Nadab: Seled, and Appaim; but Seled died without children. 31 The sons of Appaim: Ishi. The sons of Ishi: Sheshan. The sons of Sheshan: Ahlai. 32 The sons of Jada the brother of Shammai: Jether, and Jonathan; and Jether died without children. 33 The sons of Jonathan: Peleth, and Zaza. These were the descendants of Jerahmeel. 34 Now Sheshan had no sons, but daughters. Sheshan had a servant, an Egyptian, whose name was Jarha. 35 Sheshan gave his daughter to Jarha his servant as wife; and she bore him Attai. 36 Attai became the father of Nathan, and Nathan became the father of Zabad, 37 and Zabad became the father of Ephlal, and Ephlal became the father of Obed, 38 and Obed became the father of Jehu, and Jehu became the father of Azariah, 39 and Azariah became the father of Helez, and Helez became the father of Eleasah. 40 and Eleasah became the father of Sismai, and Sismai became the father of Shallum, 41 and Shallum became the father of Jekamiah, and Jekamiah became the father of Elishama. 42 The sons of Caleb the brother of Jerahmeel: Mesha his firstborn, who was the father of Ziph; and the sons of Mareshah, the father of Hebron. 43 The sons of Hebron: Korah, and Tappuah, and Rekem, and Shema. 44 Shema became the father of Raham, the father of Jorkeam; and Rekem became the father of Shammai. 45 The son of Shammai was Maon; and Maon was the father of Beth Zur. 46 Ephah, Caleb's secondary wife, bore Haran, and Moza,

and Joab, and Asahel, three. 17 Abigail bore Amasa; and Gazez; and Haran became the father of Gazez. 47

3 Now these were the sons of David, who were born to him in Hebron: the firstborn, Amnon, of Ahinoam of Jezreel; the second, Daluiah, of Abigail of Carmel; 2 the third, Absalom the son of Maacah the daughter of Talmai king of Geshur; the fourth, Adonijah the son of Haggith; 3 the fifth, Shephatiah of Abital; the sixth, Ithream by Eglah his wife: 4 six were born to him in Hebron; and there he reigned seven years and six months. In Jerusalem he reigned thirty-three years; 5 and these were born to him in Jerusalem: Shammua, and Shobab, and Nathan, and Solomon, four, of Bathsheba the daughter of Eliam; 6 and Ibhar, and Elishua, and Eliphelet, 7 and Nogah, and Nepheg, and Japhia, 8 and Elishama, and Baaliada, and Eliphelet, nine. 9 All these were the sons of David, besides the sons of the secondary wives; and Tamar was their sister. 10 Solomon's son was Rehoboam, Abijah his son, Asa his son, Jehoshaphat his son, 11 Joram his son, Ahaziah his son, Joash his son, 12 Amaziah his son, Azariah his son, Jotham his son, 13 Ahaz his son, Hezekiah his son, Manasseh his son, 14 Amon his son, Josiah his son. 15 The sons of Josiah: the firstborn Johanan, the second Jehoiakim, the third Zedekiah, the fourth Shallum. 16 The sons of Jehoiakim: Jeconiah his son, Zedekiah his son. 17 The sons of Jeconiah, the captive: Shealtiel his son, 18 and Malkiram, and Pedaiah, and Shenazzar, Jekamiah, Hoshama, and Nedabiah. 19 The sons of Pedaiah: Zerubbabel, and Shimei. The sons of Zerubbabel: Meshullam, and Hananiah; and Shelomith was their sister; 20 and Hashubah, and Ohel, and Berechiah, and Hasadiah, and Jushab Hesed, five. 21 The sons of Hananiah: Pelatiah, and Jeshaiah; his son Rephaiah, his son Arnan, his son Obadiah, his son Judah; Er the father of Lecah, and Laadah the father of Neariah, and Shaphat, six. 23 The sons of Neariah: Elioenai, and Hizkiah, and Azrikam, three. 24 The sons of Elioenai: Hodaviah, and Eliashib, and Pelaiah, and Akkub, and Johanan, and Delaiah, and Anani, seven.

The descendants of Judah: Perez, Hezron, and Caleb, and Hur, and Shobal. 2 Reaiah the son of Shobal became the father of Jahath; and Jahath became the father of Ahumai and Lahad. These are the families of the Zorathites. 3 These were the sons of Etam: Jezreel, and Ishma, and Idbash; and the name of their sister was Hazzelelponi: 4 and Penuel the father of Gedor, and Ezer the father of Hushah. These are the sons of Hur, the firstborn of Ephrathah, the father of Bethlehem. 5 Ashhur the father of Tekoa had two wives, Helah and Naarah. 6 Naarah bore him Ahuzzam, and Hepher, and Temeni, and Haahashtari, These were the sons of Naarah. 7 The sons of Helah were Zereth. and Zohar, and Ethnan, and Koz. 8 And Koz became the father of Anub, and Zobebah, and the families of Aharhel the son of Harum. 9 And Jabez was more honorable than his brothers, and his mother named him Jabez, saying, "Because I bore him with pain." 10 And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saving, "Oh that you would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, and that your hand might be with me, and that you would keep me from evil, so that it might not cause me pain." And God granted him that which he requested. 11 Chelub the brother of Shuhah became the father of Mehir, who was the father of Eshton. 12 Eshton became the father of Beth Rapha, and Paseah, and Tehinnah the father of Ir Nahash. These are the men of Rechab. 13 The sons of Kenaz: Othniel, and Seraiah. The sons of Othniel: Hathath and Meonothai. 14 And Meonothai became the father of Ophrah, and Seraiah became the father of Joab the father of Ge Harashim; for they were craftsmen. 15 The sons of Caleb the son of Jephunneh: Ir. and Elah. and Naam: and the sons of Elah: Kenaz. 16 The sons of Jehallelel: Ziph, and Ziphah, Tiria, and Asarel. 17 The sons of Ezrah: Jether. and Mered, and Epher, and Jalon. And Jether became the father of Miriam, and Shammai, and Ishbah the father of Eshtemoa. 18 His Judean wife bore Jered the father of Gedor, and Heber the father of Soco, and Jekuthiel the father of Zanoah. These are the sons of Bithiah the daughter of Pharaoh, whom Mered took. 19 The sons of his Judean wife, the sister of Naham. were the father of Keilah the Garmite, and Eshtemoa the Maacathite. 20 The sons of Shimon: Amnon, and Rinnah, Ben Hanan, and Tilon. The sons of Ishi: Zoheth and Ben Zoheth. 21 The sons of Shelah the son of

Shecaniah. 22 The son of Shecaniah: Shemaiah. The Mareshah, and the families of the house of the linen sons of Shemaiah: Hattush, and Igal, and Bariah, and workers at Beth Ashbea; 22 and Jokim, and the men of Cozeba, and Joash, and Saraph, who had married in Moab, and returned to Lehem. The records are ancient. 23 These were the potters, and the inhabitants of Netaim and Gederah. They lived there with the king in his service. 24 The sons of Simeon: Jemuel, and Jamin, Jakin, Zohar, Shaul; 25 Shallum his son, Mibsam his son, Mishma his son. 26 The descendants of Mishma: Hammuel his son, Zakkur his son, Shimei his son. 27 Shimei had sixteen sons and six daughters; but his brothers did not have many children, neither did all their families multiply like the people of Judah. 28 They lived at Beersheba, and Shema, and Moladah, and Hazar Shual. 29 and at Balah, and at Ezem, and at Tolad. 30 and at Bethuel, and at Hormah, and at Ziklag, 31 and at Beth Marcaboth, and Hazar Susim, and at Beth Biri, and at Shaaraim. These were their cities until David became king. 32 Their villages were Etam, and Ain, Rimmon, and Token, and Ashan, five cities; 33 and all their villages that were around the same cities as far as Baal. These were their habitations, and they have their genealogy. 34 Meshobab, and Jamlech, and Joshah the son of Amaziah, 35 and Joel, and Jehu the son of Joshibiah, the son of Seraiah, the son of Asiel, 36 and Elioenai, and Jaakobah, and Jeshohaiah, and Asaiah, and Adiel, and Jesimiel, and Benaiah, 37 and Ziza the son of Shiphi, the son of Allon, the son of Jedaiah, the son of Shimri, the son of Shemaiah- 38 these mentioned by name were leaders in their families. And their ancestral houses increased greatly. 39 They went to the entrance of Gerar, even to the east side of the valley, to seek pasture for their flocks. 40 They found fat pasture and good, and the land was wide, and guiet, and peaceable; for those who lived there before were of Ham. 41 These written by name came in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and struck their tents, and The Meunites who were found there, and destroyed them utterly to this day, and lived in their place; because there was pasture there for their flocks. 42 Some of them, even of the descendants of Simeon, five hundred men. went to Mount Seir, having for their leaders Pelatiah, and Neariah, and Rephaiah, and Uzziel, the sons of Ishi. 43 They struck the remnant of the Amalekites who escaped, and have lived there to this day.

> 5 The sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel (for he was the firstborn; but, because he defiled his father's bed, his birthright was given to the sons of Joseph the son of Israel; and not to be regarded in the genealogy as the firstborn. 2 For Judah prevailed above his brothers, and a leader descended from him; but the birthright was Joseph's:) 3 the sons of Reuben the firstborn of

descendants of Joel: Shemaiah his son, Gog his son, the spirit of Pul king of Assyria, and the spirit of Tilgath Shimei his son, 5 Micah his son, Reaiah his son, Baal Pilneser king of Assyria, and he carried them away, his son, 6 Beerah his son, whom Tilgath Pilneser king even the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Assyria carried away captive: he was leader of the of Manasseh, and brought them to Halah, and Habor, Reubenites. 7 His brothers by their families, when the and Hara, and to the river of Gozan, to this day. genealogy of their generations was reckoned: the chief, Jeiel, and Zechariah, 8 and Bela the son of Azaz, the son of Shema, the son of Joel, who lived in Aroer, even to Nebo and Baal Meon: 9 and eastward he lived even to the entrance of the wilderness from the river Perath, because their livestock were multiplied in the land of Gilead. 10 In the days of Saul, they made war with the Hagrites, who fell by their hand; and they lived in their tents throughout all the land east of Gilead. 11 The descendants of Gad lived across from them, in the land of Bashan as far as Salecah. 12 Joel was chief, and Shapham the second, and Janai judged in Bashan. 13 Their brothers of their fathers' houses: Michael, and Meshullam, and Sheba, and Jorai, and Jacan, and Zia, and Eber, seven. 14 These were the sons of Abihail, the son of Huri, the son of Jaroah, the son of Gilead, the son of Michael, the son of Jeshishai, the son of Jahdo, the son of Buz: 15 Ahi the son of Abdiel, the son of Guni, chief of their fathers' houses. 16 They lived in Gilead in Bashan, and in its towns, and in all the suburbs of Sharon, as far as their borders. 17 All these were reckoned by genealogies in the days of Jotham king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam king of Israel. 18 The descendants of Reuben and Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh, of valiant men, men able to bear buckler and sword, and to shoot with bow, and skillful in war, were forty-four thousand seven hundred and sixty, that were able to go forth to war. 19 They made war with the Hagrites, with Jetur, and Naphish, and Nodab. 20 They were helped against them, and the Hagrites were delivered into their hand, and all who were with them; for they cried to God in the battle, and he answered their petition, because they put their trust in him. 21 They took away their livestock; of their camels fifty thousand, and of sheep two hundred fifty thousand, and of donkeys two thousand, and of men one hundred thousand, 22 For there fell many slain, because the war was of God. They lived in their place until the captivity. 23 And the descendants of the half-tribe of Manasseh lived in the land. They increased from Bashan to Baal Hermon, and Senir, and Mount Hermon, and in Lebanon. 24 These were the heads of their fathers' houses: Epher, and Ishi, and Eliel, and Azriel, and Jeremiah, and Hodaviah, and Jahdiel, mighty men of valor, famous men, heads of their fathers' houses. 25 They trespassed against the God of their fathers, and prostituted themselves after the gods of the peoples of the land, whom God

Israel: Hanoch, and Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi, 4 The destroyed before them, 26 The God of Israel stirred up

The sons of Levi: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. 2 b The sons of Kohath: Amram, Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel. 3 The children of Amram: Aaron, and Moses, and Miriam. The sons of Aaron: Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. 4 Eleazar became the father of Phinehas, Phinehas became the father of Abishua, 5 and Abishua became the father of Bukki, and Bukki became the father of Uzzi, 6 and Uzzi became the father of Zerahiah, and Zerahiah became the father of Meraioth, 7 Meraioth became the father of Amariah, and Amariah became the father of Ahitub, 8 and Ahitub became the father of Zadok, and Zadok became the father of Ahimaaz, 9 and Ahimaaz became the father of Azariah, and Azariah became the father of Johanan. 10 and Johanan became the father of Azariah, (he it is who executed the priest's office in the house that Solomon built in Jerusalem), 11 and Azariah became the father of Amariah, and Amariah became the father of Ahitub, 12 and Ahitub became the father of Zadok, and Zadok became the father of Shallum, 13 and Shallum became the father of Hilkiah, and Hilkiah became the father of Azariah, 14 and Azariah became the father of Seraiah, and Seraiah became the father of Jehozadak; 15 Jehozadak went into captivity, when the LORD carried away Judah and Jerusalem by the hand of Nebuchadnezzar. 16 The sons of Levi: Gershom, Kohath, and Merari. 17 These are the names of the sons of Gershom: Libni and Shimei. 18 The sons of Kohath were Amram, and Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel. 19 The sons of Merari: Mahli and Mushi. These are the families of the Levites according to their fathers' houses. 20 Of Gershom: Libni his son. Jahath his son, Zimmah his son, 21 Joah his son, Iddo his son, Zerah his son, Jeatherai his son. 22 The descendants of Kohath: Amminadab his son, Korah his son, Assir his son, 23 Elkanah his son, and Abiasaph his son, and Assir his son, 24 Tahath his son, Uriel his son, Uzziah his son, and Shaul his son, 25 The sons of Elkanah: Amasai, and Ahimoth. 26 Elkanah his son, Zuphai his son, and Nahath his son, 27 Eliab his son, Jeroham his son, Elkanah his son, Samuel his son. 28 The sons of Samuel: the firstborn Joel, and the second Abijah. 29 The descendants of Merari: Mahli his son, Libni his son, Shimei his son, Uzzah his son, 30 Shimea his son, Haggiah his son, Asaiah his son. 31 These are they whom David set over the service of song in the house of the LORD, after that the ark had rest. 32 They ministered with song before the tabernacle of the the LORD in Jerusalem: and they waited on their office families, out of the tribe of Issachar, and out of the tribe according to their order. 33 These are those who waited, of Asher, and out of the tribe of Naphtali, and out of and their sons. Of the descendants of the Kohathites: the tribe of Manasseh in Bashan, thirteen cities. 63 To Heman the singer, the son of Joel, the son of Samuel, the descendants of Merari were given by lot, according 34 the son of Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of to their families, out of the tribe of Reuben, and out of Eliel, the son of Toah, 35 the son of Zuph, the son of the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe of Zebulun, twelve Elkanah, the son of Mahath, the son of Amasai, 36 the cities. 64 The children of Israel gave to the Levites the son of Elkanah, the son of Joel, the son of Azariah, cities with their suburbs. 65 They gave by lot out of the the son of Zephaniah, 37 the son of Tahath, the son of tribe of the descendants of Judah, and out of the tribe of Assir, the son of Abiasaph, the son of Korah, 38 the the people of Simeon, and out of the tribe of the people son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, the of Benjamin, these cities which are mentioned by name. son of Israel. 39 His brother Asaph, who stood on his 66 Some of the families of the descendants of Kohath, of right hand, even Asaph the son of Berechiah, the son of the Levites, even the rest of the descendants of Kohath, Shimea, 40 the son of Michael, the son of Maaseiah, had cities of their borders out of the tribe of Ephraim. 67 the son of Malchijah, 41 the son of Ethni, the son of They gave to them the cities of refuge, Shechem in the Zerah, the son of Adaiah, 42 the son of Ethan, the son hill country of Ephraim with its suburbs; Gezer also with of Zimmah, the son of Shimei, 43 the son of Jahath, its suburbs, 68 and Jokmeam with its suburbs, and Beth the son of Gershom, the son of Levi. 44 On the left Horon with its suburbs, 69 and Aijalon with its suburbs, hand their brothers the descendants of Merari: Ethan and Gath Rimmon with its suburbs; 70 and out of the the son of Kishi, the son of Abdi, the son of Malluch, 45 half-tribe of Manasseh, Taanach with its suburbs, and the son of Hashabiah, the son of Amaziah, the son of Ibleam with its suburbs, for the rest of the family of Hilkiah, 46 the son of Amzi, the son of Bani, the son of the descendants of Kohath. 71 To the descendants of Shemer, 47 the son of Mahli, the son of Mushi, the son Gershom were given, out of the family of the half-tribe of Merari, the son of Levi. 48 Their brothers the Levites of Manasseh, Golan in Bashan with its suburbs, and were appointed for all the service of the tabernacle of Ashtaroth with its suburbs; 72 and out of the tribe of the house of God. 49 But Aaron and his sons offered on Issachar, Kedesh with its suburbs, Daberath with its the altar of burnt offering, and on the altar of incense, suburbs, 73 and Ramoth with its suburbs, and Anem for all the work of the most holy place, and to make with its suburbs; 74 and out of the tribe of Asher, Mashal atonement for Israel, according to all that Moses the with its suburbs, and Abdon with its suburbs, 75 and servant of God had commanded. 50 These are the Hukok with its suburbs, and Rehob with its suburbs; descendants of Aaron: Eleazar his son, Phinehas his 76 and out of the tribe of Naphtali, Kedesh in Galilee son, Abishua his son, 51 Bukki his son, Uzzi his son, with its suburbs, and Hammon with its suburbs, and Zerahiah his son, 52 Meraioth his son, Amariah his son, Kiriathaim with its suburbs. 77 To the rest of the Levites, Ahitub his son, 53 Zadok his son, Ahimaaz his son. 54 the descendants of Merari, were given, out of the tribe Now these are their dwelling places according to their of Zebulun, Jokneam with its suburbs, Rimmon with its encampments in their borders: to the descendants of suburbs, and Tabor with its suburbs, and Nahalal with its Aaron, of the families of the Kohathites (for theirs was suburbs. 78 And beyond the Jordan at Jericho, on the the first lot), 55 to them they gave Hebron in the land of east side of the Jordan, were given them, out of the tribe Judah, and its suburbs around it; 56 but the fields of of Reuben, Bezer in the wilderness with its suburbs, the city, and its villages, they gave to Caleb the son and Jahzah with its suburbs, 79 and Kedemoth with its of Jephunneh. 57 To the descendants of Aaron they suburbs, and Mephaath with its suburbs; 80 and out of gave the cities of refuge, Hebron; Libnah also with its the tribe of Gad, Ramoth in Gilead with its suburbs, and suburbs, and Jattir, and Eshtemoa with its suburbs, 58 Mahanaim with its suburbs, 81 and Heshbon with its and Hilen with its suburbs, Debir with its suburbs, **59** suburbs, and Jazer with its suburbs. and Ashan with its suburbs, and Juttah with its suburbs, and Beth Shemesh with its suburbs; 60 and out of the tribe of Benjamin, Gibeon with its suburbs, Geba with its suburbs, and Allemeth with its suburbs, and Anathoth with its suburbs. All their cities throughout their families were thirteen cities. 61 To the rest of the descendants of Kohath were given by lot, out of the family of the tribe, out of the half-tribe, the half of Manasseh, ten cities.

Tent of Meeting, until Solomon had built the house of 62 To the descendants of Gershom, according to their

7 Of the sons of Issachar: Tola, and Puah, Jashub, and Shimron, four. 2 The sons of Tola: Uzzi, and Rephaiah, and Jeriel, and Jahmai, and Ibsam, and Shemuel, heads of their fathers' houses of Tola; mighty men of valor in their generations: their number in the days of David was twenty-two thousand six hundred. 3 The sons of Uzzi: Izrahiah. The sons of Izrahiah: Michael, and Obadiah, and Joel, and Isshiah. All five of their fathers' houses, were bands of the army for war, and its towns; 29 and by the borders of the people of thirty-six thousand; for they had many wives and sons. Manasseh, Beth Shean and its towns, Taanach and its 5 Their brothers among all the families of Issachar, towns, Ibleam and its towns, Megiddo and its towns, mighty men of valor, reckoned in all by genealogy, were Dor and its towns. In these lived the people of Joseph eighty-seven thousand. 6 The sons of Benjamin: Bela, the son of Israel. 30 The sons of Asher: Jimnah, and and Beker, and Jediael, three. 7 The sons of Bela: Jishvah, and Jishvi, and Beriah, and Serah their sister. Ezbon, and Uzzi, and Uzziel, and Jerimoth, and Iri, five: 31 The sons of Beriah: Heber, and Malkiel, who was heads of ancestral houses, mighty men of valor; and the father of Birzaith. 32 Heber became the father they were reckoned by genealogy twenty-two thousand of Japhlet, and Shemer, and Helem, and Shua their thirty-four. 8 The sons of Beker: Zemirah, and Joash, sister. 33 The sons of Japhlet: Pasach, and Bimhal, and Eliezer, and Elioenai, and Omri, and Jeremoth, and and Ashvath. These are the sons of Japhlet. 34 The Abijah, and Anathoth, and Alemeth. All these were the sons of Shemer his brother: Rohgah, and Hubbah, and sons of Beker. 9 They were reckoned by genealogy, Aram. 35 The sons of Helem his brother: Zophah, and after their generations, heads of their fathers' houses, Imna, and Shelesh, and Amal. 36 The sons of Zophah: mighty men of valor, twenty thousand two hundred. 10 Suah, and Harnepher, and Shual. And the sons of Imna: The sons of Jediael: Bilhan. The sons of Bilhan: Jeush, 37 Bezer, and Hod, and Shamma, and Shilshah, and and Benjamin, and Ehud, and Kenaanah, and Zethan, Jether, and Beera. 38 The sons of Jether: Jephunneh, and Tarshish, and Ahishahar. 11 All these were sons of and Pispa, and Ara. 39 The sons of Ulla: Arah, and Jediael, heads of their fathers' houses, mighty men of Hanniel, and Rizia. 40 All these were the people of valor, seventeen thousand and two hundred, who were Asher, heads of ancestral houses, choice and mighty able to go forth in the army for war. 12 And Shuppim and men of valor, chief of the princes. The number of them Huppim were the sons of Ir, Hushim the son of Aher. 13 reckoned by genealogy for service in war was twenty-The sons of Naphtali: Jahzeel, and Guni, and Jezer, and six thousand men. Shillem, the sons of Bilhah. 14 The sons of Manasseh: Asriel, whom his Aramean secondary wife bore; she bore Makir the father of Gilead. 15 And Makir took a wife of Huppim and Shuppim, whose sister's name was Maacah; and the name of the second was Zelophehad: and Zelophehad had daughters. 16 Maacah the wife of Makir bore a son, and she named him Parash; and the name of his brother was Sheresh; and his sons were Ulam and Rekem. 17 The son of Ulam: Bedan. These were the sons of Gilead the son of Makir, the son of Manasseh. 18 His sister Hammoleketh bore Ishhod, and Abiezer, and Mahlah. 19 The sons of Shemida were Ahian, and Shechem, and Likhi, and Aniam. 20 The sons of Ephraim: Shuthelah, and Bered his son, and Tahath his son, and Eleadah his son, and Tahath his son, 21 and Zabad his son, and Shuthelah his son, and Ezer, and Elead, whom the men of Gath who were born in the land killed, because they came down to take away their livestock. 22 Ephraim their father mourned many days, and his brothers came to comfort him. 23 He went in to his wife, and she conceived, and bore a son, and he named him Beriah, because tragedy had come to his house. 24 His daughter was Sheerah, who built Lower and Upper Beth Horon, and Uzzen Sheerah. 25 Rephah was his son, and Resheph his son, and Telah his son, and Tahan his son. 26 Ladan his son. Ammihud his son, Elishama his son, 27 Nun his son, Joshua his son. 28 Their possessions and habitations were Bethel and its towns, and eastward Naaran, and westward Gezer,

them leaders. 4 With them, by their generations, after with its towns: Shechem also and its towns, to Aiah

8 And Benjamin became the father of Bela his firstborn. Ashbel the second, and Aharah the third, 2 Nohah the fourth, and Rapha the fifth. 3 And Bela had sons: Ard, and Gera, the father of Ehud. 4 These are the sons of Ehud: Abishua, and Naaman, and Ahijah. 5 and Gera, and Shephuphan, and Huram. 6 They are the heads of ancestral houses of the inhabitants of Geba, and they carried them captive to Manahath. 7 And Naaman, and Ahijah, and Gera, he sent them into exile. And Gera became the father of Uzza and Ahihud. 8 And Shaharaim became the father of children in the field of Moab after he had sent away his wives Hushim and Baara. 9 He became the father of Hodesh his wife, Jobab, and Zibia, and Mesha, and Malkam, 10 and Jeuz, and Sachia, and Mirmah. These were his sons, heads of ancestral houses. 11 Of Hushim he became the father of Abitub and Elpaal. 12 The sons of Elpaal: Eber, and Misham, and Shemer (who built Ono and Lod, with its towns), 13 and Beriah, and Shema, who were heads of ancestral houses of the inhabitants of Aijalon (who put to flight the inhabitants of Gath); 14 and their brothers, Shashak and Jeremoth. 15 And Zebadiah, and Arad, and Eder, 16 and Michael, and Ishpah, and Joha were the sons of Beriah. 17 And Zebadiah, and Meshullam, and Hizki, and Heber, 18 and Ishmerai, and Izliah, and Jobab were the sons of Elpaal. 19 And Jakim, and Zikri, and Zabdi, 20 and Elienai, and Zillethai, and Eliel, 21 and Adaiah, and Beraiah, and Shimrath were the sons of Shimei. 22 And Ishpan, and Of the priests: Jedaiah, and Jehojarib, Jakin, 11 and were of the sons of Benjamin.

Q So all Israel were reckoned by genealogies; and look, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel: and Judah was carried away captive to Babylon for their disobedience. 2 Now the first inhabitants who lived in their possessions in their cities were Israel, the priests, the Levites, and the Nethinim. 3 In Jerusalem lived of the people of Judah, and of the people of Benjamin, and of the people of Ephraim and Manasseh: 4 Uthai the son of Ammihud, the son of Omri, the son of Imri, the son of Bani, of the descendants of Perez the son of Judah. 5 Of the Shelanites: Asaiah the firstborn, and his sons. 6 Of the sons of Zerah: Jeuel. and their brothers, six hundred ninety. 7 Of the sons of Benjamin: Sallu the son of Meshullam, the son of Judah, the son of Hassenuah, 8 and Ibneiah the son of Jeroham, and Elah the son of Uzzi, the son of Mikri, and Meshullam the son of Shephatiah, the son of Reuel, the son of Ibnijah; 9 and their brothers, according to their generations, nine hundred fifty-six. All these men were heads of ancestral houses by their fathers' houses. 10

Eber, and Eliel, 23 and Abdon, and Zikri, and Hanan, 24 Azariah the son of Hilkiah, the son of Meshullam, the and Hananiah, and Omri, and Elam, and Anthothijah, son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, 25 and Iphdeiah, and Penuel were the sons of Shashak. the ruler of the house of God; 12 and Adaiah the son 26 And Shamsherai, and Shehariah, and Athaliah, 27 of Jeroham, the son of Pashhur, the son of Malchijah, and Jaareshiah, and Elijah, and Zikri were the sons of and Maasai the son of Adiel, the son of Jahzerah, the Jeroham. 28 These were heads of ancestral houses son of Meshullam, the son of Meshillemith, the son of throughout their generations, chief men: these lived in Immer; 13 and their brothers, heads of their fathers' Jerusalem. 29 And in Gibeon lived Jeiel, the father of houses, one thousand seven hundred sixty; very able Gibeon, whose wife's name was Maacah; 30 and his men for the work of the service of the house of God. 14 firstborn son Abdon, and Zur, and Kish, and Baal, and Of the Levites: Shemaiah the son of Hasshub, the son Ner, and Nadab, 31 and Gedor, and Ahio, and Zecher of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, of the sons of Merari; and Mikloth. 32 Mikloth became the father of Shimeah. 15 and Bakbakkar, Heresh, and Galal, and Mattaniah the They also lived with their brothers in Jerusalem, over son of Mica, the son of Zikri, the son of Asaph, 16 and against their brothers. 33 Ner became the father of Obadiah the son of Shemaiah, the son of Galal, the son Kish: and Kish became the father of Saul: and Saul of Jeduthun, and Berechiah the son of Asa, the son of became the father of Jonathan, and Malkishua, and Elkanah, who lived in the villages of the Netophathites. Abinadab, and Ishbaal. 34 The son of Jonathan was 17 The gatekeepers: Shallum, and Akkub, and Talmon, Mippibaal; and Mippibaal became the father of Micah. and Ahiman, and their brothers (Shallum was the chief). 35 The sons of Micah: Pithon, and Melech, and Tarea, 18 who were previously stationed at the King's Gate on and Ahaz. 36 Ahaz became the father of Jehoaddah; the east: they were the gatekeepers for the camp of the and Jehoaddah became the father of Alemeth, and descendants of Levi. 19 Shallum the son of Kore, the Azmaveth, and Zimri; and Zimri became the father of son of Abiasaph, the son of Korah, and his brothers, of Moza, 37 Moza became the father of Binea: Rephaiah his father's house, the Korahites, were over the work was his son, Eleasah his son, Azel his son. 38 Azel of the service, keepers of the thresholds of the tent: had six sons, whose names are these: Azrikam, his and their fathers had been over the camp of the LORD, firstborn, and Ishmael, and Sheariah, and Azariah, and keepers of the entry. 20 Phinehas the son of Eleazar Obadiah, and Hanan. All these were the sons of Azel. was ruler over them in time past, and the LORD was 39 The sons of Eshek his brother: Ulam his firstborn, with him, 21 Zechariah the son of Meshelemiah was Jeush the second, and Eliphelet the third. 40 The sons gatekeeper of the entrance of the Tent of Meeting. 22 of Ulam were mighty men of valor, archers, and had All these who were chosen to be gatekeepers in the many sons, and sons' sons, one hundred fifty. All these thresholds were two hundred and twelve. These were reckoned by genealogy in their villages, whom David and Samuel the seer did ordain in their office of trust. 23 So they and their descendants had the oversight of the gates of the house of the LORD, even the house of the tent, by wards. 24 On the four sides were the gatekeepers, toward the east, west, north, and south. 25 Their brothers, in their villages, were to come in every seven days from time to time to be with them: 26 for the four chief gatekeepers, who were Levites, were in an office of trust, and were over the chambers and over the treasuries in the house of God. 27 They lodged around the house of God, because that duty was on them: and to them pertained its opening morning by morning. 28 Certain of them were in charge of the vessels of service; for by count were these brought in and by count were these taken out. 29 Some of them also were appointed over the furniture, and over all the vessels of the sanctuary, and over the fine flour, and the wine, and the oil, and the frankincense, and the spices. 30 Some of the sons of the priests prepared the confection of the spices. 31 Mattithiah, one of the Levites, who was

the firstborn of Shallum the Korahite, had the office of and to the people. **10** They put his armor in the house and Zechariah, and Mikloth. 38 Mikloth became the to David the son of Jesse. father of Shimeah. They also lived with their brothers in Jerusalem, over against their brothers. 39 Ner became the father of Kish; and Kish became the father of Saul; and Saul became the father of Jonathan, and Malkishua, and Abinadab, and Ishbaal. 40 The son of Jonathan was Mippibaal; and Mippibaal became the father of Micah. 41 The sons of Micah: Pithon, and Melech, and Tahrea, and Ahaz. 42 And Ahaz became the father of Jadah; and Jadah became the father of Alemeth, and Azmaveth, and Zimri: and Zimri became the father of Moza: 43 and Moza became the father of Binea; and Rephaiah his son, Eleasah his son, Azel his son. 44 Azel had six sons, whose names are these: Azrikam, his firstborn, and Ishmael, and Sheariah, and Azariah, and Obadiah, and Hanan: these were the sons of Azel.

10 Now the Philistines fought against Israel: and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell down slain on Mount Gilboa. 2 The Philistines followed hard after Saul and after his sons; and the Philistines killed Jonathan, and Abinadab, and Malkishua, the sons of Saul. 3 The battle grew fierce against Saul, and the archers overtook him; and he was wounded by the archers. 4 Then said Saul to his armor bearer, "Draw your sword, and thrust me through with it, lest these uncircumcised come and torture me." But his armor bearer would not, for he was greatly afraid. Therefore Saul took his sword, and fell on it. 5 When his armor bearer saw that Saul was dead, he likewise fell on his sword, and died. 6 So Saul died, and his three sons; and all his house died together. 7 When all the men of Israel who were in the valley saw that they fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, they forsook their cities, and fled: and the Philistines came and lived in them. 8 It happened on the next day, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his sons fallen on Mount Gilboa. 9 They stripped him, and took his head, and his armor, and sent into the land of the Philistines all around, to carry the news to their idols,

trust over the things that were baked in pans. 32 Some of their gods, and fastened his head in the house of of their brothers, of the sons of the Kohathites, were Dagon. 11 When all the inhabitants of Jabesh Gilead over the show bread, to prepare it every Sabbath. 33 heard all that the Philistines had done to Saul, 12 all the These are the singers, heads of ancestral houses of the valiant men arose, and took away the body of Saul, and Levites, who lived in the chambers and were free from the bodies of his sons, and brought them to Jabesh, other service; for they were employed in their work day and buried their bones under the oak in Jabesh, and and night. 34 These were heads of ancestral houses of fasted seven days. 13 So Saul died for his trespass the Levites, throughout their generations, chief men: which he committed against the LORD, because of the these lived at Jerusalem. 35 In Gibeon there lived the word of the LORD, which he did not keep; and also father of Gibeon, Jeiel, whose wife's name was Maacah: because he asked counsel of one who had a familiar 36 and his firstborn son Abdon, and Zur, and Kish, and spirit, to inquire thereby, 14 and did not inquire of the Baal, and Ner, and Nadab, 37 and Gedor, and Ahio, LORD: therefore he killed him, and turned the kingdom

> **1** Then all Israel gathered together to David at Hebron, saying, "Look, we are your bone and your flesh. 2 In times past, even when Saul was king, it was you who led out and brought in Israel. The LORD your God said to you, 'You shall be shepherd of my people Israel, and you shall rule over my people Israel." 3 So all the elders of Israel came to the king to Hebron; and David made a covenant with them in Hebron before the LORD: and they anointed David king over Israel. according to the word of the LORD by Samuel. 4 David and all Israel went to Jerusalem (that is, Jebus); and the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land, were there, 5 The inhabitants of Jebus said to David, "You shall not come in here." Nevertheless David took the stronghold of Zion, that is, the City of David. 6 David said, "Whoever strikes the Jebusites first shall be chief and captain." Joab the son of Zeruiah went up first, and was made chief. 7 David lived in the stronghold: therefore they called it the City of David. 8 He built the city all around, from the Millo even around; and Joab repaired the rest of the city. 9 David grew greater and greater; for the LORD of hosts was with him. 10 Now these are the chief of the warriors whom David had, who gave him strong support in his kingdom, together with all Israel, to make him king, according to the word of the LORD concerning Israel. 11 This is the number of the warriors whom David had: Jeshbaal the son of a Hachmoni, leader of the Three. And he wielded his spear against eight hundred and killed them at one time. 12 After him was Eleazar the son of Dodo, the Ahohite, who was one of the Three warriors. 13 He was with David at Pas Dammim, and there the Philistines were gathered together to battle, where there was a plot of ground full of barley; and the people fled from before the Philistines. 14 And he took his stand in the midst of the plot, and defended it, and killed the Philistines; and the LORD saved them by a great victory. 15 And three of the Thirty chief men went down to the rock to David, into the cave of Adullam; and the army of the Philistines were camped in the Valley

of Rephaim. 16 David was then in the stronghold, and the Aroerite. 45 Jediael the son of Shimri, and Joha his the garrison of the Philistines was then in Bethlehem. 17 And David had a craving and said. "Oh that one would give me water to drink of the well of Bethlehem. which is by the gate." 18 The Three broke through the army of the Philistines, and drew water out of the well of Bethlehem, that was by the gate, and took it, and brought it to David: but David would not drink of it, but poured it out to the LORD, 19 and said, "My God forbid it me, that I should do this. Shall I drink the blood of these men who have put their lives in jeopardy?" For they risked their lives to bring it. Therefore he would not drink it. The Three warriors did these things. 20 And Abishai, the brother of Joab, was leader of the Thirty. And he wielded his spear against three hundred and killed them, and had a name beside the Three. 21 He was the most illustrious of the Thirty, and he became their leader. However, he did not attain to the Three. 22 Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was a valiant man of Kabzeel, who performed great deeds. He killed the two of Ariel of Moab. He also went down and killed a lion in the midst of a pit in time of snow. 23 He killed an Egyptian, a man of great stature, seven feet five inches tall; and in the Egyptian's hand was a spear like a weaver's beam; and he went down to him with a staff, and grabbed the spear out of the Egyptian's hand, and killed him with his own spear. 24 Benaiah the son of Jehoiada did these things. and had a name among the Three warriors. 25 Look, he was more honored than the Thirty, but he did not attain to the Three. And David set him over his guard. 26 Also the warriors of the armies: Asahel the brother of Joab, Elhanan the son of Dodo of Bethlehem, 27 Shammah the Harodite. Elika the Harodite. Helez the Paltite, 28 Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite, Abiezer the Anathothite. 29 Sibbekai the Hushathite. Zalmon the Ahohite, 30 Maharai the Netophathite, Heled the son of Baanah the Netophathite, 31 Ithai the son of Ribai of Gibeah of the people of Benjamin, Benaiah the Pirathonite, 32 Hiddai of Nahale Gaash, Abiel the Arbathite, 33 Azmaveth the Bahurimite, Eliahba the Shaalbinite. 34 Jashen the Gizonite. Jonathan the son of Shamma the Hararite. 35 Ahiam the son of Sakar the Hararite, Eliphelet the son of Ahasbai the Maacathite, 36 Eliam the son of Ahithophel the Gilonite. 37 Hezrai the Carmelite, Paarai the Arbite, 38 Igal the son of Nathan, from the elite troops of the Hagrites, 39 Zelek the Ammonite. Naharai the Beerothite, the armor bearer of Joab the son of Zeruiah. 40 Ira the Jattirite. Gareb the Jattirite, 41 Uriah the Hethite, Zabad the son of Ahlai. 42 Adina the son of Shiza the Reubenite, a chief of the Reubenites, and thirty with him, 43 Hanan the son of Maacah, and Joshaphat the Mithnite, 44 Uzzia the Ashterathite, Shama and Jeiel the sons of Hotham

brother, the Tizite, 46 Eliel the Mahavite, and Jeribai, and Joshaviah, the sons of Elnaam, and Ithmah the Moabite. 47 Eliel, and Obed, and Jaasiel the Mezobaiah.

2 Now these are those who came to David to Ziklag, 1 while he was still kept from the presence of Saul the son of Kish: and they were among the mighty men. his helpers in war. 2 They were armed with bows, and could use both the right hand and the left in slinging stones and in shooting arrows from the bow: they were of Saul's brothers of Benjamin. 3 The chief was Ahiezer: then Joash, the sons of Shemaah the Gibeathite, and Jeziel, and Pelet, the sons of Azmaveth, and Beracah. and Jehu the Anathothite, 4 and Ishmaiah the Gibeonite, a mighty man among the Thirty, and over the Thirty, and Jeremiah, and Jahaziel, and Johanan, and Jozabad the Gederathite, 5 Eluzai, and Jerimoth, and Baaliah, and Shemariah, and Shephatiah the Haruphite. 6 Elkanah. and Isshiah, and Azarel, and Joezer, and Jashobeam, the Korahites, 7 and Joelah, and Zebadiah, the sons of Jeroham of Gedor. 8 Of the Gadites there separated themselves to David to the stronghold in the wilderness. mighty men of valor, men trained for war, that could handle shield and spear: whose faces were like the faces of lions, and they were as swift as the roes on the mountains: 9 Ezer the chief. Obadiah the second. Eliab the third, 10 Mishmannah the fourth, Jeremiah the fifth, 11 Attai the sixth, Eliel the seventh, 12 Johanan the eighth, Elzabad the ninth, 13 Jeremiah the tenth, Machbannai the eleventh. 14 These of the sons of Gad were captains of the army: he who was least was equal to one hundred, and the greatest to one thousand. 15 These are those who went over the Jordan in the first month, when it had overflowed all its banks; and they put to flight all them of the valleys, both toward the east, and toward the west. 16 There came of the people of Benjamin and Judah to the stronghold to David. 17 David went out to meet them, and answered them, "If you have come peaceably to me to help me, my heart shall be knit to you; but if you have come to betray me to my adversaries, since there is no wrong in my hands, may the God of our fathers look thereon, and rebuke it." 18 Then the Spirit came on Amasai, who was chief of the Thirty, and he said, "We are yours, David, and on your side, you son of Jesse: peace, peace be to you. and peace be to your helpers; for your God helps you." Then David received them, and made them captains of the band. 19 Of Manasseh also there fell away some to David, when he came with the Philistines against Saul to battle: but they did not help them: for the lords of the Philistines sent him away after consultation, saying, "He will fall away to his master Saul to the jeopardy of our heads." 20 As he went to Ziklag, there fell to

and Michael, and Jozabad, and Elihu, and Zillethai, captains of thousands who were of Manasseh. 21 They said to all the assembly of Israel, "If it seems good to helped David against the band of rovers: for they were you, and if there is a breakthrough from the LORD our all mighty men of valor, and were captains in the army. God, let us send abroad everywhere to our brothers who 22 For from day to day men came to David to help him, are left in all the land of Israel, with whom the priests until there was a great army, like the army of God. 23 and Levites are in their cities that have suburbs, that These are the numbers of the heads of those who were they may gather themselves to us; 3 and let us bring armed for war, who came to David to Hebron, to turn again the ark of our God to us. For we did not seek it the kingdom of Saul to him, according to the word of in the days of Saul." 4 All the assembly said that they the LORD. 24 The people of Judah who bore shield would do so; for the thing was right in the eyes of all the and spear were six thousand and eight hundred, armed people. 5 So David assembled all Israel together, from for war. 25 Of the people of Simeon, mighty men of the Shihor of Egypt even to Lebo Hamath, to bring the valor for the war, seven thousand and one hundred. ark of God from Kiriath Jearim. 6 And David went up, 26 Of the descendants of Levi four thousand and six and all Israel, to Baalah, that is, to Kiriath Jearim, which hundred. 27 Jehoiada was the leader of the household belongs to Judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, of Aaron; and with him were three thousand and seven which is called by the name of the LORD enthroned on hundred, 28 and Zadok, a young man mighty of valor, the cherubim. 7 They carried the ark of God on a new and of his father's house twenty-two captains. 29 Of cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab: and the people of Benjamin, the brothers of Saul, three Uzza and Ahio drove the cart. 8 David and all Israel thousand: for hitherto the greatest part of them had kept played before God with all their might, even with songs, their allegiance to the house of Saul. 30 Of the people and with harps, and with stringed instruments, and with of Ephraim twenty thousand eight hundred, mighty men tambourines, and with cymbals, and with trumpets. 9 of valor, famous men in their fathers' houses. 31 Of the When they came to the threshing floor of Nodan, Uzza half-tribe of Manasseh eighteen thousand, who were put forth his hand to hold the ark; for the oxen stumbled. mentioned by name, to come and make David king. 32 10 The anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzza, Of the people of Issachar, men who had understanding and he struck him, because he put forth his hand to of the times, to know what Israel ought to do, their heads the ark; and there he died before God. 11 David was were two hundred; and all their brothers were at their displeased, because the LORD had broken forth on commandment. 33 Of Zebulun, such as were able to go Uzza; and he called that place Perez Uzza, to this day. out in the army, who could set the battle in array, with 12 David was afraid of God that day, saying, "How can all kinds of instruments of war, fifty thousand, to help I bring the ark of God to me?" 13 So David did not David and were not of double heart. 34 Of Naphtali one move the ark to him into the City of David, but diverted thousand captains, and with them with shield and spear it to the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite. 14 The ark thirty-seven thousand. 35 Of the Danites who could set of God remained with the family of Obed-Edom in his the battle in array, twenty-eight thousand six hundred. house three months: and the LORD blessed the house 36 Of Asher, such as were able to go out in the army, of Obed-Edom, and all that he had. who could set the battle in array, forty thousand. 37 On the other side of the Jordan, of the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and of the half-tribe of Manasseh, with all kinds of instruments of war for the battle, one hundred twenty thousand. 38 All these being men of war, who could order the battle array, came with a perfect heart to Hebron, to make David king over all Israel: and all the rest also of Israel were of one heart to make David king. 39 They were there with David three days, eating and drinking; for their brothers had made preparation for them. 40 Moreover those who were near to them, as far as Issachar and Zebulun and Naphtali, brought bread on donkeys, and on camels, and on mules, and on oxen, food of meal, cakes of figs, and clusters of raisins, and wine, and oil, and cattle, and sheep in abundance: for there was joy in Israel.

him of Manasseh, Adnah, and Jozabad, and Jediael, 13 David consulted with the captains of thousands and of hundreds, even with every leader. 2 David

> **1 L** Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David. and cedar trees, and craftsmen of a wall, and craftsmen of wood, to build him a palace. 2 And David knew that the LORD had established him king over Israel; for his kingdom was exalted on high, for his people Israel's sake. 3 David took more wives at Jerusalem; and David became the father of more sons and daughters. 4 These are the names of the children whom he had in Jerusalem: Shammua, and Shobab, Nathan, and Solomon, 5 and Ibhar, and Elishua, and Eliphelet, 6 and Nogah, and Nepheg, and Japhia, 7 and Elishama, and Baaliada, and Eliphelet. 8 When the Philistines heard that David was anointed king over all Israel, all the Philistines went up to seek David: and David heard of it, and went out against them. 9 Now the Philistines had come and made a raid in the Valley of

Rephaim, 10 David inquired of God, saving, "Shall I go the Levites to appoint their brothers the singers, with up against the Philistines? Will you deliver them into instruments of music, stringed instruments and harps my hand?" The LORD said to him, "Go up; for I will and cymbals, sounding aloud and lifting up the voice deliver them into your hand." 11 So they came up to with joy. 17 So the Levites appointed Heman the son of Baal Perazim, and David struck them there; and David Joel; and of his brothers, Asaph the son of Berechiah; said, God has broken through my enemies by my hand, and of the sons of Merari their brothers, Ethan the son of like a breakthrough of waters. Therefore they called Kushaiah: 18 and with them their brothers of the second the name of that place Baal Perazim. 12 They left their degree, Zechariah, and Jaaziel, and Shemiramoth, and gods there; and David gave commandment, and they Jehiel, and Unni, Eliab, and Benaiah, and Maaseiah, and were burned with fire. 13 The Philistines yet again made Mattithiah, and Eliphelehu, and Mikneiah, and Obeda raid in the valley. 14 And David inquired again of Edom, and Jeiel, and Azaziah were doorkeepers. 19 God; and God said to him, "You shall not go up after So the singers, Heman, Asaph, and Ethan, were given them. Turn away from them, and come at them opposite cymbals of bronze to sound aloud; 20 and Zechariah, the poplar trees. 15 And it shall be, when you hear and Jaaziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, the sound of marching in the tops of the poplar trees, and Eliab, and Maaseiah, and Benaiah, with stringed that then you shall go out to battle: for God has gone instruments set to Alamoth: 21 and Mattithiah, and out before you to strike the army of the Philistines." Eliphelehu, and Mikneiah, and Obed-Edom, and Jeiel, 16 David did as God commanded him, and he struck and Azaziah, with harps tuned to the eight-stringed lyre. the army of the Philistines from Gibeon even to Gezer. to lead. 22 Chenaniah, chief of the Levites, was over 17 The fame of David went out into all lands; and the the song: he instructed about the song, because he was LORD brought the fear of him on all nations.

15 David made him houses in the City of David; and he prepared a place for the ark of God, and pitched for it a tent. 2 Then David said, "No one ought to carry the ark of God but the Levites. For the LORD has chosen them to carry the ark of God, and to minister to him forever." 3 David assembled all Israel at Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the LORD to its place, which he had prepared for it. 4 David gathered together the sons of Aaron, and the Levites: 5 of the sons of Kohath, Uriel the chief, and his brothers one hundred twenty; 6 of the sons of Merari. Asaiah the chief, and his brothers two hundred twenty; 7 of the sons of Gershom, Joel the chief, and his brothers one hundred thirty; 8 of the sons of Elizaphan. Shemaiah the chief, and his brothers two hundred; 9 of the sons of Hebron, Eliel the chief, and his brothers eighty: 10 of the sons of Uzziel, Amminadab the chief, and his brothers one hundred twelve. 11 David called for Zadok and Abiathar the priests, and for the Levites, for Uriel, Asaiah, and Joel, Shemaiah, and Eliel, and Amminadab, 12 and said to them, "You are the heads of the ancestral houses of the Levites. Sanctify yourselves, both you and your brothers, that you may bring up the ark of the LORD, the God of Israel, to the place that I have prepared for it. 13 For because you were not prepared the first time, the LORD our God made an outbreak against us, because we did not seek him according to the ordinance." 14 So the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves to bring up the ark of the LORD, the God of Israel. 15 The descendants of the Levites bore the ark of God on their shoulders with the poles thereon, as Moses commanded according to the word of the LORD. 16 David spoke to the chief of

skillful. 23 Berechiah and Elkanah were doorkeepers for the ark. 24 Shebaniah, and Joshaphat, and Nethanel, and Amasai, and Zechariah, and Benaiah, and Eliezer, the priests, blew the trumpets before the ark of God: and Obed-Edom and Jehiah were doorkeepers for the ark. 25 So David, and the elders of Israel, and the captains over thousands, went to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the house of Obed-Edom with joy. 26 It happened, when God helped the Levites who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD, that they sacrificed seven bulls and seven rams. 27 David was clothed with a robe of fine linen, and all the Levites who bore the ark, and the singers, and Chenaniah the master of the song with the singers: and David had on him an ephod of linen. 28 Thus all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the LORD with shouting, and with sound of the cornet, and with trumpets, and with cymbals, sounding aloud with stringed instruments and harps. 29 It happened, as the ark of the covenant of the LORD came to the City of David, that Mikal the daughter of Saul looked out at the window, and saw king David dancing and plaving; and she despised him in her heart.

16 They brought in the ark of God, and set it in the midst of the tent that David had set up for it: and they offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before God. 2 When David had made an end of offering the burnt offering and the peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD. 3 He dealt to everyone of Israel, both man and woman, to every one a loaf of bread, and a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. 4 He appointed certain of the Levites to minister

thank and praise the LORD, the God of Israel: 5 Asaph name, to triumph in your praise." 36 Blessed be the the chief, and second to him Zechariah, Jaaziel, and LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Mattithiah, and Eliab, And all the people said, "Amen," and praised the LORD. and Benaiah, and Obed-Edom, and Jeiel, with stringed 37 So he left there, before the ark of the covenant of the instruments and with harps; and Asaph with cymbals, LORD, Asaph and his brothers, to minister before the sounding aloud; 6 and Benaiah and Jahaziel the priests ark continually, as every day's work required; 38 and with trumpets continually, before the ark of the covenant Obed-Edom with their brothers, sixty-eight; Obed-Edom of God. 7 Then on that day David first ordained to give also the son of Jeduthun and Hosah to be doorkeepers; thanks to the LORD, by the hand of Asaph and his 39 and Zadok the priest, and his brothers the priests, brothers. 8 Oh give thanks to the LORD. Call on his before the tabernacle of the LORD in the high place name. Make his deeds known among the peoples. 9 that was at Gibeon, 40 to offer burnt offerings to the Sing to him. Sing praises to him. Tell of all his marvelous LORD on the altar of burnt offering continually morning works. 10 Glory in his holy name. Let the heart of those and evening, even according to all that is written in who seek the LORD rejoice. 11 Seek the LORD and his the law of the LORD, which he commanded to Israel; strength. Seek his face forever more. 12 Remember his 41 and with them Heman and Jeduthun, and the rest marvelous works that he has done, his wonders, and the who were chosen, who were mentioned by name, to judgments of his mouth, 13 you offspring of Israel his give thanks to the LORD, because his loving kindness servant, you descendants of Jacob, his chosen ones. endures forever; 42 and with them Heman and Jeduthun 14 He is the LORD our God. His judgments are in all the with trumpets and cymbals for those that should sound earth. 15 Remember his covenant forever, the word aloud, and with instruments for the songs of God; and which he commanded to a thousand generations, 16 the sons of Jeduthun to be at the gate. 43 All the people the covenant which he made with Abraham, his oath departed every man to his house: and David returned to to Isaac. 17 He confirmed the same to Jacob for a bless his house. statute, and to Israel for an everlasting covenant, 18 saying, "I will give you the land of Canaan, The lot of your inheritance," 19 when you were but a few men in number, yes, very few, and foreigners were in it. 20 They went about from nation to nation, from one kingdom to another people. 21 He allowed no man to do them wrong. Yes, he reproved kings for their sakes, 22 "Do not touch my anointed ones. Do my prophets no harm." 23 Sing to the LORD, all the earth. Display his salvation from day to day. 24 Declare his glory among the nations, and his marvelous works among all the peoples. 25 For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised. He also is to be feared above all gods. 26 For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens. 27 Honor and majesty are before him. Strength and gladness are in his place. 28 Ascribe to the LORD, you relatives of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. 29 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due to his name. Bring an offering, and come before him. Worship the LORD in holy array. 30 Tremble before him. all the earth. The world also is established that it can't be moved. 31 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice. Let them say among the nations, "The LORD reigns." 32 Let the sea roar, and its fullness. Let the field exult, and all that is in it. 33 Then the trees of the forest will sing for joy before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. 34 Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his loving kindness endures forever. 35 Say, "Save us, God of our salvation. Gather us together and enemies. Moreover I tell you that the LORD will build

before the ark of the LORD, and to celebrate and to deliver us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy

17 It happened, when David lived in his house, that David said to Nathan the prophet, "Look, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of the covenant of the LORD is under curtains." 2 Nathan said to David, "Do all that is in your heart; for God is with you." 3 It happened the same night, that the word of God came to Nathan, saying, 4 "Go and tell David my servant, 'Thus says the LORD, "You shall not build me a house to dwell in; 5 for I have not lived in a house since the day that I brought up Israel to this day, but have gone about from tent to tent, and from tabernacle to tabernacle. 6 In all places in which I have walked with all Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to be shepherd of my people, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?"" 7 "Now therefore, you shall tell my servant David. 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, "I took you from the sheep pen, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. 8 I have been with you wherever you have gone, and have cut off all your enemies from before you. I will make you a name, like the name of the great ones who are in the earth. 9 I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in their own place, and be moved no more; neither shall the children of wickedness waste them any more, as at the first, 10 and from the time that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel; and I will subdue all your vou a house. 11 And it will come about when your days thousand footmen: and David hamstrung all the chariot are fulfilled, when you must go to be with your fathers, horses, but reserved of them for one hundred chariots. that I will raise up your descendant after you, who shall 5 When the Arameans of Damascus came to help be of your sons; and I will establish his kingdom. 12 He Hadadezer king of Zobah, David struck of the Arameans will build me a house, and I will establish his throne twenty-two thousand men. 6 Then David put garrisons forever. 13 I will be his father, and he shall be my son. I in Aram of Damascus; and the Arameans became will not take my loving kindness away from him, as I servants to David, and brought tribute. The LORD gave took it from him that was before you; 14 but I will settle victory to David wherever he went. 7 And David took the him in my house and in my kingdom forever. His throne shields of gold that were on the servants of Hadadezer, shall be established forever."" 15 According to all these and brought them to Jerusalem. 8 From Tibhath and words, and according to all this vision, so Nathan spoke from Cun, cities of Hadadezer, David took very much to David. 16 Then king David went in and sat before bronze, with which Solomon made the bronze sea, and the LORD and said, "Who am I, LORD God, and what the pillars, and the vessels of bronze. 9 When Tou king is my house, that you have brought me thus far? 17 of Hamath heard that David had struck all the army of This was a small thing in your eyes, God, but you have Hadadezer king of Zobah, 10 he sent Hadoram his son spoken of your servant's house for a great while to to king David, to Greet him, and to bless him, because come, and you have let me look upon the generation of he had fought against Hadadezer and struck him; (for humankind to come, LORD God. 18 What can David Hadadezer had wars with Tou;) and he had with him all say yet more to you concerning the honor which is done kinds of vessels of gold and silver and bronze. 11 The to your servant? For you know your servant, LORD. King also dedicated these to the LORD, with the silver 19 For your servant's sake, and according to your own and the gold that he took from all the nations; from heart, you have worked all this greatness, to make Edom, and from Moab, and from the people of Ammon, known to your servant all these great things. 20 LORD, and from the Philistines, and from Amalek. 12 Moreover there is none like you, neither is there any God besides Abishai the son of Zerujah struck of the Edomites in the you, according to all that we have heard with our ears. Valley of Salt eighteen thousand. 13 He put garrisons in 21 And who is like your people Israel, the one nation on Edom; and all the Edomites became servants to David. earth whom God went out to redeem to be a people The LORD gave victory to David wherever he went. 14 for himself, to make a name for yourself by great and David reigned over all Israel; and he executed justice awesome deeds, by driving out from before your people, and righteousness to all his people. 15 Joab the son of whom you redeemed out of Egypt, a nation and its Zeruiah was over the army; and Jehoshaphat the son of gods? 22 And you made your people Israel for yourself Ahilud was recorder; 16 and Zadok the son of Ahitub, to be your people forever; and you, LORD, became their and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, were priests; and God. 23 Now, LORD, let the word that you have spoken Shisha was scribe; 17 and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada concerning your servant, and concerning his house, be was over the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and the established forever, and do as you have spoken. 24 sons of David were chief about the king. Let your name be established and magnified forever, saying, 'The LORD of hosts is the God of Israel,' and the house of David your servant is established before you. 25 For you have revealed to your servant that you will build him a house. Therefore your servant has found courage to pray before you. 26 Now, LORD, you are God, and have promised this good thing to your servant. 27 Now it has pleased you to bless the house of your servant, that it may continue forever before you; for you, LORD, have blessed, and it is blessed forever."

18 After this it happened, that David struck the Philistines, and subdued them, and took Gath and its towns out of the hand of the Philistines. 2 He struck Moab; and the Moabites became servants to David, Zobah to Hamath, as he went to establish his dominion the men were served. He sent to meet them; for the by the river Perath. 4 David took from him one thousand chariots, and seven thousand horsemen, and twenty Jericho until your beards have grown, and then return."

19 And it happened after this, that Nahash the king of the people of Ammon died, and his son Hanun reigned in his place. 2 David said, "I will show kindness to Hanun the son of Nahash, because his father showed kindness to me." So David sent messengers to comfort him concerning his father. David's servants came into the land of the people of Ammon to Hanun, to comfort him. 3 But the leaders of the people of Ammon said to Hanun, "Do you think that David honors your father, in that he has sent comforters to you? Haven't his servants come to you to search, to overthrow, and to spy out the land?" 4 So Hanun took David's servants, and shaved them, and cut off their garments in the middle, even to their buttocks, and sent them away. 5 and brought tribute. 3 David struck Hadadezer king of Then there went certain persons, and told David how men were greatly ashamed. The king said, "Stay at

6 When the people of Ammon saw that they had made and he brought forth the spoil of the city, a very great themselves odious to David, Hanun and the people of amount. 3 He brought forth the people who were in it, Ammon sent one thousand talents of silver to hire them and set them to work with saws, and with iron picks, and chariots and horsemen out of Mesopotamia, and out of with axes. David did so to all the cities of the people of Aram Maacah, and out of Zobah. 7 So they hired for Ammon. David and all the people returned to Jerusalem. themselves thirty-two thousand chariots, and the king of 4 Now it happened afterward that there was again Maacah and his people, who came and camped before war with the Philistines at Gezer; then Sibbekai the Medeba. The people of Ammon gathered themselves Hushathite killed Saph, a descendant of the Rephaim; together from their cities, and came to battle. 8 When and they were subdued. 5 There was again war with the David heard of it, he sent Joab, and all the army of Philistines; and Elhanan the son of Jair the Bethlehemite the mighty men. 9 The people of Ammon came out, killed the brother of Goliath the Gittite, the staff of whose and put the battle in array at the gate of the city: and spear was like a weaver's beam. 6 There was again war the kings who had come were by themselves in the at Gath, where there was a man of great stature, whose field. 10 Now when Joab saw that the battle was set fingers and toes were twenty-four, six on each hand, against him before and behind, he chose of all the and six on each foot; and he also was descended from choice men of Israel, and put them in array against the the Raphah. 7 When he defied Israel, Jonathan the son Arameans. 11 The rest of the people he committed into of Shimeah David's brother killed him. 8 These were the the hand of Abishai his brother; and they put themselves descendants of the Raphah in Gath; and they fell by the in array against the people of Ammon. 12 He said, "If hand of David, and by the hand of his servants. the Arameans are too strong for me, then you are to help me; but if the people of Ammon are too strong for you, then I will help you. 13 Be courageous, and let us be strong for our people, and for the cities of our God. May the LORD do that which seems good to him." 14 So Joab and the people who were with him drew near before the Arameans to the battle; and they fled before him. 15 When the people of Ammon saw that the Arameans had fled, they likewise fled before Abishai his brother, and entered into the city. Then Joab came to Jerusalem. 16 When the Arameans saw that they were defeated by Israel, they sent messengers, and drew forth the Arameans who were beyond the River, with Shobach the captain of the army of Hadadezer at their head. 17 It was told David; and he gathered all Israel together, and passed over the Jordan, and came on them, and set the battle in array against them. So when David had put the battle in array against the Arameans, they fought with him. 18 The Arameans fled before Israel; and David killed of the Arameans the men of seven thousand chariots, and forty thousand footmen, and killed Shobach the captain of the army. 19 When the servants of Hadadezer saw that they were defeated by Israel, they made peace with David, and served him: neither would the Arameans help the people of Ammon any more.

Jerusalem. Joab struck Rabbah, and overthrew it. 2 the angel of the LORD destroying throughout all the and found it to weigh a talent of gold, and there were I shall return to him who sent me." 13 David said to precious stones in it; and it was set on David's head: Gad, "I am in distress. Let me fall, I pray, into the hand

21 And an adversary up against Israel, and moved David to number Israel. 2 And David said to Joab and to the leaders of the people, "Go, number Israel from Beersheba even to Dan; and bring me word, that I may know the sum of them." 3 Joab said, "May the LORD make his people a hundred times as many as they are. But, my lord the king, aren't they all my lord's servants? Why does my lord require this thing? Why will he be a cause of guilt to Israel?" 4 Nevertheless the king's word prevailed against Joab. Therefore Joab departed, and went throughout all Israel, and came to Jerusalem. 5 Joab gave up the sum of the numbering of the people to David. All those of Israel were one million one hundred thousand men who drew sword: and in Judah were four hundred seventy thousand men who drew sword. 6 But he did not count Levi and Benjamin among them; for the king's word was abominable to Joab. 7 God was displeased with this thing; therefore he struck Israel. 8 David said to God, "I have sinned greatly, in that I have done this thing. But now, put away, I beg you, the iniquity of your servant; for I have done very foolishly." 9 The LORD spoke to Gad, David's seer, saying, 10 "Go and speak to David, saying, 'Thus says the LORD, "I offer you three things. Choose one of them, that I may do it to you."" 11 So Gad came to David, and said to him, "Thus says the LORD, 'Take 20 It happened, at the time of the return of the year, at your choice: 12 either three years of famine; or three the time when kings go out, that Joab led forth the months of fleeing from before your foes, while the sword army, and wasted the country of the people of Ammon, of your enemies overtakes you; or else three days the and came and besieged Rabbah. But David stayed at sword of the LORD, even pestilence in the land, and David took the crown of their king from off his head, borders of Israel. Now therefore consider what answer of the LORD: for his mercies are very great. Let me couldn't go before it to inquire of God; for he was afraid not fall into the hand of man." 14 So the LORD sent because of the sword of the angel of the LORD. a pestilence on Israel: and seventy thousand men of Israel fell. 15 God sent an angel to Jerusalem to destroy it. As he was about to destroy, the LORD saw, and he relented of the disaster, and said to the destroying angel, "It is enough; now stay your hand." The angel of the LORD was standing by the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite. 16 David lifted up his eyes, and saw the angel of the LORD standing between earth and the sky, having a drawn sword in his hand stretched out over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders, clothed in sackcloth, fell on their faces. 17 David said to God, "Isn't it I who commanded the people to be numbered? It is even I who have sinned and done very wickedly; but these sheep, what have they done? Please let your hand, O LORD my God, be against me, and against my father's house; but not against your people, that they should be plaqued." 18 Then the angel of the LORD commanded Gad to tell David that David should go up, and raise an altar to the LORD in the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite. 19 David went up at the saying of Gad, which he spoke in the name of the LORD. 20 Ornan turned back, and saw the king, and his four sons who were with him hiding themselves. Now Ornan was threshing wheat. 21 As David came to Ornan. Ornan looked and saw David, and went out of the threshing floor, and bowed himself to David with his face to the ground. 22 Then David said to Ornan. "Give me the place of this threshing floor, that I may build thereon an altar to the LORD. You shall sell it to me for the full price, that the plague may be stopped from afflicting the people." 23 Ornan said to David, "Take it for yourself, and let my lord the king do that which is good in his eyes. Look, I give the oxen for burnt offerings, and the threshing instruments for wood, and the wheat for the meal offering. I give it all." 24 King David said to Ornan, "No; but I will most certainly buy it for the full price. For I will not take that which is yours for the LORD, nor offer a burnt offering without cost." 25 So David gave to Ornan six hundred shekels of gold by weight for the place. 26 David built an altar to the LORD there, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings, and called on the LORD; and he answered him from heaven by fire on the altar of burnt offering, and it consumed the burnt offering. 27 The LORD commanded the angel; and he put up his sword again into its sheath. 28 At that time, when David saw that the LORD had answered him in the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite, then he sacrificed there. 29 For the tabernacle of the LORD, which Moses made in the wilderness, and the altar of burnt offering, were at that time in the high place at Gibeon. 30 But David

Then David said, "This is the house of the LORD 22 God, and this is the altar of burnt offering for Israel." 2 David gave orders to gather together the foreigners who were in the land of Israel; and he set masons to cut worked stones to build God's house. 3 David prepared iron in abundance for the nails for the doors of the gates, and for the couplings; and bronze in abundance without weight; 4 and cedar trees without number: for the Sidonians and they of Tyre brought cedar trees in abundance to David. 5 David said, "Solomon my son is young and tender, and the house that is to be built for the LORD must be exceedingly magnificent, of fame and of glory throughout all countries. I will therefore make preparation for it." So David prepared abundantly before his death. 6 Then he called for Solomon his son. and commanded him to build a house for the LORD, the God of Israel. 7 David said to Solomon, "My son, as for me, it was in my heart to build a house to the name of the LORD my God. 8 But the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 'You have shed blood abundantly, and have made great wars. You shall not build a house to my name, because you have shed much blood on the earth in my sight. 9 Look, a son shall be born to you, who shall be a man of rest. I will give him rest from all his enemies all around; for his name shall be Solomon, and I will give peace and guietness to Israel in his days. 10 He shall build a house for my name; and he shall be my son, and I will be his father; and I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel for ever.' 11 Now, my son, may the LORD be with you and prosper you, and build the house of the LORD your God, as he has spoken concerning you. 12 May the LORD give you discretion and understanding, and put you in charge of Israel; that so you may keep the law of the LORD your God. 13 Then you will prosper, if you observe to do the statutes and the ordinances which the LORD gave Moses concerning Israel. Be strong, and courageous. Do not be afraid, neither be dismayed. 14 Now, look, in my affliction I have prepared for the house of the LORD one hundred thousand talents of gold, one million talents of silver, and bronze and iron without weight: for it is in abundance. I have also prepared timber and stone: and you may add to them. 15 There are also workmen with you in abundance, cutters and workers of stone and timber, and all kinds of men who are skillful in every kind of work: 16 of the gold, the silver, and the bronze, and the iron, there is no number. Arise and be doing, and may the LORD be with you." 17 And David also commanded all the leaders of Israel to help Solomon his son, saying, 18 "Isn't the LORD your God with you? Hasn't he given you rest on every side? For he has

delivered the inhabitants of the land into my hand; and and upward. 25 For David said. "The LORD, the God of the house that is to be built to the name of the LORD."

Q Now David was old and full of days; and he made Solomon his son king over Israel. 2 And he gathered together all the leaders of Israel, with the priests and the Levites. 3 The Levites were numbered from thirty years old and upward: and their number by their polls, man by man, was thirty-eight thousand. 4 David said, "Of these, twenty-four thousand were to oversee the work of the house of the LORD; six thousand were officers and judges; 5 four thousand were doorkeepers; and four thousand praised the LORD with the instruments which I made, for giving praise." 6 David divided them into divisions according to the sons of Levi: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. 7 Of the Gershonites: Ladan and Shimei. 8 The sons of Ladan: Jehiel the chief, and Zetham, and Joel, three. 9 The sons of Shimei: Shelomoth, and Haziel, and Haran, three. These were the heads of the ancestral houses of Ladan. 10 The sons of Shimei: Jahath, Zizah, and Jeush, and Beriah. These four were the sons of Shimei. 11 Jahath was the chief, and Zizah the second: but Jeush and Beriah did not have many sons; therefore they became a fathers' house in one reckoning. 12 The sons of Kohath: Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel, four. 13 The sons of Amram: Aaron and Moses; and Aaron was separated, that he should sanctify the most holy things, he and his sons, forever, to burn incense before the LORD, to minister to him, and to bless in his name, forever. 14 But as for Moses the man of God, his sons were named among the tribe of Levi. 15 The sons of Moses: Gershom and Eliezer. 16 The sons of Gershom: Shubael the chief. 17 The sons of Eliezer were: Rehabiah the chief; and Eliezer had no other sons; but the sons of Rehabiah were very many. 18 The sons of Izhar: Shelomoth the chief. 19 The sons of Hebron: Jeriah the chief. Amariah the second. Jahaziel the third, and Jekameam the fourth. 20 The sons of Uzziel: Micah the chief, and Isshiah the second. 21 The sons of Merari: Mahli and Mushi. The sons of Mahli: Eleazar and Kish. 22 Eleazar died, and had no sons, but daughters only: and their brothers the sons of Kish took them as wives. 23 The sons of Mushi: Mahli, and Eder, and Jeremoth, three. 24 These were the sons of Levi after their fathers' houses, even the heads of ancestral houses of those who were counted individually, in the number of names by their polls, who do the work for the service of the house of the LORD, from twenty years old

the land is subdued before the LORD, and before his Israel, has given rest to his people; and he dwells in people. 19 Now set your heart and your soul to seek Jerusalem forever. 26 Also the Levites will no longer after the LORD your God. Arise therefore, and build need to carry the tabernacle and all its vessels for its the sanctuary of the LORD God, to bring the ark of the service." 27 For by the last words of David the sons of covenant of the LORD, and the holy vessels of God, into Levi were numbered, from twenty years old and upward. 28 For their office was to wait on the sons of Aaron for the service of the house of the LORD, in the courts, and in the rooms, and in the purifying of all holy things, even the work of the service of God's house, 29 involving the show bread, the fine flour for a meal offering, whether of unleavened wafers, or of that which is baked in the pan, or of that which is soaked, and for all kinds of measure and size; 30 and to stand every morning to thank and praise the LORD, and likewise in the evening; 31 and to offer all burnt offerings to the LORD, on the Sabbaths. on the new moons, and on the set feasts, in number according to the ordinance concerning them, continually before the LORD; 32 and that they should keep the duty of the Tent of Meeting, and the duty of the holy place, and the duty of the sons of Aaron their brothers, for the service of the house of the LORD.

> **24** These were the divisions of the sons of Aaron. The sons of Aaron: Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar. 2 But Nadab and Abihu died before their father, and had no children: therefore Eleazar and Ithamar executed the priest's office. 3 David with Zadok of the sons of Eleazar, and Ahimelech of the sons of Ithamar, divided them according to their ordering in their service. 4 There were more chief men found among the sons of Eleazar than of the sons of Ithamar; so they were divided like this: of the sons of Eleazar there were sixteen heads according to their ancestral houses. and eight according to their ancestral houses among the sons of Ithamar. 5 And thus were they divided impartially by drawing lots: for there were officiers of the sanctuary, and officiers of God, both of the descendants of Eleazar, and of the descendants of Ithamar. 6 And Shemaiah the son of Nethanel the scribe, who was of the Levites, wrote them in the presence of the king, and the officiers, and Zadok the priest, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, and the heads of the ancestral houses of the priests and of the Levites; one fathers' house being taken for Eleazar and one being taken for Ithamar. 7 Now the first lot came forth to Jehoiarib, the second to Jedaiah, 8 the third to Harim, the fourth to Seorim, 9 the fifth to Malchijah, the sixth to Mijamin, 10 the seventh to Hakkoz, the eighth to Abijah, 11 the ninth to Jeshua, the tenth to Shecaniah, 12 the eleventh to Eliashib, the twelfth to Jakim, 13 the thirteenth to Huppah, the fourteenth to Jeshbaal, 14 the fifteenth to Bilgah, the sixteenth to Immer, 15 the seventeenth to

Pethahiah, the twentieth to Jehezkel, 17 the twenty-first And they cast lots, watch with watch, the small as the to Jakin, the twenty-second to Gamul, 18 the twenty- great, the teacher as the pupil. 9 Now the first lot came third to Delaiah, the twenty-fourth to Maaziah. 19 This out for Asaph of Joseph, his sons and his brothers, was their ordering in their service, to come into the twelve; the second to Gedaliah, his brothers and his house of the LORD according to the ordinance given sons, twelve: 10 the third to Zakkur, his sons and his to them by Aaron their father, as the LORD, the God brothers, twelve: 11 the fourth to Zeri, his sons and his of Israel, had commanded him. 20 Of the rest of the brothers, twelve: 12 the fifth to Nethaniah, his sons and sons of Levi: of the sons of Amram, Shubael; of the his brothers, twelve: 13 the sixth to Bukkiah, his sons sons of Shubael, Jehdeiah. 21 Of Rehabiah: of the and his brothers, twelve: 14 the seventh to Asarelah, sons of Rehabiah, Isshiah the chief. 22 Of the Izharites, his sons and his brothers, twelve: 15 the eighth to Shelomoth; of the sons of Shelomoth, Jahath. 23 The Jeshaiah, his sons and his brothers, twelve: 16 the ninth sons of Hebron: Jeriah, Amariah the second, Jahaziel to Mattaniah, his sons and his brothers, twelve: 17 the the third, Jekameam the fourth. 24 The sons of Uzziel, tenth to Shimei, his sons and his brothers, twelve: 18 Micah; of the sons of Micah, Shamir. 25 The brother the eleventh to Uzziel, his sons and his brothers, twelve: of Micah, Isshiah; of the sons of Isshiah, Zechariah. 19 the twelfth to Hashabiah, his sons and his brothers, 26 The sons of Merari: Mahli and Mushi; of his sons: twelve: 20 for the thirteenth, Shubael, his sons and Jaaziah his son. 27 The sons of Merari by Jaaziah his brothers, twelve: 21 for the fourteenth, Mattithiah, his son: Shoham, and Zakkur, and Ibri. 28 Of Mahli: his sons and his brothers, twelve: 22 for the fifteenth Eleazar, who had no sons. 29 Of Kish; the sons of Kish: to Jerimoth, his sons and his brothers, twelve: 23 for Jerahmeel. 30 The sons of Mushi: Mahli, and Eder, and the sixteenth to Hananiah, his sons and his brothers. Jerimoth. These were the sons of the Levites after their twelve: 24 for the seventeenth to Joshbekashah, his fathers' houses. 31 These likewise cast lots even as sons and his brothers, twelve: 25 for the eighteenth their kinsmen the descendants of Aaron in the presence to Hanani, his sons and his brothers, twelve: 26 for of David the king, and Zadok, and Ahimelech, and the the nineteenth to Mallothi, his sons and his brothers, heads of the ancestral houses of the priests and of the twelve: 27 for the twentieth to Eliathah, his sons and his Levites: the ancestral houses of the chief even as those brothers, twelve: 28 for the one and twentieth to Hothir. of his younger brother.

25 Moreover, David and the captains of the army set apart for the service certain of the sons of Asaph, and of Heman, and of Jeduthun, were to prophesy with harps, with stringed instruments, and with cymbals: and the number of those who did the work according to their service was: 2 of the sons of Asaph: Zakkur, and Joseph, and Nethaniah, and Asarelah, the sons of Asaph, under the hand of Asaph, who prophesied after the order of the king. 3 Of Jeduthun; the sons of Jeduthun: Gedaliah, and Zeri, and Jeshaiah, and Shimei, and Hashabiah, and Mattithiah, six, under the hands of their father Jeduthun, who prophesied with the harp in giving thanks and praising the LORD. 4 Of Heman: the sons of Heman: Bukkiah, Mattaniah, Uzziel, Shubael, and Jerimoth, Hananiah, Hanani, Eliathah, Giddalti, and Romamti-Ezer, Joshbekashah, Mallothi, Hothir, Mahazioth. 5 All these were the sons of Heman sons of Shemaiah: Othni, and Rephael, and Obed, the king's seer in the words of God, to lift up the horn. God gave to Heman fourteen sons and three daughters. 6 All these were under the hands of their father for song in the house of the LORD, with cymbals, stringed instruments, and harps, for the service of God's house; Asaph, Jeduthun, and Heman being under the order of the king. 7 The number of them, with their brothers had sons: Shimri the chief, (for though he was not the

Hezir, the eighteenth to Happizzez. 16 the nineteenth to who were skillful, was two hundred eighty-eight. 8 his sons and his brothers, twelve: 29 for the two and twentieth to Giddalti, his sons and his brothers, twelve: 30 for the three and twentieth to Mahazioth, his sons and his brothers, twelve: 31 for the four and twentieth to Romamti-Ezer, his sons and his brothers, twelve.

26 For the divisions of the doorkeepers: of the Korahites, Meshelemiah the son of Kore, of the sons of Abiasaph. 2 Meshelemiah had sons: Zechariah the firstborn, Jediael the second, Zebadiah the third, Jathniel the fourth, 3 Elam the fifth, Jehohanan the sixth, Eliehoenai the seventh. 4 Obed-Edom had sons: Shemaiah the firstborn, Jehozabad the second, Joah the third, and Sakar the fourth, and Nethanel the fifth, 5 Ammiel the sixth, Issachar the seventh, Peullethai the eighth; for God blessed him. 6 Also to Shemaiah his son were sons born, who ruled over the house of their father; for they were mighty men of valor. 7 The and Elzabad, and his brothers were valiant men, Elihu, and Semakiah. 8 All these were of the sons of Obed-Edom: they and their sons and their brothers, able men in strength for the service; sixty-two of Obed-Edom. 9 Meshelemiah had sons and brothers, valiant men, eighteen. 10 Also Hosah, of the descendants of Merari, who were instructed in singing to the LORD, even all firstborn, yet his father made him chief), 11 Hilkiah the second. Tebaliah the third. Zechariah the fourth: all the Gadites, and the half-tribe of the Manassites, for every sons and brothers of Hosah were thirteen. 12 Of these matter pertaining to God, and for the affairs of the king. were the divisions of the doorkeepers, even of the chief men, having offices like their brothers, to minister in the house of the LORD. 13 They cast lots, the small as well as the great, according to their fathers' houses, for every gate. 14 The lot east fell to Shelemiah. Then for Zechariah his son, a wise counselor, they cast lots; and his lot came out north. 15 To Obed-Edom the south; and to his sons, the vestibules. 16 To Hosah fell the west, namely, the chamber gate on the upper road. Watchman opposite watchman. 17 On the east there were six a day, on the north four a day, on the south four a day, and for the vestibules two and two. 18 For the colonnade on the west, four at the gateway, and two at the colonnade. 19 These were the divisions of the doorkeepers; of the sons of the Korahites, and of the sons of Merari. 20 And the Levites, their brothers, were over the treasures of God's house, and over the treasures of the dedicated things. 21 The sons of Ladan, the sons of the Gershonites belonging to Ladan, the heads of the ancestral houses belonging to Ladan the Gershonite: Jehieli. 22 The sons of Jehieli: Zetham, and Joel his brother, over the treasures of the house of the LORD. 23 Of the Amramites, of the Izharites, of the Hebronites, of the Uzzielites: 24 and Shubael the son of Gershom, the son of Moses, was ruler over the treasures. 25 His brothers: of Eliezer, Rehabiah his son, and Jeshaiah his son, and Joram his son, and Zikri his son, and Shelomoth his son. 26 This Shelomith and his brothers were over all the treasures of the dedicated things, which David the king, and the heads of the ancestral houses, and the commanders over thousands and hundreds, and the commanders of the army, had dedicated. 27 They dedicated some of the spoil won in battles to repair the house of the LORD. 28 And all that Samuel the seer, and Saul the son of Kish, and Abner the son of Ner, and Joab the son of Zeruiah, all who dedicated anything, were in the care of Shelomith and his brothers. 29 Of the Izharites, Chenaniah and his sons were for the outward business over Israel, for officers and judges. 30 Of the Hebronites. Hashabiah and his brothers, men of valor, one thousand seven hundred, had the oversight of Israel beyond the Jordan westward, for all the business of the LORD, and for the service of the king. 31 Of the Hebronites was Jerijah the chief, even of the Hebronites, according to their generations by ancestral houses. In the fortieth year of the reign of David they were sought for, and there were found among them mighty men of valor at Jazer of Gilead. 32 His brothers, men of valor, were two thousand seven hundred, heads of ancestral houses, whom king David made overseers over the Reubenites, and the

27 Now the children of Israel after their number, the heads of ancestral houses and the captains of thousands and of hundreds, and their officers who served the king, in any matter of the divisions which came in and went out month by month throughout all the months of the year-of every division were twenty-four thousand. 2 Over the first division for the first month was Jeshbaal, son of Zabdiel: and in his division were twenty-four thousand. 3 He was of the descendants of Perez, the chief of all the captains of the army for the first month. 4 Over the division of the second month was Dodai the Ahohite, and his division; and Mikloth the ruler: and in his division were twenty-four thousand. 5 The third captain of the army for the third month was Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada the priest, chief: and in his division were twenty-four thousand. 6 This is that Benaiah, who was the mighty man of the Thirty, and over the Thirty: and of his division was Ammizabad his son. 7 The fourth for the fourth month was Asahel the brother of Joab, and Zebadiah his son after him: and in his division were twenty-four thousand. 8 The fifth captain for this fifth month was Shamhuth the Izrahite: and in his division were twenty-four thousand. 9 The sixth for the sixth month was Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite: and in his division were twenty-four thousand. 10 The seventh for the seventh month was Helez the Pelonite, of the people of Ephraim: and in his division were twenty-four thousand. 11 The eighth for the eighth month was Sibbekai the Hushathite, of the Zerahites: and in his division were twenty-four thousand. 12 The ninth for the ninth month was Abiezer the Anathothite, of the Benjamites: and in his division were twenty-four thousand. 13 The tenth for the tenth month was Maharai the Netophathite, of the Zerahites: and in his division were Twenty-four thousand. 14 The eleventh for the eleventh month was Benaiah the Pirathonite, of the people of Ephraim: and in his division were twentyfour thousand. 15 The twelfth for the twelfth month was Heldai the Netophathite, of Othniel: and in his division were twenty-four thousand. 16 Furthermore over the tribes of Israel: of the Reubenites was Eliezer the son of Zikri the ruler: of the Simeonites, Shephatiah the son of Maacah: 17 of Levi, Hashabiah the son of Kemuel: of Aaron, Zadok: 18 of Judah, Elihu, one of the brothers of David: of Issachar, Omri the son of Michael: 19 of Zebulun, Ishmaiah the son of Obadiah: of Naphtali, Jeremoth the son of Azriel: 20 of the people of Ephraim, Hoshea the son of Azaziah: of the half-tribe of Manasseh, Joel the son of Pedaiah: 21 of the half-tribe of Manasseh in Gilead. Iddo the son of Zechariah: of Benjamin, Jaasiel the son of Abner: 22 of Dan, Azarel the son of Jeroham. These were the captains of the LORD's kingdom over Israel. 6 He said to me. 'Solomon. after Ahithophel was Jehoiada the son of Benaiah, and Abiathar: and the captain of the king's army was Joab.

78 And David assembled all the officials of Israel. the officials of the tribes, and the officers of the companies who served the king by division, and the commanders of thousands, and the commanders of hundreds, and the stewards over all the substance and possessions of the king and of his sons, with the officers, and the mighty men, even all the mighty men of valor, to Jerusalem. 2 Then David the king stood up on his feet, and said, "Hear me, my brothers, and my people. As for me, it was 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 prepared for the building. 3 But God said to me, 'You shall not build a house for my name, because you are a man of war, and have shed blood.' 4 However the LORD, the God of Israel, chose me out of all the house of my father to be king over Israel forever. For he has chosen Judah to be prince; and in the house of Judah, the house of my father; and among the sons of my father he took pleasure in me to make me king over all Israel. 5 Of all my sons (for the LORD has given me many sons), he has chosen Solomon my son to sit on the throne of the

tribes of Israel. 23 But David did not take the number your son, shall build my house and my courts; for I have of them from twenty years old and under, because chosen him to be my son, and I will be his father. 7 I will the LORD had said he would increase Israel like the establish his kingdom forever, if he continues to do my stars of the sky. 24 Joab the son of Zeruiah began commandments and my ordinances, as at this day.' 8 to number, but did not finish; and there came wrath Now therefore, in the sight of all Israel, the assembly of for this on Israel: neither was the number entered in the LORD, and in the audience of our God, observe the scroll of the chronicles of King David. 25 Over the and seek out all the commandments of the LORD your king's treasures was Azmaveth the son of Adiel: and God; that you may possess this good land, and leave it over the treasures in the fields, in the cities, and in the for an inheritance to your children after you forever. 9 villages, and in the towers, was Jonathan the son of You, Solomon my son, know the God of your father, and Uzziah: 26 Over those who did the work of the field for serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind; tillage of the ground was Ezri the son of Chelub: 27 for the LORD searches all hearts, and understands all and over the vineyards was Shimei the Ramathite: and the imaginations of the thoughts. If you seek him, he will over the increase of the vineyards for the winecellars be found by you; but if you forsake him, he will cast you was Zabdi the Shiphmite: 28 and over the olive trees off forever, 10 Consider now, for the LORD has chosen and the sycamore trees that were in the lowland was you to build a house for him as a sanctuary. Be strong, Baal Hanan the Gederite: and over the cellars of oil was and do it." 11 Then David gave to Solomon his son the Joash: 29 and over the herds that fed in Sharon was pattern of the porch of the temple, and of its houses. Shitrai the Sharonite: and over the herds that were in the and of its treasuries, and of the upper rooms of it, and valleys was Shaphat the son of Adlai: 30 and over the of the inner rooms of it, and of the place of the mercy camels was Obil the Ishmaelite: and over the donkeys seat; 12 and the pattern of all that he had by the Spirit, was Jehdeiah the Meronothite: and over the flocks was for the courts of the house of the LORD, and for all the Jaziz the Hagrite. 31 All these were the rulers of the surrounding rooms, for the treasuries of God's house. substance which was king David's. 32 Also Jonathan, and for the treasuries of the dedicated things; 13 also for David's uncle, was a counselor, a man of understanding, the divisions of the priests and the Levites, and for all and a scribe: and Jehiel the son of Hachmoni was with the work of the service of the house of the LORD, and the king's sons: 33 Ahithophel was the king's counselor: for all the vessels of service in the house of the LORD; and Hushai the Archite was the king's friend: 34 and 14 of gold by weight for the gold, for all vessels of every kind of service; for all the vessels of silver by weight, for all vessels of every kind of service; 15 by weight also for the lampstands of gold, and for its lamps, of gold, by weight for every lampstand and for its lamps; and for the lampstands of silver, by weight for every lampstand and for its lamps, according to the use of every lampstand; 16 and the gold by weight for the tables of show bread, for every table; and silver for the tables of silver; 17 and the forks, and the basins, and the cups, of pure gold; and for the golden bowls by weight for every bowl; and for the silver bowls by weight for every bowl; 18 and for the altar of incense refined gold by weight; and gold for the pattern of the chariot, the cherubim that spread out their wings and covered the ark of the covenant of the LORD. 19 "All this." said David. "I have been made to understand in writing from the hand of the LORD, even all the works of this pattern." 20 David said to Solomon his son, "Be strong and courageous, and do it. Do not be afraid, nor be dismayed; for the LORD God, even my God, is with you. He will not leave you or forsake you, until all the work for the service of the house of the LORD is finished. 21 Look, there are the divisions of the priests and the Levites, for all the service of God's house. There shall be with you in all kinds of work every

command."

29 David the king said to all the assembly, "Solomon my son, whom alone God has chosen, is yet young and tender, and the work is great; for the palace is not for man, but for the LORD God. 2 Now I have prepared with all my might for the house of my God the gold for the things of gold, and the silver for the things of silver, and the bronze for the things of bronze, the iron for the things of iron, and wood for the things of wood; onyx stones, and stones to be set, stones for inlaid work, and of various colors, and all kinds of precious stones, and marble stones in abundance. 3 In addition, because I have set my affection on the house of my God, since I have a treasure of my own of gold and silver. I give it to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house, 4 even three thousand talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir, and seven thousand talents of refined silver, with which to overlay the walls of the houses; 5 of gold for the things of gold, and of silver for the things of silver, and for all kinds of work to be made by the hands of artisans. Who then offers willingly to consecrate himself this day to the LORD?" 6 Then the leaders of the ancestral houses, and the leaders of the tribes of Israel, and the commanders of thousands and of hundreds, with the officers over the king's work, offered willingly; 7 and they gave for the service of God's house of gold five thousand talents and ten thousand darics, and of silver ten thousand talents, and of bronze eighteen thousand talents, and of iron a hundred thousand talents. 8 They with whom precious stones were found gave them to the treasure of the house of the LORD, under the hand of Jehiel the Gershonite. 9 Then the people rejoiced, because they offered willingly, because with a perfect heart they offered willingly to the LORD: and David the king also rejoiced with great joy. 10 Therefore David blessed the LORD before all the assembly; and David said, "You are blessed, LORD, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever. 11 Yours, LORD, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, LORD, and you are exalted as head above all. 12 Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all; and in your hand is power and might; and it is in your hand to make great, and to give strength to all. 13 Now therefore, our God, we thank you, and praise your glorious name. 14 But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly as this? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you. 15 For we are strangers before you,

willing man who has skill, for any kind of service, Also and foreigners, as all our fathers were. Our days on the the captains and all the people will be entirely at your earth are as a shadow, and there is no remaining. 16 The LORD our God, all this store that we have prepared

> to build you a house for your holy name comes from your hand, and is all your own. 17 I know also, my God, that you try the heart, and have pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of my heart I have willingly offered all these things. Now have I seen with joy your people, that are present here, offer willingly to you. 18 The LORD, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Israel, our fathers, keep this forever in the imagination of the thoughts of the heart of your people, and prepare their heart for you; 19 and give to Solomon my son a perfect heart, to keep your commandments, your testimonies, and your statutes, and to do all these things, and to build the palace, for which I have made provision." 20 David said to all the assembly, "Now bless the LORD your God." All the assembly blessed the LORD, the God of their fathers, and bowed down their heads and prostrated themselves before the LORD and the king. 21 They sacrificed sacrifices to the LORD, and offered burnt offerings to the LORD, on the next day after that day, even one thousand bulls, one thousand rams, and one thousand lambs, with their drink offerings, and sacrifices in abundance for all Israel, 22 and ate and drink before the LORD on that day with great gladness. They made Solomon the son of David king the second time, and they anointed him to the LORD to be prince, and Zadok to be priest. 23 Then Solomon sat on the throne of the LORD as king instead of David his father, and prospered; and all Israel obeyed him. 24 And all the leaders, the mighty men, and also all of the sons of king David submitted themselves to Solomon the king. 25 The LORD magnified Solomon exceedingly in the sight of all Israel, and bestowed on him such royal majesty as had not been on any king before him in Israel. 26 Now David the son of Jesse reigned over all Israel. 27 The time that he reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and he reigned thirtythree years in Jerusalem. 28 He died in a good old age, full of days, riches, and honor: and Solomon his son reigned in his place. 29 Now the acts of David the king, first and last, look, they are written in the history of Samuel the seer, and in the history of Nathan the prophet, and in the history of Gad the seer, 30 with all his reign and his might, and the times that went over him, and over Israel, and over all the kingdoms of the countries.

2 Chronicles

1 Solomon the son of David was strengthened in his 2 Now Solomon purposed to build a house for the kingdom, and the LORD his God was with him, and 2 name of the LORD, and a house for his kingdom. 2 magnified him exceedingly. 2 Solomon spoke to all Solomon counted out seventy thousand men to bear Israel, to the captains of thousands and of hundreds, burdens, and eighty thousand men who were stone and to the judges, and to every prince in all Israel, the cutters in the mountains, and three thousand and six heads of the ancestral houses. 3 So Solomon, and hundred to oversee them. 3 Solomon sent to Hiram all the assembly with him, went to the high place that the king of Tyre, saying, "As you dealt with David my was at Gibeon; for there was the Tent of Meeting of father, and sent him cedars to build him a house in God, which Moses the servant of the LORD had made which to dwell, so deal with me. 4 Look, I am about to in the wilderness. 4 But David had brought the ark build a house for the name of the LORD my God, to of God up from Kiriath Jearim to the place that David dedicate it to him, and to burn before him incense of had prepared for it: for he had pitched a tent for it at sweet spices, and for the continual show bread, and Jerusalem. 5 Moreover the bronze altar, that Bezalel the for the burnt offerings morning and evening, on the son of Uri, the son of Hur, had made, was there before Sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the set feasts the tabernacle of the LORD: and Solomon and the of the LORD our God. This is an ordinance forever assembly were seeking counsel there. 6 Solomon went to Israel. 5 "The house which I build is great; for our up there to the bronze altar before the LORD, which God is great above all gods. 6 But who is able to build was at the Tent of Meeting, and offered one thousand him a house, since heaven and the heaven of heavens burnt offerings on it. 7 In that night God appeared to can't contain him? Who am I then, that I should build Solomon, and said to him, "Ask what I shall give you." 8 him a house, except just to burn incense before him? Solomon said to God, "You have shown great loving 7 "Now therefore send me a man skillful to work in kindness to David my father, and have made me king in gold, and in silver, and in bronze, and in iron, and in his place. 9 Now, LORD God, let your promise to David purple, and crimson, and blue, and who knows how my father be established; for you have made me king to engrave engravings, to be with the skillful men who over a people like the dust of the earth in multitude. are with me in Judah and in Jerusalem, whom David 10 Now give me wisdom and knowledge, that I may my father provided. 8 "Send me also cedar trees, fir go out and come in before this people; for who can trees, and algum trees, out of Lebanon; for I know that judge this your people, that is so great?" 11 God said your servants know how to cut timber in Lebanon: and to Solomon, "Because this was in your heart, and you look, my servants shall be with your servants, 9 even to have not asked riches, wealth, or honor, nor the life of prepare me timber in abundance; for the house which those who hate you, neither yet have asked long life; I am about to build shall be great and wonderful. 10 but have asked wisdom and knowledge for yourself, that Look, I will give to your servants, the cutters who cut you may judge my people, over whom I have made you timber, twenty thousand measures of beaten wheat. king: 12 wisdom and knowledge is granted to you. I will and twenty thousand measures of barley, and twenty give you riches, wealth, and honor, such as none of the thousand baths of wine, and twenty thousand baths kings have had who have been before you; neither shall of oil." 11 Then Hiram the king of Tyre answered in there any after you have the like." 13 So Solomon came writing, which he sent to Solomon, "Because the LORD from the high place that was at Gibeon, from before loves his people, he has made you king over them." 12 the Tent of Meeting, to Jerusalem; and he reigned over Hiram continued, "Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel. 14 Solomon gathered chariots and horsemen: Israel, that made heaven and earth, who has given to and he had one thousand four hundred chariots, and David the king a wise son, endowed with discretion and twelve thousand horsemen, that he placed in the chariot understanding, that should build a house for the LORD, cities, and with the king at Jerusalem. 15 The king made and a house for his kingdom. 13 Now I have sent a silver and gold to be in Jerusalem as stones, and cedars skillful man, endowed with understanding, Hiram Abi, 14 made he to be as the sycamore trees that are in the the son of a woman of the daughters of Dan; and his lowland, for abundance. 16 The horses which Solomon father was a man of Tyre, skillful to work in gold, and had were brought out of Egypt and from Kue; the king's in silver, in bronze, in iron, in stone, and in timber, in merchants purchased them from Kue. 17 They brought purple, in blue, and in fine linen, and in crimson, also up and brought out of Egypt a chariot for six hundred to engrave any kind of engraving, and to execute any pieces of silver, and a horse for one hundred fifty: and design; that there may be a place appointed to him

so for all the kings of the Hittites, and the kings of Aram. they brought them out by their means.

with your skillful men, and with the skillful men of my

lord David your father. 15 "Now therefore the wheat on their feet, and their faces were toward the house. 14 who were stone cutters in the mountains, and three Jakin, and the name of that on the left Boaz. thousand six hundred overseers to set the people at work.

extended thirty-four feet and five inches: and they stood made also the bases, and the basins made he on the

and the barley, the oil and the wine, which my lord has He made the veil of blue, and purple, and crimson, and spoken of, let him send to his servants: 16 and we will fine linen, and ornamented it with cherubim. 15 Also he cut wood out of Lebanon, as much as you shall need; made before the house two pillars sixty feet and three and we will bring it to you in floats by sea to Joppa; inches high, and the capital that was on the top of each and you shall carry it up to Jerusalem." 17 Solomon of them was eight feet and seven inches. 16 He made numbered all the foreigners who were in the land of chains in the inner sanctuary, and put them on the tops Israel, after the numbering with which David his father of the pillars; and he made one hundred pomegranates, had numbered them; and they were found one hundred and put them on the chains. 17 He set up the pillars fifty-three thousand six hundred. 18 He set seventy before the temple, one on the right hand, and the other thousand of them to bear burdens, and eighty thousand on the left; and called the name of that on the right hand

A Then he made an altar of bronze, thirty-four feet and five inches, its length, and thirty-four feet and five 3 Then Solomon began to build the house of the inches, its breadth, and seventeen feet and three inches LORD at Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where he its height. 2 Also he made the molten sea seventeen feet appeared to David his father, at the place that David and three inches from brim to brim, round in compass: had designated, on the threshing floor of Ornan the and its height was eight feet and seven inches; and Jebusite. 2 And he began to build in the second month, a line of fifty-one feet and eight inches encircled it. 3 in the fourth year of his reign. 3 Now these are the Under it was the likeness of oxen, which encircled it, for foundations which Solomon laid for the building of God's seventeen feet and three inches, encircling the sea. house. The length, using the former standard measure, The oxen were in two rows, cast when it was cast. 4 It was one hundred three feet and four inches, and the stood on twelve oxen, three looking toward the north, breadth was thirty-four feet and five inches, and its and three looking toward the west, and three looking height was fifty-one feet and eight inches. 4 The porch toward the south, and three looking toward the east: that was in front of the house was the same as the and the sea was set on them above, and all their backs width of the house, thirty-four feet and five inches, and were toward the center. 5 It was almost three inches the depth was seventeen feet and three inches; and he thick; and its brim was worked like the brim of a cup, like overlaid it on the inside with pure gold. 5 The greater the flower of a lily: it received and held three thousand house he made a ceiling with fir wood, which he overlaid baths. 6 He made also ten basins, and put five on the with fine gold, and ornamented it with palm trees and right hand, and five on the left, to wash in them; such chains, 6 He garnished the house with precious stones things as belonged to the burnt offering they washed for beauty: and the gold was gold of Parvaim. 7 He in them; but the sea was for the priests to wash in. 7 overlaid also the house, the beams, the thresholds, He made the ten lampstands of gold according to the and its walls, and its doors, with gold; and engraved ordinance concerning them; and he set them in the cherubim on the walls. 8 He made the most holy house: temple, five on the right hand, and five on the left. 8 He its length, according to the breadth of the house, was made also ten tables, and placed them in the temple, thirty-four feet and five inches, and its breadth thirty-four five on the right side, and five on the left. He made one feet and five inches; and he overlaid it with fine gold, hundred basins of gold. 9 Furthermore he made the amounting to six hundred talents. 9 The weight of the court of the priests, and the great court, and doors for nails was fifty shekels of gold. He overlaid the upper the court, and overlaid their doors with bronze. 10 He rooms with gold. 10 In the most holy house he made set the sea on the right side of the house eastward, two cherubim of sculptured work; and he overlaid them toward the south. 11 And Hiram made the pots, and with gold. 11 The wings of the cherubim were thirty-four the shovels, and the basins. So Hiram made an end of feet and five inches: the wing of the one was eight feet doing the work that he did for king Solomon in God's and seven inches, reaching to the wall of the house: house: 12 the two pillars, and the bowls, and the two and the other wing was eight feet and seven inches, capitals which were on the top of the pillars, and the reaching to the wing of the other cherub. 12 The wing two networks to cover the two bowls of the capitals of the other cherub was eight feet and seven inches, that were on the top of the pillars, 13 and the four reaching to the wall of the house; and the other wing hundred pomegranates for the two networks; two rows was eight feet and seven inches, joining to the wing of of pomegranates for each network, to cover the two the other cherub. 13 The wings of these cherubim were bowls of the capitals that were on the pillars. 14 He pots, the shovels, the forks, and all its vessels Hiram at the east end of the altar, and with them one hundred Abi made for king Solomon for the house of the LORD twenty priests sounding with trumpets;) 13 it happened, of bright bronze. 17 The king cast them in the plain of when the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make the Jordan, in the clay ground between Succoth and one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the Zarethan. 18 Thus Solomon made all these vessels in LORD; and when they lifted up their voice with the great abundance: for the weight of the bronze could trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and not be found out. 19 Solomon made all the vessels praised the LORD, saying, "For he is good; for his loving that were in God's house, the golden altar also, and kindness endures forever," then the house was filled the tables with the show bread on them: 20 and the with a cloud, even the house of the LORD, 14 so that lampstands with their lamps, to burn according to the the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the ordinance before the inner sanctuary, of pure gold; 21 cloud: for the glory of the LORD filled God's house. and the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs, of gold, and that perfect gold; 22 and the snuffers, and the basins, and the spoons, and the fire pans, of pure gold: and as for the entry of the house, the inner doors of it for the most holy place, and the doors of the main hall of the temple were of gold.

5 Thus all the work that Solomon did for the house of the LORD was finished. Solomon brought in the things that David his father had dedicated, even the silver, and the gold, and all the vessels, and put them in the treasuries of the house of God. 2 Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the ancestral leaders of the children of Israel, to Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the City of David, which is Zion. 3 And all the men of Israel assembled themselves to the king at the feast, which was in the seventh month. 4 All the elders of Israel came: and the Levites took up the ark: 5 and they brought up the ark, and the Tent of Meeting, and all the holy vessels that were in the Tent; these the priests the Levites brought up. 6 King Solomon and all the congregation of Israel, that were assembled to him. were before the ark, sacrificing sheep and cattle, that could not be counted nor numbered for multitude. 7 The priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD to its place, into the inner sanctuary of the house, to the most holy place, under the wings of the cherubim. 8 For the cherubim spread forth their wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubim covered the ark and its poles above. 9 The poles were so long that the ends of the poles were seen from the holy place before the inner sanctuary; but they were not seen outside. And they are there to this day. 10 There was nothing in the ark except the two tablets which Moses put at Horeb, when the LORD made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of Egypt. 11 It happened, when the priests had come out of the holy place, (for all the priests who were present had sanctified themselves, regardless of the divisions; 12 also the Levites who were the singers, all of them, even Asaph, Heman, Jeduthun, and their sons and their brothers, arrayed in fine linen, yes, you spoke with your mouth, and have fulfilled it

bases: 15 one sea, and the twelve oxen under it. 16 The with cymbals and stringed instruments and harps, stood

Then Solomon said, "The LORD has said that he would dwell in the thick cloud. 2 But I have built you a house of habitation, and a place for you to dwell in forever." 3 The king turned his face, and blessed all the assembly of Israel: and all the assembly of Israel stood. 4 He said, "Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who spoke with his mouth to David my father, and has with his hands fulfilled it, saying, 5 'Since the day that I brought forth my people out of the land of Egypt, I chose no city out of all the tribes of Israel to build a house in, that my name might be there; nor did I choose any man to be a leader over my people Israel: 6 but I chose Jerusalem, that my name may be there; and I chose David to be over my people Israel.' 7 Now it was in the heart of David my father to build a house for the name of the LORD, the God of Israel. 8 But the LORD said to David my father, 'Whereas it was in your heart to build a house for my name, you did well that it was in your heart: 9 nevertheless you shall not build the house; but your son who shall come forth out of your body, he shall build the house for my name.' 10 "The LORD has performed his word that he spoke; for I have risen up in the place of David my father, and sit on the throne of Israel, as the LORD promised, and have built the house for the name of the LORD, the God of Israel. 11 There I have set the ark, in which is the covenant of the LORD, which he made with the children of Israel." 12 He stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread forth his hands 13 (for Solomon had made a bronze scaffold, eight feet and seven inches long, and eight feet and seven inches broad, and five feet and two inches high, and had set it in the midst of the court: and on it he stood, and kneeled down on his knees before all the assembly of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven;) 14 and he said, "LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you, in heaven, or on earth; you who keep covenant and loving kindness with your servants, who walk before you with all their heart; 15 who have kept with your servant David my father that which you promised him:

LORD, the God of Israel, keep with your servant David they live in the land which you gave to our fathers. 32 my father that which you have promised him, saying, "Moreover concerning the foreigner, who is not of your 'There shall not fail you a man in my sight to sit on people Israel, when he shall come from a far country for the throne of Israel, if only your children take heed to the sake of your name, for they shall hear of your great their way, to walk in my law as you have walked before name, and your mighty hand, and your outstretched me.' 17 Now therefore, LORD, the God of Israel, let arm, when they shall come and pray toward this house, your word be verified, which you spoke to your servant 33 then hear from heaven, even from your dwelling David. 18 "But will God indeed dwell with humankind place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to on the earth? Look, heaven and the highest heaven you for; that all the peoples of the earth may know your can't contain you; how much less this house which I name, and fear you, as does your people Israel, and have built. 19 Yet have respect for the prayer of your that they may know that this house which I have built is servant, and to his petition, LORD my God, to listen called by your name. 34 "If your people go out to battle to the cry and to the prayer which your servant prays against their enemies, by whatever way you shall send before you; 20 that your eyes may be open toward this them, and they pray to you toward this city which you house day and night, even toward the place where you have chosen, and the house which I have built for your have said that you would put your name; to listen to the name; 35 then hear from heaven their prayer and their prayer which your servant shall pray toward this place. petition, and maintain their cause. 36 "If they sin against 21 Listen to the petitions of your servant, and of your you (for there is no man who doesn't sin), and you are people Israel, when they shall pray toward this place: angry with them, and deliver them to the enemy, so yes, hear from your dwelling place, even from heaven; that they carry them away captive to a land far off or and when you hear, forgive. 22 "If a man sins against his near; 37 yet if they shall repent themselves in the land neighbor and obliges him to take an oath, and he comes where they are carried captive, and repent and make to take an oath before your altar in this house; 23 then petition to you in the land of their captivity, saying, 'We hear from heaven, and do, and judge your servants, have sinned, we have done perversely, and have dealt bringing retribution to the wicked, to bring his way on wickedly;' 38 if they return to you with all their heart and his own head; and justifying the righteous, to give him with all their soul in the land of their captivity, where they according to his righteousness. 24 "If your people Israel have carried them captive, and pray toward their land, be struck down before the enemy, because they have which you gave to their fathers, and the city which you sinned against you, and shall turn again and confess have chosen, and toward the house which I have built your name, and pray and make petition before you in for your name: 39 then hear from heaven, even from this house; 25 then hear from heaven, and forgive the your dwelling place, their prayer and their petitions, and sin of your people Israel, and bring them again to the maintain their cause, and forgive your people who have land which you gave to them and to their fathers. 26 sinned against you. 40 "Now, my God, let, I beg you, "When the sky is shut up, and there is no rain, because your eyes be open, and let your ears be attentive, to the they have sinned against you; if they pray toward this prayer that is made in this place. 41 "Now therefore place, and confess your name, and turn from their sin, arise, LORD God, into your resting place, you, and the when you punish them: 27 then hear in heaven, and ark of your strength: let your priests, LORD God, be forgive the sin of your servants, and of your people clothed with salvation, and let your faithful ones rejoice Israel, when you teach them the good way in which in what is good. 42 "LORD God, do not turn away they should walk; and send rain on your land, which the face of your anointed one. Remember your loving vou have given to your people for an inheritance, 28 "If kindnesses to David your servant." there is famine in the land, if there is pestilence, if there is blight or mildew. locust or caterpillar: if their enemies besiege them in the land of their gates; whatever plague or whatever sickness there is; 29 whatever prayer and petition be made by any man, or by all your people Israel, who shall know every man his own plague and his own sorrow, and shall spread forth his hands toward this house: **30** then hear from heaven, your dwelling place and forgive, and render to every man according to all his ways, whose heart you know; (for you, even you only, know the hearts of the children of humankind;) 31

with your hand, as it is this day. 16 "Now therefore, that they may fear you, to walk in your ways, so long as

7 Now when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the LORD filled the house. 2 The priests could not enter into the house of the LORD, because the glory of the LORD filled the LORD's house. 3 All the children of Israel looked on, when the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD was on the house; and they bowed themselves with their faces to the ground on the pavement, and worshiped, and gave thanks to the LORD, saying, "For he is good; for his loving kindness offered sacrifice before the LORD. 5 King Solomon of my sight, and I will make it a proverb and a byword offered a sacrifice of twenty-two thousand head of cattle, among all peoples, 21 And this house, which is exalted. and a hundred and twenty thousand sheep. So the king will become a heap of ruins. Everyone who passes by it and all the people dedicated God's house. 6 The priests will be astonished, and will say, 'Why has the LORD stood, according to their positions; the Levites also with done this to this land, and to this house?' 22 And they instruments of music of the LORD, which David the king shall answer, 'Because they abandoned the LORD, the had made to give thanks to the LORD, when David God of their fathers, who brought them forth out of the praised by their ministry, saying "For his loving kindness land of Egypt, and took other gods, worshiped them, endures for ever." The priests sounded trumpets before and served them. Therefore he has brought all these them: and all Israel stood. 7 Moreover Solomon made the middle of the court holy that was before the house of the LORD; for there he offered the burnt offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings, because the bronze altar which Solomon had made was not able to receive the burnt offering, and the meal offering, and the fat. 8 So Solomon held the feast at that time seven days, and all Israel with him, a very great assembly, from Lebo Hamath to the Wadi of Egypt. 9 On the eighth day they held a solemn assembly: for they kept the dedication of the altar seven days, and the feast seven days. 10 On the three and twentieth day of the seventh month he sent the people away to their tents, joyful and glad of heart for the goodness that the LORD had shown to David, and to Solomon, and to Israel his people. 11 Thus Solomon finished the house of the LORD, and the king's house: and he successfully completed all that came into Solomon's heart to make in the house of the LORD, and in his own house. 12 The LORD appeared to Solomon by night, and said to him, "I have heard your prayer, and have chosen this place to myself for a house of sacrifice. 13 If I shut up the sky so that there is no rain, or if I command the locust to devour the land, or if I send a plague among my people; 14 then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. 15 Now my eyes shall be open, and my ears attentive, to the prayer that is made in this place. 16 For now have I chosen and made this house holy, that my name may be there forever: and my eves and my heart shall be there perpetually. 17 As for you, if you will walk before me as David your father walked, and do according to all that I have commanded you, and will keep my statutes and my ordinances: 18 then I will establish the throne of your kingdom, according as I covenanted with David your father, saying, 'There shall not fail you a man to be ruler in Israel.' 19 But if you turn away, and forsake my statutes and my commandments which I have set before you, and shall go and serve other gods, and worship them: 20 then I will pluck them up by the roots out of my land which I have given them; and this house,

endures for ever." 4 Then the king and all the people which I have made holy for my name. I will cast out disasters on them."

> 8 It happened at the end of twenty years, in which Solomon had built the house of the LORD, and his own house, 2 that the cities which Hiram had given to Solomon, Solomon built them, and caused the children of Israel to dwell there. 3 Solomon went to Hamath Zobah, and prevailed against it. 4 He built Tadmor in the wilderness, and all the storage cities, which he built in Hamath. 5 Also he built Upper Beth Horon, and Lower Beth Horon, fortified cities, with walls, gates, and bars; 6 and Baalath, and all the storage cities that Solomon had, and all the cities for his chariots, and the cities for his horsemen, and all that Solomon desired to build for his pleasure in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and in all the land of his dominion. 7 As for all the people who were left of the Hethites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, who were not of Israel; 8 of their descendants who were left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel did not destroy, of them Solomon conscripted for slave labor to this day. 9 But of the children of Israel. Solomon made no slaves for his work; but they were men of war, and his commanders, and his captains, and rulers of his chariots and of his horsemen. 10 These were the chief officers of king Solomon: five hundred fifty, who ruled over the people. 11 Solomon brought up the daughter of Pharaoh out of the City of David to the house that he had built for her: for he said. "My wife shall not dwell in the house of David king of Israel, because the places where the ark of the LORD has come are holy." 12 Then Solomon offered burnt offerings to the LORD on the altar of the LORD, which he had built before the porch, 13 even as the duty of every day required, offering according to the commandment of Moses, on the Sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the set feasts, three times in the year, in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tents. 14 He appointed, according to the ordinance of David his father, the divisions of the priests to their service, and the Levites to their offices. to praise, and to minister before the priests, as the duty of every day required; the doorkeepers also by their divisions at every gate: for so had David the man

of God commanded. 15 They did not depart from the 13 Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one to king Solomon.

Q When the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon, she came to prove Solomon with hard questions at Jerusalem, with a very great train, and camels that bore spices, and gold in abundance, and precious stones: and when she had come to Solomon, she talked with him of all that was in her heart. 2 Solomon told her all her questions; and there was not anything hidden from Solomon which he did not tell her. 3 When the gueen of Sheba had seen 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 clothing, his cup bearers also, and their clothing, and his burnt offerings which he presented at the house of the LORD; there was no more spirit in her. 5 She said to the king, "It was a true report that I heard in my own land of your acts, and of your wisdom. 6 However I did not believe their words, until I came, and my eyes had seen it; and look, the half of the greatness of your wisdom was not told me: you exceed the fame that I heard. 7 Happy are your wives, and happy are these your servants, who stand continually before you, and hear your wisdom. 8 Blessed be the LORD your God, who delighted in you, to set you on his throne, to be king for the LORD your God: because your God loved Israel, to establish them forever, therefore he made you king over them, to do justice and righteousness." 9 She gave the king one hundred and twenty talents of gold, and spices in great abundance, and precious stones: neither was there any such spice as the gueen of Sheba gave to king Solomon. 10 The servants also of Hiram, and the servants of Solomon, who brought gold from Ophir, brought algum trees and precious stones. 11 The king made of the algum trees steps for the house of the LORD, and for the king's house, and harps and stringed instruments for the singers: and there were none like these seen before in the land of Judah. 12 King Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatever she asked, turned, and went to her own land, she and her servants.

commandment of the king to the priests and Levites year was six hundred and sixty-six talents of gold, 14 concerning any matter, or concerning the treasures. besides that which the traders and merchants brought: 16 Now all the work of Solomon was carried out from and all the kings of Arabia and the governors of the the day of the foundation of the house of the LORD, country brought gold and silver to Solomon. 15 King until it was finished. So the house of the LORD was Solomon made two hundred large shields of beaten completed. 17 Then went Solomon to Ezion Geber, and gold; six hundred shekels of beaten gold went to each to Eilat, on the seashore in the land of Edom. 18 And shield. 16 He made three hundred shields of beaten Hiram sent him ships and servants who had knowledge gold; three hundred shekels of gold went to one shield: of the sea by the hands of his servants; and they came and the king put them in the house of the forest of with the servants of Solomon to Ophir, and fetched from Lebanon. 17 Moreover the king made a great throne of there four hundred fifty talents of gold, and brought them ivory, and overlaid it with pure gold. 18 And there were six steps to the throne, with a footstool of gold, which were fastened to the throne, and stays on either side by the place of the seat, and two lions standing beside the stays. 19 Twelve lions stood there on the one side and on the other on the six steps: there was nothing like it made in any kingdom. 20 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: silver was nothing accounted of in the days of Solomon. 21 For the king had ships that went to Tarshish with the servants of Hiram; once every three years came the ships of Tarshish, bringing gold, and silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks. 22 So king Solomon exceeded all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom. 23 All the kings of the earth sought the presence of Solomon, to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart. 24 They brought every man his tribute, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and clothing, armor, and spices, horses, and mules, a rate year by year. 25 Solomon had four thousand stalls for horses and chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, that he stationed in the chariot cities, and with the king at Jerusalem. 26 He ruled over all the kings from the River even to the land of the Philistines, and to the border of Egypt. 27 The king made silver to be in Jerusalem as stones, and he made cedars to be as the sycamore trees that are in the lowland, for abundance. 28 They brought horses for Solomon out of Egypt, and out of all lands. 29 Now the rest of the acts of Solomon, first and last, aren't they written in the history of Nathan the prophet, and in the prophecy of Ahijah the Shilonite, and in the visions of Iddo the seer concerning Jeroboam the son of Nebat? 30 Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel forty years. 31 Solomon slept with his fathers, and he was buried in the City of David his father. And Rehoboam his son reigned in his place.

1 Rehoboam went to Shechem; for all Israel had come to Shechem to make him king. 2 It happened, when Jeroboam the son of Nebat heard of it, (for he besides that which she had brought to the king. So she was in Egypt, where he had fled from the presence of They sent and called him; and Jeroboam and all Israel warriors, to fight against Israel, to bring the kingdom came, and they spoke to Rehoboam, saying, 4 "Your again to Rehoboam. 2 But the word of the LORD came the grievous service of your father, and his heavy yoke Rehoboam the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and to which he put on us, lighter, and we will serve you." 5 He all Israel in Judah and Benjamin, saying, 4 'Thus says said to them, "Come again to me after three days." The the LORD, "You shall not go up, nor fight against your people departed. 6 King Rehoboam took counsel with brothers. Return every man to his house; for this thing is the old men, who had stood before Solomon his father of me."" So they listened to the word of the LORD, and me to return answer to this people?" 7 They spoke to lived in Jerusalem, and built cities for defense in Judah. him, saying, "If you are kind to this people, and please 6 He built Bethlehem, and Etam, and Tekoa, 7 Beth Zur, them, and speak good words to them, then they will be and Soco, and Adullam, 8 and Gath, and Mareshah, your servants forever." 8 But he forsook the counsel of and Ziph, 9 and Adoraim, and Lachish, and Azekah, the old men which they had given him, and took counsel 10 and Zorah, and Aijalon, and Hebron, which are in with the young men who had grown up with him, who Judah and in Benjamin, fortified cities. 11 He fortified stood before him. 9 He said to them, "What counsel do the strongholds, and put captains in them, and stores of you give, that we may return answer to this people, who food, and oil and wine. 12 He put shields and spears in have spoken to me, saving, 'Make the voke that your every city, and made them exceeding strong. Judah grown up with him spoke to him, saying, "Thus you shall Levites who were in all Israel resorted to him out of all tell the people who spoke to you, saying, 'Your father their border. 14 For the Levites left their suburbs and made our yoke heavy, but make it lighter on us;' thus their possession, and came to Judah and Jerusalem: for you shall say to them, 'My little finger is thicker than my Jeroboam and his sons cast them off, that they should father's waist. 11 Now whereas my father burdened you not execute the priest's office to the LORD; 15 and he with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke. My father appointed him priests for the high places, and for the to Rehoboam the third day, as the king asked, saying, their hearts to seek the LORD, the God of Israel, came "Come to me again the third day." 13 The king answered to Jerusalem to sacrifice to the LORD, the God of their them roughly; and king Rehoboam forsook the counsel fathers. 17 So they strengthened the kingdom of Judah, of the old men, 14 and spoke to them after the counsel and made Rehoboam the son of Solomon strong, three of the young men, saying, "My father made your yoke years; for they walked three years in the way of David heavy, but I will add to it. My father chastised you with and Solomon. 18 Rehoboam took him a wife, Mahalath whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions." 15 So the the daughter of Jerimoth the son of David, and of Abihail of God, that the LORD might establish his word, which him sons: Jeush, and Shemariah, and Zaham. 20 After Nebat. 16 When all Israel saw that the king did not listen bore him Abijah, and Attai, and Ziza, and Shelomith. to them, the people answered the king, saying, "What 21 Rehoboam loved Maacah the daughter of Absalom in the son of Jesse, Every man to your tents, Israel, Now eighteen wives, and sixty secondary wives, and became to their tents. 17 But as for the children of Israel who Rehoboam appointed Abijah the son of Maacah to be lived in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over chief, the prince among his brothers; for he intended them. 18 Then king Rehoboam sent Hadoram, who was to make him king. 23 He dealt wisely, and dispersed over the men subject to forced labor; and the children of of all his sons throughout all the lands of Judah and Israel stoned him to death with stones. King Rehoboam Benjamin, to every fortified city: and he gave them food made speed to get himself up to his chariot, to flee to in abundance. He sought for them many wives. Jerusalem, 19 So Israel rebelled against the house of David to this day.

king Solomon), that Jeroboam returned out of Egypt, 3 one hundred eighty thousand chosen men, who were father made our yoke grievous: now therefore make you to Shemaiah the man of God, saying, 3 "Speak to while he yet lived, saying, "What counsel do you give returned from going against Jeroboam. 5 Rehoboam father put on us lighter?" 10 The young men who had and Benjamin belonged to him. 13 The priests and the chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with male goats, and for the calves which he had made. 16 scorpions." 12 So Jeroboam and all the people came After them, out of all the tribes of Israel, such as set king did not listen to the people; for it was brought about the daughter of Eliab the son of Jesse; 19 and she bore he spoke by Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of her he took Maacah the daughter of Absalom; and she portion have we in David? Neither have we inheritance above all his wives and his secondary wives: (for he took see to your own house, David." So all Israel departed the father of twenty-eight sons and sixty daughters.) 22

12 It happened, when the kingdom of Rehoboam was established, and he was strong, that he 11 When Rehoboam had come to Jerusalem, he forsook the law of the LORD, and all Israel with him. 2 assembled the house of Judah and Benjamin, It happened in the fifth year of king Rehoboam, that

Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem. Abijah and Jeroboam. 3 Abijah joined battle with an because they had trespassed against the LORD, 3 with army of valiant men of war, even four hundred thousand twelve hundred chariots, and sixty thousand horsemen. chosen men: and Jeroboam set the battle in array The people were without number who came with him out against him with eight hundred thousand chosen men, of Egypt: the Lubim, the Sukkiim, and the Ethiopians. 4 who were mighty men of valor. 4 Abijah stood up on He took the fortified cities which pertained to Judah, and Mount Zemaraim, which is in the hill country of Ephraim, came to Jerusalem. 5 And Shemaiah the prophet came and said, "Hear me, Jeroboam and all Israel: 5 Ought to Rehoboam, and to the leaders of Judah, who were you not to know that the LORD, the God of Israel, gave gathered together to Jerusalem because of Shishak, the kingdom over Israel to David forever, even to him and said to them, "Thus says the LORD, 'You have and to his descendants by a covenant of salt? 6 Yet forsaken me, therefore have I also left you in the hand Jeroboam the son of Nebat, the servant of Solomon of Shishak."" 6 Then the leaders of Israel and the king the son of David, rose up, and rebelled against his humbled themselves; and they said, "The LORD is lord. 7 There were gathered to him worthless men, righteous." 7 When the LORD saw that they humbled base fellows, who strengthened themselves against themselves, the word of the LORD came to Shemaiah, Rehoboam the son of Solomon, when Rehoboam was saying, "They have humbled themselves. I will not young and tenderhearted, and could not withstand them. destroy them; but I will grant them some deliverance, a "Now you think to withstand the kingdom of the LORD and my wrath shall not be poured out on Jerusalem in the hand of the descendants of David; and you are by the hand of Shishak. 8 Nevertheless they shall be a great multitude, and there are with you the golden his servants, that they may know my service, and the calves which Jeroboam made you for gods. 9 Haven't service of the kingdoms of the countries." 9 So Shishak you driven out the priests of the LORD, the sons of king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, and took Aaron, and the Levites, and made priests for yourselves away the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the after the ways of the peoples of other lands? so that treasures of the king's house. He took it all away. He whoever comes to consecrate himself with a young bull also took away the shields of gold which Solomon had and seven rams, the same may be a priest of those who made. 10 King Rehoboam made in their place shields are no gods. 10 "But as for us, the LORD is our God, of bronze, and committed them to the hands of the and we have not forsaken him; and we have priests captains of the guard, who kept the door of the king's ministering to the LORD, the descendants of Aaron, and house. 11 It was so, that as often as the king entered the Levites in their work: 11 and they burn to the LORD into the house of the LORD, the guard came and bore every morning and every evening burnt offerings and them, and brought them back into the guard room. sweet incense. They also set the show bread in order on 12 When he humbled himself, the wrath of the LORD the pure table; and the lampstand of gold with its lamps, turned from him, so as not to destroy him altogether: and to burn every evening: for we keep the instruction of moreover in Judah there were good things found. 13 So the LORD our God; but you have forsaken him. 12 king Rehoboam strengthened himself in Jerusalem, and Look, God is with us at our head, and his priests with reigned: for Rehoboam was forty-one years old when the trumpets of alarm to sound an alarm against you. he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Children of Israel, do not fight against the LORD, the Jerusalem, the city which the LORD had chosen out of God of your fathers; for you shall not prosper." 13 But all the tribes of Israel, to put his name there: and his Jeroboam caused an ambush to come about behind mother's name was Naamah the Ammonitess. 14 He them: so they were before Judah, and the ambush was did that which was evil, because he did not set his heart behind them. 14 When Judah looked back, look, the to seek the LORD. 15 Now the acts of Rehoboam, first battle was before and behind them; and they cried to the and last, aren't they written in the histories of Shemaiah LORD, and the priests sounded with the trumpets. 15 the prophet and of Iddo the seer, after the way of Then the men of Judah gave a shout: and as the men of genealogies? There were wars between Rehoboam and Judah shouted, it happened, that God struck Jeroboam Jeroboam continually. 16 And Rehoboam slept with his and all Israel before Abijah and Judah. 16 The children fathers, and was buried with his fathers, and he was of Israel fled before Judah; and God delivered them into buried in the City of David. And Abijah his son reigned their hand. 17 Abijah and his people killed them with a in his place.

13 In the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam began Abijah to reign over Judah. 2 He reigned three years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Maacah the daughter of Uriel of Gibeah. There was war between

great slaughter: so there fell down slain of Israel five hundred thousand chosen men. 18 Thus the children of Israel were brought under at that time, and the people of Judah prevailed, because they relied on the LORD, the God of their fathers. 19 Abijah pursued after Jeroboam, and took cities from him. Bethel with its towns, and Jeshanah with its towns, and Ephron with its towns. 20 ways, and his sayings, are written in the commentary of the prophet Iddo.

1 So Abijah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the City of David; and Asa his son reigned in his place. In his days the land was quiet ten years. 2 Asa did that which was good and right in the eyes of the LORD his God: 3 for he took away the foreign altars. and the high places, and broke down the pillars, and cut down the Asherim. 4 and commanded Judah to seek the LORD, the God of their fathers, and to do the law and the commandment. 5 Also he took away out of all the cities of Judah the high places and the sun images: and the kingdom was quiet before him. 6 He built fortified cities in Judah: for the land was quiet, and he had no war in those years, because the LORD had given him rest. 7 For he said to Judah, "Let us build these cities, and make walls around them, with towers, gates, and bars. The land is still ours. Since we have sought the LORD our God, he has sought us and he has given us rest on every side." So they built and prospered. 8 Asa had an army that bore bucklers and spears, out of Judah three hundred thousand: and out of Benjamin. that bore shields and drew bows, two hundred eighty thousand: all these were mighty men of valor. 9 There came out against them Zerah the Ethiopian with an army of a million troops, and three hundred chariots; and he came to Mareshah. 10 Then Asa went out to meet him, and they set the battle in array in the Valley of Zephathah at Mareshah. 11 Asa cried to the LORD his God, and said, "LORD, there is none besides you to help, between the mighty and those who have no strength. Help us, LORD our God; for we rely on you, and in your name we have come against this multitude. LORD, you are our God. Do not let man prevail against you." 12 So the LORD struck the Ethiopians before Asa and before Judah; and the Ethiopians fled. 13 Asa and the people who were with him pursued them to Gerar: and there fell of the Ethiopians so many that they could not recover themselves; for they were destroyed before the LORD, and before his army; and they carried away very much booty. 14 They struck all the cities around Gerar; for the fear of the LORD came on them: and they plundered all the cities; for there was a great amount of plunder in them. 15 They struck also the tents of livestock, and carried away sheep in abundance, and camels, and returned to Jerusalem.

1 5 The Spirit of God came on Azariah the son of Oded: 2 and he went out to meet Asa, and said to Jeroboam did not recover strength again in the days him, "Hear me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin. The of Abijah. The LORD struck him, and he died. 21 But LORD is with you, while you are with him; and if you Abijah grew mighty, and took to himself fourteen wives, seek him, he will be found by you; but if you forsake and became the father of twenty-two sons, and sixteen him, he will forsake you. 3 Now for a long time Israel daughters. 22 The rest of the acts of Abijah, and his was without the true God, and without a teaching priest. and without law. 4 But when in their distress they turned to the LORD, the God of Israel, and sought him, he was found by them. 5 In those times there was no peace to him who went out, nor to him who came in; but great troubles were on all the inhabitants of the lands. 6 They were broken in pieces, nation against nation, and city against city; for God troubled them with all adversity. 7 But you be strong, and do not let your hands be slack; for your work shall be rewarded." 8 When Asa heard these words, and the prophecy of Azariah the son of Oded the prophet, he took courage and put away the abominations out of all the land of Judah and Benjamin and out of the cities which he had taken from the hill country of Ephraim; and he renewed the altar of the LORD, that was before the vestibule of the LORD. 9 He gathered all Judah and Benjamin, and those who lived with them out of Ephraim and Manasseh, and out of Simeon: for they fell to him out of Israel in abundance, when they saw that the LORD his God was with him. 10 So they gathered themselves together at Jerusalem in the third month, in the fifteenth year of the reign of Asa. 11 They sacrificed to the LORD in that day, of the spoil which they had brought, seven hundred head of cattle and seven thousand sheep. 12 They entered into the covenant to seek the LORD, the God of their fathers, with all their heart and with all their soul: 13 and that whoever would not seek the LORD, the God of Israel, should be put to death, whether small or great, whether man or woman. 14 They swore to the LORD with a loud voice, and with shouting, and with trumpets, and with cornets. 15 All Judah rejoiced at the oath; for they had sworn with all their heart, and sought him with their whole desire; and he was found of them: and the LORD gave them rest all around. 16 Also Maacah, the mother of Asa the king, he removed from being gueen, because she had made an abominable image for an Asherah; and Asa cut down her image, and made dust of it, and burnt it in the Kidron Valley. 17 But the high places were not taken away out of Israel: nevertheless the heart of Asa was perfect all his days. 18 He brought into God's house the things that his father had dedicated, and that he himself had dedicated, silver, and gold, and vessels. 19 There was no more war to the five and thirtieth year of the reign of Asa.

> 16 In the six and thirtieth year of the reign of Asa, Baasha king of Israel went up against Judah,

and built Ramah, that he might not allow anyone to established the kingdom in his hand; and all Judah house of the LORD and of the king's house, and sent of the LORD: and furthermore he took away the high as there was between my father and your father. Look, I Obadiah, and Zechariah, and Nethanel, and Micaiah, with Baasha king of Israel, that he may depart from Levites, even Shemaiah, and Nethaniah, and Zebadiah, captains of his armies against the cities of Israel; and Adonijah, and Tobijah, and Tobadonijah, the Levites; with which Baasha had built; and he built therewith lands that were around Judah, so that they made no to Asa king of Judah, and said to him, "Because you brought Jehoshaphat presents, and silver for tribute; have relied on the king of Aram, and have not relied the Arabians also brought him flocks, seven thousand on the LORD your God, therefore is the army of the and seven hundred rams, and seven thousand and Ethiopians and the Lubim a huge army, with chariots exceedingly; and he built in Judah fortresses and cities and horsemen exceeding many? Yet, because you of store. 13 He had many works in the cities of Judah; relied on the LORD, he delivered them into your hand. 9 and men of war, mighty men of valor, in Jerusalem. the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of fathers' houses: Of Judah, the captains of thousands: wars." 10 Then Asa was angry with the seer, and put the captain, and with him two hundred eighty thousand; him in the prison; for he was in a rage with him because 16 and next to him Amasiah the son of Zikri, who of this thing. As oppressed some of the people at the willingly offered himself to the LORD; and with him two same time. 11 Look, the acts of Asa, first and last, look, hundred thousand mighty men of valor. 17 Of Benjamin: one and fortieth year of his reign. 14 They buried him in the fortified cities throughout all Judah. his own tomb that he had dug out in the City of David, and laid him in the bed which was filled with spices and 18 Now Jehoshaphat had riches and honor in various kinds of sweet-scented herbs prepared by the perfumers' art, and they made a very great fire for him.

17 Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his place, and strengthened himself against Israel. 2 He placed forces in all the fortified cities of Judah, and set garrisons in the land of Judah, and in the cities of Ephraim, which Asa his father had taken. 3 The LORD was with Jehoshaphat, because he walked in the first ways of his father, and did not seek the Baals, 4 but sought to the God of his father, and walked in his commandments,

go out or come in to Asa king of Judah. 2 Then Asa brought to Jehoshaphat tribute; and he had riches and brought out silver and gold out of the treasures of the honor in abundance. 6 His heart was lifted up in the ways to Ben Hadad king of Aram, who lived at Damascus, places and the Asherim out of Judah. 7 Also in the third saying, 3 "Let there be a treaty between me and you, year of his reign he sent his officials, even Ben Hail, and have sent you silver and gold. Go, break your treaty to teach in the cities of Judah; 8 and with them the me." 4 Ben Hadad listened to king Asa, and sent the and Asahel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehonathan, and they struck ljon, and Dan, and Abel Maim, and all the and with them Elishama and Jehoram, the priests. 9 storage cities of Naphtali. 5 It happened, when Baasha They taught in Judah, having the scroll of the law of the heard of it, that he left off building Ramah, and let his LORD with them; and they went about throughout all work cease. 6 Then Asa the king took all Judah; and the cities of Judah, and taught among the people. 10 they carried away the stones of Ramah, and its timber. The fear of the LORD fell on all the kingdoms of the Geba and Mizpah. 7 At that time Hanani the seer came war against Jehoshaphat. 11 Some of the Philistines king of Aram escaped out of your hand. 8 Weren't the seven hundred male goats. 12 Jehoshaphat grew great For the eyes of the LORD run back and forth throughout 14 This was the numbering of them according to their them whose heart is perfect toward him. Herein you Adnah the captain, and with him mighty men of valor have done foolishly; for from now on you shall have three hundred thousand; 15 and next to him Jehohanan they are written in the book of the kings of Judah and Eliada a mighty man of valor, and with him two hundred Israel. 12 In the thirty-ninth year of his reign Asa was thousand armed with bow and shield; 18 and next to him diseased in his feet; his disease was exceeding great: Jehozabad and with him one hundred eighty thousand yet in his disease he did not seek the LORD, but to the ready prepared for war. 19 These were those who physicians. 13 As a slept with his fathers, and died in the waited on the king, besides those whom the king put in

abundance; and he joined affinity with Ahab. 2 After certain years he went down to Ahab to Samaria. Ahab killed sheep and cattle for him in abundance, and for the people who were with him, and moved him to go up with him to Ramoth Gilead. 3 Ahab king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat king of Judah, "Will you go with me to Ramoth Gilead?" He answered him, "I am as you are, and my people as your people. We will be with you in the war." 4 Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, "Please inquire first for the word of the LORD." 5 Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets and not after the doings of Israel. 5 Therefore the LORD together, four hundred men, and said to them, "Shall we go to Ramoth Gilead to battle, or shall I refrain?" of the king." 6 But Jehoshaphat said, "Isn't there here see on that day, when you shall go into an inner room to a prophet of the LORD besides, that we may inquire hide yourself." 25 The king of Israel said, "Take Micaiah, of him?" 7 The king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, and carry him back to Amon the governor of the city. "There is yet one man by whom we may inquire of the and to Joash the king's son; 26 and say, 'Thus says LORD; but I hate him, for he never prophesies good the king, "Put this fellow in the prison, and feed him concerning me, but always evil. He is Micaiah the son of with bread of affliction and with water of affliction, until I Imla." Jehoshaphat said, "Do not let the king say so." 8 return in peace."" 27 Micaiah said, "If you return at all Then the king of Israel called an officer, and said, "Get in peace, the LORD has not spoken by me." He said, Micaiah the son of Imla quickly." 9 Now the king of "Listen, you peoples, all of you." 28 So the king of Israel Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah sat each on and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramoth his throne, arrayed in their robes, and they were sitting Gilead. 29 The king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "I in an open place at the entrance of the gate of Samaria; will disguise myself, and go into the battle; but you put and all the prophets were prophesying before them. on your robes." So the king of Israel disguised himself; 10 Zedekiah the son of Kenaanah made him horns of and they went into the battle. 30 Now the king of Aram iron, and said, "Thus says the LORD, With these you had commanded the captains of his chariots, saying, shall push the Arameans, until they are consumed."" "Fight neither with small nor great, except only with the 11 All the prophets prophesied so, saying, "Go up to king of Israel." 31 It happened, when the captains of the Ramoth Gilead, and prosper; for the LORD will deliver chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, "It is the king it into the hand of the king." 12 The messenger who of Israel." Therefore they turned around to fight against went to call Micaiah spoke to him, saying, "Look, the him. But Jehoshaphat cried out, and the LORD helped words of the prophets declare good to the king with him; and God moved them to depart from him. 32 It one mouth. Let your word therefore, please be like one happened, when the captains of the chariots saw that it of theirs, and speak good." 13 Micaiah said, "As the was not the king of Israel, that they turned back from LORD lives, whatever my God says to me, that I will pursuing him. 33 A certain man drew his bow at random. speak." 14 When he had come to the king, the king and struck the king of Israel between the joints of the said to him, "Micaiah, shall we go to Ramoth Gilead to armor. Therefore he said to the driver of the chariot. battle, or shall I refrain?" He said, "Go up, and prosper. "Turn your hand, and carry me out of the army; for I am They shall be delivered into your hand." 15 The king severely wounded." 34 The battle increased that day. said to him, "How many times shall I adjure you that However the king of Israel propped himself up in his you speak to me nothing but the truth in the name of chariot against the Arameans until the evening; and the LORD?" 16 He said, "I saw all Israel scattered on about the time of the going down of the sun, he died. the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd. The LORD said, 'These have no master. Let them return every man to his house in peace." 17 The king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "Did I not tell you that he would not prophesy good concerning me, but evil?" 18 Micaiah said, "Therefore hear the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on his throne, and all the army of heaven standing on his right hand and on his left. 19 The LORD said, 'Who shall entice Ahab king of Israel, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth Gilead?' One spoke saving in this way, and another saying in that way. 20 A spirit came out, stood before the LORD, and said, 'I will entice him.' "The LORD said to him, 'How?' 21 "He said, 'I will go forth, and will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.' "He said, 'You will entice him, and will prevail also. Go forth, and do so.' 22 "Now therefore, look, the LORD has put a lying spirit in the mouth of these your prophets; and the LORD has pronounced disaster concerning you." 23 Then Zedekiah the son of Kenaanah came near, and struck Micaiah on the cheek, and said, "Which way did the Spirit of the LORD go from

They said, "Go up: for God will deliver it into the hand me to speak to you?" 24 Micaiah said, "Look, you shall

19 Jehoshaphat the king of Judah returned to his house in peace to Jerusalem. 2 Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him, and said to king Jehoshaphat, "Should you help the wicked, and love those who hate the LORD? Because of this, wrath is on you from before the LORD. 3 Nevertheless there are good things found in you, in that you have put away the Asheroth out of the land, and have set your heart to seek God." 4 Jehoshaphat lived at Jerusalem: and he went out again among the people from Beersheba to the hill country of Ephraim, and brought them back to the LORD, the God of their fathers. 5 He set judges in the land throughout all the fortified cities of Judah, city by city, 6 and said to the judges, "Consider what you do: for you do not judge for man, but for the LORD; and he is with you in the judgment. 7 Now therefore let the fear of the LORD be on you. Take heed and do it: for there is no iniquity with the LORD our God, nor respect of persons, nor taking of bribes." 8 Moreover in Jerusalem Jehoshaphat appointed Levites and priests, and of the heads of the ancestral houses of Israel,

for the judgment of the LORD, and for controversies, son of Mattaniah, the Levite, of the sons of Asaph, in They returned to Jerusalem. 9 He commanded them, the midst of the assembly; 15 and he said, "Listen, law and commandment, statutes and ordinances, you Tomorrow go down against them. Look, they are coming Do this, and you shall not be guilty. 11 Look, Amariah not need to fight this battle. Set yourselves, stand still, of Judah, in all the king's matters: also the Levites shall out against them tomorrow, for the LORD is with you." LORD be with the good."

20 It happened after this, that the people of Moab, and the people of Ammon, and with them some of the Meunites, came against Jehoshaphat to battle. 2 Then some came who told Jehoshaphat, saying, "A great multitude is coming against you from beyond the sea from Edom. Look, they are in Hazazon Tamar" (that is, En Gedi). 3 Jehoshaphat was alarmed, and set himself to seek to the LORD. He proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. 4 Judah gathered themselves together, to seek help from the LORD. They came out of all the cities of Judah to seek the LORD. 5 Jehoshaphat stood in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the LORD, before the new court; 6 and he said, "O LORD, the God of our fathers, aren't you God in heaven? Aren't you ruler over all the kingdoms of the nations? Power and might are in your hand, so that no one is able to withstand you. 7 Did you not, our God. drive out the inhabitants of this land before your people Israel, and give it forever to the descendants of Abraham your friend? 8 They lived in it, and have built you a sanctuary in it for your name, saying, 9 'If evil comes on us-the sword, judgment, pestilence, or famine-we will stand before this house, and before you, (for your name is in this house), and cry to you in our affliction, and you will hear and save.' 10 Now, look, the people of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir, whom you would not let Israel invade, when they came out of the land of Egypt, but they turned aside from them, and did not destroy them; 11 look, how they reward us, to come to cast us out of your possession, which you have given us to inherit. 12 Our God, will you not judge them? For we have no might against this great company that comes against us; neither know we what to do, but our eyes are on you." 13 All Judah stood before the LORD, with their little ones, their wives, and their children. 14 Then the Spirit of the LORD came on Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the

saying, "Thus you shall do in the fear of the LORD, all Judah, and you inhabitants of Jerusalem, and you faithfully, and with a perfect heart. 10 Whenever any king Jehoshaphat. Thus says the LORD to you, 'Do controversy shall come to you from your brothers who not be afraid, neither be dismayed by reason of this dwell in their cities, between blood and blood, between great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's. 16 shall warn them, that they not be quilty towards the up by the ascent of Ziz. You shall find them at the end LORD, and so wrath come on you and on your brothers. of the valley, before the wilderness of Jeruel. 17 You will the chief priest is over you in all matters of the LORD; and see the salvation of the LORD with you, O Judah and Zebadiah the son of Ishmael, the ruler of the house and Jerusalem. Do not be afraid, nor be dismayed. Go be officers before you. Deal courageously, and may the 18 Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground; and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell down before the LORD, worshipping the LORD. 19 The Levites, of the descendants of the Kohathites and of the descendants of the Korahites, stood up to praise the LORD, the God of Israel, with an exceeding loud voice. 20 They rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Listen to me, Judah, and you inhabitants of Jerusalem. Believe in the LORD your God, so you will be established. Believe his prophets, and you will prosper." 21 When he had taken counsel with the people, he appointed those who should sing to the LORD, and give praise in holy array, as they went out before the army, and say, Give thanks to the LORD; for his loving kindness endures forever. 22 When they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushers against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were struck. 23 For the people of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of Mount Seir, utterly to kill and destroy them: and when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, everyone helped to destroy another. 24 When Judah came to the place overlooking the wilderness, they looked at the multitude; and look, they were dead bodies fallen to the earth, and there were none who escaped. 25 When Jehoshaphat and his people came to take their spoil, they found among them in abundance both riches and dead bodies, and precious jewels, which they stripped off for themselves, more than they could carry away: and they were three days in taking the spoil, it was so much. 26 On the fourth day they assembled themselves in the Valley of Berachah; for there they blessed the LORD: therefore the name of that place was called The Valley of Berachah to this day. 27 Then they returned, every man of Judah and Jerusalem, and Jehoshaphat in their forefront, to go again to Jerusalem with joy; for the LORD had made them to rejoice over their enemies. 28 They came to Jerusalem with stringed instruments and harps and trumpets to the house of the LORD. 29 The fear of God time from under his hand, because he had forsaken the Israel. 30 So the realm of Jehoshaphat was quiet; for his inhabitants of Jerusalem to play the prostitute, and God gave him rest all around. 31 Jehoshaphat reigned led Judah astray. 12 A letter came to him from Elijah over Judah: he was thirty-five years old when he began the prophet, saying, "Thus says the LORD, the God to reign; and he reigned twenty-five years in Jerusalem: of David your father, 'Because you have not walked in in the eyes of the LORD. 33 However the high places inhabitants of Jerusalem to play the prostitute, like the their hearts to the God of their fathers. 34 Now the rest of your father's house, who were better than yourself: of the acts of Jehoshaphat, first and last, look, they are 14 look, the LORD will strike with a great plaque your joined himself with him to make ships to go to Tarshish; stirred up against Jehoram the spirit of the Philistines. and they made the ships in Ezion Geber. 37 Then and of the Arabians who are beside the Ethiopians: 17 Eliezer the son of Dodavahu of Mareshah prophesied and they came up against Judah, and broke into it, against Jehoshaphat, saying, "Because you have joined and carried away all the substance that was found in works," The ships were broken, so that they were not that there was never a son left him, except Jehoahaz, able to go to Tarshish.

21 Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the City of David: and Jehoram his son reigned in his place. 2 He had brothers, the sons of Jehoshaphat: Azariah, and Jehiel, and Zechariah, and Azariah, and Michael, and Shephatiah; all these were the sons of Jehoshaphat king of Israel. 3 Their father gave them great gifts, of silver, and of gold, and of precious things, with fortified cities in Judah: but the kingdom gave he to Jehoram, because he was the firstborn. 4 Now when Jehoram was risen up over the kingdom of his father, and had strengthened himself, he the princes of Israel. 5 Jehoram was thirty-two years old when he began to reign; and he reigned eight years chariots. 10 So Edom revolted from under the hand of him at Ramah, when he fought against Hazael king Judah to this day: then Libnah revolted at the same

was on all the kingdoms of the countries, when they LORD, the God of his fathers. 11 Moreover he made heard that the LORD fought against the enemies of high places in the mountains of Judah, and made the and his mother's name was Azubah the daughter of the ways of Jehoshaphat your father, nor in the ways Shilhi. 32 He walked in the way of Asa his father, and of Asa king of Judah, 13 but have walked in the way did not turn aside from it, doing that which was right of the kings of Israel, and have made Judah and the were not taken away; neither as yet had the people set house of Ahab did, and also have slain your brothers written in the history of Jehu the son of Hanani, which is people, and your children, and your wives, and all your inserted in the book of the kings of Israel. 35 After this substance; 15 and you shall have great sickness by Jehoshaphat king of Judah joined himself with Ahaziah disease of your bowels, until your bowels fall out by king of Israel. The same did very wickedly: 36 and he reason of the sickness, day by day." 16 The LORD yourself with Ahaziah, the LORD has destroyed your the king's house, and his sons also, and his wives; so the youngest of his sons. 18 After all this the LORD struck him in his bowels with an incurable disease. 19 It happened, in process of time, at the end of two years. that his bowels fell out by reason of his sickness, and he died of severe diseases. His people made no burning for him, like the burning of his fathers. 20 Thirty-two years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem eight years: and he departed without being desired; and they buried him in the City of David, but not in the tombs of the kings.

22 The inhabitants of Jerusalem made Ahaziah his youngest son king in his place; for the band of killed all his brothers with the sword, and various also of men who came with the Arabians to the camp had slain all the eldest. So Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah reigned. 2 Ahaziah was twenty-two years old in Jerusalem. 6 He walked in the way of the kings of when he began to reign, and he reigned one year in Israel, as did the house of Ahab; for he had the daughter Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Athalih, the of Ahab as wife: and he did that which was evil in the daughter of Omri. 3 He also walked in the ways of sight of the LORD. 7 However the LORD would not the house of Ahab; for his mother was his counselor destroy the house of David, because of the covenant to do wickedly. 4 He did that which was evil in the that he had made with David, and as he promised to sight of the LORD, as did the house of Ahab; for they give a lamp to him and to his children always. 8 In his were his counselors after the death of his father, to his days Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah, destruction. 5 He walked also after their counsel, and and made a king over themselves. 9 Then Jehoram went with Jehoram the son of Ahab king of Israel to war passed over with his captains, and all his chariots with against Hazael king of Aram at Ramoth Gilead: and him: and he rose up by night, and struck the Edomites the Arameans wounded Joram. 6 He returned to be who surrounded him, along with the captains of the healed in Jezreel of the wounds which they had given

of Aram. Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah the priest commanded: and they took every man his went down to see Jehoram the son of Ahab in Jezreel, men, those who were to come in on the Sabbath; with because he was sick. 7 Now the destruction of Ahaziah those who were to go out on the Sabbath; for Jehoiada was of God, in that he went to Joram: for when he the priest did not dismiss the shift. 9 Jehoiada the priest had come, he went out with Jehoram against Jehu the delivered to the captains of hundreds the spears, and son of Nimshi, whom the LORD had anointed to cut bucklers, and shields, that had been king David's, which off the house of Ahab. 8 It happened, when Jehu was were in God's house. 10 He set all the people, every executing judgment on the house of Ahab, that he found man with his weapon in his hand, from the right side of the princes of Judah, and the sons of the brothers of the house to the left side of the house, along by the altar Ahaziah, ministering to Ahaziah, and killed them. 9 and the house, around the king. 11 Then he brought He sought Ahaziah, and they caught him (now he was out the king's son, and put the crown on him, and gave hiding in Samaria), and they brought him to Jehu, and him the testimony, and made him king: and Jehoiada killed him; and they buried him, for they said, "He is and his sons anointed him; and they said, "Long live the son of Jehoshaphat, who sought the LORD with the king." 12 When Athaliah heard the noise of the all his heart." The house of Ahaziah had no power to people running and praising the king, she came to the hold the kingdom. 10 Now when Athaliah the mother of people into the house of the LORD: 13 and she looked, Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and and, look, the king stood by his pillar at the entrance, destroyed all the royal family of the house of Judah. 11 and the captains and the trumpets by the king; and But Jehosheba, the daughter of the king, took Joash the all the people of the land rejoiced, and blew trumpets: son of Ahaziah, and secretly took him away from among the singers also played musical instruments, and led the king's sons who were slain, and put him and his the singing of praise. Then Athaliah tore her clothes, nurse in the bedroom. So Jehosheba, the daughter of and said, "Treason." 14 Jehoiada the priest king Jehoram, the wife of Jehoiada the priest (for she brought out the captains of hundreds who were set over was the sister of Ahaziah), hid him from Athaliah, so the army, and said to them, "Bring her out between the that she did not kill him. 12 He was with them hidden in ranks; and whoever follows her, let him be slain with God's house six years: and Athaliah reigned over the the sword." For the priest said, "Do not kill her in the land.

23 In the seventh year Jehoiada strengthened himself, and took the captains of hundreds, Azariah the son of Jeroham, and Ishmael the son of Jehohanan, and Azariah the son of Obed, and Maaseiah the son of Adaiah, and Elishaphat the son of Zikri, into covenant with him. 2 They went about in Judah, and gathered the Levites out of all the cities of Judah, and the heads of ancestral houses of Israel, and they came to Jerusalem. 3 All the assembly made a covenant in the house of God with the king. And he showed them the king's son. And he said to them, "Look, the king's son shall reign, as the LORD has spoken concerning the descendants of David. 4 This is the thing that you shall do. A third part of you, who come in on the Sabbath, of the priests and of the Levites, shall be gatekeepers of the thresholds. 5 A third part shall be at the king's house; and a third part at the gate of the foundation. All the people shall be in the courts of the LORD's house. 6 But let no one come into the house of the LORD, except the priests, and those who minister of the Levites. They shall come in, for they are holy, but all the people shall follow the LORD's instructions. 7 The Levites shall surround the king, every man with his weapons in his hand. Whoever comes into the house, let him be slain. Be with the king when he comes in, and when he goes out." 8 So the Levites and all Judah did according to all that Jehoiada

LORD's house." 15 So they made way for her. She went to the entrance of the Horse Gate to the king's house; and they killed her there. 16 Jehoiada made a covenant between himself, and all the people, and the king, that they should be the LORD's people. 17 All the people went to the house of Baal, and broke it down, and broke his altars and his images in pieces, and killed Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars. 18 Jehoiada appointed the officers of the house of the LORD under the hand of the priests and the Levites, and he appointed the divisions of the priests and the Levites, whom David had assigned in the house of the LORD, to offer the burnt offerings of the LORD, as it is written in the law of Moses, with rejoicing and with singing, according to the order of David. 19 He set the gatekeepers at the gates of the house of the LORD. that no one who was unclean in anything should enter in. 20 He took the captains of hundreds, and the nobles. and the governors of the people, and all the people of the land, and brought down the king from the house of the LORD: and they came through the Upper Gate to the king's house, and set the king on the throne of the kingdom. 21 So all the people of the land rejoiced, and the city was guiet. Athaliah they had slain with the sword.

24 Joash was seven years old when he began to reign; and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem:

and his mother's name was Zibiah, of Beersheba, 2 the Asherim and the idols; and wrath came on Judah Joash did that which was right in the eves of the LORD and Jerusalem for this their guiltiness. 19 Yet he sent all the days of Jehoiada the priest. 3 Jehoiada took for prophets to them, to bring them again to the LORD; him two wives; and he became the father of sons and and they testified against them: but they would not give daughters. 4 It happened after this, that Joash intended ear. 20 The Spirit of God came on Zechariah the son of to restore the house of the LORD. 5 He gathered Jehoiada the priest; and he stood above the people, together the priests and the Levites, and said to them, and said to them, "Thus says God, "Why do you disobey "Go out to the cities of Judah, and gather money to the commandments of the LORD, so that you can't repair the house of your God from all Israel from year to prosper? Because you have forsaken the LORD, he has year. See that you expedite this matter." However the also forsaken you." 21 They conspired against him, Levites did not do it right away. 6 The king called for and stoned him with stones at the commandment of the Jehoiada the chief, and said to him, "Why haven't you king in the court of the house of the LORD. 22 Thus required of the Levites to bring in the tax of Moses the Joash the king did not remember the kindness which servant of the LORD, and of the assembly of Israel, Jehoiada his father had done to him, but killed his son. out of Judah and out of Jerusalem, for the tent of the When he died, he said, "May the LORD look at it, and testimony?" 7 For the sons of Athaliah, that wicked repay it." 23 It happened at the end of the year, that the woman, had broken up God's house; and they also army of the Arameans came up against him. And they gave all the dedicated things of the house of the LORD came to Judah and Jerusalem, and destroyed all the to the Baals. 8 So the king commanded, and they made leaders of the people from among the people, and sent a chest, and set it outside at the gate of the house all their spoil to the king in Damascus. 24 For the army of the LORD. 9 They made a proclamation through of the Arameans came with a small company of men; Judah and Jerusalem, to bring in for the LORD the and the LORD delivered a very great army into their tax that Moses the servant of God laid on Israel in the hand, because they had forsaken the LORD, the God wilderness, 10 And all the leaders and all the people of their fathers. So they executed judgment on Joash. rejoiced, and brought in, and threw it into the chest, until 25 When they were departed for him (for they left him it was full. 11 It was so, that whenever the chest was very sick), his own servants conspired against him for brought to the king's officers by the hand of the Levites, the blood of the son of Jehoiada the priest, and killed and when they saw that there was much money, the him on his bed, and he died; and they buried him in the king's scribe and the chief priest's officer came and City of David, but they did not bury him in the tombs of emptied the chest, and took it, and carried it to its place the kings. 26 These are those who conspired against again. Thus they did day by day, and gathered money him: Zabad the son of Shimeath the Ammonitess, and in abundance. 12 The king and Jehoiada gave it to Jehozabad the son of Shimrith the Moabitess. 27 Now such as did the work of the service of the house of the concerning his sons, and the many oracles against him, LORD; and they hired masons and carpenters to restore and the rebuilding of God's house, look, they are written the house of the LORD, and also such as worked iron in the commentary of the book of the kings. Amaziah his and bronze to repair the house of the LORD. 13 So son reigned in his place. the workmen worked, and the work of repairing went forward in their hands, and they set up God's house in its state, and strengthened it. 14 When they had made an end, they brought the rest of the money before the king and Jehoiada, of which were made vessels for the house of the LORD, even vessels with which to minister and to offer, and spoons, and vessels of gold and silver. They offered burnt offerings in the house of the LORD continually all the days of Jehoiada. 15 But Jehoiada grew old and was full of days, and he died; one hundred thirty years old was he when he died. 16 They buried him in the City of David among the kings, because he had done good in Israel, and toward God and his house. 17 Now after the death of Jehoiada the leaders of Judah came and paid homage to the king. And the king listened to them. 18 They forsook the house of the LORD, the God of their fathers, and served

25 Amaziah was twenty-five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Jehoaddan, of Jerusalem. 2 He did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, but not with a perfect heart. 3 Now it happened, when the kingdom was firmly in his grasp, that he killed his servants who had killed his father the king. 4 But he did not put their children to death, but did according to that which is written in the law in the scroll of Moses, as the LORD commanded, saying, "The fathers shall not die for the children, neither shall the children die for the fathers: but every man shall die for his own sin." 5 Moreover Amaziah gathered Judah together, and ordered them according to their fathers' houses, under captains of thousands and captains of hundreds, even all Judah and Benjamin: and he

found them three hundred thousand chosen men, able But Amaziah would not listen; for it was of God, that to go forth to war, who could handle spear and shield. 6 he might deliver them into the hand of their enemies, He hired also one hundred thousand mighty men of because they had sought after the gods of Edom. 21 valor out of Israel for one hundred talents of silver. 7 So Joash king of Israel went up; and he and Amaziah A man of God came to him, saying, "O king, do not king of Judah looked one another in the face at Beth let the army of Israel go with you; for the LORD is not Shemesh, which belongs to Judah. 22 Judah was with Israel, with all the people of Ephraim. 8 But if you defeated by Israel; and they fled every man to his tent. will go, take action, be strong for the battle. God will 23 Joash king of Israel took Amaziah king of Judah, the overthrow you before the enemy; for God has power to son of Joash the son of Jehoahaz, at Beth Shemesh, help, and to overthrow." 9 Amaziah said to the man and brought him to Jerusalem, and broke down the wall of God, "But what shall we do for the hundred talents of Jerusalem from the Ephraim Gate to the Corner Gate, which I have given to the army of Israel?" The man of six hundred eighty-nine feet. 24 He took all the gold God answered, "The LORD is able to give you much and silver, and all the vessels that were found in God's more than this." 10 Then Amaziah separated them, house with Obed-Edom, and the treasures of the king's the army that had come to him out of Ephraim, to go house, the hostages also, and returned to Samaria. 25 home again: therefore their anger was greatly kindled Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah lived after the against Judah, and they returned home in fierce anger. death of Joash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel fifteen 11 Amaziah took courage, and led forth his people, and years. 26 Now the rest of the acts of Amaziah, first and went to the Valley of Salt, and struck ten thousand of last, look, aren't they written in the book of the kings of the people of Seir. 12 The people of Judah carry away Judah and Israel? 27 Now from the time that Amaziah ten thousand alive, and brought them to the top of the turned away from following the LORD, they made a rock, and threw them down from the top of the rock, so conspiracy against him in Jerusalem. He fled to Lachish; that they all were broken in pieces. 13 But the men of but they sent after him to Lachish, and killed him there. the army whom Amaziah sent back, that they should not 28 They brought him on horses, and buried him with his go with him to battle, fell on the cities of Judah, from fathers in the City of David. Samaria even to Beth Horon, and struck of them three thousand, and took much spoil. 14 Now it happened, after that Amaziah had come from the slaughter of the Edomites, that he brought the gods of the people of Seir, and set them up to be his gods, and bowed down himself before them, and burned incense to them. 15 Therefore the anger of the LORD was kindled against Amaziah, and he sent to him a prophet, who said to him, "Why have you sought after the gods of the people, which have not delivered their own people out of your hand?" 16 It happened, as he talked with him, that the king said to him, "Have we made you one of the king's counselors? Stop. Why should you be struck down?" Then the prophet stopped, and said, "I know that God has determined to destroy you, because you have done this, and have not listened to my counsel." 17 Then Amaziah king of Judah consulted his advisers, and sent to Joash, the son of Jehoahaz the son of Jehu, king of Israel, saving, "Come, let us look one another in the face." 18 Joash king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, "The thistle that was in Lebanon sent to the cedar that was in Lebanon, saying, 'Give your daughter to my son as his wife; then a wild animal that was in Lebanon passed by, and trampled down the thistle. 19 You say to yourself that you have struck Edom; and your heart lifts you up to boast. Now stay at home. Why should you meddle with trouble, that

numbered them from twenty years old and upward, and you should fall, even you, and Judah with you?" 20

26 All the people of Judah took Uzziah, who was sixteen years old, and made him king in the place of his father Amaziah. 2 He built Eilat, and restored it to Judah, after that the king slept with his fathers. 3 Sixteen years old was Uzziah when he began to reign; and he reigned fifty-two years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Jecoliah, of Jerusalem. 4 He did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, according to all that his father Amaziah had done. 5 He set himself to seek God in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding in the fear of God, and as long as he sought the LORD, God made him to prosper. 6 He went forth and warred against the Philistines, and 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 God helped him against the Philistines, and against the Arabians who lived in Gur Baal, and the Meunites. 8 The Meunites gave tribute to Uzziah, and his name spread abroad even to the entrance of Egypt; for he grew exceeding strong. 9 Moreover Uzziah built towers in Jerusalem at the Corner Gate, and at the Valley Gate, and at the turning of the wall, and fortified them. 10 He built towers in the wilderness, and dug out many cisterns, for he had many cattle; in the Shephelah and in the plain he had farmers, and vinedressers in the hills and in the fertile fields, for he loved the land. 11 Moreover Uzziah had an army of fighting men, who

went out to war by bands, according to the number of he built cities in the hill country of Judah, and in the their reckoning made by Jeiel the scribe and Maaseiah forests he built fortresses and towers. 5 He fought also the officer, under the hand of Hananiah, one of the with the king of the people of Ammon, and prevailed king's captains. 12 The whole number of the heads of against them. The people of Ammon gave him the same ancestral houses, even the mighty men of valor, was year one hundred talents of silver, and ten thousand two thousand and six hundred. 13 Under their hand was measures of wheat, and ten thousand of barley. The an army, three hundred thousand and seven thousand people of Ammon gave that much to him in the second and five hundred, who made war with mighty power, to year also, and in the third. 6 So Jotham became mighty, help the king against the enemy. 14 Uzziah prepared for because he ordered his ways before the LORD his God. them, even for all the army, shields, and spears, and 7 Now the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all his wars, helmets, and coats of mail, and bows, and stones for and his ways, look, they are written in the book of the slinging. 15 He made in Jerusalem engines, invented by kings of Israel and Judah. 8 He was five and twenty skillful men, to be on the towers and on the battlements, years old when he began to reign, and reigned sixteen with which to shoot arrows and great stones. His name years in Jerusalem. 9 Jotham slept with his fathers, and spread far abroad; for he was marvelously helped, until they buried him in the City of David: and Ahaz his son he was strong. 16 But when he was strong, his heart reigned in his place. against the LORD his God; for he went into the LORD's **28** Ahaz was twenty years old when he began to temple to burn incense on the altar of incense. 17 Azariah the priest went in after him, and with him eighty priests of the LORD, who were valiant men: 18 and they resisted Uzziah the king, and said to him, "It isn't for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to the LORD, but for the priests the descendants of Aaron, who are consecrated to burn incense. Go out of the sanctuary; for you have trespassed; neither shall it be for your honor from the LORD God." 19 Then Uzziah was angry; and he had a censer in his hand to burn incense; and while he was angry with the priests, the leprosy broke forth in his forehead before the priests in the house of the LORD. beside the altar of incense. 20 Azariah the chief priest, and all the priests, looked on him, and look, he was leprous in his forehead, and they thrust him out guickly from there; yes, himself hurried also to go out, because the LORD had struck him. 21 Uzziah the king was a leper to the day of his death, and lived in a separate house, being a leper; for he was cut off from the house of the LORD: and Jotham his son was over the king's house, judging the people of the land. 22 Now the rest of the acts of Uzziah, first and last, Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, wrote. 23 So Uzziah slept with his fathers: and they buried him with his fathers in the field of burial which belonged to the kings; for they said, "He is a leper." Jotham his son reigned in his place.

27 Jotham was twenty-five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Jerushah the daughter of Zadok. 2 He did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, according to all that his father Uzziah Upper Gate of the house of the LORD, and he carried Now hear me therefore, and send back the captives,

reign; and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem: and he did not do that which was 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 Baals. 3 Moreover he burnt incense in the Valley of Ben Hinnom, and made his sons pass through the fire, according to the abominations of the nations whom the LORD cast out before the children of Israel. 4 He sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree. 5 Therefore the LORD his God delivered him into the hand of the king of Aram; and they struck him, and carried away of his a great multitude of captives, and brought them to Damascus. He was also delivered into the hand of the king of Israel, who struck him with a great slaughter. 6 For Pekah the son of Remaliah killed in Judah one hundred twenty thousand in one day, all of them valiant men; because they had forsaken the LORD, the God of their fathers. 7 Zikri, a mighty man of Ephraim, killed Maaseiah the king's son, and Azrikam the ruler of the house, and Elkanah who was next to the king. 8 The children of Israel carried away captive of their brothers two hundred thousand, women, sons, and daughters, and took also away much spoil from them, and brought the spoil to Samaria. 9 But a prophet of the LORD was there, whose name was Oded: and he went out to meet the army that came to Samaria, and said to them, "Look, because the LORD, the God of your fathers, was angry with Judah, he has delivered them into your hand, and you have slain them in a rage which has reached up to heaven. 10 Now you purpose to keep under the people of Judah and Jerusalem for bondservants and had done: however he did not enter into the LORD's bondmaids for yourselves. Aren't there even with you temple. The people still did corruptly. 3 He built the trespasses of your own against the LORD your God? 11 out considerable work on the wall of Ophel. 4 Moreover that you have taken captive from your brothers: for the

of the heads of the people of Ephraim, Azariah the son of Johanan, Berechiah the son of Meshillemoth, in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Abijah, the and Jehizkiah the son of Shallum, and Amasa the son daughter of Zechariah. 2 He did that which was right in of Hadlai, stood up against those who came from the the eyes of the LORD, according to all that David his war, 13 and said to them, "You shall not bring in the father had done. 3 He in the first year of his reign, in the captives here: for you purpose that which will bring on first month, opened the doors of the house of the LORD, us a trespass against the LORD, to add to our sins and and repaired them. 4 He brought in the priests and to our trespass; for our trespass is great, and there is the Levites, and gathered them together into the broad fierce wrath against Israel." 14 So the armed men left place on the east, 5 and said to them, "Listen to me, the captives and the spoil before the leaders and all the you Levites. Now sanctify yourselves, and sanctify the assembly. 15 The men who have been mentioned by house of the LORD, the God of your fathers, and carry name rose up, and took the captives, and with the spoil out the filthiness out of the holy place. 6 For our fathers clothed all who were naked among them, dressed them, have trespassed, and done that which was evil in the gave them sandals, and gave them something to eat sight of the LORD our God, and have forsaken him, and to drink, anointed them, carried all the feeble of and have turned away their faces from the habitation of them on donkeys, and brought them to Jericho, the city the LORD, and turned their backs. 7 Also they have of palm trees, to their brothers. Then they returned to shut up the doors of the porch, and put out the lamps, Samaria. 16 At that time king Ahaz sent to the king of and have not burned incense nor offered burnt offerings Assyria to help him. 17 For again the Edomites had in the holy place to the God of Israel. 8 Therefore the come and struck Judah, and carried away captives. wrath of the LORD was on Judah and Jerusalem, and 18 The Philistines also had invaded the cities of the he has delivered them to be tossed back and forth, to lowland, and of the Negev of Judah, and had taken be an astonishment, and a hissing, as you see with Beth Shemesh, and Aijalon, and Gederoth, and Soco your eyes. 9 For, look, our fathers have fallen by the with its towns, and Timnah with its towns, Gimzo also sword, and our sons and our daughters and our wives and its towns: and they lived there. 19 For the LORD are in captivity for this. 10 Now it is in my heart to make brought Judah low because of Ahaz king of Israel; for he a covenant with the LORD, the God of Israel, that his had dealt wantonly in Judah, and trespassed severely fierce anger may turn away from us. 11 My sons, do against the LORD. 20 Tilgath Pilneser king of Assyria not be negligent now; for the LORD has chosen you came to him, and distressed him, but did not strengthen to stand before him, to minister to him, and that you him. 21 For Ahaz took away a portion out of the house should be his ministers, and burn incense." 12 Then the of the LORD, and out of the house of the king and Levites arose, Mahath, the son of Amasai, and Joel the of the princes, and gave it to the king of Assyria: but son of Azariah, of the descendants of the Kohathites; it did not help him. 22 In the time of his distress, he and of the sons of Merari, Kish the son of Abdi, and trespassed yet more against the LORD, this same king Azariah the son of Jehallelel; and of the Gershonites, Ahaz. 23 For he sacrificed to the gods of Damascus, Joah the son of Zimmah, and Eden the son of Joah; which struck him; and he said, "Because the gods of 13 and of the descendants of Elizaphan, Shimri and the kings of Aram helped them, so I will sacrifice to Jeuel; and of the descendants of Asaph, Zechariah them, that they may help me." But they were the ruin of and Mattaniah; 14 and of the descendants of Heman, him, and of all Israel. 24 Ahaz gathered together the Jehuel and Shimei; and of the descendants of Jeduthun, vessels of God's house, and cut in pieces the vessels Shemaiah and Uzziel. 15 They gathered their brothers, of God's house, and shut up the doors of the house and sanctified themselves, and went in, according to the of the LORD; and he made him altars in every corner commandment of the king by the words of the LORD, to of Jerusalem. 25 In every city of Judah he made high cleanse the house of the LORD. 16 The priests went in places to burn incense to other gods, and provoked to to the inner part of the house of the LORD, to cleanse it, anger the LORD, the God of his fathers. 26 Now the and brought out all the uncleanness that they found in rest of his acts, and all his ways, first and last, look, the LORD's temple into the court of the house of the they are written in the book of the kings of Judah and LORD. The Levites took it, to carry it out abroad to the Israel. 27 Ahaz slept with his fathers, and they buried Kidron Valley. 17 Now they began on the first day of him in the city, even in Jerusalem; for they did not bring the first month to sanctify, and on the eighth day of the him into the tombs of the kings of Israel: and Hezekiah month came they to the porch of the LORD; and they his son reigned in his place.

fierce wrath of the LORD is on you." 12 Then some 29 Hezekiah began to reign when he was twentyfive years old; and he reigned twenty-nine years sanctified the house of the LORD in eight days: and on the sixteenth day of the first month they made an the palace, and said, "We have cleansed all the house were too few, so that they could not flay all the burnt of the LORD, and the altar of burnt offering, with all offerings: therefore their brothers the Levites helped its vessels, and the table of show bread, with all its them, until the work was ended, and until the priests vessels. 19 Moreover all the vessels, which king Ahaz had sanctified themselves; for the Levites were more in his reign threw away when he trespassed, have we upright in heart to sanctify themselves than the priests. prepared and sanctified; and look, they are before the 35 Also the burnt offerings were in abundance, with the altar of the LORD." 20 Then Hezekiah the king arose fat of the peace offerings, and with the drink offerings early and gathered the officials of the city and went up for every burnt offering. So the service of the house of to the house of the LORD. 21 They brought seven bulls, the LORD was set in order. 36 Hezekiah rejoiced, and and seven rams, and seven lambs, and seven male all the people, because of that which God had prepared goats, for a sin offering for the kingdom and for the for the people: for the thing was done suddenly. sanctuary and for Judah. He commanded the priests the sons of Aaron to offer them on the altar of the LORD. 22 So they killed the bulls, and the priests received the blood, and sprinkled it on the altar: and they killed the rams, and sprinkled the blood on the altar: they killed also the lambs, and sprinkled the blood on the altar. 23 They brought near the male goats for the sin offering before the king and the assembly; and they laid their hands on them: 24 and the priests killed them, and they made a sin offering with their blood on the altar, to make atonement for all Israel; for the king commanded that the burnt offering and the sin offering should be made for all Israel. 25 He set the Levites in the house of the LORD with cymbals, with stringed instruments, and with harps, according to the commandment of David, and of Gad the king's seer, and Nathan the prophet; for the commandment was of the LORD by his prophets. 26 The Levites stood with the instruments of David, and the priests with the trumpets. 27 Hezekiah commanded to offer the burnt offering on the altar. When the burnt offering began, the song of the LORD began also, and the trumpets, together with the instruments of David king of Israel. 28 All the assembly worshiped, and the singers sang, and the trumpeters sounded; all this continued until the burnt offering was finished. 29 When they had made an end of offering, the king and all who were present with him bowed themselves and worshiped. 30 Moreover Hezekiah the king and the leaders commanded the Levites to sing praises to the LORD with the words of David, and of Asaph the seer. They sang praises with gladness, and they bowed their heads and worshiped. 31 Then Hezekiah answered, "Now you have consecrated yourselves to the LORD; come near and bring sacrifices and thank offerings into the house of the LORD." The assembly brought in sacrifices and thank offerings; and as many as were of a willing heart brought burnt offerings. 32 The number of the burnt offerings which the assembly brought was seventy bulls, one hundred rams, and two hundred lambs: all these were for a burnt offering to the LORD. 33 The consecrated things were six hundred head of

end. 18 Then they went in to Hezekiah the king within cattle and three thousand sheep. 34 But the priests

30 Hezekiah sent to all Israel and Judah, and wrote letters also to Ephraim and Manasseh, that they should come to the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, to keep the Passover to the LORD, the God of Israel. 2 For the king had taken counsel, and his officials, and all the assembly in Jerusalem, to keep the Passover in the second month. 3 For they could not keep it at that time, because the priests had not sanctified themselves in sufficient number, neither had the people gathered themselves together to Jerusalem. 4 The thing was right in the eyes of the king and of all the assembly. 5 So they established a decree to make proclamation throughout all Israel, from Beersheba even to Dan, that they should come to keep the Passover to the LORD, the God of Israel, at Jerusalem: for they had not kept it in great numbers in such sort as it is written. 6 So the couriers went with the letters from the king and his officers throughout all Israel and Judah, and according to the commandment of the king, saying, "children of Israel, turn again to the LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, that he may return to the remnant of you who have escaped out of the hand of the kings of Assyria. 7 Do not be like your fathers, and like your brothers, who trespassed against the LORD, the God of their fathers, so that he gave them up to desolation, as you see. 8 Now do not be stiff-necked, as your fathers were: but vield vourselves to the LORD, and enter into his sanctuary, which he has sanctified forever, and serve the LORD your God, that his fierce anger may turn away from you. 9 For if you turn again to the LORD, your brothers and your children shall find compassion before those who led them captive, and shall come again into this land: for the LORD your God is gracious and merciful, and will not turn away his face from you, if you return to him." 10 So the couriers passed from city to city through the country of Ephraim and Manasseh, even to Zebulun: but they ridiculed them, and mocked them. 11 Nevertheless some from Asher and from Manasseh and from Zebulun humbled themselves, and came to Jerusalem. 12 Also in Judah came the hand of God to give them one heart, to do the commandment of the

king and of the leaders by the word of the LORD. 13 and broke down the high places and the altars out of all holy habitation, even to heaven.

31 Now when all this was finished, all Israel who were present went out to the cities of Judah, and broke in pieces the pillars, and cut down the Asherim,

Many people assembled at Jerusalem to keep the feast Judah and Benjamin, in Ephraim also and Manasseh, of unleavened bread in the second month, a very great until they had destroyed them all. Then all the children assembly. 14 They arose and took away the altars that of Israel returned, every man to his possession, into were in Jerusalem, and all the altars for incense took their own cities. 2 Hezekiah appointed the divisions of they away, and cast them into the Kidron Valley. 15 Then the priests and the Levites after their divisions, every they killed the Passover lamb on the fourteenth day of man according to his service, both the priests and the the second month: and the priests and the Levites were Levites, for burnt offerings and for peace offerings, to ashamed, and sanctified themselves, and brought burnt minister, and to give thanks, and to praise in the gates offerings into the house of the LORD. 16 They stood of the camp of the LORD. 3 He appointed also the in their place after their order, according to the law of king's portion of his substance for the burnt offerings, for Moses the man of God: the priests sprinkled the blood the morning and evening burnt offerings, and the burnt which they received of the hand of the Levites. 17 For offerings for the Sabbaths, and for the new moons, there were many in the assembly who had not sanctified and for the set feasts, as it is written in the law of the themselves: therefore the Levites were in charge of LORD. 4 Moreover he commanded the people who killing the Passovers for everyone who was not clean, to lived in Jerusalem to give the portion of the priests sanctify them to the LORD. 18 For a multitude of the and the Levites, that they might give themselves to the people, even many of Ephraim and Manasseh, Issachar law of the LORD. 5 As soon as the commandment and Zebulun, had not cleansed themselves, yet they ate came abroad, the children of Israel gave in abundance the Passover otherwise than it is written. For Hezekiah the first fruits of grain, new wine, and oil, and honey, had prayed for them, saying, "May the good LORD and of all the increase of the field; and the tithe of all pardon everyone 19 who sets his heart to seek God, the things brought they in abundantly. 6 The children of LORD, the God of his fathers, even if they aren't clean Israel and Judah, who lived in the cities of Judah, they according to the purification of the sanctuary." 20 The also brought in the tithe of cattle and sheep, and the LORD listened to Hezekiah, and healed the people. 21 tithe of dedicated things which were consecrated to The children of Israel who were present at Jerusalem the LORD their God, and laid them by heaps. 7 In the kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with third month they began to lay the foundation of the great gladness; and the Levites and the priests praised heaps, and finished them in the seventh month. 8 And the LORD day by day, singing with loud instruments to when Hezekiah and the leaders came and saw the the LORD. 22 Hezekiah spoke comfortably to all the heaps, they blessed the LORD, and his people Israel. 9 Levites who had good understanding in the service of Then Hezekiah guestioned the priests and the Levites the LORD. So they completed the seven days of the concerning the heaps. 10 Azariah the chief priest, of feast, offering sacrifices of peace offerings, and making the house of Zadok, answered him and said, "Since confession to the LORD, the God of their fathers. 23 people began to bring the offerings into the house of The whole assembly took counsel to keep other seven the LORD, we have eaten and had enough, and have days; and they kept another seven days with gladness. left plenty: for the LORD has blessed his people; and 24 For Hezekiah king of Judah gave to the assembly that which is left is this great store." 11 Then Hezekiah for offerings one thousand bulls and seven thousand commanded them to prepare rooms in the house of the sheep, and the leaders gave to the assembly a thousand LORD; and they prepared them. 12 They brought in bulls and ten thousand sheep. And a great number the offerings and the tithes and the dedicated things of priests sanctified themselves. 25 All the assembly faithfully: and over them Conaniah the Levite was ruler, of Judah, with the priests and the Levites, and all the and Shimei his brother was second, 13 Jehiel, and assembly who came out of Israel, and the foreigners Azaziah, and Nahath, and Asahel, and Jerimoth, and who came out of the land of Israel, and who lived in Jozabad, and Eliel, and Ismakiah, and Mahath, and Judah, rejoiced. 26 So there was great joy in Jerusalem; Benaiah, were overseers under the hand of Conaniah for since the time of Solomon the son of David king of and Shimei his brother, by the appointment of Hezekiah Israel there was not the like in Jerusalem. 27 Then the the king, and Azariah the ruler of God's house. 14 Kore priests the Levites arose and blessed the people: and the son of Jimnah the Levite, the keeper of the east their voice was heard, and their prayer came up to his gate, was over the freewill offerings of God, to distribute the offerings of the LORD, and the most holy things. 15 Under him were Eden, and Miniamin, and Jeshua, and Shemaiah, Amariah, and Shecaniah, alongside males, from three years old and upward, even everyone by famine and by thirst, saying, 'The LORD our God will of every day required, for their service in their offices Hasn't the same Hezekiah taken away his high places according to their divisions. 17 This is the enrollment and his altars, and commanded Judah and Jerusalem. from twenty years old and upward, in their offices by you shall burn incense?' 13 Do you not know what I their divisions; 18 and those who were reckoned by and my fathers have done to all the peoples of the genealogy of all their little ones, their wives, and their lands? Were the gods of the nations of the lands in holiness. 19 Also for the descendants of Aaron the which my fathers utterly destroyed, that could deliver by name, to give portions to all the males among the do not let Hezekiah deceive you, nor persuade you in priests, and to all who were reckoned by genealogy this way, neither believe him; for no god of any nation Judah; and he worked that which was good and right hand, and out of the hand of my fathers. How much that he began in the service of God's house, and in the His servants spoke yet more against the LORD God. it with all his heart, and prospered.

32 After these things, and this faithfulness. Sennacherib king of Assyria came, and entered into Judah, and camped against the fortified cities, and thought to win them for himself. 2 When Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib had come, and that he intended to fight against Jerusalem, 3 he took counsel with his princes and his mighty men to stop the waters of the springs which were outside of the city; and they helped him. 4 So many people gathered together, and they stopped all the springs, and the brook that flowed through the midst of the land, saying, "Why should the kings of Assyria come, and find much water?" 5 He took courage, and built up all the wall that was broken down, and raised towers upon it, and the other wall outside, and strengthened Millo in the City of David, and made weapons and shields in abundance. 6 He set captains of war over the people, and gathered them together to him in the broad place at the gate of the city, and spoke comfortably to them, saying, 7 "Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid nor dismayed for the king of Assyria, nor for all the multitude who is with him; for there is a greater with us than with him. 8 With him is an arm of flesh; but with us is the LORD our God to help us, and to fight our battles." The people rested themselves on the words of Hezekiah king of Judah. 9 After this, Sennacherib king of Assyria sent his servants to Jerusalem, (now he was before Lachish, and all his power with him), to Hezekiah king of Judah, and to all Judah who were at Jerusalem, saying, 10 Thus says Sennacherib king of Assyria, "In whom do

brothers by divisions, as well to the great as to the small: you trust, that you remain under sigge in Jerusalem? 11 16 besides those who were reckoned by genealogy of Doesn't Hezekiah persuade you, to give you over to die who entered into the house of the LORD, as the duty deliver us out of the hand of the king of Assyria?' 12 of the priests by their fathers' houses, and the Levites saying, 'You shall worship before one altar, and on it sons, and their daughters, through all the congregation: any way able to deliver their land out of my hand? 14 for in their office of trust they sanctified themselves in Who was there among all the gods of those nations priests, who were in the fields of the suburbs of their his people out of my hand, that your God should be cities, in every city, there were men who were mentioned able to deliver you out of my hand? 15 Now therefore among the Levites. 20 Hezekiah did so throughout all or kingdom was able to deliver his people out of my and faithful before the LORD his God. 21 In every work less will your God deliver you out of my hand?" 16 law, and in the commandments, to seek his God, he did and against his servant Hezekiah. 17 He also wrote letters insulting the LORD, the God of Israel, and to speak against him, saving, "As the gods of the nations of the lands, which have not delivered their people out of my hand, so shall the God of Hezekiah not deliver his people out of my hand." 18 They cried with a loud voice in the Jews' language to the people of Jerusalem who were on the wall, to frighten them, and to trouble them; that they might take the city. 19 They spoke of the God of Jerusalem, as of the gods of the peoples of the earth, which are the work of men's hands. 20 Hezekiah the king, and Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz, praved because of this, and cried to heaven. 21 The LORD sent an angel, who cut off all the mighty men of valor, and the leaders and captains, in the camp of the king of Assyria. So he returned with shame of face to his own land. When he had come into the house of his god, some of his own offspring killed him there with the sword. 22 Thus the LORD saved Hezekiah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem from the hand of Sennacherib the king of Assyria, and from the hand of all others, and gave them rest on every side. 23 Many brought gifts to the LORD to Jerusalem, and precious things to Hezekiah king of Judah; so that he was exalted in the sight of all nations from thenceforth. 24 In those days Hezekiah was sick even to death: and he prayed to the LORD; and he spoke to him, and gave him a sign. 25 But Hezekiah did not render again according to the benefit done to him; for his heart was lifted up: therefore there was wrath on him, and on Judah and Jerusalem. 26 Notwithstanding Hezekiah humbled himself for the pride of his heart. both he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the

wrath of the LORD did not come on them in the days children of Israel did. 10 The LORD spoke to Manasseh. at his death. Manasseh his son reigned in his place.

22 Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign; and he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem. 2 He did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, after the abominations of the nations whom the LORD cast out before the children of Israel. 3 For he built again the high places which Hezekiah his father had broken down; and he reared up altars for the Baals, and made Asheroth, and worshiped all the host of heaven, and served them. 4 He built altars in the house of the LORD, of which the LORD said, "My name shall be in Jerusalem forever." 5 He built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the LORD. 6 He also made his children to pass through the fire in the Valley of Ben Hinnom; and he practiced sorcery, divination, and witchcraft, and consulted mediums, and spiritists: he worked much evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger. 7 He set the engraved image of the idol, which he had made, in God's house, of which God said to David and to Solomon his son, "In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, will I put my name forever: 8 neither will I any more remove the foot of Israel from off the land which I have appointed for your fathers, if only king in his place. they will observe to do all that I have commanded them. even all the law and the statutes and the ordinances given by Moses." 9 Manasseh seduced Judah and the than the nations whom the LORD destroyed before the and walked in the ways of David his father, and did

of Hezekiah. 27 Hezekiah had a very great amount and to his people; but they gave no heed. 11 Therefore of riches and honor: and he provided him treasuries the LORD brought on them the captains of the army for silver, and for gold, and for precious stones, and of the king of Assyria, who took Manasseh in chains, for spices, and for shields, and for all kinds of goodly and bound him with fetters, and carried him to Babylon. vessels; 28 storehouses also for the increase of grain 12 When he was in distress, he begged the LORD his and new wine and oil; and stalls for all kinds of animals, God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his and flocks in folds. 29 Moreover he provided him cities, fathers. 13 He prayed to him; and he was entreated by and possessions of flocks and herds in abundance; for him, and heard his petition, and brought him again to God had given him very much substance. 30 This same Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that Hezekiah also stopped the upper spring of the waters of the LORD was God. 14 Now after this he built an outer Gihon, and brought them straight down on the west side wall to the City of David, on the west side of Gihon, in of the City of David. Hezekiah prospered in all his works. the valley, even to the entrance at the Fish Gate; and he 31 However concerning the ambassadors of the princes encircled Ophel with it, and raised it up to a very great of Babylon, who sent to him to inquire of the wonder height: and he put valiant captains in all the fortified that was done in the land, God left him, to try him, that cities of Judah. 15 He took away the foreign gods, and he might know all that was in his heart. 32 Now the rest the idol out of the house of the LORD, and all the altars of the acts of Hezekiah, and his good deeds, look, they that he had built in the mountain of the house of the are written in the vision of Isaiah the prophet the son of LORD, and in Jerusalem, and cast them out of the city. Amoz, in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel. 33 16 He built up the altar of the LORD, and offered thereon Hezekiah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in sacrifices of peace offerings and of thanksgiving, and the ascent of the tombs of the sons of David: and all commanded Judah to serve the LORD, the God of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem did him honor Israel. 17 Nevertheless the people sacrificed still in the high places, but only to the LORD their God. 18 Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and his prayer to his God, and the words of the seers who spoke to him in the name of the LORD, the God of Israel, look, they are written among the acts of the kings of Israel. 19 His prayer also, and how God was entreated of him, and all his sin and his trespass, and the places in which he built high places, and set up the Asherim and the engraved images, before he humbled himself, look, they are written in the Record of the Seers. 20 So Manasseh slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the garden of his own house. And Amon his son reigned in his place. 21 Amon was twenty-two years old when he began to reign; and he reigned two years in Jerusalem. 22 He did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, as did Manasseh his father; and Amon sacrificed to all the engraved images which Manasseh his father had made, and served them. 23 He did not humble himself before the LORD, as Manasseh his father had humbled himself; but this same Amon trespassed more and more. 24 His servants conspired against him, and put him to death in his own house. 25 But the people of the land killed all those who had conspired against king Amon; and the people of the land made Josiah his son

31 Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign; and he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem. 2 inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that they did more evil He did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, not turn aside to the right hand or to the left. 3 For in house of the LORD, and have delivered it into the hand he began to seek after the God of David his father; Shaphan the scribe told the king, saying, "Hilkiah the and in the twelfth year he began to purge Judah and priest has given me a scroll." Shaphan read it before Jerusalem from the high places, and the Asherim, and the king. 19 It happened, when the king had heard the the engraved images, and the molten images. 4 They words of the law, that he tore his clothes. 20 The king broke down the altars of the Baals in his presence; and commanded Hilkiah, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, the incense altars that were on high above them he cut and Acbor the son of Micaiah, and Shaphan the scribe, the molten images, he broke in pieces, and made dust the LORD for me, and for those who are left in Israel of them, and strewed it on the graves of those who had and in Judah, concerning the words of the book that is sacrificed to them. 5 He burnt the bones of the priests found; for great is the wrath of the LORD that is poured on their altars, and purged Judah and Jerusalem. 6 out on us, because our fathers have not kept the word He did this in the cities of Manasseh and Ephraim and of the LORD, to do according to all that is written in Simeon, even to Naphtali, around in their ruins. 7 He this scroll." 22 So Hilkiah and those whom the king had broke down the altars, and beat the Asherim and the sent went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum engraved images into powder, and cut down all the the son of Tikvah, the son of Harhas, keeper of the incense altars throughout all the land of Israel, and wardrobe; (now she lived in Jerusalem in the second returned to Jerusalem. 8 Now in the eighteenth year of guarter;) and they spoke to her to that effect. 23 She his reign, when he had purged the land and the house, said to them, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: he sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, and Maaseiah the 'Tell the man who sent you to me, 24 "Thus says the governor of the city, and Joah the son of Joahaz the LORD, 'Look, I will bring disaster on this place, and recorder, to repair the house of the LORD his God. on its inhabitants, even all the curses that are written 9 They came to Hilkiah the high priest, and delivered in the scroll which they have read before the king of the money that was brought into God's house, which Judah. 25 Because they have forsaken me, and have the Levites, the keepers of the threshold, had gathered burned incense to other gods, that they might provoke of the hand of Manasseh and Ephraim, and of all the me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore remnant of Israel, and of all Judah and Benjamin, and is my wrath poured out on this place, and it shall not be of the inhabitants of Jerusalem. 10 They delivered it into quenched."" 26 But to the king of Judah, who sent you the hand of the workers who had the oversight of the to inquire of the LORD, thus you shall tell him, 'Thus house of the LORD; and the workmen who labored in says the LORD, the God of Israel: "As touching the house; 11 even to the carpenters and to the builders was tender, and you humbled yourself before God, when gave they it, to buy cut stone, and timber for couplings, you heard his words against this place, and against its and to make beams for the houses which the kings inhabitants, and have humbled yourself before me, and of Judah had destroyed. 12 The men did the work have torn your clothes, and wept before me; I also have faithfully: and their overseers were Jahath and Obadiah, heard you," says the LORD. 28 "Look, I will gather you the Levites, of the sons of Merari; and Zechariah and to your fathers, and you shall be gathered to your grave Meshullam, of the sons of the Kohathites, to set it in peace, neither shall your eyes see all the disaster forward; and others of the Levites, all who were skillful that I will bring on this place, and on its inhabitants."" with instruments of music. 13 Also they were over the They brought back word to the king. 29 Then the king bearers of burdens, and set forward all who did the work sent and gathered together all the elders of Judah and in every kind of service: and of the Levites there were Jerusalem. 30 The king went up to the house of the scribes, and officers, and gatekeepers. 14 When they LORD, and all the men of Judah and the inhabitants of brought out the money that was brought into the house Jerusalem, and the priests, and the Levites, and all the of the LORD, Hilkiah the priest found the scroll of the people, both great and small: and he read in their ears law of the LORD given by Moses. 15 Hilkiah answered all the words of the scroll of the covenant that was found Shaphan the scribe, "I have found the scroll of the law in in the house of the LORD. 31 The king stood in his Shaphan. 16 Shaphan carried the scroll to the king, and after the LORD, and to keep his commandments, and moreover brought back word to the king, saying, "All his testimonies, and his statutes, with all his heart, and

the eighth year of his reign, while he was yet young, of the overseers, and into the hand of the workmen." 18 down; and the Asherim, and the engraved images, and and Asaiah the king's servant, saying, 21 "Go inquire of the house of the LORD gave it to mend and repair the words which you have heard, 27 because your heart the house of the LORD." Hilkiah delivered the scroll to place, and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk that was committed to your servants, they are doing. 17 with all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant They have emptied out the money that was found in the that were written in this scroll. 32 He caused all who

were found in Jerusalem and Benjamin to stand. The people. 14 Afterward they prepared for themselves, and inhabitants of Jerusalem did according to the covenant for the priests, because the priests the descendants of God, the God of their fathers. 33 Josiah took away all of Aaron were busy with offering the burnt offerings the abominations out of all the countries that pertained and the fat until night: therefore the Levites prepared to the children of Israel, and made all who were found in for themselves, and for the priests the descendants of Israel to serve, even to serve the LORD their God. All Aaron. 15 The singers the sons of Asaph were in their his days they did not depart from following the LORD, the God of their fathers.

35 Josiah kept a Passover to the LORD in Jerusalem: and they killed the Passover lamb on the fourteenth day of the first month. 2 He set the priests in their offices, and encouraged them to the service of the house of the LORD. 3 He said to the Levites who taught all Israel, who were holy to the LORD, "Put the holy ark in the house which Solomon the son of David king of Israel built. There shall no more be a burden on your shoulders. Now serve the LORD your God, and his people Israel. 4 Prepare yourselves after your fathers' houses and by your divisions, according to the writing of David king of Israel, and according to the writing of Solomon his son. 5 Stand in the holy place according to the divisions of the fathers' houses of your brothers the lay people, and let there be for each a portion of a fathers' house of the Levites. 6 Kill the Passover lamb, and sanctify yourselves, and prepare for your brothers, to do according to the word of the LORD by Moses." 7 Josiah gave to the lay people, of the flock, lambs and young goats, all of them for the Passover offerings, to all who were present, to the number of thirty thousand, and three thousand bulls: these were of the king's substance. 8 And his officials gave for a freewill offering to the people, to the priests, and to the Levites; and Hilkiah and Zechariah and Jehiel, the rulers of God's house, gave to the priests for the Passover offerings two thousand and six hundred small livestock. and three hundred head of cattle. 9 Conaniah also, and Shemaiah and Nethanel, his brothers, and Hashabiah and Jeiel and Jozabad, the chiefs of the Levites, gave to the Levites for the Passover offerings five thousand small livestock, and five hundred head of cattle. 10 So the service was prepared, and the priests stood in their place, and the Levites by their divisions, according to the king's commandment. 11 They killed the Passover lamb, and the priests sprinkled the blood from their hand, and the Levites flayed them. 12 They removed the burnt offerings, that they might give them according to the divisions of the fathers' houses of the lay people, to offer to the LORD, as it is written in the scroll of Moses. So they did with the cattle. 13 They roasted the Passover with fire according to the ordinance: and the holy offerings boiled they in pots, and in caldrons,

Asaph, and Heman, and Jeduthun the king's seer; and the gatekeepers were at every gate: they did not need to depart from their service; for their brothers the Levites prepared for them. 16 So all the service of the LORD was prepared the same day, to keep the Passover, and to offer burnt offerings on the altar of the LORD, according to the commandment of king Josiah. 17 The children of Israel who were present kept the Passover at that time, and the feast of unleavened bread seven days. 18 There was no Passover like that kept in Israel from the days of Samuel the prophet; neither did any of the kings of Israel keep such a Passover as Josiah kept, and the priests, and the Levites, and all Judah and Israel who were present, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem. 19 In the eighteenth year of the reign of Josiah was this Passover kept. 20 After all this, when Josiah had prepared the temple, Neco king of Egypt went up to fight against Carchemish by the Perath: and Josiah went out against him. 21 But he sent ambassadors to him, saying, "What have I to do with you, you king of Judah? I come not against you this day, but against the house with which I have war. God has commanded me to make haste. Beware that it is God who is with me, that he not destroy you." 22 Nevertheless Josiah would not turn his face from him, but disguised himself, that he might fight with him, and did not listen to the words of Neco from the mouth of God, and came to fight in the valley of Megiddo. 23 The archers shot at king Josiah; and the king said to his servants, "Take me away, because I am seriously wounded." 24 So his servants took him out of the chariot, and put him in the second chariot that he had, and brought him to Jerusalem; and he died, and was buried in the tombs of his fathers. All Judah and Jerusalem mourned for Josiah. 25 Jeremiah lamented for Josiah: and all the singing men and singing women spoke of Josiah in their lamentations to this day; and they made them an ordinance in Israel: and look, they are written in the lamentations. 26 Now the rest of the acts of Josiah, and his good deeds, according to that which is written in the law of the LORD, 27 and his acts, first and last, look, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah.

the Passover with fire according to the ordinance: and the holy offerings boiled they in pots, and in caldrons, and in pans, and carried them quickly to all the lay him king in his father's place in Jerusalem. 2 Joahaz was twenty-three years old when he began to reign; and he reigned three months in Jerusalem. 3 The king of vessels of it. 20 He carried those who had escaped from Egypt deposed him at Jerusalem, and fined the land the sword away to Babylon; and they were servants one hundred talents of silver and a talent of gold. 4 The to him and his sons until the reign of the kingdom of king of Egypt made Eliakim his brother king over Judah Persia: 21 to fulfill the word of the LORD by the mouth and Jerusalem, and changed his name to Jehoiakim. of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed its Sabbaths. As Neco took Joahaz his brother, and carried him to Egypt. long as it lay desolate it kept Sabbath, to fulfill seventy 5 Jehoiakim was twenty-five years old when he began years. 22 Now in the first year of Koresh king of Persia, to reign; and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem: that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah and he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD might be accomplished, the LORD stirred up the spirit of his God. 6 Against him came up Nebuchadnezzar king Koresh king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation of Babylon, and bound him in fetters, to carry him to throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, Babylon. 7 Nebuchadnezzar also carried of the vessels saying, 23 "Thus says Koresh king of Persia, 'The of the house of the LORD to Babylon, and put them in LORD, the God of heaven, has given all the kingdoms his temple at Babylon. 8 Now the rest of the acts of of the earth to me; and he has commanded me to build Jehoiakim, and his abominations which he did, and that him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever which was found in him, look, they are written in the there is among you of all his people, the LORD his God book of the kings of Israel and Judah: and Jehoiachin be with him, and let him go up." his son reigned in his place. 9 Jehoiachin was eighteen years old when he began to reign; and he reigned three months and ten days in Jerusalem: and he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD. 10 At the return of the year king Nebuchadnezzar sent, and brought him to Babylon, with the goodly vessels of the house of the LORD, and made Zedekiah his relative king over Judah and Jerusalem. 11 Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he began to reign; and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem: 12 and he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD his God; he did not humble himself before Jeremiah the prophet speaking from the mouth of the LORD. 13 He also rebelled against king Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him swear by God: but he stiffened his neck, and hardened his heart against turning to the LORD, the God of Israel. 14 Moreover all the chiefs of the priests, and the people, trespassed very greatly after all the abominations of the nations; and they polluted the house of the LORD which he had made holy in Jerusalem. 15 The LORD, the God of their fathers, sent to them by his messengers, rising up early and sending, because he had compassion on his people, and on his dwelling place: 16 but they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and scoffed at his prophets, until the wrath of the LORD arose against his people, until there was no remedy. 17 Therefore he brought on them the king of the Chaldeans. who killed their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion on young man or virgin, old man or gray-headed: he gave them all into his hand. 18 All the vessels of God's house, great and small, and the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king, and of his officials, all these he brought to Babylon. 19 They burnt God's house, and broke down the wall of Jerusalem, and burnt all its palaces with fire, and destroyed all the goodly

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1 Now in the first year of Koresh king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Koresh king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying, 2 "Thus says Koresh king of Persia, 'The LORD, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and he has commanded me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. 3 Whoever there is among you 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 God), which is in Jerusalem. 4 Whoever is left, in any place where he lives, let the men of his place help him with silver, with gold, with goods, and with animals, besides the freewill offering for God's house which is in Jerusalem." 5 Then the heads of ancestral houses of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests, and the Levites, even all whose spirit God had stirred to go up rose up to build the house of the LORD which is in Jerusalem. 6 All those who were around them strengthened their hands with vessels of silver, with gold, with goods, and with animals, and with precious things, besides all that was willingly offered. 7 Also Koresh the king brought forth the vessels of the house of the LORD, which Nebuchadnezzar had brought out of Jerusalem, and had put in the house of his gods; 8 even those. Koresh king of Persia brought out by the hand of Mithredath the treasurer, and numbered them to Sheshbazzar, the prince of Judah. 9 This is the number of them: thirty platters of gold, one thousand platters of silver, twenty-nine knives, 10 thirty bowls of gold, silver bowls of a second sort four hundred and ten, and other vessels one thousand. 11 All the vessels of gold and of silver were five thousand and four hundred. Sheshbazzar brought all these up, when the captives were brought up from Babylon to Jerusalem.

away, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had descendants of Talmon, the descendants of Akkub, carried away to Babylon, and who returned to Jerusalem the descendants of Hatita, the descendants of Shobai, and Judah, everyone to his city; 2 who came with in all one hundred thirty-nine. 43 The Nethinim: the Zerubbabel, Jeshua, Nehemiah, Seraiah, Reelaiah, descendants of Ziha, the descendants of Hasupha, the Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispar, Bigvai, Rehum, Baanah. descendants of Tabbaoth, 44 the descendants of Keros, The number of the men of the people of Israel: 3 The the descendants of Siaha, the descendants of Padon, descendants of Parosh, two thousand one hundred 45 the descendants of Lebanah, the descendants of seventy-two. 4 The descendants of Shephatiah, three Hagabah, the descendants of Akkub, 46 the descendants hundred seventy-two. 5 The descendants of Arah, of Hagab, the descendants of Shalmai, the descendants seven hundred seventy-five. 6 The descendants of of Hanan, 47 the descendants of Giddel, the descendants Pahath-Moab, of the descendants of Jeshua and Joab, of Gahar, the descendants of Reaiah, 48 the descendants

two thousand eight hundred twelve. 7 The descendants of Elam, one thousand two hundred fifty-four. 8 The descendants of Zattu, nine hundred forty-five. 9 The descendants of Zaccai, seven hundred sixty. 10 The descendants of Bani, six hundred forty-two. 11 The descendants of Bebai, six hundred twenty-three. 12 The descendants of Azgad, one thousand two hundred twenty-two. 13 The descendants of Adonikam, six hundred sixty-six. 14 The descendants of Bigvai, two thousand fifty-six. 15 The descendants of Adin, four hundred fifty-four. 16 The descendants of Ater, of Hezekiah, ninety-eight. 17 The descendants of Bezai, three hundred twenty-three. 18 The descendants of Jorah, one hundred twelve. 19 The descendants of Hashum, two hundred twenty-three. 20 The descendants of Gibbar, ninety-five. 21 The men of Bethlehem, one hundred twenty-three. 22 The men of Netophah, fiftysix. 23 The men of Anathoth, one hundred twentyeight. 24 The descendants of Beth Azmaveth, forty-two. 25 The descendants of Kiriath Jearim, Kephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred forty-three. 26 The descendants of Ramah and Geba, six hundred twenty-one. 27 The men of Michmas, one hundred twenty-two. 28 The men of Bethel and Ai, two hundred twenty-three. 29 The descendants of Nebo, fifty-two. 30 The descendants of Magbish, one hundred fifty-six. 31 The descendants of the other Elam, one thousand two hundred fifty-four. 32 The descendants of Harim, three hundred twenty. 33 The descendants of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, seven hundred twenty-five. 34 The descendants of Jericho, three hundred forty-five. 35 The descendants of Senaah, three thousand six hundred thirty. 36 The priests: the descendants of Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred seventy-three. 37 The descendants of Immer, one thousand fifty-two. 38 The descendants of Pashhur, one thousand two hundred forty-seven. 39 The descendants of Harim, one thousand seventeen. 40 The Levites: the descendants of Jeshua and Kadmiel, of the descendants of Hodaviah, seventy-four. 41 The singers: the descendants of Asaph, one hundred twenty-

2 Now these are the people of the province, who went eight. **42** The descendants of the gatekeepers: the up out of the captivity of those who had been carried descendants of Shallum, the descendants of Ater, the of Rezin, the descendants of Nekoda, the descendants of themselves together as one man to Jerusalem, 2 Then were three hundred ninety-two. 59 These were those not yet laid. 7 They also gave money to the masons. the Gileadite, and was called after their name. 62 These those who had come out of the captivity to Jerusalem, their male servants and their female servants, of whom the builders laid the foundation of the LORD's temple. cities, and all Israel in their cities.

3 When the seventh month had come, and the children of Israel were in their cities, the people gathered

Gazzam, 49 the descendants of Uzza, the descendants Jeshua the son of Jozadak stood up with his brothers of Paseah, the descendants of Besai, 50 the descendants the priests, and Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and of Asnah, the descendants of Meunim, the descendants his brothers, and built the altar of the God of Israel, to of Nephusim, 51 the descendants of Bakbuk, the offer burnt offerings thereon, as it is written in the law of descendants of Hakupha, the descendants of Harhur, 52 Moses the man of God. 3 In spite of their fear because the descendants of Bazluth, the descendants of Mehida, of the peoples of the surrounding lands, they set the the descendants of Harsha, 53 the descendants of altar on its base; and they offered burnt offerings on it to Barkos, the descendants of Sisera, the descendants of the LORD, even burnt offerings morning and evening. 4 Temah, 54 the descendants of Neziah, the descendants of They kept the feast of tents, as it is written, and offered Hatipha. 55 The descendants of Solomon's servants: the the daily burnt offerings by number, according to the descendants of Sotai, the descendants of Hassophereth, ordinance, as the duty of every day required; 5 and the descendants of Peruda, 56 the descendants of afterward the continual burnt offering, the offerings of Jaalah, the descendants of Darkon, the descendants the new moons, of all the set feasts of the LORD that of Giddel, 57 the descendants of Shephatiah, the were consecrated, and of everyone who willingly offered descendants of Hattil, the descendants of Pokereth a freewill offering to the LORD. 6 From the first day of Hazzebaim, the descendants of Amon. 58 All the the seventh month, they began to offer burnt offerings to Nethinim, and the descendants of Solomon's servants, the LORD; but the foundation of the LORD's temple was who went up from Tel Melah, Tel Harsha, Cherub, Addan, and to the carpenters. They also gave food, drink, and and Immer; but they could not show whether their oil to the people of Sidon and Tyre, to bring cedar trees fathers' house, and their descent, were from Israel: 60 from Lebanon to the sea, to Joppa, according to the the descendants of Delaiah, the descendants of Tobiah, grant that they had from Koresh King of Persia. 8 Now the descendants of Nekoda, six hundred fifty-two. 61 in the second year of their coming to God's house at Of the descendants of the priests: the descendants of Jerusalem, in the second month, Zerubbabel the son Habaiah, the descendants of Hakkoz, the descendants of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and the of Barzillai, who took a wife of the daughters of Barzillai rest of their brothers the priests and the Levites, and all sought their place among those who were registered by began the work and appointed the Levites, from twenty genealogy, but they were not found: therefore were they years old and upward, to have the oversight of the deemed polluted and put from the priesthood. 63 The work of the LORD's house. 9 Then Jeshua stood with governor said to them, that they should not eat of the his sons and his brothers, Kadmiel and his sons, the most holy things, until there stood up a priest with Urim sons of Hodaviah, together, to have the oversight of and with Thummim. 64 The whole assembly together the workmen in God's house: the sons of Henadad, was forty-two thousand three hundred sixty, 65 besides with their sons and their brothers the Levites. 10 When there were seven thousand three hundred thirty-seven: they set the priests in their clothing with trumpets, with and they had two hundred singing men and singing the Levites the sons of Asaph with cymbals, to praise women. 66 Their horses were seven hundred thirty- the LORD, according to the directions of David king six; their mules, two hundred forty-five; 67 their camels, of Israel. 11 They sang to one another in praising and four hundred thirty-five; their donkeys, six thousand giving thanks to the LORD, "For he is good, for his seven hundred and twenty. 68 Some of the heads of loving kindness endures forever toward Israel." All the ancestral houses, when they came to the house of the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised LORD which is in Jerusalem, offered willingly for God's the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the house to set it up in its place: 69 they gave after their LORD had been laid. 12 But many of the priests and ability into the treasury of the work sixty-one thousand Levites and heads of ancestral houses, the old men darics of gold, and five thousand minas of silver, and who had seen the first house, when the foundation of one hundred priests' garments. 70 So the priests, and this house was laid before their eyes, wept with a loud the Levites, and some of the people, and the singers, voice. Many also shouted aloud for joy, 13 so that the and the gatekeepers, and the Nethinim, lived in their people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of the weeping of the people; for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the noise was heard far away.

 ${f \Lambda}$ Now when the adversaries of Judah and Benjamin $\,$ answer to Rehum the chancellor, and to Shimshai the a temple to the LORD, the God of Israel; 2 then they in Samaria, and in the rest of the country beyond the drew near to Zerubbabel, and to the heads of ancestral River: Peace, and so forth. 18 The letter which you sent houses, and said to them, "Let us build with you; for we to us has been plainly read before me. 19 I decreed, seek your God, as you do; and we sacrifice to him since and search has been made, and it is found that this city the days of Esarhaddon king of Assyria, who brought of old time has made insurrection against kings, and us up here." 3 But Zerubbabel, and Jeshua, and the that rebellion and sedition have been made in it. 20 rest of the heads of ancestral houses of Israel, said to There have been mighty kings also over Jerusalem, them, "You have nothing to do with us in building a who have ruled over all the country beyond the River; house to our God; but we ourselves together will build and tribute, custom, and toll, was paid to them. 21 Make to the LORD, the God of Israel, as king Koresh the king a decree now to cause these men to cease, and that of Persia has commanded us." 4 Then the people of this city not be built, until a decree shall be made by me. the land weakened the hands of the people of Judah, 22 Take heed that you not be slack herein: why should and troubled them in building, 5 and hired counselors damage grow to the hurt of the kings? 23 Then when against them, to frustrate their purpose, all the days of the copy of king Artachshasta's letter was read before Koresh king of Persia, even until the reign of Daryavesh Rehum, and Shimshai the scribe, and their companions, king of Persia. 6 In the reign of Achashyerosh, in the they went in haste to Jerusalem to the Jews, and made beginning of his reign, they wrote an accusation against them to cease by force and power. 24 Then ceased the inhabitants of Judah and Jerusalem. 7 In the days of the work of God's house which is at Jerusalem; and it Artachshasta wrote Bishlam, Mithredath, Tabeel, and the ceased until the second year of the reign of Daryavesh rest of his companions, to Artachshasta king of Persia; king of Persia. and the writing of the letter was written in Aramaic, and set forth in the Aramaic language. 8 Rehum the chancellor and Shimshai the scribe wrote a letter against Jerusalem to Artachshasta the king as follows: 9 [From] Rehum the commander, and Shimshai the scribe, and the rest of their companions, the Dinaites, and the Apharsathchites, the Tarpelites, the Apharsites, the Archevites, the Babylonians, the Shushanchites, the Dehaites, the Elamites, 10 and the rest of the nations whom the great and noble Asnappar brought over, and set in the cities of Samaria, and in the rest of the country beyond the River. 11 This is the copy of the letter that they sent to Artachshasta the king: Your servants the men beyond the River. And now, 12 be it known to the king, that the Jews who came up from you have come to us to Jerusalem; they are building the rebellious and wicked city, and have finished the walls, and repaired the foundations. 13 Be it known now to the king that if this city is built, and the walls finished, they will not pay tribute, custom, or toll, and in the end it will be hurtful to the kings. 14 Now because we eat the salt of the palace. and it is not appropriate for us to see the king's dishonor. therefore have we sent and informed the king; 15 that search may be made in the book of the records of your fathers: so you shall find in the book of the records, and know that this city is a rebellious city, and hurtful to kings and provinces, and that they have moved sedition within the same of old time: for which cause was this city laid waste. 16 We inform the king that, if this city be built, and the walls finished, by this means you shall have no portion beyond the River. 17 Then the king sent an

heard that the people from the exile were building scribe, and to the rest of their companions who dwell

5 Now the prophets, Haggai the prophet, and Zechariah the son of Iddo, prophesied to the Jews who were in Judah and Jerusalem; in the name of the God of Israel they prophesied to them. 2 Then rose up Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak. and began to build God's house which is at Jerusalem; and with them were the prophets of God, helping them. 3 At the same time came to them Tattenai, the governor beyond the River, and Shetharbozenai. and their companions, and said thus to them, "Who gave you a decree to build this house, and to finish this wall?" 4 Then they asked them, "What are the names of the men who are constructing this building? 5 But the eye of their God was on the elders of the Jews, and they did not make them cease, until the matter should come to Daryavesh, and then answer should be returned by letter concerning it. 6 The copy of the letter that Tattenai, the governor beyond the River, and Shetharbozenai, and his companions the Apharsachites, who were beyond the River, sent to Daryavesh the king; 7 they sent a letter to him, in which was written thus: To Daryavesh the king, all peace. 8 Be it known to the king, that we went into the province of Judah, to the house of the great God, which is built with great stones, and timber is laid in the walls; and this work goes on with diligence and prospers in their hands. 9 Then we asked those elders, and said to them thus, "Who gave you a decree to build this house, and to finish this wall?" 10 We asked them their names also, to inform you that we might write the names of the men who were at their head. 11 Thus

they returned us answer, saving, "We are the servants God; that of the king's goods, even of the tribute beyond his pleasure to us concerning this matter."

6 Then Daryavesh the king made a decree, and search was made in the house of the archives, where the treasures were laid up in Babylon. 2 There was found at Achmetha, in the palace that is in the province of Media, a scroll, and there was written in it as follows: "Memorandum: 3 In the first year of Koresh the king, Koresh the king made a decree: Concerning God's house at Jerusalem, let the house be built, the place where they offer sacrifices, and let its foundations be strongly laid; its height one hundred three feet and four inches: and its breadth one hundred three feet and four inches; 4 with three layers of great stones, and one layer of timber. And let the expenses be given out of the king's house. 5 Also let the gold and silver vessels of God's house, which Nebuchadnezzar took forth out of the temple which is at Jerusalem, and brought to Babylon, be restored, and brought again to the temple which is at Jerusalem, everyone to its place; and you shall put them in God's house. 6 Now therefore, Tattenai, governor beyond the River, Shetharbozenai, and your companions the Apharsachites, who are beyond the River, you must stay far from there. 7 Leave the work of this house of God alone; let the governor of the Jews and the elders of the Jews build this house of God in its place. 8 Moreover I make a decree what you shall do to these elders of the Jews for the building of this house of

of the God of heaven and earth, and are building the the River, expenses be given with all diligence to these house that was built these many years ago, which a men, that they be not hindered. 9 That which they have great king of Israel built and finished. 12 But after that need of, both young bulls, and rams, and lambs, for our fathers had provoked the God of heaven to wrath, burnt offerings to the God of heaven; also wheat, salt, he gave them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of wine, and oil, according to the word of the priests who Babylon, the Chaldean, who destroyed this house, and are at Jerusalem, let it be given them day by day without carried the people away into Babylon. 13 But in the first fail; 10 that they may offer sacrifices of pleasant aroma year of Koresh king of Babylon, Koresh the king made a to the God of heaven, and pray for the life of the king, decree to build this house of God. 14 The gold and silver and of his sons. 11 Also I have made a decree, that vessels also of God's house, which Nebuchadnezzar whoever shall alter this word, let a beam be pulled out took out of the temple that was in Jerusalem, and from his house, and let him be lifted up and fastened brought into the temple of Babylon, those Koresh the thereon; and let his house be made a dunghill for this: king took out of the temple of Babylon, and they were 12 and the God who has caused his name to dwell there delivered to one whose name was Sheshbazzar, whom overthrow all kings and peoples who shall put forth their he had made governor; 15 and he said to him, 'Take hand to alter the same, to destroy this house of God these vessels, go, put them in the temple that is in which is at Jerusalem. I Daryavesh have made a decree; Jerusalem, and let God's house be built in its place.' let it be done with all diligence. 13 Then Tattenai, the 16 Then the same Sheshbazzar came, and laid the governor beyond the River, Shetharbozenai, and their foundations of God's house which is in Jerusalem: and companions, because Daryavesh the king had sent since that time even until now has it been in building, a decree, did accordingly with all diligence. 14 The and yet it is not completed. 17 Now therefore, if it seem elders of the Jews built and prospered, through the good to the king, let a search be made in the king's prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the treasure house, which is there at Babylon, whether it be son of Iddo. They built and finished it, according to the so, that a decree was made of Koresh the king to build commandment of the God of Israel, and according to this house of God at Jerusalem; and let the king send the decree of Koresh, and Daryavesh, and Artachshasta king of Persia. 15 This house was finished on the third day of the month Adar, which was in the sixth year of the reign of Daryavesh the king. 16 The children of Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the rest of the people from the exile, kept the dedication of this house of God with joy. 17 They offered at the dedication of this house of God one hundred bulls, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs; and for a sin offering for all Israel, twelve male goats, according to the number of the tribes of Israel. 18 They set the priests in their divisions, and the Levites in their courses, for the service of God, which is at Jerusalem; as it is written in the book of Moses. 19 The people from the exile kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the first month. 20 For the priests and the Levites had purified themselves together; all of them were pure: and they killed the Passover lamb for all the people from the exile, and for their brothers the priests, and for themselves. 21 The children of Israel who had come again out of the captivity, and all such as had separated themselves to them from the filthiness of the nations of the land, to seek the LORD, the God of Israel, ate. 22 and kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with joy: for the LORD had made them joyful, and had turned the heart of the king of Assyria to them, to strengthen their hands in the work of God's house, the God of Israel.

7 Now after these things, in the reign of Artachshasta beyond the River, that whatever Ezra the priest, the Azariah, the son of Hilkiah, 2 the son of Shallum, the you, it be done with all diligence, 22 to one hundred son of Zadok, the son of Ahitub, 3 the son of Amariah, talents of silver, and to one hundred measures of wheat, the son of Azariah, the son of Meraioth, 4 the son of and to one hundred baths of wine, and to one hundred Zerahiah, the son of Uzzi, the son of Bukki, 5 the son baths of oil, and salt without prescribing how much. 23 of Abishua, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, Whatever is commanded by the God of heaven, let it be the son of Aaron the chief priest; 6 this Ezra went up done exactly for the house of the God of heaven; for from Babylon: and he was a ready scribe in the law of why should there be wrath against the realm of the king Moses, which the LORD, the God of Israel, had given; and his sons? 24 Also we inform you, that touching any and the king granted him all his request, according to of the priests and Levites, the singers, doorkeepers, the hand of the LORD his God on him. 7 There went Nethinim, or servants of this house of God, it shall not up some of the children of Israel, and of the priests, be lawful to impose tribute, custom, or toll, on them. and the Levites, and the singers, and the gatekeepers, 25 You, Ezra, after the wisdom of your God who is in and the Nethinim, to Jerusalem, in the seventh year of your hand, appoint magistrates and judges, who may Artachshasta the king. 8 He came to Jerusalem in the judge all the people who are beyond the River, all such fifth month, which was in the seventh year of the king. 9 as know the laws of your God; and teach him who For on the first day of the first month he began to go up doesn't know them. 26 Whoever will not do the law from Babylon; and on the first day of the fifth month of your God, and the law of the king, let judgment be he came to Jerusalem, for the good hand of his God executed on him with all diligence, whether it be to was on him. 10 For Ezra had set his heart to seek the death, or to banishment, or to confiscation of goods, or law of the LORD, and to do it, and to teach in Israel to imprisonment. 27 Blessed be the LORD, the God of statutes and ordinances. 11 Now this is the copy of our fathers, who has put such a thing as this in the king's the letter that the king Artachshasta gave to Ezra the heart, to beautify the house of the LORD which is in priest, the scribe, even the scribe of the words of the Jerusalem; 28 and has extended loving kindness to me commandments of the LORD, and of his statutes to before the king, and his counselors, and before all the Israel: 12 Artachshasta, king of kings, to Ezra the priest, king's powerful officers. I was strengthened according to the scribe of the law of the God of heaven, perfect and the hand of the LORD my God on me, and I gathered so forth. 13 I make a decree, that all those of the people together out of Israel chief men to go up with me. of Israel, and their priests and the Levites, in my realm, who are minded of their own free will to go to Jerusalem, go with you. 14 Because you are sent of the king and his seven counselors, to inquire concerning Judah and Jerusalem, according to the law of your God which is in your hand, 15 and to carry the silver and gold, which the king and his counselors have freely offered to the God of Israel, whose habitation is in Jerusalem, 16 and all the silver and gold that you shall find in all the province of Babylon, with the freewill offering of the people, and of the priests, offering willingly for the house of their God which is in Jerusalem; 17 therefore you shall with all diligence buy with this money bulls, rams, lambs, with their meal offerings and their drink offerings, and shall offer them on the altar of the house of your God which is in Jerusalem. 18 Whatever shall seem good to you and to your brothers to do with the rest of the silver and the gold, do that after the will of your God. 19 The vessels that are given to you for the service of the house of your God, deliver before the God of Jerusalem. 20 Whatever more shall be needful for the house of your God, which you shall have occasion to bestow, bestow it out of the king's treasure house. 21 I, even I Artachshasta the king, do make a decree to all the treasurers who are

king of Persia, Ezra the son of Seraiah, the son of scribe of the law of the God of heaven, shall require of

8 Now these are the heads of their ancestral houses. and this is the genealogy of those who went up with me from Babylon, in the reign of Artachshasta the king: 2 Of the sons of Phinehas, Gershom. Of the sons of Ithamar, Daniel. Of the sons of David, Hattush 3 the son of Shecaniah, of the sons of Parosh, Zechariah; and with him were reckoned by genealogy of the males one hundred fifty. 4 Of the sons of Pahath-Moab, Eliehoenai the son of Zerahiah; and with him two hundred males. 5 Of the sons of Zattu, Shecaniah the son of Jahaziel, and with him three hundred males. 6 Of the sons of Adin, Ebed the son of Jonathan; and with him fifty males. 7 Of the sons of Elam, Jeshaiah the son of Athaliah; and with him seventy males. 8 Of the sons of Shephatiah, Zebadiah the son of Michael; and with him eighty males. 9 Of the sons of Joab, Obadiah the son of Jehiel; and with him two hundred and eighteen males. 10 Of the sons of Bani, Shelomoth the son of Josiphiah, and with him one hundred sixty males. 11 Of the sons of Bebai, Zechariah the son of Bebai; and with him twenty-eight males. 12 Of the sons of Azgad, Johanan the son of Hakkatan; and with him one hundred ten males. 13 Of the sons of Adonikam, who were the last: and these are their names: Eliphelet, Jeuel, and house of our God. 31 Then we departed from the river Shemaiah; and with them sixty males. 14 Of the sons Ahava on the twelfth day of the first month, to go to of Bigvai, Uthai and Zakkur; and with them seventy Jerusalem: and the hand of our God was on us, and he males. 15 I gathered them together to the river that delivered us from the hand of the enemy and the bandit runs to Ahava; and there we camped three days: and I by the way. 32 We came to Jerusalem, and stayed there viewed the people, and the priests, and found there three days. 33 On the fourth day the silver and the gold none of the sons of Levi. 16 Then sent I for Eliezer, for and the vessels were weighed in the house of our God Ariel, for Shemaiah, and for Elnathan, and for Jarib, into the hand of Meremoth the son of Uriah the priest; and for Elnathan, and for Nathan, and for Zechariah, and with him was Eleazar the son of Phinehas; and with and for Meshullam, chief men; also for Joiarib, and for them was Jozabad the son of Jeshua, and Noadiah the Elnathan, who were teachers. 17 I sent them forth to son of Binnui, the Levite; 34 the whole by number and Iddo the chief at the place Casiphia; and I told them by weight: and all the weight was written at that time. 35 what they should tell Iddo, and his brothers the temple The exiles who had returned from captivity offered burnt servants, at the place Casiphia, that they should bring offerings to the God of Israel, twelve bulls for all Israel, to us ministers for the house of our God. 18 According ninety-six rams, seventy-seven lambs, and twelve male to the good hand of our God on us they brought us a goats for a sin offering; all this was a burnt offering to man of discretion, of the sons of Mahli, the son of Levi, the LORD. 36 They delivered the king's commissions the son of Israel; and Sherebiah, with his sons and his to the king's satraps, and to the governors beyond the brothers, eighteen; 19 and Hashabiah, and with him River: and they furthered the people and God's house. Jeshaiah of the sons of Merari, his brothers and their sons, twenty; 20 and from the temple servants, whom David and the officials had given for the service of the Levites, two hundred and twenty temple servants. All of them were mentioned by name. 21 Then I proclaimed a fast there, at the river Ahava, that we might humble ourselves before our God, to seek of him a straight way for us, and for our little ones, and for all our substance. 22 For I was ashamed to ask of the king a band of soldiers and horsemen to help us against the enemy in the way, because we had spoken to the king, saying, "The hand of our God is on all those who seek him, for good; but his power and his wrath is against all those who forsake him." 23 So we fasted and begged our God for this: and he was entreated of us. 24 Then I set apart twelve of the chiefs of the priests, namely, Sherebiah, and Hashabiah, and ten of their brothers with them, 25 and weighed to them the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, even the offering for the house of our God, which the king, and his counselors, and his officials, and all Israel there present, had offered: 26 I weighed into their hand six hundred fifty talents of silver, and silver vessels one hundred talents: of gold one hundred talents; 27 and twenty bowls of gold, of one thousand darics: and two vessels of fine bright bronze, precious as gold. 28 I said to them, "You are holy to the LORD, and the vessels are holy; and the silver and the gold are a freewill offering to the LORD, the God of your fathers. 29 Watch, and keep them, until you weigh them before the chiefs of the priests and the Levites, and the leaders of the ancestral houses of Israel, at Jerusalem, in the rooms of the house of the LORD." 30 So the priests and the Levites received the weight of the silver and the gold, and the vessels, to bring them to Jerusalem to the

 $\boldsymbol{9}$ Now when these things were completed, the leaders approached me and said, "The people of Israel, and the priests and the Levites, have not separated themselves from the peoples of the lands, following their abominations, even those of the Canaanites, the Hethites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites. 2 For they have taken of their daughters for themselves and for their sons, so that the holy seed have mixed themselves with the peoples of the lands. Indeed, the hand of the officials and leaders has been foremost in this trespass." 3 When I heard this thing, I tore my garment and my robe, and plucked off the hair of my head and of my beard, and sat down confounded. 4 Then were assembled to me everyone who trembled at the words of the God of Israel, because of their trespass of the captivity; and I sat confounded until the evening offering. 5 At the evening offering I arose up from my humiliation, even with my garment and my robe torn; and I fell on my knees, and spread out my hands to the LORD my God; 6 and I said, "My God, I am ashamed and blush to lift up my face to you, my God; for our iniquities have increased over our head, and our guiltiness has grown up to the heavens. 7 Since the days of our fathers we have been exceeding guilty to this day; and for our iniquities we, our kings, and our priests, have been delivered into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captivity, to plunder, and to confusion of face, as it is this day. 8 Now for a little moment grace has been shown from the LORD our God, to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us a nail in his holy place, that our God may lighten our eyes, and give us a little reviving in our bondage. 9 For we are bondservants; yet our God has not forsaken us

in our bondage, but has extended loving kindness to us of the officials and the elders, all his substance should stand before you because of this."

1 Now while Ezra prayed and made confession, weeping and casting himself down before God's house, there was gathered together to him out of Israel a very great assembly of men and women and children; for the people wept very bitterly. 2 Shecaniah the son of Jehiel, one of the sons of Elam, answered Ezra, "We have trespassed against our God, and have married foreign women of the peoples of the land. Yet now there is hope for Israel concerning this thing. 3 Now therefore let us make a covenant with our God to put away all the wives, and such as are born of them, according to the counsel of my lord, and of those who tremble at the commandment of our God. Let it be done according to the law. 4 Arise; for the matter belongs to you, and we are with you. Be courageous, and do it." 5 Then Ezra arose, and made the chiefs of the priests, the Levites, and all Israel, to swear that they would do according to this word. So they swore. 6 Then Ezra rose up from before God's house, and went into the room of Jehohanan the son of Eliashib: and when he came there, he ate no bread, nor drank water; for he mourned because of their trespass of the captivity. 7 They made proclamation throughout Judah and Jerusalem to all the descendants of the captivity, that they should gather themselves together to Jerusalem; 8 and that whoever did not come within three days, according to the counsel

in the sight of the kings of Persia, to give us a reviving, be forfeited, and himself separated from the assembly of to set up the house of our God, and to repair its ruins, the captivity. 9 Then all the men of Judah and Benjamin and to give us a wall in Judah and in Jerusalem. 10 gathered themselves together to Jerusalem within the "Now, our God, what shall we say after this? For we three days; it was the ninth month, on the twentieth have forsaken your commandments, 11 which you have day of the month: and all the people sat in the broad commanded by your servants the prophets, saying, 'The place before God's house, trembling because of this land, to which you go to possess it, is an unclean land matter, and for the great rain. 10 Ezra the priest stood through the uncleanness of the peoples of the lands, up, and said to them, "You have trespassed, and have through their abominations, which have filled it from one married foreign women, to increase the guilt of Israel. end to another with their filthiness. 12 Now therefore 11 Now therefore make confession to the LORD, the do not give your daughters to their sons, neither take God of your fathers, and do his pleasure; and separate their daughters to your sons, nor seek their peace or yourselves from the peoples of the land, and from the their prosperity forever; that you may be strong, and foreign women." 12 Then all the assembly answered eat the good of the land, and leave it for an inheritance with a loud voice, "As you have said concerning us, to your children forever.' 13 "After all that has come so must we do. 13 But the people are many, and it on us for our evil deeds, and for our great guilt, since is a time of much rain, and we are not able to stand you, our God, have punished us less than our iniquities outside; neither is this a work of one day or two; for deserve, and have given us such a remnant, 14 shall we have greatly transgressed in this matter. 14 Let we again break your commandments, and join in affinity now our leaders represent the whole assembly, and with the peoples that do these abominations? Wouldn't let all those who are in our cities who have married you be angry with us until you had consumed us, so foreign women come at appointed times, and with them that there should be no remnant, nor any to escape? 15 the elders of every city, and its judges, until the fierce The LORD, the God of Israel, you are righteous; for we wrath of our God be turned from us, until this matter are left a remnant that has escaped, as it is this day. is resolved." 15 Only Jonathan the son of Asahel and Look, we are before you in our guiltiness; for none can Jahzeiah the son of Tikvah stood up against this; and Meshullam and Shabbethai the Levite helped them. 16

> But the descendants of the captivity did so. And Ezra the priest selected for himself men, heads of fathers' houses, according to their fathers' houses, and all of them by their names. So they began their sessions on the first day of the tenth month to examine the matter. 17 And they finished with all the men who had married foreign women by the first day of the first month. 18 Among the sons of the priests there were found who had married foreign women: of the sons of Jeshua, the son of Jozadak, and his brothers, Maaseiah, and Eliezer, and Jarib, and Gedaliah. 19 They gave their hand that they would put away their wives; and being guilty, they offered a ram of the flock for their guilt. 20 Of the sons of Immer: Hanani and Zebadiah. 21 Of the sons of Harim: Maaseiah, and Eliiah, and Shemaiah. and Jehiel, and Uzziah. 22 Of the sons of Pashhur: Elioenai, Maaseiah, Ishmael, Nethanel, Jozabad, and Elasah. 23 Of the Levites: Jozabad, and Shimei, and Kelaiah (that is, Kelita), Pethahiah, Judah, and Eliezer. 24 Of the singers: Eliashib. Of the gatekeepers: Shallum, and Telem, and Uri. 25 Of Israel: Of the sons of Parosh: Ramiah, and Izziah, and Malchijah, and Mijamin, and Eleazar, and Hashabiah, and Benaiah. 26 Of the sons of Elam: Mattaniah, Zechariah, and Jehiel, and Abdi, and Jeremoth, and Elijah. 27 Of the sons of Zattu: Elioenai, Eliashib, Mattaniah, and Jeremoth, and Zabad, and

Aziza. 28 Of the sons of Bebai: Jehohanan, Hananiah, Zabbai, Athlai. 29 Of the sons of Bani: Meshullam, Malluch, and Adaiah, Jashub, and Sheal, Jeremoth. 30 Of the sons of Pahath-Moab: Adna, and Chelal, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattaniah, Bezalel, and Binnui, and Manasseh. 31 Of the sons of Harim: Eliezer, Isshijah, Malchijah, Shemaiah, Shimeon, 32 Benjamin, Malluch, Shemariah. 33 Of the sons of Hashum: Mattenai, Mattattah, Zabad, Eliphelet, Jeremai, Manasseh, Shimei. 34 Of the sons of Bani: Maadai, Amram, and Uel, 35 Benaiah, Bedeiah, Keluhi, 36 Vaniah, Meremoth, Eliashib, 37 Mattaniah, Mattenai, and Jaasu. 38 And from the sons of Binnui: Shimei, 39 and Shelemiah, and Nathan, and Adaiah, 40 Machnadebai, Shashai, Sharai, 41 Azarel, and Shelemiah, Shemariah, 42 Shallum, Amariah, Joseph. 43 Of the sons of Nebo: Jeiel, Mattithiah, Zabad, Zebina, Jaddai, and Joel, Benaiah. 44 All these had taken foreign wives; and some of them had wives by whom they had children.

Nehemiah

The words of Nehemiah the son of Hacaliah. Now it happened in the month Chisley, in the twentieth year, as I was in Shushan the palace, 2 that Hanani, one of my brothers, came, he and certain men out of Judah; and I asked them concerning the Jews who had escaped, who were left of the captivity, and concerning Jerusalem. 3 They said to me, "The remnant who are left of the captivity there in the province are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem also is broken down, and its gates are burned with fire." 4 It happened, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned certain days; and I fasted and prayed before the God of heaven, 5 and said, "I beg you, LORD, the God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and loving kindness with those who love him and keep his commandments: 6 Let your ear now be attentive, and your eyes open, that you may listen to the prayer of your servant, which I pray before you at this time, day and night, for the children of Israel your servants while I confess the sins of the children of Israel, which we have sinned against you. Yes, I and my father's house have sinned. 7 We have dealt very corruptly against you, and have not kept the commandments, nor the statutes, nor the ordinances, which you commanded your servant Moses. 8 "Remember, I beg you, the word that you commanded your servant Moses, saying, 'If you trespass, I will scatter you abroad among the peoples; 9 but if you return to me, and keep my commandments and do them, though your outcasts were in the uttermost part of the heavens. yet will I gather them from there, and will bring them to the place that I have chosen, to cause my name to dwell there.' 10 "Now these are your servants and your people, whom you have redeemed by your great power, and by your strong hand. 11 Lord, I beg you, let your ear be attentive now to the prayer of your servant, and to the prayer of your servants, who delight to fear your name; and please prosper your servant this day, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man." Now I was cup bearer to the king.

2 It happened in the month Nisan, in the twentieth year of Artachshasta the king, when wine was before me, had spoken to me. They said, "Let's rise up and build." that I took up the wine, and gave it to the king. Now I So they strengthened their hands for the good work. had not been sad before in his presence. 2 The king 19 But when Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the said to me, "Why is your face sad, since you are not sick? This is nothing else but sorrow of heart." Then it, they ridiculed us, and despised us, and said, "What I was very much afraid. 3 I said to the king, "Let the king?" 20 Then answered I them, and said to them, the city, the place of my fathers' tombs, lies waste, and its gates have been consumed with fire?" 4 Then the

king said to me, "For what do you make request?" So I prayed to the God of heaven. 5 I said to the king, "If it pleases the king, and if your servant has found favor in your sight, that you would send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers' tombs, that I may build it." 6 The king said to me (the queen was also sitting by him), "For how long shall your journey be? And when will you return?" So it pleased the king to send me; and I set him a time. 7 Moreover I said to the king, "If it pleases the king, let letters be given me to the governors beyond the River, that they may let me pass through until I come to Judah; 8 and a letter to Asaph the keeper of the king's forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the citadel by the temple, for the wall of the city, and for the house that I shall enter into." The king granted my requests, because of the good hand of my God on me. 9 Then I came to the governors beyond the River, and gave them the king's letters. Now the king had sent with me captains of the army and horsemen. 10 When Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, heard of it, it grieved them exceedingly, because a man had come to seek the welfare of the children of Israel. 11 So I came to Jerusalem, and was there three days. 12 I arose in the night, I and some few men with me. And I told no one what my God put into my heart to do for Jerusalem; neither was there any animal with me, except the animal that I rode on. 13 I went out by night by the Valley Gate, even toward the Serpent's Well, and to the Dung Gate, and viewed the walls of Jerusalem, which were broken down, and its gates were consumed with fire. 14 Then I went on to the Fountain Gate and to the King's Pool, but there was no place for the animal that was under me to pass. 15 Then went I up in the night by the wadi, and viewed the wall; and I turned back, and entered by the Valley Gate, and so returned. 16 The rulers did not know where I went, or what I did; neither had I as yet told it to the Jews, nor to the priests, nor to the nobles, nor to the rulers, nor to the rest who did the work. 17 Then I said to them, "You see the distress that we are in, how Jerusalem lies waste, and its gates are burned with fire. Come, let us build up the wall of Jerusalem, that we won't be disgraced." 18 I told them of the hand of my God which had spoken to me. They said, "Let's rise up and build." So they strengthened their hands for the good work. servants, will arise and build: but you have no portion, their brothers, Binnui the son of Henadad, the ruler of nor right, nor memorial, in Jerusalem."

3 Then Eliashib the high priest rose up with his brothers the priests, and they built the Sheep Gate. They sanctified it and set up its doors; they sanctified it as far as the Tower of the Hundred and as far as the Tower of Hananel. 2 And the men of Jericho built next to him. And next to them Zaccur son of Imri built. 3 The sons of Hassenaah built the Fish Gate. They laid its beams, and set up its doors, its bolts, and its bars. 4 Next to them, Meremoth the son of Uriah, the son of Hakkoz made repairs. Next to them, Meshullam the son of Berechiah, the son of Meshezabel made repairs. Next to them. Zadok the son of Baana made repairs. 5 Next to them, the Tekoites made repairs; but their nobles did not put their necks to the work of their lord. 6 Joiada the son of Paseah and Meshullam the son of Besodeiah repaired the Old Gate. They laid its beams. and set up its doors, and its bolts, and its bars. 7 Next to them, Melatiah the Gibeonite, and Jadon the Meronothite, the men of Gibeon, and of Mizpah, repaired the residence of the governor beyond the River. 8 Next to him, Uzziel the son of Harhaiah, goldsmiths, made repairs. Next to him, Hananiah one of the perfumers made repairs, and they fortified Jerusalem even to the Broad Wall. 9 Next to them, Rephaiah the son of Hur, the ruler of half the district of Jerusalem, made repairs. 10 Next to them, Jedaiah the son of Harumaph made repairs across from his house. Next to him. Hattush the son of Hashabneiah made repairs. 11 Malchijah the son of Harim, and Hasshub the son of Pahath-Moab, repaired another portion, and the Tower of the Ovens. 12 Next to him, Shallum the son of Hallohesh, the ruler of half the district of Jerusalem, he and his daughters, made repairs. 13 Hanun and the inhabitants of Zanoah repaired the Valley Gate. They built it, and set up its doors, its bolts, and its bars, and one thousand seven hundred twenty-two feet six inches of the wall to the Dung Gate. 14 Malchijah the son of Rechab, the ruler of the district of Beth Haccherem repaired the Dung Gate. He built it, and set up its doors, its bolts, and its bars. 15 Shallum the son of Colhozeh, the ruler of the district covered it, and set up its doors, its bolts, and its bars, spoke before his brothers and the army of Samaria. made, and to the house of the mighty men. 17 After building, if a fox climbed up it, he would break down and next to him. Hashabiah, he ruler of half the district and turn back their insults on their own head, give them

half the district of Keilah made repairs. 19 Next to him, Ezer the son of Jeshua, the ruler of Mizpah, repaired another portion, across from the ascent to the armory at the turning of the wall. 20 After him, Baruch the son of Zabbai earnestly repaired another portion, from the turning of the wall to the door of the house of Eliashib the high priest. 21 After him, Meremoth the son of Uriah the son of Hakkoz repaired another portion, from the door of the house of Eliashib even to the end of the house of Eliashib. 22 After him, the priests, the men of the Plain made repairs. 23 After them, Benjamin and Hasshub made repairs across from their house. After them, Azariah the son of Maaseiah the son of Ananiah made repairs beside his own house. 24 After him, Binnui the son of Henadad repaired another portion, from the house of Azariah to the turning of the wall, and to the corner. 25 Palal the son of Uzai made repairs opposite the turning of the wall, and the tower that stands out from the upper house of the king, which is by the court of the guard. And after him Pedaiah the son of Parosh made repairs. 26 (Now the Nethinim lived in Ophel, to the place over against the Water Gate toward the east. and the tower that stands out.) 27 After him the Tekoites repaired another portion, over against the great tower that stands out, and to the wall of Ophel. 28 Above the Horse Gate, the priests made repairs, everyone across from his own house. 29 After them, Zadok the son of Immer made repairs across from his own house. After him, Shemaiah the son of Shecaniah, the keeper of the East Gate made repairs. 30 After him, Hananiah the son of Shelemiah, and Hanun the sixth son of Zalaph, repaired another portion. After him, Meshullam the son of Berechiah made repairs across from his room. 31 After him, Malchijah one of the goldsmiths to the house of the Nethinim, and of the merchants, made repairs over against the Miphkad Gate, and to the ascent of the corner. 32 Between the ascent of the corner and the Sheep Gate, the goldsmiths and the merchants made repairs.

▲ But it happened that when Sanballat heard that we were building the wall, he was angry, and took of Mizpah repaired the Fountain Gate. He built it, and great indignation, and mocked the Jews. 2 And he and the wall of the Pool of Shiloah by the king's garden, and said, "What are these feeble Jews doing? Will they even to the stairs that go down from the City of David. restore it for themselves? Will they sacrifice? Will they 16 After him, Nehemiah the son of Azbuk, the ruler of finish in a day? Will they revive the stones out of the half the district of Beth Zur, made repairs to the place heaps of rubbish, which are burned?" 3 Now Tobiah the opposite the tombs of David, and to the pool that was Ammonite was by him, and he said, "What they are him, the Levites made repairs: Rehum the son of Bani, their stone wall." 4 "Hear, our God; for we are despised; of Keilah, made repairs for his district. 18 After him, up for a spoil in a land of captivity; 5 do not cover their

before you; for they have insulted the builders." 6 So we built the wall; and all the wall was joined together to half there were that said, "We, our sons and our daughters, happened that when Sanballat, Tobiah, the Arabians, the Some also there were that said, "We are mortgaging our of the walls of Jerusalem went forward, and that the grain, because of the famine." 4 There were also some breaches began to be filled, then they were very angry; who said, "We have borrowed money for the king's 8 and they conspired all of them together to come and tribute using our fields and our vineyards as collateral. fight against Jerusalem, and to cause confusion in it. 9 5 Yet now our flesh is as the flesh of our brothers, our But we made our prayer to our God, and set a watch children as their children. Look, we bring into bondage against them day and night, because of them. 10 Judah our sons and our daughters to be servants, and some of said, "The strength of the bearers of burdens is fading, our daughters have been brought into bondage. Neither and there is much rubbish; so that we are not able to is it in our power to help it; for other men have our build the wall." 11 Our adversaries said, "They shall not fields and our vineyards." 6 I was very angry when I know, neither see, until we come into their midst, and heard their cry and these words. 7 Then I consulted kill them, and cause the work to cease." 12 It happened with myself, and contended with the nobles and the that when the Jews who lived by them came, they said rulers, and said to them, "You exact usury, everyone of to us ten times from all places, "Wherever you turn, they his brother." I held a great assembly against them. 8 will attack us." 13 Therefore set I in the lowest parts I said to them, "We, after our ability, have redeemed of the space behind the wall, in the open places, I set our brothers the Jews that were sold to the nations; the people after their families with their swords, their and would you even sell your brothers, and should they spears, and their bows. 14 I looked, and rose up, and be sold to us?" Then they held their peace, and found said to the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest never a word. 9 Also I said, "The thing that you do of the people, "Do not be afraid of them. Remember is not good. Ought you not to walk in the fear of our the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your God, to prevent the taunts of the nations our enemies? brothers, your sons, and your daughters, your wives, 10 l likewise, my brothers and my servants, lend them and your houses." 15 It happened, when our enemies money and grain. Please let us stop this usury. 11 heard that it was known to us, and God had brought Please restore to them, even this day, their fields, their their counsel to nothing, that we returned all of us to vineyards, their olive groves, and their houses, also the wall, everyone to his work. 16 It happened from the hundredth part of the money, and of the grain, the work and half of them held the spears, and the shields, Then they said, "We will restore them, and will require and the bows, and the body armor; and the rulers stood nothing of them; so will we do, even as you say." Then I behind the whole house of Judah 17 who were building called the priests, and took an oath of them, that they the wall. And those who carried loads held their load would do according to this promise. 13 Also I shook with one hand and with the other held a weapon; 18 and out my lap, and said, "So may God shake out every the builders, everyone wore his sword at his side, and man from his house, and from his labor, that doesn't so built. He who sounded the trumpet was by me. 19 perform this promise; even thus be he shaken out, and I said to the nobles, and to the rulers and to the rest emptied." All the assembly said, "Amen," and praised of the people, "The work is great and large, and we the LORD. The people did according to this promise. are separated on the wall, one far from another, 20 14 Moreover from the time that I was appointed to be Wherever you hear the sound of the trumpet, rally there their governor in the land of Judah, from the twentieth to us. Our God will fight for us." 21 So we worked in the year even to the two and thirtieth year of Artachshasta work: and half of them held the spears from the rising of the king, that is, twelve years, I and my brothers have the morning until the stars appeared. 22 Likewise at the not eaten the bread of the governor. 15 But the former same time said I to the people, "Let everyone with his governors who were before me were supported by the servant lodge within Jerusalem, that in the night they people, and took bread and wine from them, besides may be a guard to us, and may labor in the day." 23 So forty shekels of silver; yes, even their servants ruled neither I, nor my brothers, nor my servants, nor the men over the people: but I did not do so, because of the fear of the guard who followed me, none of us took off our of God. 16 Yes, also I continued in the work of this wall, clothes. Everyone took his weapon to the water.

iniquity, and do not let their sin be blotted out from 5 Then there arose a great cry of the people and of their wives against their brothers the Jews. 2 For its height: for the people had a mind to work. 7 But it are many. Let us get grain, that we may eat and live." 3 Ammonites, and the Ashdodites heard that the repairing fields, and our vineyards, and our houses. Let us get that time forth that half of my servants would do the new wine, and the oil, that you are charging them." 12 neither bought we any land: and all my servants were gathered there to the work. 17 Moreover there were at my table, of the Jews and the rulers, one hundred fifty 16 And it happened, when all our enemies heard of it. good, all that I have done for this people.

6 Now it happened, when it was reported to Sanballat and Tobiah, and to Geshem the Arabian, and to the rest of our enemies, that I had built the wall, and that there was no breach left in it; (though even to that time I had not set up the doors in the gates;) 2 that Sanballat and Geshem sent to me, saying, "Come, let us meet together at Ha-Kephirim in the plain of Ono." But they intended to harm me. 3 I sent messengers to them, saying, "I am doing a great work, so that I can't come down. Why should the work cease, while I leave it, and come down to you?" 4 They sent to sun is hot; and while they stand guard, let them shut me four times after this sort; and I answered them the the doors, and you bar them: and appoint watches of same way. 5 Then Sanballat sent his servant to me the inhabitants of Jerusalem, everyone in his watch, the same way the fifth time with an open letter in his with everyone near his house." 4 Now the city was hand, 6 in which was written, "It is reported among the wide and large; but the people were few in it, and the nations, and Gashmu says it, that you and the Jews houses were not built. 5 My God put into my heart intend to rebel. Because of that, you are building the to gather together the nobles, and the rulers, and the wall. You would be their king, according to these words. people, that they might be reckoned by genealogy. I 7 You have also appointed prophets to preach of you at found the book of the genealogy of those who came Jerusalem, saying, 'There is a king in Judah.' Now it up at the first, and I found written in it: 6 These are will be reported to the king according to these words. Come now therefore, and let us take counsel together." captivity of those who had been carried away, whom 8 Then I sent to him, saying, "There are no such things Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away, done as you say, but you imagine them out of your and who returned to Jerusalem and to Judah, everyone own heart." 9 For they all would have made us afraid, saying, "Their hands will be weakened from the work. Nehemiah, Seraiah, Reelaiah, Nahamani, Mordecai, that it not be done. But now, strengthen my hands." 10 | Bilshan, Mispar, Bigvai, Rehum, Baanah. The number of went to the house of Shemaiah the son of Delaiah the the men of the people of Israel: 8 The descendants of son of Mehetabel, who was shut in at his home; and he Parosh, two thousand one hundred seventy-two. 9 The said, "Let us meet together in God's house, within the descendants of Shephatiah, three hundred seventytemple, and let us shut the doors of the temple; for they two. 10 The descendants of Arah, six hundred fiftywill come to kill you; yes, in the night will they come to two. 11 The descendants of Pahath-Moab, of the kill you." 11 I said, "Should such a man as I flee? Who is descendants of Jeshua and Joab, two thousand eight there that, being such as I, would go into the temple to hundred eighteen. 12 The descendants of Elam, one save his life? I will not go in." 12 I discerned, and look, God had not sent him; but he pronounced this prophecy Zattu, eight hundred forty-five. 14 The descendants of against me. Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him. 13 He Zaccai, seven hundred sixty. 15 The descendants of hired so that I would be afraid, do so, and sin, and that Bani, six hundred forty-eight. 16 The descendants of they might have material for an unfavorable report, that Bebai, six hundred twenty-eight. 17 The descendants of they might taunt me. 14 "Remember, my God, Tobiah Azgad, two thousand three hundred twenty-two. 18 The and Sanballat according to these their works, and also descendants of Adonikam, six hundred sixty-seven. 19 the prophetess Noadiah, and the rest of the prophets, that would have put me in fear." 15 So the wall was 20 The descendants of Adin, six hundred fifty-five. 21 finished in the twenty-fifth day of Elul, in fifty-two days. The descendants of Ater, of Hezekiah, ninety-eight. 22

men, besides those who came to us from among the and all the surrounding nations saw it, that they lost their nations that were around us. 18 Now that which was confidence; for they recognized that this work was done prepared for one day was one ox and six choice sheep; by our God 17 Moreover in those days the nobles of also fowls were prepared for me, and once in ten days Judah sent many letters to Tobiah, and Tobiah's letters store of all sorts of wine: yet for all this I did not demand came to them. 18 For there were many in Judah sworn the bread of the governor, because the bondage was to him, because he was the son-in-law of Shecaniah heavy on this people. 19 Remember to me, my God, for the son of Arah; and his son Jehohanan had taken the daughter of Meshullam the son of Berechiah as wife. 19 Also they spoke of his good deeds before me, and reported my words to him. Tobiah sent letters to put me in fear.

> **7** Now it happened, when the wall was built, and I had set up the doors, and the gatekeepers and the singers and the Levites were appointed, 2 that I put my brother Hanani, and Hananiah the commander of the fortress, in charge of Jerusalem; for he was a faithful man, and feared God above many. 3 I said to them, "Do not let the gates of Jerusalem be opened until the the people of the province, who went up out of the to his city; 7 who came with Zerubbabel, Jeshua, thousand two hundred fifty-four. 13 The descendants of The descendants of Bigvai, two thousand sixty-seven.

eight. 23 The descendants of Bezai, three hundred Hazzebaim, the descendants of Amon. 60 All the twenty-four. 24 The descendants of Jorah, one hundred Nethinim, and the descendants of Solomon's servants, twelve. 25 The descendants of Gibbar, ninety-five. 26 were three hundred ninety-two. 61 These were those The men of Bethlehem and Netophah, one hundred who went up from Tel Melah, Tel Harsha, Cherub, eighty-eight. 27 The men of Anathoth, one hundred Addan, and Immer; but they could not prove their twenty-eight. 28 The men of Beth Azmaveth, forty-two. ancestral houses, nor their descent, whether they 29 The men of Kiriath Jearim, Kephirah, and Beeroth, were of Israel: 62 The descendants of Delaiah, the seven hundred forty-three. 30 The men of Ramah descendants of Tobiah, the descendants of Nekoda, six and Geba, six hundred twenty-one. 31 The men of hundred forty-two. 63 Of the priests: the descendants of Michmas, one hundred and twenty-two. 32 The men of Hobaiah, the descendants of Hakkoz, the descendants Bethel and Ai, a hundred twenty-three. 33 The men of of Barzillai, who took a wife of the daughters of Barzillai the other Nebo, fifty-two. 34 The descendants of the the Gileadite, and was called after their name. 64 These other Elam, one thousand two hundred fifty-four. 35 searched for their genealogical records, but couldn't The descendants of Harim, three hundred twenty. 36 find them. Therefore were they deemed polluted and The descendants of Jericho, three hundred forty-five. put from the priesthood. 65 The governor said to them, 37 The descendants of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, seven that they should not eat of the most holy things, until hundred twenty-one. 38 The descendants of Senaah, there stood up a priest with Urim and Thummim. 66 three thousand nine hundred thirty. 39 The priests: The whole assembly together was forty-two thousand The descendants of Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, three hundred sixty, 67 besides their male servants nine hundred seventy-three. 40 The descendants of and their female servants, of whom there were seven Immer, one thousand fifty-two. 41 The descendants of thousand three hundred thirty-seven: and they had two Pashhur, one thousand two hundred forty-seven. 42 The hundred forty-five singing men and singing women. descendants of Harim, one thousand seventeen. 43 The 68 Their horses were seven hundred thirty-six; their Levites: the descendants of Jeshua, of Kadmiel, of the mules, two hundred forty-five; 69 their camels, four descendants of Hodaviah, seventy-four. 44 The singers: hundred thirty-five; their donkeys, six thousand seven the descendants of Asaph, one hundred forty-eight. hundred twenty. 70 Some from among the heads of 45 The gatekeepers: the descendants of Shallum, the ancestral houses gave to the work. The governor gave descendants of Ater, the descendants of Talmon, the to the treasury one thousand darics of gold, fifty basins, descendants of Akkub, the descendants of Hatita, the and five hundred thirty priests' garments. 71 Some of descendants of Shobai, one hundred thirty-eight. 46 The the heads of ancestral houses gave into the treasury Nethinim: the descendants of Ziha, the descendants of the work twenty thousand darics of gold, and two of Hasupha, the descendants of Tabbaoth, 47 the thousand two hundred minas of silver. 72 That which the descendants of Keros, the descendants of Siaha, the rest of the people gave was twenty thousand darics of descendants of Padon, 48 the descendants of Lebana, gold, and two thousand minas of silver, and sixty-seven the descendants of Hagaba, the descendants of Salmai, priests' garments. 73 So the priests, and the Levites, 49 the descendants of Hanan, the descendants of Giddel, and the gatekeepers, and the singers, and some of the the descendants of Gahar, 50 the descendants of Reaiah, people, and the Nethinim, and all Israel, lived in their the descendants of Rezin, the descendants of Nekoda, cities. When the seventh month had come, the children 51 the descendants of Gazzam, the descendants of of Israel were in their cities. Uzza, the descendants of Paseah. 52 The descendants of Besai, the descendants of Meunim, the descendants of Nephusim, 53 the descendants of Bakbuk, the descendants of Hakupha, the descendants of Harhur. 54 the descendants of Bazluth, the descendants of Mehida, the descendants of Harsha. 55 the descendants of Barkos, the descendants of Sisera, the descendants of Temah, 56 the descendants of Neziah, the descendants of Hatipha. 57 The descendants of Solomon's servants: the descendants of Sotai, the descendants of Hassophereth, the descendants of Peruda, 58 the descendants of Jaalah, the descendants of Darkon, the descendants of Giddel, 59 the descendants of Shephatiah, the

The descendants of Hashum, three hundred Twenty- descendants of Hattil, the descendants of Pokereth

 ${f 8}$ All the people gathered themselves together as one man into the square that was before the Water Gate; and they spoke to Ezra the scribe to bring the scroll of the law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded to Israel. 2 Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly, both men and women, and all who could hear with understanding, on the first day of the seventh month. 3 And he read it before the square that was before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women, and of those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the scroll of the law. 4 Ezra the scribe stood on a pulpit of wood, which they had

made for the purpose; and beside him stood Mattithiah. and Shema, and Anaiah, and Uriah, and Hilkiah, and Maaseiah, on his right hand; and on his left hand, Pedaiah, and Mishael, and Malchijah, and Hashum, and Hashbaddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam. 5 Ezra opened the scroll in the sight of all the people; (for he was above all the people;) and when he opened it, all the people stood up: 6 and Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God. All the people answered, "Amen, Amen," with the lifting up of their hands. They bowed their heads, and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. 7 Also Jeshua, and Bani, and Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, the Levites, explained the law to the people, and the people stayed in their place. 8 They read in the scroll, in the law of God, distinctly; and they gave the sense, so that they understood the reading. 9 Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest the scribe, and the Levites who taught the people, said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God. Do not mourn, nor weep." For all the people wept, when they heard the words of the law. 10 Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat, drink the sweet, and send portions to him for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord. Do not be grieved; for the joy of the LORD is your strength." 11 So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, "Hold your peace, for the day is holy; neither be grieved." 12 All the people went their way to eat, and to drink, and to send portions, and to make great mirth, because they had understood the words that were declared to them. 13 On the second day were gathered together the heads of ancestral houses of all the people, the priests, and the Levites, to Ezra the scribe, even to give attention to the words of the law. 14 They found written in the law, how that the LORD had commanded by Moses, that the children of Israel should dwell in booths in the feast of the seventh month; 15 and that they should publish and proclaim in all their cities, and in Jerusalem, saying, "Go out to the mountain, and get olive branches, and branches of wild olive, and myrtle branches, and palm branches, and branches of thick trees, to make booths. as it is written." 16 So the people went out, and brought them, and made themselves booths, everyone on the roof of his house, and in their courts, and in the courts of God's house, and in the broad place of the Water Gate, and in the broad place of the Ephraim Gate. 17 All the assembly of those who had come again out of the captivity made booths, and lived in the booths; for since the days of Jeshua the son of Nun to that day the children of Israel had not done so. There was very great gladness. 18 Also day by day, from the first day to the last day, he read in the scroll of the law of God. They

kept the feast seven days; and on the eighth day was a solemn assembly, according to the ordinance.

9 Now in the twenty-fourth day of this month the children of Israel were assembled with fasting, and with sackcloth, and earth on them. 2 The descendants of Israel separated themselves from all foreigners, and stood and confessed their sins, and the iniquities of their fathers. 3 They stood up in their place, and read in the scroll of the law of the LORD their God a fourth part of the day; and a fourth part they confessed, and worshiped the LORD their God. 4 Then Jeshua, and Binnui, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani, and Chenani of the Levites stood up on the stairs, and cried with a loud voice to the LORD their God. 5 Then the Levites, Jeshua, and Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabneiah, Sherebiah, Hodiah, Shebaniah, and Pethahiah, said, "Stand up and bless the LORD your God from everlasting to everlasting. Blessed be your glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise. 6 You are the LORD, even you alone. You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their army, the earth and all things that are on it, the seas and all that is in them, and you preserve them all. The army of heaven worships you. 7 You are the LORD, the God who chose Abram, and brought him out of Ur Kasdim, and gave him the name of Abraham, 8 and found his heart faithful before you, and made a covenant with him to give the land of the Canaanite, the Hethite, the Amorite, and the Perizzite, and the Jebusite, and the Girgashite, to give it to his descendants, and have performed your words; for you are righteous. 9 "You saw the affliction of our fathers in Egypt, and heard their cry by the Red Sea, 10 and showed signs and wonders against Pharaoh, and against all his servants, and against all the people of his land; for you knew that they dealt proudly against them, and made a name for yourself, as it is this day. 11 You divided the sea before them, so that they went through the midst of the sea on the dry land; and you cast their pursuers into the depths, as a stone into the mighty waters. 12 Moreover, in a pillar of cloud you led them by day; and in a pillar of fire by night, to give them light in the way in which they should go. 13 "You came down also on Mount Sinai, and spoke with them from heaven, and gave them right ordinances and true laws. good statutes and commandments, 14 and made known to them your holy Sabbath, and commanded them commandments, and statutes, and a law, by Moses your servant, 15 and gave them bread from the sky for their hunger, and brought forth water for them out of the rock for their thirst, and commanded them that they should go in to possess the land which you had sworn to give them. 16 "But they and our fathers dealt proudly and hardened their neck, did not listen to your

commandments. 17 and refused to obey, neither were live in them), turned their backs, stiffened their neck. they mindful of your wonders that you did among them, and would not hear. 30 Yet many years you put up with but hardened their neck, and appointed a leader to them, and testified against them by your Spirit through return to their slavery in Egypt. But you are a God your prophets. Yet would they not give ear. Therefore ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, you gave them into the hand of the peoples of the lands. and abundant in loving kindness, and did not forsake 31 "Nevertheless in your manifold mercies you did not them. 18 Yes, when they had made them a molten calf, make a full end of them, nor forsake them; for you are and said, 'This is your God who brought you up out of a gracious and merciful God. 32 Now therefore, our Egypt,' and had committed awful blasphemies; 19 yet God, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who you in your manifold mercies did not forsake them in the keeps covenant and loving kindness, do not let all the wilderness: the pillar of cloud did not depart from over travail seem little before you, that has come on us, on them by day, to lead them in the way; neither the pillar our kings, on our leaders, and on our priests, and on our of fire by night, to show them light, and the way in which prophets, and on our fathers, and on all your people, they should go. 20 You gave also your good Spirit to since the time of the kings of Assyria to this day. 33 instruct them, and did not withhold your manna from However you are just in all that has come on us; for you their mouth, and gave them water for their thirst. 21 have dealt truly, but we have done wickedly; 34 neither "Yes, forty years you sustained them in the wilderness. have our kings, our leaders, our priests, nor our fathers, They lacked nothing. Their clothes did not grow old, and kept your law, nor listened to your commandments and their feet did not swell. 22 Moreover you gave them your testimonies with which you testified against them. kingdoms and peoples, which you allotted according to 35 For they have not served you in their kingdom, and their portions. So they possessed the land of Sihon king in your great goodness that you gave them, and in of Heshbon, and the land of Og king of Bashan. 23 You the large and rich land which you gave before them, also multiplied their children as the stars of the sky, and neither did they turn from their wicked works. 36 "Look, brought them into the land concerning which you said we are servants this day, and as for the land that you to their fathers, that they should go in to possess it. gave to our fathers to eat its fruit and its good, look, 24 "So the children went in and possessed the land, we are servants in it. 37 It yields much increase to the and you subdued before them the inhabitants of the kings whom you have set over us because of our sins: land, the Canaanites, and gave them into their hands, also they have power over our bodies, and over our with their kings, and the peoples of the land, that they livestock, at their pleasure, and we are in great distress. might do with them as they pleased. 25 They took 38 Yet for all this, we make a sure covenant, and write it; fortified cities, and a rich land, and possessed houses and our leaders, our Levites, and our priests, seal it." full of all good things, cisterns dug out, vineyards, and olive groves, and fruit trees in abundance. So they ate, were filled and became fat, and delighted themselves in your great goodness. 26 "Nevertheless they were disobedient, and rebelled against you, and cast your law behind their back, and killed your prophets that testified against them to turn them again to you, and they committed awful blasphemies. 27 Therefore you delivered them into the hand of their adversaries, who distressed them. In the time of their trouble, when they cried to you, you heard from heaven; and according to your manifold mercies you gave them saviors who saved them out of the hand of their adversaries. 28 But after they had rest, they did evil again before you; therefore left you them in the hand of their enemies, so that they had the dominion over them; yet when they returned, and cried to you, you heard from heaven; and many times you delivered them according to your mercies, 29 and testified against them, that you might bring them again to your law. Yet they dealt proudly, and did not listen to your commandments, but sinned against your ordinances, (which if a man does, he shall

Now those who sealed were: Nehemiah the governor, the son of Hacaliah, and Zedekiah, 2 Seraiah, Azariah, Jeremiah, 3 Pashhur, Amariah, Malchijah, 4 Hattush, Shebaniah, Malluch, 5 Harim, Meremoth, Obadiah, 6 Daniel, Ginnethon, Baruch, 7 Meshullam, Abijah, Mijamin, 8 Maaziah, Bilgai, Shemaiah; these were the priests. 9 The Levites: namely, Jeshua the son of Azaniah, Binnui of the sons of Henadad, Kadmiel; 10 and their brothers, Shebaniah, Hodiah, Kelita, Pelaiah, Hanan, 11 Mica, Rehob, Hashabiah, 12 Zakkur, Sherebiah, Shebaniah, 13 Hodiah, Bani, Beninu. 14 The chiefs of the people: Parosh, Pahath-Moab, Elam, Zattu, Bani, 15 Bunni, Azgad, Bebai, 16 Adonijah, Bigyai, Adin, 17 Ater. Hezekiah, Azzur, 18 Hodiah, Hashum, Bezai, 19 Hariph, Anathoth, Nobai, 20 Magpiash, Meshullam, Hezir, 21 Meshezabel, Zadok, Jaddua, 22 Pelatiah, Hanan, Anaiah, 23 Hoshea, Hananiah, Hasshub, 24 Hallohesh, Pilha, Shobek, 25 Rehum, Hashabnah, Maaseiah, 26 and Ahiah, Hanan, Anan, 27 Malluch, Harim, Baanah. 28 The rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the gatekeepers, the singers, the Nethinim, and all those who had separated themselves from the peoples of Jerusalem: but in the cities of Judah everyone lived in the lands to the law of God, their wives, their sons, his possession in their cities: Israel, the priests, and and their daughters, everyone who had knowledge, and the Levites, and the Nethinim, and the descendants of understanding 29 they joined with their brothers, their Solomon's servants. 4 In Jerusalem lived certain of the nobles, and entered into a curse, and into an oath, to people of Judah, and of the people of Benjamin. Of the walk in God's law, which was given by Moses the servant people of Judah: Athaiah the son of Uzziah, the son of of God, and to observe and do all the commandments Zechariah, the son of Amariah, the son of Shephatiah, of the LORD, and his ordinances and his statutes; 30 the son of Mahalalel, of the descendants of Perez; 5 and and that we would not give our daughters to the peoples Maaseiah the son of Baruch, the son of Colhozeh, the of the land, nor take their daughters for our sons; 31 and son of Hazaiah, the son of Adaiah, the son of Joiarib, if the peoples of the land bring wares or any grain on the son of Zechariah, the son of a Shelanite. 6 All the Sabbath day to sell, that we would not buy of them the sons of Perez who lived in Jerusalem were four burnt offering, for the Sabbaths, for the new moons, son of Hassenuah was second over the city. 10 Of the for the set feasts, and for the holy things, and for the priests: Jedaiah the son of Joiarib, Jakin, 11 Azariah the sin offerings to make atonement for Israel, and for all son of Hilkiah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the priests, the Levites, and the people, for the wood house, 12 and their brothers who did the work of the to our fathers' houses, at times appointed, year by year, Jeroham, the son of Pelaliah, the son of Amzi, the son to burn on the altar of the LORD our God, as it is written of Zechariah, the son of Pashhur, the son of Malchijah, in the law; 35 and to bring the first fruits of our ground, 13 and his brothers, chiefs of ancestral houses, two and the first fruits of all fruit of all kinds of trees, year by hundred forty-two; and Amashsai the son of Azarel, the year, to the house of the LORD; 36 also the firstborn of son of Ahzai, the son of Meshillemoth, the son of Immer, our sons, and of our livestock, as it is written in the law, 14 and his brothers, mighty men of valor, one hundred and the firstborn of our herds and of our flocks, to bring twenty-eight; and their overseer was Zabdiel, the son of the house of our God; 37 and that we should bring the Hasshub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, first fruits of our coarse meal, our contributions, the fruit the son of Bunni; 16 and Shabbethai and Jozabad, of of every tree, the new wine and the oil to the priests to the chiefs of the Levites, who had the oversight of the the storerooms of the house of our God; and the tithes outward business of God's house; 17 and Mattaniah of our land to the Levites, for the Levites take the tithes the son of Micah, the son of Zikri, the son of Asaph, in all the cities where we work. 38 The priest the son of the praise leader who led in thanksgiving and prayer, Aaron shall be with the Levites, when the Levites take and Bakbukiah, the second among his brothers; and tithes: and the Levites shall bring up the tithe of the Abda the son of Shammua, the son of Galal, the son tithes to the house of our God, to the rooms, into the of Jeduthun. 18 All the Levites in the holy city were treasure house. 39 For the children of Israel and the two hundred eighty-four. 19 Moreover the gatekeepers. descendants of Levi shall bring the wave offering of Akkub, Talmon, and their brothers, who kept watch the grain, of the new wine, and of the oil, to the rooms, at the gates, were one hundred seventy-two. 20 The where are the vessels of the sanctuary, and the priests residue of Israel, of the priests, the Levites, were in who minister, and the gatekeepers, and the singers. We all the cities of Judah, everyone in his inheritance. 21 will not forsake the house of our God.

11 And the princes of the people lived in Jerusalem. And the rest of the people also cast lots, to bring one of ten to dwell in Jerusalem the holy city, and nine parts in the other cities. 2 The people blessed all the men who willingly offered themselves to dwell in Jerusalem. 3 Now these are the chiefs of the province who lived in

on the Sabbath, or on a holy day; and that we would hundred sixty-eight valiant men. 7 These are the sons forego the seventh year, and the exaction of every debt. of Benjamin: Sallu the son of Meshullam, the son of 32 Also we made ordinances for ourselves, to charge Joed, the son of Pedaiah, the son of Kolaiah, the son ourselves yearly with the third part of a shekel for the of Maaseiah, the son of Ithiel, the son of Jeshaiah. 8 service of the house of our God; 33 for the show bread, After him Gabbai, Sallai, nine hundred twenty-eight. 9 and for the continual meal offering, and for the continual Joel the son of Zikri was their overseer; and Judah the the work of the house of our God. 34 We cast lots, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, the ruler of God's offering, to bring it into the house of our God, according house, eight hundred twenty-two; and Adaiah the son of to the house of our God, to the priests who minister in Haggedolim. 15 Of the Levites: Shemaiah the son of But the temple servants lived on Ophel, and Ziha and Gishpa were in charge of the temple servants. 22 The overseer also of the Levites at Jerusalem was Uzzi the son of Bani, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Mica, of the sons of Asaph, the singers, over the business of God's house. 23 For there was a commandment from the king concerning them, and a

settled provision for the singers, as every day required. brothers over against them, to praise and give thanks, 24 Pethahiah the son of Meshezabel, of the descendants according to the commandment of David the man of of Zerah the son of Judah, was at the king's hand in all God, watch next to watch. 25 Mattaniah, and Bakbukiah, matters concerning the people. 25 As for the villages, Obadiah, Meshullam, Talmon, Akkub, were gatekeepers with their fields, some of the people of Judah lived in keeping the watch at the storehouses of the gates. 26 Kiriath Arba and its towns, and in Dibon and its towns, These were in the days of Joiakim the son of Jeshua, and in Jekabzeel and its villages, 26 and in Jeshua, and the son of Jozadak, and in the days of Nehemiah in Moladah, and Beth Pelet, 27 and in Hazar Shual, the governor, and of Ezra the priest the scribe. 27 At and in Beersheba and its towns, 28 and in Ziklag, and the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem they sought in Meconah and in its towns, 29 and in En Rimmon, the Levites out of all their places, to bring them to and in Zorah, and in Jarmuth, 30 Zanoah, Adullam, and Jerusalem, to keep the dedication with gladness, both their villages, Lachish and its fields, Azekah and its with giving thanks, and with singing, with cymbals, towns. So they camped from Beersheba to the Valley of stringed instruments, and with harps. 28 The sons of Hinnom. 31 And some of the people of Benjamin also the singers gathered themselves together, both out of lived from Geba onward, at Michmash and Aiah, and at the plain around Jerusalem, and from the villages of Bethel and its towns, 32 at Anathoth, Nob, Ananiah, 33 the Netophathites; 29 also from Beth Gilgal, and out of Hazor, Ramah, Gittaim, 34 Hadid, Zeboim, Neballat, 35 the fields of Geba and Azmaveth: for the singers had Lod, and Ono, Ge-harashim. 36 Of the Levites, certain built them villages around Jerusalem. 30 The priests divisions in Judah settled in Benjamin's territory.

12 Now these are the priests and the Levites who went up with Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua: Seraiah. Jeremiah. Ezra. 2 Amariah. Malluch. Hattush, 3 Shecaniah, Rehum, Meremoth, 4 Iddo, Ginnethon, Abijah, 5 Mijamin, Maadiah, Bilgah, 6 Shemaiah, and Joiarib, Jedaiah. 7 Sallu, Amok, Hilkiah, Jedaiah. These were the chiefs of the priests and of their brothers in the days of Jeshua. 8 Moreover the Levites: Jeshua, Binnui, Kadmiel, Sherebiah, Judah, and Mattaniah, who was over the thanksgiving, he and his brothers. 9 Also Bakbukiah and Unni, their brothers, were over against them according to their offices. 10 Jeshua became the father of Joiakim, and Joiakim became the father of Eliashib, and Eliashib became the father of Joiada, 11 and Joiada became the father of Jonathan, and Jonathan became the father of Jaddua. 12 In the days of Joiakim were priests, heads of ancestral houses: of Seraiah. Meraiah: of Jeremiah, Hananiah; 13 of Ezra, Meshullam; of Amariah, Jehohanan; 14 of Malluch, Jonathan; of Shecaniah, Joseph; 15 of Harim, Adna; of Meremoth, Helkai; 16 of Iddo, Zechariah; of Ginnethon, Meshullam; 17 of Abijah, Zikri; of Minjamin, of Moadiah, Piltai; 18 of Bilgah, Shammua; of Shemaiah, Jehonathan; 19 and of Joiarib, Mattenai; of Jedaiah, Uzzi; 20 of Sallu, Kallai; of Amok, Eber; 21 of Hilkiah, Hashabiah; of Jedaiah, Nethanel. 22 As for the Levites, in the days of Eliashib, Joiada, and Johanan, and Jaddua, there were recorded the heads of ancestral houses; also the priests, in the reign of Daryavesh the Persian. 23 The sons of Levi, heads of ancestral houses, were written in the scroll of the chronicles, even until the days of Johanan the son of Eliashib. 24 The chiefs of the Levites: Hashabiah, Sherebiah, and Jeshua the son of Kadmiel, with their

and the Levites purified themselves; and they purified the people, and the gates, and the wall. 31 Then I brought up the leaders of Judah onto the wall, and appointed two great companies who gave thanks and went in procession. One went on the right hand on the wall toward the Dung Gate; 32 and after them went Hoshaiah, and half of the leaders of Judah, 33 and Azariah, Ezra, and Meshullam, 34 Judah, and Benjamin, and Shemajah, and Jeremjah. 35 and certain of the priests' sons with trumpets: Zechariah the son of Jonathan, the son of Shemaiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Micaiah, the son of Zakkur, the son of Asaph; 36 and his brothers, Shemaiah, and Azarel, Milalai, Gilalai, Maai, Nethanel, and Judah, Hanani, with the musical instruments of David the man of God; and Ezra the scribe was before them. 37 By the Fountain Gate, and straight before them, they went up by the stairs of the City of David, at the ascent of the wall, above the house of David, even to the Water Gate eastward. 38 The other company of those who gave thanks went to meet them, and I after them, with the half of the people, on the wall, above the Tower of the Ovens, to the Broad Wall, 39 and above the Ephraim Gate, and by the Jeshanah Gate, and by the Fish Gate, and the Tower of Hananel, and the Tower of the Hundred, and as far as the Sheep Gate. And they stood still in the Gate of the Guard. 40 So stood the two companies of those who gave thanks in God's house, and I, and the half of the rulers with me; 41 and the priests, Eliakim, Maaseiah, Miniamin, Micaiah, Elioenai, Zechariah, and Hananiah, with trumpets; 42 and Maaseiah, and Shemaiah, and Eleazar, and Uzzi, and Jehohanan, and Malchijah, and Elam, and Ezer. The singers sang loud, with Jezrahiah their overseer. 43 They offered great sacrifices that day, and rejoiced; for God had made them rejoice with great Judah rejoiced over the priests and the Levites who good deeds that I have done for the house of my God, days of David and Asaph there were directors of the they brought into Jerusalem on the Sabbath day: and I 47 All Israel in the days of Zerubbabel, and in the days 16 There lived men of Tyre also in it, who brought in fish, that which was for the sons of Aaron.

On that day they read in the scroll of Moses in the audience of the people; and in it was found written, that an Ammonite and a Moabite should not enter into the assembly of God forever, 2 because they did not meet the children of Israel with bread and with water, but hired Balaam against them, to curse them: however our God turned the curse into a blessing. 3 It came to pass, when they had heard the law, that they separated from Israel all the mixed multitude. 4 Now before this, Eliashib the priest, who was appointed over the rooms of the house of our God, being allied to Tobiah. 5 had prepared for him a great room, where before they laid the meal offerings, the frankincense, and the vessels, and the tithes of the grain, the new wine, and the oil, which were given by commandment to the Levites, and the singers, and the gatekeepers; and the wave offerings for the priests. 6 But in all this, I was not at Jerusalem; for in the two and thirtieth year of Artachshasta king of Babylon I went to the king: and after certain days asked I leave of the king, 7 and I came to Jerusalem, and understood the evil that Eliashib had done for Tobiah, in preparing him a room in the courts of God's house. 8 It grieved me severely: therefore I cast forth all the household stuff of Tobiah out of the room. 9 Then I commanded, and they cleansed the rooms: and there brought I again the vessels of God's house, with the meal offerings and the frankincense. 10 I perceived that the portions of the Levites had not been given them; so that the Levites and the singers, who did the work, had fled everyone to his field. 11 Then I contended with the rulers, and said, "Why is God's house forsaken?" I gathered them together, and set them in their place. 12 Then brought all Judah the tithe of the grain and the new wine and the oil to the treasuries. 13 And I commanded Shelemiah the priest,

iov: and the women also and the children rejoiced: so and Zadok the scribe, and Pedajah of the Levites be that the joy of Jerusalem was heard even afar off. 44 in charge of the storerooms. And next to them was On that day men were appointed over the storerooms, Hanan the son of Zakkur, the son of Mattaniah, for they for the contributions, the first fruits, and the tithes, to were considered trustworthy, and their responsibility gather into them from the fields of the cities the portions was the distribution to their brothers. 14 Remember appointed by the law for the priests and Levites, for me, my God, concerning this, and do not wipe out my ministered. 45 They performed the duty of their God, and for its observances. 15 In those days I saw in and the duty of the purification, and so did the singers Judah some men treading winepresses on the Sabbath, and the gatekeepers, according to the commandment of and bringing in sheaves, and loading donkeys; as also David, and of Solomon his son. 46 For long ago in the wine, grapes, and figs, and all kinds of burdens, which singers and songs of praise and thanksgiving to God. testified against them in the day in which they sold food. of Nehemiah, gave the portions of the singers and the and all kinds of wares, and sold on the Sabbath to the gatekeepers, as every day required; and they set apart people of Judah, and in Jerusalem, 17 Then I contended that which was for the Levites; and the Levites set apart with the nobles of Judah, and said to them, "What evil thing is this that you do, and profane the Sabbath day? 18 Did not your fathers do thus, and did not our God bring all this disaster on us, and on this city? Yet you bring more wrath on Israel by profaning the Sabbath." 19 It came to pass that, when the gates of Jerusalem began to be dark before the Sabbath, I commanded that the doors should be shut, and commanded that they should not be opened until after the Sabbath. I set some of my servants over the gates, that no burden should be brought in on the Sabbath day. 20 So the merchants and sellers of all kinds of wares lodged outside of Jerusalem once or twice. 21 Then I testified against them, and said to them, "Why do you stay around the wall? If you do so again, I will lay hands on you." From that time on, they did not come on the Sabbath. 22 I commanded the Levites that they should purify themselves, and that they should come and keep the gates, to sanctify the Sabbath day. Remember to me, my God, this also, and spare me according to the greatness of your loving kindness. 23 In those days also saw I the Jews who had married women of Ashdod, of Ammon, and of Moab: 24 and their children spoke half in the speech of Ashdod, and could not speak in the Jews' language, but according to the language of each people. 25 I contended with them, and cursed them. and struck certain of them, and plucked off their hair, and made them swear by God, "You shall not give your daughters to their sons, nor take their daughters for your sons, or for yourselves. 26 Did not Solomon king of Israel sin by these things? Yet among many nations was there no king like him, and he was beloved of his God, and God made him king over all Israel. Nevertheless foreign women caused even him to sin. 27 Shall we then listen to you to do all this great evil, to trespass against our God in marrying foreign women?" 28 One of the sons of Joiada, the son of Eliashib the high priest, was

son-in-law to Sanballat the Horonite: therefore I chased him from me. **29** Remember them, my God, because they have defiled the priesthood, and the covenant of the priests, and of the Levites. **30** Thus I cleansed them from all foreigners, and appointed duties for the priests and for the Levites, everyone in his work; **31** and for the wood offering, at times appointed, and for the first fruits. Remember me, my God, for good.

Esther

1 Now it happened in the days of Achashyerosh (this is Achashyerosh who reigned from India even to Ethiopia, over one hundred twenty-seven provinces), 2 that in those days, when the King Achashyerosh sat on the throne of his kingdom, which was in Shushan the palace, 3 in the third year of his reign, he made a feast for all his officials and his servants: the power of Persia and Media, the nobles and princes of the provinces, being before him. 4 He displayed the riches of his glorious kingdom and the honor of his excellent majesty many days, even one hundred eighty days. 5 When these days were fulfilled, the king made a seven day feast for all the people who were present in Shushan the palace, both great and small, in the court of the garden of the king's palace. 6 There were hangings of white, green, and blue material, fastened with cords of fine linen and purple to silver rings and marble pillars. The couches were of gold and silver, on a pavement of red, white, yellow, and black marble. 7 They gave them drinks in golden vessels of various kinds, including royal wine in abundance, according to the bounty of the king. 8 In accordance with the law, and what she had done, and what was decreed against the drinking was not compulsory; for so the king had her. 2 Then the king's servants who served him said, instructed all the officials of his house, that they should "Let beautiful young virgins be sought for the king. 3 do according to every man's pleasure. 9 Also Vashti Let the king appoint officers in all the provinces of his the gueen made a feast for the women in the royal kingdom, that they may gather together all the beautiful house which belonged to King Achashverosh, 10 On young virgins to the citadel of Shushan, to the women's the seventh day, when the heart of the king was merry house, to the custody of Hegai the king's eunuch, with wine, he commanded Mehuman, Biztha, Harbona, keeper of the women. Let cosmetics be given them; Bigtha, and Abagtha, Zethar, and Carcass, the seven 4 and let the maiden who pleases the king be queen eunuchs who served in the presence of Achashyerosh instead of Vashti." The thing pleased the king, and he the king, 11 to bring Vashti the gueen before the king did so. 5 There was a certain Jew in the citadel of with the royal crown, to show the people and the officials Shushan, whose name was Mordecai, the son of Jair. her beauty; for she was beautiful. 12 But the gueen the son of Shimei, the son of Kish, a Benjamite, 6 Vashti refused to come at the king's commandment by who had been carried away from Jerusalem with the the eunuchs. Therefore the king was very angry, and his captives who had been carried away with Jeconiah king anger burned in him. 13 Then the king said to the wise of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon men, who knew the times, (for it was the king's custom had carried away. 7 He brought up Hadassah, that to consult those who knew law and judgment; 14 and is, Esther, his uncle's daughter; for she had neither the next to him were Carshena, Shethar, Admatha, father nor mother. The maiden was fair and beautiful; Tarshish, Meres, Marsena, and Memucan, the seven and when her father and mother were dead, Mordecai officials of Persia and Media, who saw the king's face, took her for his own daughter. 8 So it happened, when and sat first in the kingdom), 15 "What shall we do the king's commandment and his decree was heard, to the queen Vashti according to law, because she and when many maidens were gathered together to has not done the bidding of the King Achashyerosh the citadel of Shushan, to the custody of Hegai, that by the eunuchs?" 16 Memucan answered before the Esther was taken into the king's house, to the custody king and the officials, "Vashti the gueen has not done of Hegai, keeper of the women. 9 The maiden pleased wrong to just the king, but also to all the officials and him, and she obtained kindness from him. He quickly to all the people who are in all the provinces of the gave her cosmetics and her portions of food, and the King Achashyerosh. 17 For this deed of the queen will seven choice maidens who were to be given her out of become known to all women, causing them to show the king's house. He moved her and her maidens to

contempt for their husbands, when it is reported. 'King Achashyerosh commanded Vashti the gueen to be brought in before him, but she did not come.' 18 Today, the princesses of Persia and Media who have heard of the queen's deed will tell all the king's officials. This will cause much contempt and wrath. 19 If it please the king, let a royal commandment go from him, and let it be written among the laws of the Persians and the Medes, so that it cannot be altered, that Vashti may never again come before King Achashyerosh; and let the king give her royal estate to another who is better than she. 20 When the king's decree which he shall make is published throughout all his kingdom (for it is great), all the wives will give their husbands honor, both great and small." 21 And this advice pleased the king and the officials, and the king did according to the word of Memucan: 22 for he sent letters into all the king's provinces, into every province according to its writing, and to every people in their language, that every man should rule his own house, speaking in the language of his own people.

2 After these things, when the wrath of King Achashyerosh was pacified, he remembered Vashti, the best place in the women's house. 10 Esther had in the King's Gate bowed down, and paid homage to not made known her people nor her relatives, because Haman; for the king had so commanded concerning him. Mordecai had instructed her that she should not make it But Mordecai did not bow down or pay him homage. known. 11 Mordecai walked every day in front of the 3 Then the king's servants, who were in the King's court of the women's house, to find out how Esther Gate, said to Mordecai, "Why do you disobey the king's did, and what would become of her. 12 Each young commandment?" 4 Now it came to pass, when they woman's turn came to go in to King Achashyerosh spoke daily to him, and he did not listen to them, that after her purification for twelve months (for so were they told Haman, to see whether Mordecai's reason the days of their purification accomplished, six months would stand; for he had told them that he was a Jew. 5 with oil of myrrh, and six months with sweet fragrances When Haman saw that Mordecai did not bow down, nor and with preparations for beautifying women). 13 The pay him homage, Haman was full of wrath. 6 But he young woman then came to the king like this: whatever scorned the thought of laying hands on Mordecai alone, she desired was given her to go with her out of the for they had made known to him Mordecai's people. women's house to the king's house. 14 In the evening Therefore Haman sought to destroy all the Jews who she went, and on the next day she returned into the were throughout the whole kingdom of Achashyerosh, second women's house, to the custody of Shaashgaz, even Mordecai's people. 7 In the first month, which is the the king's eunuch, who kept the secondary wives. She month Nisan, in the twelfth year of King Achashyerosh, came in to the king no more, unless the king delighted they cast Pur (that is, the lot) before Haman from day to in her, and she was called by name. 15 Now when day, and from month to month, and chose the twelfth the turn of Esther, the daughter of Abihail the uncle of month, which is the month Adar. 8 Haman said to King Mordecai, who had taken her for his daughter, came to Achashyerosh, "There is a certain people scattered go in to the king, she required nothing but what Hegai abroad and dispersed among the peoples in all the the king's eunuch, the keeper of the women, advised. provinces of your kingdom, and their laws are different Esther obtained favor in the sight of all those who looked than other people's. They do not keep the king's laws. at her. 16 So Esther was taken to King Achashyerosh Therefore it is not for the king's profit to allow them to into his royal house in the tenth month, which is the remain. 9 If it pleases the king, let it be written that they month Tebeth, in the seventh year of his reign. 17 The be destroyed; and I will pay ten thousand talents of king loved Esther more than all the women, and she silver into the hands of those who are in charge of the obtained favor and kindness in his sight more than all king's business, to bring it into the king's treasuries." the virgins; so that he set the royal crown on her head, 10 The king took his ring from his hand, and gave it and made her queen instead of Vashti. 18 Then the king to Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the made a great feast for all his officials and his servants, Jews' enemy. 11 The king said to Haman, "The silver even Esther's feast; and he proclaimed a holiday in the is given to you, the people also, to do with them as it provinces, and gave gifts according to the king's bounty. seems good to you." 12 Then the king's scribes were 19 When the virgins were gathered together the second called in on the first month, on the thirteenth day of the time, Mordecai was sitting in the King's Gate. 20 Esther month; and all that Haman commanded was written had not yet made known her relatives nor her people, to the king's satraps, and to the governors who were as Mordecai had commanded her; for Esther obeyed over every province, and to the officials of every people, Mordecai, like she did when she was brought up by to every province according its writing, and to every him. 21 In those days, while Mordecai was sitting in people in their language. It was written in the name of the King's Gate, two of the king's eunuchs, Bigthan King Achashyerosh, and it was sealed with the king's and Teresh, who were doorkeepers, were angry, and ring. 13 Letters were sent by couriers into all the king's sought to lay hands on the King Achashyerosh. 22 This provinces, to destroy, to kill, and to cause to perish, all thing became known to Mordecai, who informed Esther Jews, both young and old, little children and women, the gueen; and Esther informed the king in Mordecai's in one day, even on the thirteenth day of the twelfth name. 23 When this matter was investigated, and it was month, which is the month Adar, and to plunder their found to be so, they were both hanged on a tree; and it possessions. 14 A copy of the letter, that the decree was written in the book of the chronicles in the king's should be given out in every province, was published to presence.

3 After these things King Achashyerosh promoted Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, and advanced him, and set his seat above all the officials who were with him. 2 All the king's servants who were

all the peoples, that they should be ready against that day. 15 The couriers went forth in haste by the king's

commandment, and the decree was given out in the citadel of Shushan. The king and Haman sat down to drink; but the city of Shushan was perplexed.

A Now when Mordecai found out all that was done, his royal throne in the royal house, next to the entrance ashes, and went out into the midst of the city, and standing in the court, she obtained favor in his sight; wailed loudly and a bitterly. 2 He came even before the and the king held out to Esther the golden scepter that King's Gate, for no one is allowed inside the King's Gate was in his hand. So Esther came near, and touched the the king's commandment and his decree came, there would you like, gueen Esther? What is your request? It was great mourning among the Jews, and fasting, and shall be given you even to the half of the kingdom." 4 weeping, and wailing; and many lay in sackcloth and Esther said, "If it seems good to the king, let the king ashes. 4 Esther's maidens and her eunuchs came and and Haman come today to the banquet that I have told her this, and the queen was exceedingly grieved. prepared for him." 5 Then the king said, "Bring Haman She sent clothing to Mordecai, to replace his sackcloth; quickly, so that it may be done as Esther has said." So but he did not receive it. 5 Then Esther called for the king and Haman came to the banguet that Esther Hathach, one of the king's eunuchs, whom he had had prepared. 6 The king said to Esther at the banquet appointed to attend her, and commanded him to go to of wine, "What is your petition? It shall be granted you. Mordecai, to find out what this was, and why it was. 6 What is your request? Even to the half of the kingdom So Hathach went out to Mordecai, to city square which it shall be performed." 7 Then Esther answered and was before the King's Gate. 7 Mordecai told him of all said, "My petition and my request is this. 8 If I have that had happened to him, and the exact sum of the found favor in the sight of the king, and if it please the money that Haman had promised to pay to the king's king to grant my petition and to perform my request, treasuries for the destruction of the Jews. 8 He also let the king and Haman come to the banguet that I will gave him the copy of the writing of the decree that prepare for them, and I will do tomorrow as the king has was given out in Shushan to destroy them, to show said." 9 Then Haman went out that day joyful and glad it to Esther, and to declare it to her, and to urge her of heart, but when Haman saw Mordecai in the King's to go in to the king, to make petition to him, and to Gate, that he did not stand up nor move for him, he make request before him, for her people. 9 Hathach was filled with wrath against Mordecai. 10 Nevertheless came and told Esther the words of Mordecai. 10 Then Haman restrained himself, and went home. There, he Esther spoke to Hathach, and gave him a message to sent and called for his friends and Zeresh his wife. 11 Mordecai: 11 "All the king's servants, and the people of Haman recounted to them the glory of his riches, the the king's provinces, know, that whoever, whether man multitude of his children, all the things in which the or woman, comes to the king into the inner court without king had promoted him, and how he had advanced him being called, there is one law for him, that he be put to above the officials and servants of the king. 12 Haman death, except those to whom the king might hold out the also said, "Yes, Esther the gueen let no man come in golden scepter, that he may live. I have not been called with the king to the banguet that she had prepared but to come in to the king these thirty days." 12 They told myself; and tomorrow I am also invited by her together to Mordecai Esther's words. 13 Then Mordecai asked with the king. 13 Yet all this avails me nothing, so long that you will escape in the king's house any more than Then Zeresh his wife and all his friends said to him, "Let all the Jews. 14 For if you remain silent now, then relief a gallows be made seventy-three feet eight inches high, and deliverance will come to the Jews from another and in the morning speak to the king about hanging place, but you and your father's house will perish. Who Mordecai on it. Then go in merrily with the king to the knows if you haven't come to the kingdom for such a banguet." This pleased Haman, so he had the gallows time as this?" 15 Then Esther asked them to answer made. Mordecai, 16 "Go, gather together all the Jews who are present in Shushan, and fast for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day. I and my maidens will also fast the same way. Then I will go in to the king, which is against the law; and if I perish, I perish." 17 So Mordecai went his way, and did according to all that Esther had commanded him.

5 Now it happened on the third day that Esther put on her royal clothing, and stood in the inner court of the king's house, next to the king's house. The king sat on

Mordecai tore his clothes, and put on sackcloth with of the house. 2 When the king saw Esther the gueen clothed with sackcloth. 3 In every province, wherever top of the scepter. 3 Then the king asked her, "What them return answer to Esther, "Do not think to yourself as I see Mordecai the Jew sitting at the King's Gate." 14

> 6 On that night, the king couldn't sleep. He commanded the book of records of the chronicles to be brought, and they were read to the king. 2 It was found written that Mordecai had told of Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's eunuchs, who were doorkeepers, who had tried to lay hands on the King Achashyerosh. 3 The king said, "What honor and dignity has been bestowed on Mordecai for this?" Then the king's servants who attended him said, "Nothing has been done for him." 4

The king said. "Who is in the court?" Now Haman had an enemy, even this wicked Haman." Then Haman was come into the outer court of the king's house, to speak afraid before the king and the gueen. 7 The king arose to the king about hanging Mordecai on the gallows that in his wrath from the banquet of wine and went into him, "Look, Haman stands in the court." The king said, for his life to Esther the gueen; for he saw that there "Let him come in." 6 So Haman came in. The king said was evil determined against him by the king. 8 Then to him, "What shall be done to the man whom the king the king returned out of the palace garden into the delights to honor?" Now Haman said in his heart, "Who place of the banquet of wine; and Haman had fallen would the king delight to honor more than myself?" 7 on the couch where Esther was. Then the king said, Haman said to the king, "For the man whom the king "Will he even assault the queen in front of me in the delights to honor, a let royal clothing be brought which house?" As the word went out of the king's mouth, they the king uses to wear, and the horse that the king rides covered Haman's face. 9 Then Harbonah, one of the on, and on the head of which a crown royal is set. 9 And eunuchs who were with the king said, "Look, the gallows one of the king's most noble officials, and let him clothe made for Mordecai, who spoke good for the king, is the man whom the king delights to honor with them, and standing at Haman's house." The king said, "Hang him have him ride on horseback through the city square, and on it." 10 So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he proclaim before him, 'Thus shall it be done to the man had prepared for Mordecai. Then was the king's wrath whom the king delights to honor." 10 Then the king said pacified. to Haman, "Hurry and take the clothing and the horse, as you have said, and do this for Mordecai the Jew, who sits at the King's Gate. Let nothing fail of all that you have spoken." 11 Then Haman took the clothing and the horse, and arrayed Mordecai, and had him ride through the city square, and proclaimed before him, "Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delights to honor." 12 Mordecai came back to the King's Gate, but Haman hurried to his house, mourning and having his head covered. 13 Haman recounted to Zeresh his wife and all his friends everything that had happened to him. Then his wise men and Zeresh his wife said to him, "If Mordecai, before whom you have begun to fall, is of Jewish descent, you will not prevail against him, but you will surely fall before him." 14 While they were yet talking with him, the king's eunuchs came, and hurried to bring Haman to the banguet that Esther had prepared.

 ${f 7}$ So the king and Haman came to banquet with Esther the queen. 2 The king said again to Esther on the second day at the banquet of wine, "What is your petition, gueen Esther? It shall be granted you. What is your request? Even to the half of the kingdom it shall be performed." 3 Then Esther the gueen answered. "If I have found favor in your sight, O king, and if it please the king, let my life be given me at my petition, and my people at my request. 4 For we are sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be slain, and to perish. But if we had been sold for bondservants and bondmaids. I would have held my peace, although the adversary could not have compensated for the king's loss." 5 Then King Achashyerosh said to Esther the gueen, "Who is he, and where is he who dared presume in his heart to do so?" 6 Esther said, "An adversary and

he had prepared for him. 5 The king's servants said to the palace garden. Haman stood up to make request let the clothing and the horse be delivered to the hand of seventy-three feet eight inches high, which Haman has

> ${f 8}$ On that day, King Achashyerosh gave the house of Haman, the Jews' enemy, to Esther the gueen. Mordecai came before the king: for Esther had told what he was to her. 2 The king took off his ring, which he had taken from Haman, and gave it to Mordecai. Esther set Mordecai over the house of Haman. 3 Esther spoke yet again before the king, and fell down at his feet, and begged him with tears to put away the mischief of Haman the Agagite, and his plot that he had devised against the Jews. 4 Then the king held out to Esther the golden scepter. So Esther arose, and stood before the king. 5 She said, "If it pleases the king, and if I have found favor in his sight, and the thing seem right to the king, and I am pleasing in his eyes, let it be written to reverse the letters devised by Haman, the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, which he wrote to destroy the Jews who are in all the king's provinces. 6 For how can I endure to see the disaster that would come to my people? How can I endure to see the destruction of my relatives?" 7 Then King Achashyerosh said to Esther the gueen and to Mordecai the Jew, "See, I have given Esther the house of Haman, and him they have hanged on the gallows, because he laid his hand on the Jews. 8 Write also to the Jews, as it pleases you, in the king's name, and seal it with the king's ring; for the writing which is written in the king's name, and sealed with the king's ring, may not be reversed by any man." 9 Then the king's scribes were called at that time, in the third month Sivan, on the twenty-third day of the month; and it was written according to all that Mordecai commanded to the Jews, and to the satraps, and the governors and officials of the provinces which are from India to Ethiopia, one hundred twenty-seven provinces, to every province according to its writing, and to every

people in their language, and to the Jews in their writing, and Vaizatha. 10 the ten sons of Haman the son of letters, the king granted the Jews who were in every city the queen, "The Jews have slain and destroyed five to gather themselves together, and to defend their life, hundred men in the citadel of Shushan, including the to destroy, to kill, and to cause to perish, all the power of ten sons of Haman; what then have they done in the the people and province that would assault them, their rest of the king's provinces. Now what is your petition? on the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the king, let it be granted to the Jews who are in Shushan month Adar. 13 A copy of the letter, that the decree to do tomorrow also according to this day's decree, and that day to avenge themselves on their enemies. 14 given out in Shushan; and they hanged Haman's ten So the couriers who rode on royal horses went out, sons. 15 The Jews who were in Shushan gathered The decree was given out in the citadel of Shushan. 15 month Adar, and killed three hundred men in Shushan; clothing of blue and white, and with a great crown of other Jews who were in the king's provinces gathered gold, and with a robe of fine linen and purple; and the themselves together, defended their lives, had rest from had light, gladness, joy, and honor. 17 In every province, who hated them; but they did not lay their hand on the and in every city, wherever the king's commandment plunder. 17 This was done on the thirteenth day of the and his decree came, the Jews had gladness, joy, a month Adar; and on the fourteenth day of that month feast, and a good day. Many from among the peoples of they rested and made it a day of feasting and gladness. the land became Jews; for the fear of the Jews was 18 But the Jews who were in Shushan assembled fallen on them.

Q Now in the twelfth month, which is the month Adar, on the thirteenth day of the month, when the king's commandment and his decree drew near to be put in execution, on the day that the enemies of the Jews hoped to conquer them, (but it was turned out the opposite happened, that the Jews conquered those who hated them), 2 the Jews gathered themselves together in their cities throughout all the provinces of the King Achashyerosh, to lay hands on those who wanted to harm them. No one could withstand them, because the fear of them had fallen on all the people. 3 And all the officials of the provinces, the satraps, the governors, and those who did the king's business helped the Jews, because the fear of Mordecai had fallen on them. 4 For Mordecai was great in the king's house, and his fame went out throughout all the provinces; for the man Mordecai grew greater and greater. 5 The Jews struck all their enemies with the stroke of the sword, and with slaughter and destruction, and did what they wanted to those who hated them. 6 In the citadel of Shushan, the Jews killed and destroyed five hundred men. 7 They killed Parshandatha, Dalphon, Aspatha, 8 Poratha, Adalia, Aridatha, 9 Parmashta, Arisai, Aridai,

and in their language. 10 He wrote in the name of King Hammedatha, the Jew's enemy, but they did not lay Achashyerosh, and sealed it with the king's ring, and their hand on the plunder. 11 On that day, the number sent letters by courier on horseback, riding on royal of those who were slain in the citadel of Shushan was horses that were bread from swift steeds. 11 In those brought before the king. 12 The king said to Esther little ones and women, and to plunder their possessions, It shall be granted you. What is your further request? It 12 on one day in all the provinces of King Achashyerosh, shall be done." 13 Then Esther said, "If it pleases the should be given out in every province, was published let Haman's ten sons be hanged on the gallows." 14 to all the peoples, that the Jews should be ready for The king commanded this to be done. A decree was hastened and pressed on by the king's commandment. themselves together on the fourteenth day also of the Mordecai went out of the presence of the king in royal but they did not lay their hand on the spoil. 16 The city of Shushan shouted and was glad. 16 The Jews their enemies, and killed seventy-five thousand of those together on the thirteenth and on the fourteenth days of the month; and on the fifteenth day of that month, they rested, and made it a day of feasting and gladness. 19 Therefore the Jews of the villages, who live in the unwalled towns, make the fourteenth day of the month Adar a day of gladness and feasting, a good day, and a day of sending presents of food to one another. 20 Mordecai wrote these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of the king Achashyerosh, both near and far, 21 to enjoin them that they should keep the fourteenth and fifteenth days of the month Adar yearly, 22 as the days in which the Jews had rest from their enemies, and the month which was turned to them from sorrow to gladness, and from mourning into a good day; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, and of sending presents of food to one another, and gifts to the needy. 23 The Jews accepted the custom that they had begun, as Mordecai had written to them; 24 because Haman the son of Hammedatha, the Agagite, the enemy of all the Jews, had plotted against the Jews to destroy them, and had cast "Pur," that is the lot, to consume them, and to destroy them; 25 but when this became known to the king, he commanded by letters that his wicked device, which he had devised against the Jews, should return

on his own head, and that he and his sons should be hanged on the gallows. 26 Therefore they called these davs "Purim." from the word "Pur." Therefore because of all the words of this letter, and of that which they had seen concerning this matter, and that which had come to them, 27 the Jews established, and imposed on themselves, and on their descendants, and on all those who joined themselves to them, so that it should not fail, that they would keep these two days according to what was written, and according to its appointed time, every year; 28 and that these days should be remembered and kept throughout every generation, every family, every province, and every city; and that these days of Purim should not fail from among the Jews, nor the memory of them perish among their descendants. 29 Then Esther the gueen, the daughter of Abihail, and Mordecai the Jew, wrote with all authority to confirm this second letter of Purim. 30 He sent letters to all the Jews. to the hundred twenty-seven provinces of the kingdom of Achashyerosh, with words of peace and truth, 31 to confirm these days of Purim in their appointed times, as Mordecai the Jew and Esther the gueen had decreed, and as they had imposed upon themselves and their descendants, in the matter of the fastings and their cry. 32 The commandment of Esther confirmed these matters of Purim: and it was written in the book.

10 King Achashyerosh laid a tribute on the land, and on the islands of the sea. 2 All the acts of his power and of his might, and the full account of the greatness of Mordecai, to which the king advanced him, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Media and Persia? 3 For Mordecai the Jew was next to King Achashyerosh, and great among the Jews, and accepted by the multitude of his brothers, seeking the good of his people, and speaking peace to all his descendants.

Job

1 There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job, and that man was blameless and upright, and one who feared God, and turning away from evil. 2 There were born to him seven sons and three daughters. 3 His possessions also were seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen, five hundred female donkeys, and a very great household; so that this man was the greatest of all the people of the east. 4 His sons went and held a feast in the house of each one on his day; and they sent and called for their three sisters to eat and to drink with them. 5 It was so, when the days of their feasting had run their course. that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings according to Satan came also among them to present himself before the number of them all. For Job said, "It may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts." Job did so continually. 6 Now it happened on the day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, that Satan also came among them. 7 The LORD said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, "From going back and forth on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." 8 The LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant, Job? For there is none like him in the earth, a blameless and an upright man, one who fears God, and turns away from evil." 9 Then Satan answered the LORD, and said. "Does Job fear God for nothing? 10 Haven't you made a hedge around him, and around his household, and around all that he has, on every his life." 7 So Satan went forth from the presence of the side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his livestock have increased in the land. 11 But put forth your hand now, and strike all that he has, and he will curse you to your face." 12 The LORD said to Satan. "Look, all that he has is in your power. Only do not put hold firmly to your integrity? Curse God, and die." 10 forth your hand on him." So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD. 13 Now the day came when his sons and his daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house, 14 that there came a In all this Job did not sin with his lips. 11 Now when messenger to Job, and said, "The oxen were plowing, Job's three friends heard of all this adversity that had and the donkeys grazing beside them, 15 and Sheba attacked, and took them away. Yes, they have killed the servants with the edge of the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you." 16 While he was still speaking, there also came another, and said, "The fire of God has When they lifted up their eyes from a distance, and did fallen from the sky, and has burned up the sheep and the young men, and consumed them, and I alone have escaped to tell you." 17 While he was still speaking, there came also another, and said, "The Kasdim made ground seven days and seven nights, and none spoke a three bands, and swept down on the camels, and have word to him, for they saw that his pain was very great. taken them away, and killed the young men with the edge of the sword; and I alone have escaped to tell you."

18 While he was still speaking, there came also another. and said, "Your sons and your daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house, 19 and look, there came a great wind from the wilderness, and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell on the young men, and they are dead. I alone have escaped to tell you." 20 Then Job arose, and tore his robe, and shaved his head, and fell down with his face to the ground. 21 He said, "Naked I came out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return there. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away. Blessed be the name of the LORD." 22 In all this, Job did not sin, nor charge God with wrongdoing.

Again it happened on the day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, that the LORD. 2 The LORD said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the LORD, and said, "From going back and forth on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." 3 The LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? For there is none like him in the earth, a blameless and an upright man, one who fears God, and turns away from evil. And he still holds firmly to his integrity, although you incited me against him, to ruin him without cause." 4 Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, "Skin for skin. Indeed, all that a man has he will give for his life. 5 But put forth your hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face." 6 The LORD said to Satan, "Look, he is in your power. Only preserve LORD, and struck Job with painful boils from the sole of his foot to the top of his head. 8 And he took for himself a potsherd to scrape himself with while he sat among the ashes. 9 Then his wife said to him, "Do you still But he said to her, "You speak as one of the foolish women would speak. Shall we indeed accept good at the hand of God, and shall we not accept adversity?" come on him, they each came from his own place: Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite, and they made an appointment together to come to sympathize with him and to comfort him. 12 not recognize him, they raised their voices, and wept; and they each tore his robe, and threw dust in the air over their heads. 13 So they sat down with him on the

3 After this Job opened his mouth, and cursed his day. are they consumed. 10 The roaring of the lion, and the born, the night which said, 'A man is conceived.' 4 Let broken. 11 The old lion perishes for lack of prey. The that day be darkness. May God above not care about cubs of the lioness are scattered abroad. 12 "Now a it, neither let the light shine on it. 5 Let darkness and thing was secretly brought to me. My ear received a the shadow of death claim it for their own. Let a cloud whisper of it. 13 In thoughts from the visions of the dwell on it. Let the blackness of the day terrify it. 6 As night, when deep sleep falls on men, 14 fear came on for that night, let thick darkness seize on it. Let it not me, and trembling, which made all my bones shake. 15 rejoice among the days of the year. Let it not come Then a spirit passed before my face. The hair of my into the number of the months. 7 Look, let that night flesh stood up. 16 It stood still, but I couldn't discern its be barren. Let no joyful voice come in it. 8 Let them appearance. A form was before my eyes. Silence, then I curse it who curse the day, who are ready to rouse up heard a voice, saying, 17 'Shall mortal man be more just leviathan. 9 Let the stars of its twilight be dark. Let than God? Shall a man be more pure than his Maker? it look for light, but have none, neither let it see the 18 Look, he puts no trust in his servants. He charges eyelids of the morning, 10 because it did not shut up the his angels with error. 19 How much more, those who doors of my mother's womb, nor did it hide trouble from dwell in houses of clay, whose foundation is in the dust. my eyes. 11 "Why did I not die from the womb? Why did who are crushed before the moth. 20 Between morning I not give up the spirit when my mother bore me? 12 and evening they are destroyed. They perish forever Why did the knees receive me? Or why the breast, that without any regarding it. 21 Isn't their tent cord plucked I should suck? 13 For now should I have lain down and up within them? They die, and that without wisdom.' been guiet. I should have slept, then I would have been at rest, 14 with kings and counselors of the earth, who built up waste places for themselves; 15 or with princes who had gold, who filled their houses with silver: 16 or as a hidden untimely birth I had not been, as infants who never saw light. 17 There the wicked cease from troubling. There the weary are at rest. 18 There the prisoners are at ease together. They do not hear the voice of the taskmaster. 19 The small and the great are there. The servant is free from his master. 20 "Why is light given to him who is in misery, life to the bitter in soul, 21 Who long for death, but it doesn't come; and dig for it more than for hidden treasures, 22 who rejoice exceedingly, and are glad, when they can find the grave? 23 Why is light given to a man whose way is hid, whom God has hedged in? 24 For my sighing comes before I eat. My groanings are poured out like water. 25 For the thing which I fear comes on me, That which I am afraid of comes to me. 26 I am not at ease, neither am I quiet, neither have I rest; but trouble comes."

1 Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered, **2** "If someone ventures to talk with you, will you be grieved? But who can withhold himself from speaking? 3 Look, you have instructed many, you have strengthened the weak hands. 4 Your words have supported him who was falling, You have made firm the feeble knees. 5 But now it is come to you, and you faint. It touches you, and you are troubled. 6 Isn't your piety your confidence? Isn't the integrity of your ways your hope? 7 "Remember, now, whoever perished, being innocent? Or where were the upright cut off? 8 According to what I have seen, those who plow iniquity, and sow trouble, reap the same. 9 By the scourge of the tongue, neither shall you be afraid

2 Job answered: 3 "Let the day perish in which I was voice of the fierce lion, the teeth of the young lions, are

5 "Call now; is there any who will answer you? To which of the holy ones will you turn? 2 For resentment kills the foolish man, and jealousy kills the simple. 3 I have seen the foolish taking root, but suddenly I cursed his habitation. 4 His children are far from safety. They are crushed in the gate. Neither is there any to deliver them, 5 whose harvest the hungry eats up, and take it even out of the thorns. And the thirsty swallow up their wealth. 6 For affliction doesn't come forth from the dust, neither does trouble spring out of the ground; 7 but man is born to trouble, as the sparks fly upward. 8 "But as for me. I would seek God. I would commit my cause to God, 9 who does great things that can't be fathomed, marvelous things without number; 10 who gives rain on the earth, and sends waters on the fields; 11 so that he sets up on high those who are low, those who mourn are exalted to safety. 12 He frustrates the devices of the crafty, So that their hands can't perform their enterprise. 13 He traps the wise in their own craftiness, and the counsel of the cunning are brought to a quick end. 14 They meet with darkness in the day time, and grope at noonday as in the night. 15 But he saves from the sword of their mouth, even the needy from the hand of the mighty. 16 So the poor has hope, and injustice shuts her mouth. 17 "Look, blessed is the man whom God corrects. Therefore do not despise the chastening of Shaddai. 18 For he wounds, and binds up. He injures, and his hands make whole. 19 He will deliver you in six troubles; yes, in seven there shall no evil touch you. 20 In famine he will redeem you from death; in war, from the power of the sword. 21 You shall be hidden from the breath of God they perish. By the blast of his anger of destruction when it comes. 22 At destruction and

animals of the earth. 23 For you shall be in league with Now therefore be pleased to look at me, for surely I the stones of the field. The animals of the field shall be shall not lie to your face. 29 Please return. Let there be peace. You shall visit your fold, and shall miss nothing. Is there injustice on my tongue? Can't my taste discern 25 You shall know also that your descendants shall be mischievous things? great, and your offspring as the grass of the earth. 26 You shall come to your grave in a full age, like a shock of grain comes in its season. 27 Look this, we have searched it, so it is. Hear it, and know it for your good."

weighed, and all my calamity laid in the balances. 3 For now it would be heavier than the sand of the seas. therefore have my words been rash. 4 For the arrows of Shaddai are within me. My spirit drinks up their poison. The terrors of God set themselves in array against me. 5 Does the wild donkey bray when he has grass? Or does the ox low over his fodder? 6 Can that which has no flavor be eaten without salt? Or is there any taste in the white of an egg? 7 My soul refuses to touch them. They are as loathsome food to me. 8 "Oh that I might have my request, that God would grant the thing that I long for, 9 even that it would please God to crush me; that he would let loose his hand, and cut me off. 10 Be it still my consolation, yes, let me exult in pain that doesn't spare, that I have not denied the words of the Holy One. 11 What is my strength, that I should wait? What is my end, that I should be patient? 12 Is my strength the strength of stones? Or is my flesh of bronze? 13 Isn't it that I have no help in me. That 15 so that my soul chooses strangling, death rather than wisdom is driven guite from me? 14 "To the despairing, kindness should be shown from his friend: even to him who forsakes the fear of Shaddai. 15 My brothers have dealt deceitfully as a brook, as the channel of brooks that pass away; 16 Which are black by reason of the ice, in which the snow hides itself. 17 In the dry season, they vanish. When it is hot, they are consumed out of their place. 18 The caravans that travel beside them turn aside. They go up into the waste, and perish. 19 The caravans of Tema looked. The companies of Sheba waited for them. 20 They were distressed because they were confident. They came there, and were confounded. 21 For now you are nothing. You see a terror, and are afraid. 22 Did I say, 'Give to me?' or, 'Offer a present for me from your substance?' 23 or, 'Deliver me from the adversary's hand?' or, 'Redeem me from the hand of the oppressors?' 24 "Teach me, and I will hold my peace. Cause me to understand wherein I have erred. 25 How forcible are words of uprightness. But your reproof, what does it reprove? 26 Do you intend to reprove words, seeing that the speeches of one who is desperate are as wind? 27 Yes, you would even cast lots for the

famine you shall laugh, neither shall you be afraid of the fatherless, and make merchandise of your friend, 28 at peace with you. 24 You shall know that your tent is in no injustice. Yes, return again. My cause is righteous. 30

7 "Isn't a man forced to labor on earth? Aren't his days like the days of a hired hand? 2 As a servant who earnestly desires the shadow, as a hireling who looks for his wages, 3 so am I made to possess months of 6 Then Job answered, 2 "Oh that my anguish were misery, wearisome nights are appointed to me. 4 When I lie down, I say, 'When shall I arise, and the night be gone?' I toss and turn until the dawning of the day. 5 My flesh is clothed with worms and clods of dust. My skin closes up, and breaks out afresh. 6 My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle, and are spent without hope. 7 Oh remember that my life is a breath. My eye shall no more see good. 8 The eye of him who sees me shall see me no more. Your eyes shall be on me, but I shall not be. 9 As the cloud is consumed and vanishes away, so he who goes down to Sheol shall come up no more. (Sheol h7585) 10 He shall return no more to his house, neither shall his place know him any more. 11 "Therefore I will not keep silent. I will speak in the anguish of my spirit. I will complain in the bitterness of my soul. 12 Am I a sea, or a sea monster, that you put a guard over me? 13 When I say, 'My bed shall comfort me. My couch shall ease my complaint;' 14 then you scare me with dreams, and terrify me through visions: my bones. 16 I loathe my life. I do not want to live forever. Leave me alone, for my days are but a breath. 17 What is man, that you should magnify him, that you should set your mind on him, 18 that you should visit him every morning, and test him every moment? 19 How long will you not look away from me, nor leave me alone until I swallow down my spittle? 20 If I have sinned, what do I do to you, you watcher of men? Why have you set me as a mark for you, so that I am a burden to myself? 21 Why do you not pardon my disobedience, and take away my iniquity? For now shall I lie down in the dust. You will seek me diligently, but I shall not be."

> 8 Then Bildad the Shuhite answered, 2 "How long will you speak these things? Shall the words of your mouth be a mighty wind? 3 Does God pervert justice? Or does Shaddai pervert righteousness? 4 If your children have sinned against him, He has delivered them into the hand of their disobedience. 5 If you want to seek God diligently, make your petition to Shaddai, 6 If you were pure and upright, surely now he would awaken for you, and make the habitation of your righteousness prosperous. 7 Though your beginning was small, yet

vour latter end would greatly increase. 8 "Please inquire regard myself. I despise my life. 22 "It is all the same. of past generations. Find out about the learning of Therefore I say he destroys the blameless and the their fathers. 9 (For we are but of yesterday, and know wicked. 23 If the scourge kills suddenly, he will mock at nothing, because our days on earth are a shadow.) 10 the trial of the innocent. 24 The earth is given into the Shall they not teach you, tell you, and utter words out of hand of the wicked. He covers the faces of its judges. If their heart? 11 "Can the papyrus grow up without mire? not he, then who is it? 25 "Now my days are swifter Can the rushes grow without water? 12 While it is yet than a runner. They flee away, they see no good, 26 in its greenness, not cut down, it withers before any They have passed away as the swift ships, as the eagle other reed. 13 So are the paths of all who forget God. that swoops on the prey. 27 If I say, 'I will forget my The hope of the godless man shall perish, 14 Whose complaint, I will put off my sad face, and cheer up;' 28 I confidence shall break apart, Whose trust is a spider's am afraid of all my sorrows, I know that you will not hold web. 15 He shall lean on his house, but it shall not me innocent. 29 I shall be condemned. Why then do I stand. He shall cling to it, but it shall not endure. 16 He labor in vain? 30 If I wash myself with snow water, and is green before the sun. His shoots go forth over his cleanse my hands with lye, 31 yet you will plunge me in garden. 17 His roots are wrapped around the rock pile. the ditch. My own clothes shall abhor me. 32 For he He sees the place of stones. 18 If he is destroyed from is not a man, as I am, that I should answer him, that his place, then it shall deny him, saying, 'I have not seen we should come together in judgment. 33 There is no you.' 19 Look, this is the joy of his way: out of the earth, umpire between us, that might lay his hand on us both. others shall spring. 20 "Look, God will not cast away a 34 Let him take his rod away from me. Let his terror not blameless man, neither will he uphold the evildoers. 21 make me afraid; 35 then I would speak, and not fear He will still fill your mouth with laughter, your lips with him, for I am not so in myself. shouting. 22 Those who hate you shall be clothed with shame. The tent of the wicked shall be no more."

prospered? 5 He removes the mountains, and they do 5 Are your days as the days of mortals, or your years as not know it, when he overturns them in his anger. 6 He man's years, 6 that you inquire after my iniquity, and shakes the earth out of its place. Its pillars tremble. 7 He search after my sin? 7 Although you know that I am commands the sun, and it doesn't rise, and seals up the not wicked, there is no one who can deliver out of your stars. 8 He alone stretches out the heavens, and treads hand. 8 "Your hands have framed me and fashioned on the waves of the sea. 9 He makes Osh, Kesil, and me altogether, yet you destroy me. 9 Remember, I beg Kimah, and the chambers of the south. 10 He does great you, that you have fashioned me as clay. Will you bring things past finding out; yes, marvelous things without me into dust again? 10 Haven't you poured me out like number. 11 Look, he goes by me, and I do not see him. milk, and curdled me like cheese? 11 You have clothed he snatches away. Who can hinder him? Who will ask and sinews. 12 You have granted me life and loving yet I wouldn't answer him. I would make petition to my me. If I am righteous, I still shall not lift up my head, judge. 16 If I had called, and he had answered me, yet I being filled with disgrace, and conscious of my affliction. wouldn't believe that he listened to my voice. 17 For 16 And if I lift myself up, you hunt me like a lion. Again he bruises me with a storm, and multiplies my wounds you show yourself powerful to me. 17 You renew your without cause. 18 He will not allow me to catch my witnesses against me, and increase your indignation breath, but fills me with bitterness. 19 If it is a matter on me. Changes and warfare are with me. 18 "Why, of strength, look, he is mighty. And if of justice, who then, have you brought me forth out of the womb? I will summon him? 20 Though I am righteous, my own wish I had given up the spirit, and no eve had seen mouth shall condemn me. Though I am blameless, it me. 19 I should have been as though I had not been. I shall prove me perverse. 21 I am blameless. I do not should have been carried from the womb to the grave.

10 "My soul is weary of my life. I will give free course to my complaint. I will speak in the bitterness of Q Then Job answered, 2 "Truly I know that it is so, but my soul. 2 I will tell God, 'Do not condemn me. Show how can man be just with God? 3 If he is pleased me why you contend with me. 3 Is it good to you that to contend with him, he can't answer him one time in you should oppress, that you should despise the work of a thousand. 4 For he is wise in heart, and mighty in your hands, and smile on the counsel of the wicked? 4 strength: who has hardened himself against him, and Do you have eyes of flesh? Or do you see as man sees? He passes on also, but I do not perceive him. 12 Look, me with skin and flesh, and knit me together with bones him, 'What are you doing?' 13 'God will not withdraw kindness. Your visitation has preserved my spirit. 13 his anger. The helpers of Rahab stoop under him. 14 Yet you hid these things in your heart. I know that this How much less shall I answer him, And choose my is with you: 14 if I sin, then you mark me. You will not words to argue with him? 15 Though I were righteous, acquit me from my iniquity. 15 If I am wicked, woe to 20 Aren't my days few? Cease then, Leave me alone, the sea shall declare to you, 9 Who doesn't know that as midnight."

1 Then Zophar, the Naamathite, answered. 2 "Shouldn't the multitude of words be answered? Should a man full of talk be justified? 3 Should your boastings make men hold their peace? When you mock, shall no man make you ashamed? 4 For you say, 'My doctrine is pure. I am clean in your eyes.' 5 But oh that God would speak, and open his lips against you, 6 that he would show you the secrets of wisdom. For true wisdom has two sides. Know therefore that God exacts of you less than your iniquity deserves. 7 "Can you fathom the mystery of God? Or can you probe the limits of Shaddai? 8 They are high as heaven. What can you do? They are deeper than Sheol. What can you know? (Sheol h7585) 9 Its measure is longer than the earth, and broader than the sea. 10 If he passes by, or confines, or convenes a court, then who can oppose him? 11 For he knows false men. He sees iniguity also, even though he doesn't consider it. 12 An empty-headed man becomes wise when a man is born as a wild donkey's colt. 13 "If you set your heart aright, stretch out your hands toward him. 14 If iniquity is in your hand, put it far away. Do not let unrighteousness dwell in your tents. 15 Surely then you shall lift up your face without spot; Yes, you shall be steadfast, and shall not fear: 16 for you shall forget your misery. You shall remember it as waters that are passed away. 17 Life shall be clearer than the noonday. Though there is darkness, it shall be as the morning. 18 You shall be secure, because there is hope. Yes, you shall search, and shall take your rest in safety. 19 Also you shall lie down, and none shall make you afraid. for God, and talk deceitfully for him? 8 Will you show Yes, many shall court your favor. 20 But the eyes of the partiality to him? Will you contend for God? 9 Is it good wicked shall fail. They shall have no way to flee. Their that he should search you out? Or as one deceives a hope shall be the giving up of the spirit."

12 Then Job answered, 2 "No doubt, but you are the people, and wisdom shall die with you. 3 But I have understanding as well as you; I am not inferior to you. Yes, who doesn't know such things as these? 41 am like one who is a joke to his neighbor. I, who called on God, and he answered. The just, the blameless man is a joke. 5 In the thought of him who is at ease there is contempt for misfortune. It is ready for them whose foot slips. 6 The tents of robbers prosper. Those who provoke God are secure, who carry their god in their hands. 7 "But ask the animals, now, and they shall teach you; the birds of the sky, and they shall tell you. 8 Or speak to the earth, and it shall teach you. The fish of

that I may find a little comfort, 21 before I go where I in all these, the hand of the LORD has done this, 10 shall not return from, to the land of darkness and of the in whose hand is the life of every living thing, and the shadow of death; 22 the land dark as midnight, of the breath of all humankind? 11 Doesn't the ear try words, shadow of death, without any order, where the light is even as the palate tastes its food? 12 With aged men is wisdom, in length of days understanding. 13 "With him is wisdom and might. He has counsel and understanding. 14 Look, he breaks down, and it can't be built again. He imprisons a man, and there can be no release. 15 Look, he withholds the waters, and they dry up. Again, he sends them out, and they overturn the earth. 16 With him is strength and wisdom. The deceived and the deceiver are his. 17 He leads counselors away stripped. He makes judges fools. 18 He loosens the bond of kings. He binds their waist with a belt. 19 He leads priests away stripped, and overthrows the mighty. 20 He removes the speech of those who are trusted, and takes away the understanding of the elders. 21 He pours contempt on princes, and loosens the belt of the strong. 22 He uncovers deep things out of darkness, and brings out to light the shadow of death. 23 He increases the nations, and he destroys them. He enlarges the nations, and he leads them captive. 24 He takes away understanding from the chiefs of the people of the earth. and causes them to wander in a wilderness where there is no way. 25 They grope in the dark without light. He makes them stagger like a drunken man.

> 13 "Look, my eye has seen all this. My ear has heard and understood it. 2 What you know, I know also. I am not inferior to you. 3 "Surely I would speak to Shaddai. I desire to reason with God. 4 But you are forgers of lies. You are all physicians of no value. 5 Oh that you would be completely silent. Then you would be wise. 6 Hear now my reasoning. Listen to the pleadings of my lips. 7 Will you speak unrighteously man, will you deceive him? 10 He will surely reprove you if you secretly show partiality. 11 Shall not his maiesty make you afraid. And his dread fall on you? 12 Your memorable sayings are proverbs of ashes, Your defenses are defenses of clay. 13 "Be silent, leave me alone, that I may speak. Let come on me what will. 14 Why should I take my flesh in my teeth, and put my life in my hand? 15 Look, he will kill me. I have no hope. Nevertheless, I will maintain my ways before him. 16 This also shall be my salvation, that a godless man shall not come before him. 17 Hear diligently my speech. Let my declaration be in your ears. 18 See now, I have set my cause in order. I know that I am righteous. 19 Who is he who will contend with me? For then would I hold my peace and give up the spirit. 20 "Only do not

do two things to me; then I will not hide myself from your face: 21 withdraw your hand far from me; and do thing, like a garment that is moth-eaten.

1 1 "Man, who is born of a woman, is of few days, and full of trouble. 2 He comes forth like a flower, and is cut down. He also flees like a shadow, and doesn't continue. 3 Do you open your eyes on such a one, and bring me into judgment with you? 4 Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? Not one. 5 Seeing his days are determined, the number of his months is with you, and you have appointed his bounds that he can't pass; 6 Look away from him, that he may rest, until he shall accomplish, as a hireling, his day. 7 "For there is hope for a tree, If it is cut down, that it will sprout again, that the tender branch of it will not cease. 8 Though its root grows old in the earth, and its stock dies in the ground, 9 yet through the scent of water it will bud, and put forth boughs like a plant. 10 But man dies, and is laid low. Yes, man gives up the spirit, and where is he? 11 As the waters fail from the sea, and the river wastes and dries up, 12 so man lies down and doesn't rise. Until the heavens are no more, they shall not awake, nor be roused out of their sleep. 13 "Oh that you would hide me in Sheol, that you would keep me secret, until your wrath is past, that you would appoint me a set time, and remember me. (Sheol h7585) 14 If a man dies, shall he live again? All the days of my warfare would I wait, until my release should come. 15 You would call, and I would answer you. You would have a desire to the work of your hands. 16 But now you number my steps. Do you not watch over my sin? 17 My disobedience is sealed up in a bag. You fasten up my iniquity. 18 "But the mountain falling comes to nothing. The rock is removed out of its place; 19 The waters wear the stones. The torrents of it wash away the dust of the earth. So you destroy the hope of man. 20 You forever prevail against him, and he departs. You change his face, and send him away. 21 His sons come to honor, and he doesn't know it. They are brought low, but he doesn't perceive it of them. 22 But his flesh on him has pain, and his soul within him mourns."

5 Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered, 2 "Should a wise man answer with vain knowledge, and fill not let your terror make me afraid. 22 Then call, and I himself with the east wind? 3 Should he reason with will answer; or let me speak, and you answer me. 23 unprofitable talk, or with speeches with which he can How many are my iniquities and sins? Make me know do no good? 4 Yes, you do away with fear, and hinder my disobedience and my sin. 24 Why hide you your devotion before God. 5 For your iniquity teaches your face, and hold me for your enemy? 25 Will you harass a mouth, and you choose the language of the crafty. 6 driven leaf? Will you pursue the dry stubble? 26 For you Your own mouth condemns you, and not I. Yes, your write bitter things against me, and make me inherit the own lips testify against you. 7 "Are you the first man iniquities of my youth: 27 You also put my feet in the who was born? Or were you brought forth before the stocks, and mark all my paths. You set a bound to the hills? 8 Have you heard the secret counsel of God? Do soles of my feet, 28 though I am decaying like a rotten you limit wisdom to yourself? 9 What do you know, that we do not know? What do you understand, which is not in us? 10 With us are both the gray-headed and the very aged men, much elder than your father. 11 Are the consolations of God too small for you, even the word that is gentle toward you? 12 Why does your heart carry you away? Why do your eyes flash, 13 That you turn your spirit against God, and let such words go out of your mouth? 14 What is man, that he should be clean? What is he who is born of a woman, that he should be righteous? 15 Look, he puts no trust in his holy ones. Yes, the heavens are not clean in his sight; 16 how much less one who is abominable and corrupt, a man who drinks iniquity like water. 17 "I will show you, listen to me; that which I have seen I will declare: 18 (Which wise men have told by their fathers, and have not hidden it; 19 to whom alone the land was given, and no stranger passed among them): 20 the wicked man writhes in pain all his days, even the number of years that are laid up for the oppressor. 21 A sound of terrors is in his ears. In prosperity the destroyer shall come on him. 22 He doesn't believe that he shall return out of darkness. He is waited for by the sword. 23 He wanders abroad for bread, saying, 'Where is it?' He knows that the day of darkness is ready at his hand. 24 Distress and anguish make him afraid. They prevail against him, as a king ready to the battle. 25 Because he has stretched out his hand against God, and behaves himself proudly against Shaddai; 26 he runs at him with a stiff neck, with the thick shields of his bucklers; 27 because he has covered his face with his fatness, and gathered fat on his thighs. 28 He has lived in desolate cities, in houses which no one inhabited, which were ready to become heaps. 29 He shall not be rich, neither shall his substance continue, neither shall their possessions be extended on the earth. 30 He shall not depart out of darkness. The flame shall dry up his branches. By the breath of God's mouth shall he go away. 31 Let him not trust in emptiness, deceiving himself; for emptiness shall be his reward. 32 It shall be accomplished before his time. His branch shall not be green. 33 He shall shake off his unripe grape as the vine, and shall cast forth iniquity. Their heart prepares deceit."

16 Then Job answered, 2 "I have heard many such things. You are all miserable comforters. 3 Shall vain words have an end? Or what provokes you that you answer? 4 I also could speak as you do. If your soul were in my soul's place, I could join words together against you, and shake my head at you, 5 but I would strengthen you with my mouth. The solace of my lips would relieve you. 6 "Though I speak, my grief is not subsided. Though I forbear, what am I eased? 7 But now he has worn me out. You have laid waste all my company. 8 You have shriveled me up. This is a witness against me. My leanness rises up against me. It testifies to my face. 9 He has torn me in his wrath, and persecuted me. He has gnashed on me with his teeth. My adversary sharpens his eyes on me. 10 They have gaped on me with their mouth. They have struck me you? Or shall the rock be removed out of its place? 5 on the cheek reproachfully. They gather themselves together against me. 11 God delivers me to the ungodly. and casts me into the hands of the wicked. 12 I was at tent. His lamp above him shall be put out. 7 The steps ease, and he broke me apart. Yes, he has taken me by of his strength shall be shortened. His own counsel the neck, and dashed me to pieces. He has also set me shall cast him down. 8 For he is cast into a net by his up for his target. 13 His archers surround me. He splits own feet, and he wanders into its mesh. 9 A snare will my kidneys apart, and does not spare. He pours out my take him by the heel. A trap will catch him. 10 A noose gall on the ground. 14 He breaks me with breach on is hidden for him in the ground, a trap for him in the breach. He runs on me like a giant. 15 I have sewed way. 11 Terrors shall make him afraid on every side, sackcloth on my skin, and have thrust my horn in the and shall chase him at his heels. 12 His strength shall dust. 16 My face is red with weeping. Deep darkness is be famished. Calamity shall be ready at his side. 13 The on my eyelids. 17 Although there is no violence in my members of his body shall be devoured. The firstborn of hands, and my prayer is pure. 18 "Earth, do not cover death shall devour his members. 14 He shall be rooted my blood. Let my cry have no place to rest. 19 Even out of his tent where he trusts. He shall be brought now, look, my witness is in heaven. He who vouches for me is on high. 20 My friends scoff at me. My eyes pour out tears to God, 21 that he would maintain the right of his habitation. 16 His roots shall be dried up beneath. a man with God, of a son of man with his neighbor. 22 For when a few years have come, I shall go the way perish from the earth. He shall have no name in the from where I shall not return.

17 "My spirit is consumed. My days are extinct, And the grave is ready for me. 2 Surely there are mockers with me. My eye dwells on their provocation. 3 "Now give a pledge, be collateral for me with yourself. Who is there who will strike hands with me? 4 For you have hidden their heart from understanding. Therefore you shall not exalt them. 5 He who denounces his friends for a prey, Even the eyes of his children shall fail. 6 "But he has made me a byword of the people. They spit in my face. 7 My eye also is dim by reason of sorrow. All my members are as a shadow. 8 Upright men shall be astonished at this. The innocent shall stir

off his flower as the olive tree, 34 For the company of up himself against the godless, 9 Yet shall the righteous the godless shall be barren, and fire shall consume the hold on his way. He who has clean hands shall grow tents of bribery. 35 They conceive mischief, and bring stronger and stronger. 10 But as for you all, come on now again; I shall not find a wise man among you. 11 My days are past, my plans are broken off, as are the thoughts of my heart. 12 They change the night into day, saying 'The light is near' in the presence of darkness. 13 If I look for Sheol as my house, if I have spread my couch in the darkness, (Sheol h7585) 14 If I have said to corruption, 'You are my father;' to the worm, 'My mother,' and 'my sister;' 15 where then is my hope? As for my hope, who shall see it? 16 Shall it go down with me to the gates of Sheol, or descend together into the dust?" (Sheol h7585)

> **1 R** Then Bildad the Shuhite answered, **2** "How long will you hunt for words? Consider, and afterwards we will speak. 3 Why are we counted as animals, which have become unclean in your sight? 4 You who tear yourself in your anger, shall the earth be forsaken for "Yes, the light of the wicked shall be put out, The spark of his fire shall not shine. 6 The light shall be dark in his to the king of terrors. 15 There shall dwell in his tent that which is none of his. Sulfur shall be scattered on Above shall his branch be cut off. 17 His memory shall street. 18 He shall be driven from light into darkness. and chased out of the world. 19 He shall have neither son nor grandson among his people, nor any remaining where he sojourned. 20 Those who come after shall be astonished at his day, as those who went before were frightened. 21 Surely such are the dwellings of the unrighteous. This is the place of him who doesn't know God."

> 19 Then Job answered, 2 "How long will you torment me, and crush me with words? 3 You have reproached me ten times. You aren't ashamed that you attack me. 4 If it is true that I have erred, my error remains with myself. 5 If indeed you will magnify

vourselves against me, and plead my disgrace against more, neither shall his place any more see him. 10 His me: 6 know now that God has subverted me, and has children shall seek the favor of the poor. His hands shall surrounded me with his net. 7 "Look, I cry out 'Injustice.' give back his wealth. 11 His bones are full of his youth, but there is no justice. 8 He has walled up my way so but youth shall lie down with him in the dust. 12 "Though that I can't pass, and has set darkness in my paths. 9 wickedness is sweet in his mouth, though he hide it He has stripped me of my glory, and taken the crown under his tongue, 13 though he spare it, and will not let from my head. 10 He has broken me down on every it go, but keep it still within his mouth; 14 yet his food in a tree. 11 He has also kindled his wrath against me. He has swallowed down riches, and he shall vomit them He counts me among his adversaries. 12 His troops up again. God will cast them out of his belly. 16 He shall come on together, build a siege ramp against me, and suck cobra venom. The viper's tongue shall kill him. 17 camp around my tent. 13 "He has put my brothers far He shall not look at the rivers, the flowing streams of from me. My acquaintances are wholly estranged from honey and butter. 18 That for which he labored he shall me. 14 My relatives have gone away. My familiar friends restore, and shall not swallow it down. According to the have forgotten me. 15 Those who dwell in my house, substance that he has gotten, he shall not rejoice. 19 and my maids, count me for a stranger. I am a foreigner For he has oppressed and forsaken the poor. He has in their sight. 16 I call to my servant, and he gives me violently taken away a house, and he shall not build it no answer. I beg him with my mouth. 17 My breath is up. 20 "Because he knew no quietness within him, he offensive to my wife. I am loathsome to the children of shall not save anything of that in which he delights. 21 my own mother. 18 Even young children despise me. If I There was nothing left that he did not devour, therefore arise, they speak against me. 19 All my familiar friends his prosperity shall not endure. 22 In the fullness of his abhor me. They whom I loved have turned against me. sufficiency, distress shall overtake him. The hand of 20 My bones stick to my skin and to my flesh. I have everyone who is in misery shall come on him. 23 When escaped by the skin of my teeth. 21 "Have pity on me, he is about to fill his belly, he will cast the fierceness of have pity on me, you my friends; for the hand of God his wrath on him. It will rain on him while he is eating. has touched me. 22 Why do you persecute me as God, 24 He shall flee from the iron weapon. The bronze arrow and are not satisfied with my flesh? 23 "Oh that my shall strike him through. 25 He draws it forth, and it words were now written. Oh that they were inscribed in comes out of his body. Yes, the glittering point comes a scroll. 24 That with an iron pen and lead they were out of his liver. Terrors are on him. 26 All darkness is engraved in the rock forever. 25 But as for me, I know laid up for his treasures. An unfanned fire shall devour that my Redeemer lives. In the end, he will stand upon him. It shall consume that which is left in his tent. 27 the earth. 26 After my skin is destroyed, then in my The heavens shall reveal his iniquity. The earth shall flesh shall I see God, 27 Whom I, even I, shall see on rise up against him. 28 The increase of his house shall my side. My eyes shall see, and not as a stranger. My depart. They shall rush away in the day of his wrath. heart is consumed within me. 28 If you say, 'How we will 29 This is the portion of a wicked man from God, the persecute him, because the root of the matter is found heritage appointed to him by God." in him.' 29 Be afraid of the sword, for wrath brings the judgment."

the night. 9 The eye which saw him shall see him no

side, and I am gone. My hope he has plucked up like his bowels is turned. It is cobra venom within him. 15

punishments of the sword, that you may know there is a 21 Then Job answered, 2 "Listen diligently to my speech. Let this be your consolation. 3 Allow me, and I also will speak; After I have spoken, mock on. 4 20 Then Zophar the Naamathite answered, 2 As for me, is my complaint to man? Why shouldn't I be "Therefore do my thoughts give answer to me, impatient? 5 Look at me, and be astonished. Lay your even by reason of my haste that is in me. 3 I have hand on your mouth. 6 When I remember, I am troubled. heard the reproof which puts me to shame. The spirit Horror takes hold of my flesh. 7 "Why do the wicked of my understanding answers me. 4 Do you not know live, become old, yes, and grow mighty in power? 8 this from old time, since humankind was placed on Their child is established with them in their sight, their earth, 5 that the triumphing of the wicked is short, the offspring before their eyes. 9 Their houses are safe iov of the godless but for a moment? 6 Though his from fear, neither is the rod of God upon them. 10 Their height mount up to the heavens, and his head reach to bulls breed without fail. Their cows calve, and do not the clouds, 7 yet he shall perish forever like his own miscarry. 11 They send forth their little ones like a flock. dung. Those who have seen him shall say, 'Where is Their children dance. 12 They sing to the tambourine he?' 8 He shall fly away as a dream, and shall not be and harp, and rejoice at the sound of the pipe. 13 They found. Yes, he shall be chased away like a vision of spend their days in prosperity. In an instant they go

down to Sheol. (Sheol h7585) 14 They tell God. 'Depart high they are. 13 You say. 'What does God know? Can Who shall repay him what he has done? 32 Yet he delivered through the cleanness of your hands." will be borne to the grave. Men shall keep watch over the tomb. 33 The clods of the valley shall be sweet to him. All men shall draw after him, as there were innumerable before him. 34 So how can you comfort me with nonsense, seeing that in your answers there remains only falsehood?"

22 Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered, 2 "Can a man be profitable to God? Surely he who is wise is profitable to himself. 3 Is it any pleasure to Shaddai, that you are righteous? Or does it benefit him, that you make your ways perfect? 4 Is it for your piety that he reproves you, that he enters with you into judgment? 5 Isn't your wickedness great? Neither is there any end to your iniquities. 6 For you have taken pledges from your brother for nothing, and stripped the naked of their clothing. 7 You haven't given water to the weary to drink, and you have withheld bread from the hungry. 8 But as for the mighty man, he had the earth. The honorable man, he lived in it. 9 You have sent widows away empty, and the arms of the fatherless have been broken. 10 Therefore snares are around you. Sudden fear troubles you, 11 or darkness, so that you can not see, and floods of waters cover you. 12 "Isn't God in the heights of heaven? See the height of the stars, how

from us, for we do not want to know about your ways. he judge through the thick darkness? 14 Thick clouds 15 What is Shaddai, that we should serve him? What are a covering to him, so that he doesn't see. He walks profit should we have, if we pray to him?' 16 Look, their on the vault of the sky.' 15 Will you keep the old way, prosperity is not in their hand. The counsel of the wicked which wicked men have trodden, 16 who were snatched is far from me. 17 "How often is it that the lamp of the away before their time, whose foundation was poured wicked is put out, that their calamity comes on them, out as a stream, 17 who said to God, 'Depart from us,' that he distributes sorrows in his anger? 18 How often and, "What can Shaddai do for us?' 18 Yet he filled their is it that they are as stubble before the wind, as chaff houses with good things, but the counsel of the wicked that the storm carries away? 19 You say, 'God lays up is far from me. 19 The righteous see it, and are glad. his iniquity for his children.' Let him recompense it to The innocent ridicule them, 20 saying, 'Surely those who himself, that he may know it. 20 Let his own eyes see rose up against us are cut off. The fire has consumed his destruction. Let him drink of the wrath of Shaddai. the remnant of them.' 21 "Acquaint yourself with him, 21 For what does he care for his house after him, when now, and be at peace. Thereby good shall come to you. the number of his months is cut off? 22 "Shall any teach 22 Please receive instruction from his mouth, and lay up God knowledge, seeing he judges those who are high? his words in your heart. 23 If you return to Shaddai, 23 One dies in his full strength, being wholly at ease you shall be built up, if you put away unrighteousness and quiet. 24 His pails are full of milk. The marrow of far from your tents. 24 Lay your treasure in the dust, his bones is moistened. 25 Another dies in bitterness the gold of Ophir among the stones of the brooks. 25 of soul, and never tastes of good. 26 They lie down Shaddai will be your treasure, and precious silver to alike in the dust. The worm covers them. 27 "Look, I you. 26 For then you will delight yourself in Shaddai, know your thoughts, the devices with which you would and shall lift up your face to God. 27 You shall make wrong me. 28 For you say, 'Where is the house of the your prayer to him, and he will hear you. You shall pay prince? Where is the tent in which the wicked lived?' 29 your vows. 28 And you will also decree a thing, and Haven't you asked wayfaring men? Do you not know it will be established for you, and light will shine on their evidences, 30 that the evil man is reserved to your ways. 29 When they cast down, you shall say, the day of calamity, That they are led forth to the day 'be lifted up.' And he will save the humble. 30 He will of wrath? 31 Who shall declare his way to his face? even deliver him who is not innocent. Yes, he shall be

> 23 Then Job answered, 2 "Even today my complaint is rebellious. His hand is heavy in spite of my groaning. 3 Oh that I knew where I might find him. That I might come even to his seat. 4 I would set my cause in order before him, and fill my mouth with arguments. 5 I would know the words which he would answer me, and understand what he would tell me. 6 Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power? No, but he would listen to me. 7 There the upright might reason with him, so I should be delivered forever from my judge. 8 "If I go east, he is not there; if west, I can't find him; 9 He works to the north, but I can't see him. He turns south, but I can't catch a glimpse of him. 10 But he knows the way that I take. When he has tried me, I shall come forth like gold. 11 My foot has held fast to his steps. I have kept his way, and not turned aside. 12 I haven't gone back from the commandment of his lips. I have treasured up the words of his mouth more than my necessary food. 13 But he stands alone, and who can oppose him? What his soul desires, even that he does. 14 For he performs that which is appointed for me. Many such things are with him. 15 Therefore I am terrified at his presence. When I consider, I am afraid of him. 16

For God has made my heart faint. Shaddai has terrified me. 17 Because I was not cut off before the darkness, neither did he cover the thick darkness from my face.

24 "Why aren't times made known by Shaddai? Why do not those who know him see his days? 2 There are people who remove the landmarks. They violently take away flocks, and feed them. **3** They drive away the donkey of the fatherless, and they take the widow's ox for a pledge. 4 They turn the needy out of the way. The poor of the earth all hide themselves. 5 Look, as wild donkeys in the desert, they go forth to their work, seeking diligently for food. The wilderness yields them bread for their children. 6 They cut their provender in the field. They glean the vineyard of the wicked. 7 They lie all night naked without clothing, and have no covering in the cold. 8 They are wet with the showers of the mountains, and embrace the rock for lack of a shelter. 9 There are those who pluck the fatherless from the breast, and take a pledge of the poor, 10 So that they go around naked without clothing. Being hungry, they carry the sheaves. 11 They make oil within the walls of these men. They tread wine presses, and suffer thirst. 12 From out of the populous city, men groan. The the sea with his power, and by his understanding he soul of the wounded cries out, yet God doesn't regard strikes through Rahab. 13 By his Spirit the heavens are the folly. 13 "These are of those who rebel against the garnished. His hand has pierced the swift serpent. 14 light. They do not know its ways, nor abide in its paths. 14 The murderer rises with the light. He kills the poor a whisper do we hear of him. But the thunder of his and needy. In the night he is like a thief. 15 The eye power who can understand?" also of the adulterer waits for the twilight, saying, 'No eye shall see me.' He disguises his face. 16 In the dark they dig through houses. They shut themselves up in the daytime. They do not know the light. 17 For the morning is to all of them like thick darkness, for they know the terrors of the thick darkness. 18 "They are foam on the surface of the waters. Their portion is cursed in the earth. They do not turn into the way of the vineyards. 19 Drought and heat consume the snow waters, so does Sheol those who have sinned. (Sheol h7585) 20 The womb shall forget him. The worm shall feed sweetly on him. He shall be no more remembered. Unrighteousness shall be broken as a tree. 21 He devours the barren who do not bear. He shows no kindness to the widow. 22 Yet he preserves the mighty by his power. He rises up who has no assurance of life. 23 He gives them security, and they rest in it. His eyes are on their ways. 24 They are exalted; yet a little while, and they are gone. Yes, they are brought low, they are taken out of the way as all others, and are cut off as the tops of the ears of grain. 25 If it isn't so now, who will prove me a liar, and make my speech worth nothing?"

25 Then Bildad the Shuhite answered, 2 "Dominion"

places. 3 Can his armies be counted? On whom does his light not arise? 4 How then can man be just with God? Or how can he who is born of a woman be clean? 5 Look, even the moon has no brightness, and the stars are not pure in his sight; 6 How much less man, who is a worm, the son of man, who is a worm."

26 Then Job answered, 2 "How have you helped him who is without power. How have you saved the arm that has no strength. 3 How have you counseled him who has no wisdom, and plentifully declared sound knowledge. 4 To whom have you uttered words? Whose spirit came forth from you? 5 "Those who are deceased tremble, those beneath the waters and all that live in them. 6 Sheol is naked before him, and Abaddon has no covering. (Sheol h7585) 7 He stretches out the north over empty space, and hangs the earth on nothing. 8 He binds up the waters in his thick clouds, and the cloud is not burst under them. 9 He encloses the face of his throne, and spreads his cloud on it. 10 He has described a boundary on the surface of the waters, and to the confines of light and darkness. 11 The pillars of heaven tremble and are astonished at his rebuke. 12 He stirs up Look, these are but the outskirts of his ways. How small

 ${\bf 27}$ Job again took up his parable, and said, ${\tt 2}$ "As God lives, who has taken away my right, Shaddai, who has made my soul bitter. 3 (For the length of my life is still in me, and the spirit of God is in my nostrils); 4 surely my lips shall not speak unrighteousness, neither shall my tongue utter deceit. 5 Far be it from me that I should justify you. Until I die I will not put away my integrity from me. 6 I hold fast to my righteousness, and will not let it go. My conscience will not accuse me as long as I live. 7 "Let my enemy be as the wicked. Let him who rises up against me be as the unrighteous. 8 For what is the hope of the godless, when he is cut off, when God takes away his life? 9 Will God hear his cry when trouble comes on him? 10 Will he delight himself in Shaddai, and call on God at all times? 11 I will teach you about the hand of God. That which is with Shaddai will I not conceal. 12 Look, all of you have seen it yourselves; why then have you become altogether vain? 13 "This is the portion of a wicked man with God, the heritage of oppressors, which they receive from Shaddai. 14 If his children are multiplied, it is for the sword. His offspring shall not be satisfied with bread.

15 Those who remain of him shall be buried in death. and fear are with him. He makes peace in his high His widows shall make no lamentation. 16 Though he heap up silver as the dust, and prepare clothing as the he said. 'Look, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom. To clay; 17 he may prepare it, but the just shall put it on, and the innocent shall divide the silver. 18 He builds his house as the moth, as a booth which the watchman makes. 19 He lies down rich, but he shall not do so again. He opens his eyes, and it is gone. 20 Terrors overtake him like waters. A storm steals him away in the night. 21 The east wind carries him away, and he departs. It sweeps him out of his place. 22 For it hurls at him, and does not spare, as he flees away from his hand. 23 Men shall clap their hands at him, and shall hiss him out of his place.

78 "Surely there is a mine for silver, and a place for The young men saw me and hid themselves. The aged gold which they refine. 2 Iron is taken out of the earth, and copper is smelted out of the ore. 3 Man sets an end to darkness, and searches out, to the furthest bound, the stones of obscurity and of thick darkness. 4 He breaks open a shaft away from where people live. blessed me; and when the eye saw me, it commended They are forgotten by the foot. They hang far from men, me: 12 Because I delivered the poor who cried, and they swing back and forth. 5 As for the earth, out of it the fatherless also, who had none to help him, 13 the comes bread; Underneath it is turned up as it were by blessing of him who was ready to perish came on me, fire. 6 Sapphires come from its rocks. It has dust of and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy. 14 I put gold. 7 That path no bird of prey knows, neither has on righteousness, and it clothed me. My justice was as the falcon's eye seen it. 8 The proud animals have not a robe and a diadem. 15 I was eyes to the blind, and trodden it, nor has the fierce lion passed by there. 9 He feet to the lame. 16 I was a father to the needy. The puts forth his hand on the flinty rock, and he overturns cause of him who I did not know, I searched out. 17 the mountains by the roots. 10 He cuts out channels I broke the jaws of the unrighteous, and plucked the among the rocks. His eye sees every precious thing. 11 prey out of his teeth. 18 Then I said, 'I shall die in my He binds the streams that they do not trickle. The thing own house, I shall number my days as the sand. 19 My that is hidden he brings forth to light. 12 "But where shall root is spread out to the waters. The dew lies all night wisdom be found? Where is the place of understanding? 13 Man doesn't know its price; Neither is it found in the renewed in my hand.' 21 "Men listened to me, waited, land of the living. 14 The deep says, 'It isn't in me.' The sea says, 'It isn't with me.' 15 It can't be gotten for gold, neither shall silver be weighed for its price. 16 It can't be valued with the gold of Ophir, with the precious onyx, or the sapphire. 17 Gold and glass can't equal it, neither shall it be exchanged for jewels of fine gold. 18 No mention shall be made of coral or of crystal. Yes. the price of wisdom is above rubies. 19 The topaz of Ethiopia shall not equal it, Neither shall it be valued with pure gold. 20 From where then comes wisdom? Where is the place of understanding? 21 Seeing it is hidden from the eyes of all living, and kept close from the birds of the sky. 22 Destruction and Death say. 'We have heard a rumor of it with our ears.' 23 "God understands its way, and he knows its place. 24 For he looks to the farthest parts of the earth, and sees under the whole sky. 25 He establishes the force of the wind. Yes, he measures out the waters by measure. 26 When he made a decree for the rain, and a way for the lightning of the thunder; 27 then he saw it, and declared it. He established it, yes, and searched it out. 28 To man

depart from evil is understanding."

29 Job again took up his parable, and said, $\, 2\, {}^{"}\!{\rm Oh}$ that I were as in the months of old, as in the days when God watched over me; 3 when his lamp shone on my head, and by his light I walked through darkness, 4 as I was in the ripeness of my days, when the friendship of God was in my tent, 5 when Shaddai was yet with me, and my children were around me, 6 when my steps were washed with butter, and the rock poured out streams of oil for me, 7 when I went forth to the city gate, when I prepared my seat in the street. 8 rose up and stood. 9 The princes refrained from talking. and laid their hand on their mouth. 10 The voice of the nobles was hushed, and their tongue stuck to the roof of their mouth. 11 For when the ear heard me, then it on my branch. 20 My glory is fresh in me. My bow is and kept silence for my counsel. 22 After my words they did not speak again. My speech fell on them. 23 They waited for me as for the rain. Their mouths drank as with the spring rain. 24 I smiled on them when they had no confidence. They did not reject the light of my face. 25 I chose out their way, and sat as chief. I lived as a king in the army, as one who comforts the mourners.

30 "But now those who are younger than I have me in derision, whose fathers I would have disdained to put with my sheep dogs. 2 Of what use is the strength of their hands to me, men in whom ripe age has perished? 3 They are gaunt from lack and famine. They gnaw the dry ground, in the gloom of waste and desolation. 4 They pluck salt herbs by the bushes. The roots of the broom are their food. 5 They are driven out from the midst of men. They cry after them as after a thief; 6 So that they dwell in frightful valleys, and in holes of the earth and of the rocks. 7 Among the bushes they bray; and under the nettles they are gathered together. 8 They are children of fools, yes, children of base men.

They were flogged out of the land, 9 "Now I have to be punished by the judges: 12 For it is a fire that become their song. Yes, I am a byword to them. 10 consumes to destruction, and would root out all my They abhor me, they keep their distance from me, and increase. 13 "If I have despised the cause of my male do not hesitate to spit in my face. 11 For he has untied servant or of my female servant, when they contended his cord, and afflicted me; and they have thrown off with me; 14 What then shall I do when God rises up? restraint before me. 12 On my right hand rise the rabble. When he visits, what shall I answer him? 15 Did not They thrust aside my feet, They cast up against me he who made me in the womb make him? Did not the their ways of destruction. 13 They mar my path, They same one fashion us in the womb? 16 "If I have withheld set forward my calamity, without anyone's help. 14 As the poor from their desire, or have caused the eyes of through a wide breach they come, in the midst of the the widow to fail, 17 or have eaten my morsel alone, ruin they roll themselves in. 15 Terrors have turned on and the fatherless has not eaten of it 18 (no, from my me. They chase my honor as the wind. My welfare has youth he grew up with me as with a father, her have I passed away as a cloud. 16 "Now my soul is poured out guided from my mother's womb): 19 if I have seen any within me. Days of affliction have taken hold on me. 17 perish for want of clothing, or that the needy had no In the night season my bones are pierced in me, and covering; 20 if his heart hasn't blessed me, if he hasn't the pains that gnaw me take no rest. 18 By great force been warmed with my sheep's fleece; 21 if I have lifted is my garment disfigured. It binds me about as the collar up my hand against the fatherless, because I saw my of my coat. 19 He has cast me into the mire. I have help in the gate, 22 then let my shoulder fall from the become like dust and ashes. 20 I cry to you, and you shoulder blade, and my arm be broken from the bone. do not answer me. I stand up, and you gaze at me. 23 For calamity from God is a terror to me. Because 21 You have turned to be cruel to me. With the might his majesty, I can do nothing. 24 "If I have made gold of your hand you persecute me. 22 You lift me up to my hope, and have said to the fine gold, 'You are my the wind, and drive me with it. You dissolve me in the confidence;' 25 If I have rejoiced because my wealth storm. 23 For I know that you will bring me to death, To was great, and because my hand had gotten much; 26 if the house appointed for all living. 24 "However doesn't I have seen the sun when it shined, or the moon moving one stretch out a hand in his fall? Or in his calamity in splendor, 27 and my heart has been secretly enticed, therefore cry for help? 25 Did I not weep for him who and my hand threw a kiss from my mouth, 28 this also was in trouble? Wasn't my soul grieved for the needy? would be an iniquity to be punished by the judges; for 26 When I looked for good, then evil came; When I I should have denied the God who is above. 29 "If I waited for light, there came darkness. 27 My heart is have rejoiced at the destruction of him who hated me, troubled, and doesn't rest. Days of affliction have come or lifted up myself when evil found him; 30 (yes, I have on me. 28 I go mourning without the sun. I stand up in not allowed my mouth to sin by asking his life with a the assembly, and cry for help. 29 I am a brother to curse); 31 if the men of my tent have not said, 'Who can jackals, and a companion to ostriches. 30 My skin grows find one who has not been filled with his meat?' 32 (the black and peels from me. My bones are burned with foreigner has not lodged in the street, but I have opened heat. 31 Therefore my harp has turned to mourning, my doors to the traveler); 33 if like Adam I have covered and my pipe into the voice of those who weep.

31 "I made a covenant with my eyes, how then should I look lustfully at a young woman? 2 For what is the portion from God above, and the heritage from Shaddai on high? 3 Is it not calamity for the unrighteous, and disaster for evildoers? 4 Doesn't he see my ways, and number all my steps? 5 "If I have walked with falsehood, and my foot has hurried to deceit 6 (let me be weighed in an even balance, that God may know my integrity); 7 if my step has turned out of the way, if my heart walked after my eyes, if any defilement has stuck to my hands, 8 then let me sow, and let another eat. Yes, let the produce of my field be rooted out. 9 "If my heart has been enticed to a woman, and I have lain in wait at my neighbor's door, 10 then let my wife grind for another, and let others sleep with her. 11 For that would be a heinous crime. Yes, it would be an iniquity Then the wrath of Elihu the son of Barakel, the Buzite.

my transgressions, by hiding my iniquity in my heart, 34 because I feared the great multitude, and the contempt of families terrified me, so that I kept silence, and did not go out of the door- 35 oh that I had one to hear me. (look, here is my signature, let Shaddai answer me): let the accuser write my indictment. 36 Surely I would carry it on my shoulder; and I would bind it to me as a crown. 37 I would declare to him the number of my steps; as a prince would I go near to him. 38 If my land cries out against me, and its furrows weep together; 39 if I have eaten its fruits without money, or have caused its owners to lose their life, 40 let briars grow instead of wheat, and stinkweed instead of barley." The words of Job are ended.

32 So these three men ceased to answer Job, because he was righteous in his own eyes. 2 of the family of Ram, was kindled against Job. His wrath against him, because he doesn't give account of any of may refute him, not man;' 14 for he has not directed his to man his righteousness. 27 He sings before men, They do not have a word to say. 16 Shall I wait, because soul from going into the pit. My life shall see the light. no more? 17 I also will answer my part, and I also will times, with a man, 30 to bring back his soul from the pit, show my opinion. 18 For I am full of words. The spirit that he may be enlightened with the light of the living. within me constrains me. 19 Look, my breast is as wine 31 Mark well, Job, and listen to me. Hold your peace, my lips and answer. 21 Please do not let me respect me. Hold your peace, and I will teach you wisdom." any man's person, neither will I give flattering titles to any man. 22 For I do not know how to give flattering titles; or else my Maker would soon take me away.

lips know they shall speak sincerely. 4 The Spirit of wound is incurable, though I am without disobedience. just, for God is greater than man. 13 Why do you strive If he gathered to himself his spirit and his breath, 15

was kindled because he justified himself rather than his matters? 14 For God speaks once, yes twice, though God. 3 Also his wrath was kindled against his three man pays no attention. 15 In a dream, in a vision of the friends, because they had found no answer, and yet had night, when deep sleep falls on men, in slumbering on condemned Job. 4 Now Elihu had waited to speak to the bed; 16 Then he opens the ears of men, and seals Job, because they were elder than he. 5 When Elihu their instruction, 17 That he may withdraw man from saw that there was no answer in the mouth of these his purpose, and hide pride from man. 18 He keeps three men, his wrath was kindled. 6 Elihu the son of back his soul from the pit, and his life from perishing by Barakel the Buzite answered, "I am young, and you the sword. 19 He is chastened also with pain on his are very old; Therefore I held back, and did not dare bed, with continual strife in his bones; 20 So that his life show you my opinion. 7 I said, 'Days should speak, abhors bread, and his soul choicest food. 21 His flesh is and multitude of years should teach wisdom.' 8 But so consumed away, that it can't be seen. His bones there is a spirit in man, and the breath of Shaddai gives that were not seen stick out. 22 Yes, his soul draws them understanding. 9 It is not the great who are wise, near to the pit, and his life to the destroyers. 23 "If there nor the aged who understand justice. 10 Therefore I is beside him an angel, an interpreter, one among a said, 'Listen to me; I also will show my opinion.' 11 thousand, to show to man what is right for him; 24 then "Look, I waited for your words, and I listened for your he is gracious to him, and says, 'Deliver him from going reasoning, while you searched out what to say. 12 Yes, I down to the pit, I have found a ransom.' 25 His flesh gave you my full attention, but there was no one who shall be fresher than a child's. He returns to the days convinced Job, or who answered his words, among you. of his youth. 26 He prays to God, and he is favorable 13 Beware lest you say, 'We have found wisdom, God to him, so that he sees his face with joy. He restores words against me; neither will I answer him with your and says, 'I have sinned, and perverted that which was speeches. 15 "They are amazed. They answer no more. right, and it did not profit me. 28 He has redeemed my they do not speak, because they stand still, and answer 29 "Look, God works all these things, twice, yes three which has no vent; like new wineskins it is ready to and I will speak. 32 If you have anything to say, answer burst. 20 I will speak, that I may be refreshed. I will open me. Speak, for I desire to justify you. 33 If not, listen to

34 Moreover Elihu answered, 2 "Hear my words, you sages. Give ear to me, you who have knowledge. 3 For the ear tries words, as the palate tastes food. 4 33 "However, Job, Please hear my speech, and listen Let us choose for us that which is right. Let us know to all my words. 2 See now, I have opened my among ourselves what is good. 5 For Job has said, mouth. My tongue has spoken in my mouth. 3 My words 'I am righteous, God has taken away my right: 6 shall utter the uprightness of my heart. That which my Notwithstanding my right I am considered a liar. My God has made me, and the breath of Shaddai gives 7 What man is like Job, who drinks scorn like water, 8 me life. 5 If you can, answer me. Set your words in Who goes in company with evildoers, and walks with order before me, and stand forth. 6 Look, I am toward wicked men? 9 For he has said, 'It profits a man nothing God even as you are. I am also formed out of the clay. that he should delight himself with God.' 10 "Therefore 7 Look, my terror shall not make you afraid, neither listen to me, you men of understanding: far be it from shall my pressure be heavy on you. 8 "Surely you have God, that he should do wickedness, from Shaddai, that spoken in my hearing, I have heard the voice of your he should commit iniquity. 11 For the work of a man words, saying, 9 I am clean, without disobedience. I he will render to him, and cause every man to find am innocent, neither is there iniquity in me. 10 Look, according to his ways. 12 Yes surely, God will not do he finds occasions against me. He counts me for his wickedly, neither will Shaddai pervert justice. 13 Who put enemy. 11 He puts my feet in the stocks. He marks all him in charge of the earth? or who has appointed him my paths.' 12 "Look, I will answer you. In this you are not over the whole world? 14 If he set his heart on himself,

all flesh would perish together, and man would turn the mighty. 10 But none says, "Where is God my Maker. again to dust. 16 "If now you have understanding, hear who gives songs in the night, 11 who teaches us more this. Listen to the voice of my words. 17 Shall even than the animals of the earth, and makes us wiser than one who hates justice govern? Will you condemn him the birds of the sky?' 12 There they cry, but none gives who is righteous and mighty?- 18 Who says to a king, answer, because of the pride of evil men. 13 Surely 'Vile.' or to nobles, 'Wicked.'? 19 Who doesn't respect God will not hear an empty cry, neither will Shaddai the persons of princes, nor regards the rich more than regard it. 14 How much less when you say you do not the poor; for they all are the work of his hands. 20 In see him. The cause is before him, and you wait for him. a moment they die, even at midnight. The people are 15 But now, because he has not visited in his anger, shaken and pass away. The mighty are taken away neither does he greatly regard arrogance. 16 Therefore without a hand. 21 "For his eyes are on the ways of a Job opens his mouth with empty talk, and he multiplies man. He sees all his goings. 22 There is no darkness, words without knowledge." nor thick gloom, where evildoers may hide themselves. 23 For he doesn't need to consider a man further, that he should go before God in judgment. 24 He breaks in pieces mighty men in ways past finding out, and sets others in their place. 25 Therefore he takes knowledge of their works. He overturns them in the night, so that they are destroyed. 26 He strikes them as wicked men in the open sight of others; 27 because they turned aside from following him, and wouldn't pay attention to any of his ways, 28 so that they caused the cry of the poor to come to him. He heard the cry of the afflicted. 29 When he gives guietness, who then can condemn? When he hides his face, who then can see him? Alike whether to a nation, or to a man, 30 that the godless man may not reign, that there be no one to ensnare the people. 31 "For has any said to God, 'I am guilty, but I will not offend any more. 32 Teach me that which I do not see. If I have done iniquity, I will do it no more'? 33 Shall his recompense be as you desire, that you refuse it? For you must choose, and not I. Therefore speak what you know. 34 Men of understanding will tell me, ves, every wise man who hears me: 35 'Job speaks without knowledge. His words are without wisdom.' 36 I wish that Job were tried to the end, because of his answering like wicked men. 37 For he adds rebellion to his sin. He claps his hands among us, and multiplies his words against God."

35 Moreover Elihu answered, 2 "Do you think this to be your right, or do you say, 'My righteousness is more than God's,' 3 That you ask, 'What advantage will it be to you? What profit shall I have, more than if I had sinned?' 4 I will answer you, and your companions with you. 5 Look to the heavens, and see. See the skies, which are higher than you. 6 If you have sinned, what effect do you have against him? If your transgressions are multiplied, what do you do to him? 7 If you are righteous, what do you give him? Or what does he receive from your hand? 8 Your wickedness may hurt a man as you are, and your righteousness may profit a son of man. 9 "By reason of the multitude of oppressions they cry out. They cry for help by reason of the arm of

36 Elihu also continued, and said, 2 "Bear with me a little, and I will show you; for I still have something to say on God's behalf. 3 I will get my knowledge from afar, and will ascribe righteousness to my Maker. 4 For truly my words are not false. One who is perfect in knowledge is with you. 5 "Look, God is mighty, and doesn't despise anyone. He is mighty in strength of understanding. 6 He doesn't preserve the life of the wicked, but gives to the afflicted their right. 7 He doesn't withdraw his eyes from the righteous, but with kings on the throne, he sets them forever, and they are exalted. 8 If they are bound in fetters, and are taken in the cords of afflictions, 9 then he shows them their work, and their transgressions, that they have behaved themselves proudly. 10 He also opens their ears to instruction, and commands that they return from iniquity. 11 If they listen and serve him, they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasures. 12 But if they do not listen, they shall perish by the sword; they shall die without knowledge. 13 "But those who are godless in heart lay up anger. They do not cry for help when he binds them. 14 They die in youth. Their life perishes among the unclean. 15 He delivers the afflicted by their affliction, and opens their ear in oppression. 16 Yes, he would have allured you out of distress, into a broad place, where there is no restriction. That which is set on your table would be full of fatness. 17 "But you are full of the judgment of the wicked. Judgment and justice take hold of you. 18 Do not let riches entice you to wrath, neither let the great size of a bribe turn you aside. 19 Would your wealth sustain you in distress, or all the might of your strength? 20 Do not desire the night, when people are cut off in their place. 21 Take heed, do not regard iniquity; for you have chosen this rather than affliction. 22 Look, God is exalted in his power. Who is a teacher like him? 23 Who has prescribed his way for him? Or who can say, 'You have committed unrighteousness?' 24 "Remember that you magnify his work, whereof men have sung. 25 All men have looked thereon. Man sees it afar off. 26 Look, God is great, and we do not know him. The number of his years is unsearchable. 27 For he draws up the drops of water, which distill in rain from his without knowledge? 3 Brace yourself like a man, for also concerning the storm that comes up.

37 "Yes, at this my heart trembles, and is moved out of its place. 2 Hear, oh, hear the noise of his voice, the sound that goes out of his mouth. 3 He sends it forth under the whole sky, and his lightning to the farthest parts of the earth. 4 After it a voice roars. He thunders with the voice of his majesty. He doesn't hold back anything when his voice is heard. 5 God thunders marvelously with his voice. He does great things, which we can't comprehend. 6 For he says to the snow, 'Fall on the earth;' likewise to the shower of rain, and to the showers of his mighty rain. 7 He seals up the hand of every man, that all men whom he has made may know it. 8 Then the animals take cover, and remain in their dens. 9 Out of its chamber comes the storm, and cold out of the north. 10 By the breath of God, ice is given, and the breadth of the waters is frozen. 11 Yes, he loads the thick cloud with moisture. He spreads abroad the cloud of his lightning. 12 It is turned around by his guidance, that they may do whatever he commands them on the surface of the habitable world. 13 Whether it is for correction, or for his land, or for loving kindness, that he causes it to come. 14 "Listen to this, Job. Stand still, and consider the wondrous works of God. 15 Do you know how God controls them, and causes the lightning of his cloud to shine? 16 Do you know the workings of the clouds, the wondrous works of him who is perfect in knowledge? 17 You whose clothing is warm, when the earth is still by reason of the south wind? 18 Can you, with him, spread out the sky, which is strong as a cast metal mirror? 19 Teach us what we shall tell him, for we can't make our case by reason of darkness. 20 Shall it be told him that I would speak? Or should a man wish that he were swallowed up? 21 Now men do not see the light which is bright in the skies, but the wind passes, and clears them. 22 Out of the north comes golden splendor. With God is awesome majesty. 23 We can't reach Shaddai. He is exalted in power. In justice and great righteousness, he will not oppress. 24 Therefore men revere him. He doesn't regard any who are wise of heart."

38 Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, 2 "Who is this who darkens counsel by words parts? Or who has given understanding to the mind? 37

vapor, 28 Which the skies pour down and which drop on I will guestion you, then you answer me. 4 "Where humankind abundantly. 29 Yes, can any understand were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? the spreading of the clouds, and the thunderings of his Declare, if you have understanding. 5 Who determined pavilion? 30 Look, he spreads his light around him. He its measures, if you know? Or who stretched the line on covers the bottom of the sea. 31 For by these he judges it? 6 Whereupon were its foundations fastened? Or who the people. He gives food in abundance. 32 He covers laid its cornerstone, 7 when the morning stars sang his hands with the lightning, and commands it to strike together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy? 8 "Or the mark. 33 Its noise tells about him, and the livestock who shut up the sea with doors, when it broke forth from the womb, 9 when I made clouds its garment, and wrapped it in thick darkness, 10 marked out for it my bound, set bars and doors, 11 and said, 'Here you may come, but no further. Here your proud waves shall be stayed?' 12 "Have you commanded the morning in your days, and caused the dawn to know its place; 13 that it might take hold of the farthest parts of the earth, and shake the wicked out of it? 14 It is changed as clay under the seal, and stands forth as a garment. 15 From the wicked, their light is withheld. The high arm is broken. 16 "Have you entered into the springs of the sea? Or have you walked in the recesses of the deep? 17 Have the gates of death been revealed to you? Or have you seen the gates of the shadow of death? 18 Have you comprehended the earth in its breadth? Declare, if you know it all. 19 "What is the way to the dwelling of light? As for darkness, where is its place, 20 that you should take it to its bound, that you should discern the paths to its house? 21 Surely you know, for you were born then, and the number of your days is great. 22 Have you entered the treasuries of the snow, or have you seen the treasures of the hail, 23 which I have reserved against the time of trouble, against the day of battle and war? 24 By what way is the lightning distributed, or the east wind scattered on the earth? 25 Who has cut a channel for the flood water, or the path for the thunderstorm; 26 To cause it to rain on a land where no man is; on the wilderness, in which there is no man; 27 to satisfy the waste and desolate ground, to cause the tender grass to spring forth? 28 Does the rain have a father? Or who fathers the drops of dew? 29 Out of whose womb came the ice? The grav frost of the sky, who has given birth to it? 30 The waters become hard like stone, when the surface of the deep is frozen. 31 "Can you fasten the chains of Kimah, or loosen the cords of Kesil? 32 Can you lead forth the Mazzaroth in their season? Or can you lead Aysh with her children? 33 Do you know the laws of the heavens? Can you establish its dominion over the earth? 34 "Can you lift up your voice to the clouds, That abundance of waters may cover you? 35 Can you send forth lightnings, that they may go? Do they report to you, 'Here we are?' 36 Who has put wisdom in the inward

Who can number the clouds by wisdom? Or who can the eagle mounts up, and makes his nest on high? 28 appetite of the young lions, 40 when they crouch in their also suck up blood. Where the slain are, there he is." dens, and lie in wait in the thicket? 41 Who provides for the raven his prev, when his young ones cry to God. and wander for lack of food?

39 "Do you know the time when the mountain goats give birth? Do you watch when the doe bears fawns? 2 Can you number the months that they fulfill? Or do you know the time when they give birth? 3 They bow themselves, they bring forth their young, they end their labor pains. 4 Their young ones become strong. They grow up in the open field. They go forth, and do not return again. 5 "Who has set the wild donkey free? Or who has loosened the bonds of the swift donkey. 6 Whose home I have made the wilderness, and the salt land his dwelling place? 7 He scorns the tumult of the city, neither does he hear the shouting of the driver. 8 The range of the mountains is his pasture, He searches after every green thing. 9 "Will the wild ox be content to serve you? Or will he stay by your feeding trough? 10 Can you hold the wild ox in the furrow with his harness? Or will he till the valleys after you? 11 Will you trust him, because his strength is great? Or will you leave to him your labor? 12 Will you have faith in him, that he will bring in your grain, and gather it to your threshing floor? 13 "The wings of the ostrich wave proudly; but are they the feathers and plumage of love? 14 For she leaves her eggs on the earth, warms them in the dust, 15 and forgets that the foot may crush them, or that the wild animal may trample them. 16 She deals harshly with her young ones, as if they were not hers. Though her labor is in vain, she is without fear. 17 because God has deprived her of wisdom, neither has he imparted to her understanding. 18 When she lifts up herself on high, she scorns the horse and his rider. 19 "Have you given the horse might? Have you clothed his neck with a guivering mane? 20 Have you made him to leap as a locust? The glory of his snorting is awesome. 21 He paws in the valley, and rejoices in his strength. He goes out to meet the armed men. 22 He mocks at fear, and is not dismayed, neither does he turn back from the sword. 23 The guiver rattles against him, the flashing spear and the javelin. 24 He eats up the ground with fierceness and rage, neither does he stand still at the sound of the trumpet. 25 As often as the trumpet sounds he snorts, 'Aha.' He smells the battle afar off, the thunder of the captains, and the shouting, 26 "Is it by your wisdom that the hawk soars, and stretches her wings toward the south? 27 Is it at your command that

pour out the bottles of the sky, 38 when the dust runs On the cliff he dwells, and makes his home, on the point into a mass, and the clods of earth stick together? 39 of the cliff, and the stronghold. 29 From there he spies "Can you hunt the prey for the lioness, or satisfy the out the prey. His eyes see it afar off. 30 His young ones

> AO Moreover the LORD answered Job, 2 "Shall he who argues contend with Shaddai? He who argues with God, let him answer it." 3 Then Job answered the LORD, 4 "Look, I am of small account. What shall I answer you? I lay my hand on my mouth. 5 I have spoken once, and I will not answer; Yes, twice, but I will proceed no further." 6 Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, 7 "Now brace yourself like a man. I will question you, and you will answer me. 8 Will you even annul my judgment? Will you condemn me, that you may be justified? 9 Or do you have an arm like God? Can you thunder with a voice like him? 10 "Now deck yourself with excellency and dignity. Array yourself with honor and maiesty. 11 Pour out the fury of your anger. Look at everyone who is proud, and bring him low. 12 Look at everyone who is proud, and humble him. Crush the wicked in their place. 13 Hide them in the dust together. Bind their faces in the hidden place. 14 Then I will also admit to you that your own right hand can save you. 15 "Look now at the sauropod, which I made as well as you. He eats grass as an ox. 16 Look now, his strength is in his thighs. His force is in the muscles of his belly. 17 He moves his tail like a cedar. The sinews of his thighs are knit together. 18 His bones are like tubes of bronze. His limbs are like bars of iron. 19 He is the chief of the ways of God. He who made him gives him his sword. 20 Surely the mountains produce food for him, where all the animals of the field play. 21 He lies under the lotus trees, in the covert of the reed, and the marsh. 22 The lotuses cover him with their shade. The willows of the brook surround him. 23 Look, if a river overflows, he doesn't tremble. He is confident, though the Jordan swells even to his mouth. 24 Shall any take him when he is on the watch, or pierce through his nose with a snare?

1 "Can you draw out Deinosuchus with a fishhook, or press down his tongue with a cord? 2 Can you put a rope into his nose, or pierce his jaw through with a hook? 3 Will he make many petitions to you, or will he speak soft words to you? 4 Will he make a covenant with you, that you should take him for a servant forever? 5 Will you play with him as with a bird? Or will you bind him for your girls? 6 Will traders barter for him? Will they part him among the merchants? 7 Can you fill his skin with barbed irons, or his head with fish spears? 8 If you lay a hand on him, you will remember the battle, and you will never do it again. 9 Look, the hope of him is in vain. Won't one be cast down even at the sight for yourselves a burnt offering; and my servant Job shall of him? 10 None is so fierce that he dare stir him up. pray for you, for I will accept him, that I not deal with concerning his limbs, nor his mighty strength, nor his Zophar the Naamathite went, and did what the LORD 16 One is so near to another, that no air can come brothers, and all his sisters, and all those who had been between them. 17 They are joined one to another. They of his acquaintance before, and ate bread with him stick together, so that they can't be pulled apart. 18 His in his house. They comforted him, and consoled him of the morning. 19 Out of his mouth go burning torches. him. And each of them gave him a kesitah and a gold goes, as of a boiling pot over a fire of reeds. 21 His than his beginning. He had fourteen thousand sheep, him. 23 The flakes of his flesh are joined together. They and three daughters. 14 He called the name of the first, are firm on him. They can't be moved. 24 His heart is Jemimah; and the name of the second, Keziah; and the When he raises himself up, the mighty are afraid. They were no women found so beautiful as the daughters retreat before his thrashing. 26 If one attacks him with of Job. Their father gave them an inheritance among the sword, it can't prevail; nor the spear, the dart, nor the their brothers. 16 After this Job lived one hundred forty pointed shaft. 27 He counts iron as straw; and bronze years, and saw his sons, and his sons' sons, to four as rotten wood. 28 The arrow can't make him flee, Sling generations, 17 So Job died, being old and full of days. stones are like chaff to him. 29 Clubs are counted as stubble. He laughs at the rushing of the javelin. 30 His undersides are like sharp potsherds, leaving a trail in the mud like a threshing sledge. 31 He makes the deep to boil like a pot. He makes the sea like a pot of ointment. 32 He makes a path shine after him. One would think the deep had white hair. 33 On earth there is not his equal, that is made without fear. 34 He sees everything that is high. He is king over all the sons of pride."

12 Then Job answered the LORD, 2 "I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be restrained. 3 You asked. 'Who is this who hides counsel without knowledge?' therefore I have uttered that which I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. 4 You said, 'Listen, now, and I will speak; I will question you, and you will answer me.' 5 I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you. 6 Therefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes." 7 It was so, that after the LORD had spoken these words to Job, the LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite. "My wrath is kindled against you, and against your two friends; for you have not spoken of me the thing that is right, as my servant Job has. 8 Now therefore, take to yourselves seven bulls and seven rams, and go to my servant Job, and offer up

Who then is he who can stand before me? 11 Who you according to your folly. For you have not spoken of has confronted me, that I should repay? Everything me the thing that is right, as my servant Job has." 9 under the heavens is mine. 12 "I will not keep silence So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite and goodly frame. 13 Who can strip off his outer garment? commanded them, and the LORD accepted Job. 10 Who shall come within his jaws? 14 Who can open the The LORD turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed doors of his face? Around his teeth is terror. 15 Strong for his friends. The LORD gave Job twice as much scales are his pride, shut up together with a close seal. as he had before. 11 Then came there to him all his sneezing flashes out light. His eyes are like the eyelids concerning all the evil that the LORD had permitted on Sparks of fire leap forth. 20 Out of his nostrils a smoke ring. 12 So the LORD blessed the latter end of Job more breath kindles coals. A flame goes forth from his mouth. six thousand camels, one thousand yoke of oxen, and a 22 There is strength in his neck. Terror dances before thousand female donkeys. 13 He had also seven sons as firm as a stone, yes, firm as the lower millstone. 25 name of the third, Keren Happuch. 15 In all the land

Psalms

1 Blessed is the one who doesn't follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path of sinners, or join in with scoffers. 2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. 3 He will be like a tree planted by the streams of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also does not wither, and whatever he does shall prosper. 4 Not so with the wicked; instead, they are like the chaff which the wind drives away. 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. 6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall perish.

 ${f 2}$ Why do the nations rage, and the peoples plot in vain? 2 The kings of the earth take a stand, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his Anointed: 3 "Let's tear off their shackles, and throw off their ropes from us." 4 The one who sits in the heavens laughs. The LORD scoffs at them. 5 Then he will speak to them in his anger, and terrify them in his wrath: 6 "But I myself have installed my king on Zion, my holy mountain." 7 I will tell of the decree. The LORD said to me, "You are my son. Today I have become your father. 8 Ask of me, and I will give the nations as your inheritance, and the farthest parts of the earth for your possession. 9 You shall rule them with an iron scepter. You shall dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel." 10 Now therefore, you kings, be wise; receive correction, you judges of the earth. 11 Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. 12 Do homage in purity, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, when his anger is suddenly kindled. Blessed are all those who take refuge in him.

3 [A Psalm by David, when he fled from Absalom his son.] LORD, how my adversaries have increased. Many rise up against me. 2 Many there are who say of my soul, "There is no salvation for him in God." (Selah) 3 But you, LORD, are a shield around me, my glory, and the one who lifts up my head. 4 I cried out to the LORD with my voice, and he answered me from his holy mountain. (Selah) 5 I lay down and slept. I awoke, for the LORD sustains me. 6 I am not afraid of ten thousands of people who have set themselves against me on every side. 7 Arise, LORD. Save me, my God. For you slap all my enemies in the face. You break the teeth of the wicked. 8 Salvation belongs to the LORD. Your blessing is upon your people. (Selah)

4 [For the Chief Musician; on stringed instruments. A Psalm by David.] Answer me when I call, God of my righteousness. You set me free in my distress.

Be gracious to me and hear my prayer. 2 You sons of man, how long will you shame my honor, love what is worthless, chase after a lie? (Selah) 3 But know that the LORD works wonders for his godly one; the LORD will hear when I call to him. 4 Be angry, but do not sin. Ponder in your heart, but be at rest on your bed. (Selah) 5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the LORD. 6 Many say, "Who will show us any good?" LORD, lift up the light of your face upon us. 7 You have put gladness in my heart, more than when their grain and wine and oil abound. 8 In peace I will both lay myself down and sleep, for you alone, LORD, make me live in safety.

5 [For the Chief Musician, with the flutes. A Psalm by David.] Listen to my words, LORD. Consider my (meditation) 2 Give attention to the voice of my cry, my King and my God; for to you do I pray. 3 LORD, in the morning you shall hear my voice. In the morning I will lay my requests before you, and watch. 4 For you are not a God who desires wickedness. Evil can't live with you. 5 The arrogant shall not stand in your sight. You hate all evildoers. 6 You will destroy those who speak lies. The LORD despises a person of bloodshed and deceit. 7 But as for me, in the abundance of your loving kindness I will enter into your house. I will bow toward your holy temple in reverence of you. 8 Lead me, LORD, in your righteousness because of my enemies. Make your way straight before me. 9 For there is nothing reliable in their mouth. Their heart is destruction. Their throat is an open tomb; with their tongues they flatter. 10 Hold them guilty, God. Let them fall by their own counsels. Cast them out because of the multitude of their transgressions, for they have rebelled against you. 11 But let all those who take refuge in you rejoice. Let them always shout for joy, because you defend them. And let those who love your name be joyful in you. 12 For you bless the righteous, LORD. You surround him with favor like a shield.

6 [For the Chief Musician; on stringed instruments, upon the eight-stringed lyre. A Psalm by David.] LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger, neither discipline me in your wrath. 2 Be gracious to me, LORD, for I am frail. LORD, heal me, for my bones are trembling. 3 And my soul is greatly troubled. But you, LORD, how long? 4 Return, LORD. Deliver my soul. Save me because of your lovingkindness. 5 For in death there is no memory of you. In Sheol, who shall give you thanks? (Sheol h7585) 6 I am weary with my groaning. Every night I drench my bed; I melt my couch with my tears. 7 My eye wastes away because of grief. It grows old because of all my adversaries. 8 Depart from me, all you workers of iniquity, for the LORD has heard the sound of my weeping. 9 The LORD has heard my plea. The LORD

has accepted my praver. 10 May all my enemies be through the paths of the seas. 9 LORD, our Lord, how ashamed and greatly terrified. May they turn back, majestic is your name in all the earth. suddenly ashamed.

7 [A meditation by David, which he sang to the LORD, concerning the words of Cush, the Benjamite.] LORD, my God, I take refuge in you. Save me from all those who pursue me, and deliver me, 2 lest they tear apart my soul like a lion, ripping it in pieces, while there is none to deliver. 3 LORD, my God, if I have done this, if there is iniquity in my hands. 4 if I have rewarded evil to him who was at peace with me, or oppressed my enemy without cause, 5 let the enemy pursue my soul, and overtake it; yes, let him tread my life down to the earth, and lay my glory in the dust. (Selah) 6 Arise, LORD, in your anger. Lift up yourself against the rage of my adversaries. Awake, my God; you have appointed judgment. 7 And let the congregation of the peoples surround you, and rule over them on high. 8 The LORD administers judgment to the peoples. Judge me, LORD, according to my righteousness, and to my integrity that is in me. 9 Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end, but establish the righteous. The righteous God tests hearts and minds. 10 My shield is with God, who saves the upright in heart. 11 God is a righteous judge, yes, a God who has indignation every day. 12 If a man doesn't relent, he will sharpen his sword; he has bent and strung his bow. 13 He has also prepared for himself deadly weapons. He makes ready his flaming arrows 14 Look, he travails with iniquity. Yes, he has conceived mischief, and brought forth falsehood. 15 He has dug a hole, and has fallen into the pit which he made. 16 The trouble he causes shall return to his own head, and his violence shall come down on the crown of his own head. 17 I will give thanks to the LORD according to his righteousness, and will sing praise to the name of the LORD Most High.

Q [For the Chief Musician; on an instrument of Gath. A Psalm by David.] LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth. You have put your glory upon the heavens. 2 From the lips of children and infants you have established praise, because of your adversaries, that you might silence the enemy and the avenger. 3 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars which you have set in place; 4 what is man, that you think of him, and the son of man that you care for him? 5 For you have made him a little lower than the angels. You have crowned him with glory and honor, 6 and you made him ruler over the works of your hands. You have put all things under his feet: 7 all sheep and cattle, and also the wild animals, 8 the birds of the sky, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes mouth is full of cursing and bitterness and oppression.

9 [For the choir director; according to Muth-labben. A Psalm by David.] I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart. I will tell of all your marvelous works. 2 I will be glad and rejoice in you. I will sing praise to your name, O Most High. 3 When my enemies turn back, they stumble and perish in your presence. 4 For you have upheld my just cause. You sit on the throne judging righteously. 5 You have rebuked the nations. You have destroyed the wicked. You have blotted out their name forever and ever. 6 The enemy is overtaken by endless ruin; and the very memory of the cities which you have overthrown has perished. 7 But the LORD reigns forever. He has prepared his throne for judgment. 8 And he will judge the world in righteousness. He will judge the peoples with equity. 9 The LORD will also be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble. 10 And those who know your name will put their trust in you, for you, LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you. 11 Sing praises to the LORD, who dwells in Zion, and declare among the people what he has done. 12 For he who takes revenge against murderers remembers them. He doesn't forget the cry of the afflicted. 13 Have mercy on me, LORD. See my affliction by those who hate me. You lift me up from the gates of death, 14 so that I may tell all your praise in the gates of the daughter of Zion. I will rejoice in your salvation. 15 The nations have fallen into the pit they had made. In the net which they hid, their feet are caught. 16 The LORD has made himself known. He has executed judgment. The wicked is snared by the work of his own hands. (Higgaion, Selah) 17 The wicked shall be turned back to Sheol, even all the nations that forget God. (Sheol h7585) 18 For the needy shall not always be forgotten; the hope of the poor shall not perish forever. 19 Arise, LORD. Do not let man prevail. Let the nations be judged in your presence. 20 Terrify them, LORD. Let the nations know that they are only human. (Selah)

1 Why do you stand far off, LORD? Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble? 2 In arrogance, the wicked hunt down the weak. They are caught in the schemes that they devise. 3 For the wicked boasts of his heart's cravings, and he blesses the greedy, scorning the LORD. 4 The wicked in his proud countenance does not seek. All his thoughts are "There is no God." 5 His ways are firm at all times. Your judgments are turned aside. As for all his adversaries, he sneers at them. 6 He says in his heart, "I shall not be shaken. From generation to generation I shall not experience calamity." 7 His Under his tongue is mischief and iniquity. 8 He lies in wait near the villages. From ambushes, he murders the innocent. His eyes are secretly set against the helpless. do see trouble and grief. You consider it to take it into will sing to the name of the LORD Most High. your hand. You help the victim and the fatherless. 15 Break the arm of the wicked. As for the evil man, seek out his wickedness until you find none. 16 The LORD is King forever and ever. The nations have perished from his land. 17 LORD, you have heard the desire of the humble. You will prepare their heart. You will cause your ear to hear, 18 to judge the fatherless and the oppressed, that man who is of the earth may terrify no more.

11 [For the Chief Musician. By David.] In the LORD, I take refuge. How can you say to my soul, "Flee as a bird to your mountain." 2 For, look, the wicked bend their bows. They set their arrows on the strings, that they may shoot in darkness at the upright in heart. 3 If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do? 4 The LORD is in his holy temple. The LORD is on his throne in heaven. His eyes look upon the poor. His eyes examine the descendants of Adam. 5 The LORD examines the righteous, but the wicked and the one who loves violence his soul hates. 6 On the wicked he will rain blazing coals; fire, sulfur, and scorching wind shall be the portion of their cup. 7 For the LORD is righteous. He loves righteousness. The upright shall see his face.

12 [For the Chief Musician; upon an eight-stringed lyre. A Psalm of David.] Help, LORD; for the faithful ceases. For the loyal have vanished from among the descendants of Adam. 2 Everyone lies to his neighbor. They speak with flattering lips, and with a double heart. 3 May the LORD cut off all flattering lips, and the tongue that boasts, 4 who have said, "With our tongue we will prevail. Our lips are our own. Who is lord over us?" 5 "Because of the oppression of the weak and because of the groaning of the needy, I will now arise," says the LORD; "I will place in safety the one who longs for it." 6 The words of the LORD are flawless words, as silver refined in a clay furnace, purified seven times. 7 You, LORD, will protect us. You will guard us from this generation forever. 8 The wicked walk on every side, when what is vile is exalted among the descendants of Adam.

3 [For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by David.] How long, LORD? Will you forget me forever? How 9 He lurks in secret as a lion in his ambush. He lies long will you hide your face from me? 2 How long shall in wait to catch the helpless. He catches the helpless, I take counsel in my soul, having sorrow in my heart when he draws him in his net. 10 The helpless are every day? How long shall my enemy triumph over crushed. They collapse. They fall under his strength. me? 3 Look, and answer me, LORD, my God. Give 11 He says in his heart, "God has forgotten. He hides light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death; 4 Lest my enemy his face. He will never see it." 12 Arise, LORD. God, say, "I have prevailed against him," and my adversaries lift up your hand. Do not forget the helpless. 13 Why rejoice when I fall. 5 But I trust in your loving kindness. does the wicked person condemn God, and say in his My heart rejoices in your salvation. 6 I will sing to the heart, "You will not seek (an accounting)." 14 But you LORD, because he has dealt bountifully with me, and I

> [For the Chief Musician. By David.] The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt. They do abominable works. There is none who does good. 2 The LORD looks down from heaven on the descendants of Adam, to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God. 3 They have all turned away. They have together become corrupt. There is no one who does good, no, not one. 4 Have all evildoers no knowledge, who eat up my people as they eat bread? They do not call on the LORD. 5 There they are utterly terrified, for God is in the generation of the righteous. 6 You would frustrate the plans of the lowly, but the LORD is his refuge. 7 Oh that the salvation of Israel would come out of Zion. When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, may Jacob rejoice, may Israel be glad.

> 15 [A Psalm by David.] LORD, who shall dwell in your sanctuary? Who shall live on your holy mountain? 2 He who walks blamelessly and does what is right, and speaks truth in his heart. 3 He doesn't slander with his tongue, nor does evil to his friend, nor lifts up an insult against his neighbor. 4 In his eyes a vile man is despised, but he honors those who fear the LORD. He keeps an oath even when it hurts, and doesn't change it. 5 He doesn't lend out his money for interest, nor take a bribe against the innocent. The one who does these things will never be upended.

> 16 [A Poem by David.] Preserve me, God, for in you do I take refuge. 2 I said to the LORD, "You are my Lord. Apart from you I have no good thing." 3 As for the holy ones who are in the land, they are the excellent ones in whom is all my delight. 4 Their sorrows will multiply who pay a dowry for another. Their drink offerings of blood I will not offer, nor take their names on my lips. 5 The LORD is the portion of my inheritance and my cup. You made my lot secure. 6 The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places. Yes, beautiful is my inheritance. 7 I will bless the LORD, who has given me counsel. Yes, my heart instructs me in the night seasons. 8 I have put the LORD before me at all times. Because he is at my right hand I will never be upended.

9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my tongue rejoices. Shaken, because he was angry. 8 Smoke went out of his My body shall also dwell in safety.
10 For you will not abandon my soul in Sheol, neither will you allow your Holy One to see decay. (Sheol h7585)
11 You make known to me the path of life. In your presence is fullness of joy. In your right hand there are pleasures forevermore.
9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my tongue rejoices. Shaken, because he was angry. 8 Smoke went out of his mouth. Coals were kindled by it. 9 He bowed the heavens also, and came down. Thick darkness was under his feet. 10 He to me the path of life. In your presence is fullness of joy. In your right hand there are pleasures forevermore.

17 [A Prayer by David.] Hear, LORD, my righteous plea; Give ear to my prayer, that doesn't go out of deceitful lips. 2 Let my sentence come forth from your presence. Let your eyes look on equity. 3 You have proved my heart. You have visited me in the night. You have tried me, and found nothing. I have resolved that my mouth shall not disobey. 4 As for the works of men, by the word of your lips, I have kept myself from the ways of the violent. 5 My steps have held fast to your paths. My feet have not slipped. 6 I have called on you, for you will answer me, God. Turn your ear to me. Hear my speech. 7 Show your marvelous loving kindness, you who save those who take refuge by your right hand from their enemies. 8 Keep me as the apple of your eve. Hide me under the shadow of your wings, 9 from the wicked who oppress me, my deadly enemies, who surround me. 10 They close up their callous hearts. With their mouth they speak proudly. 11 They have tracked me down; suddenly they surround me. They watch closely, crouching down to the ground. 12 He is like a lion that is greedy of his prey, as it were a young lion lurking in secret places. 13 Arise, LORD, confront him. Cast him down. Deliver my soul from the wicked by your sword; 14 from men with your hand, LORD, from men of the world, whose portion is in this life. You fill their womb with treasure. They are satisfied with children, and they leave their wealth to their little ones. 15 As for me, I shall see your face in righteousness. I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with seeing your form.

18 [For the Chief Musician. By David the servant of the LORD, who spoke to the LORD the words of this song in the day that the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul. He said,] I love you, LORD, my strength. 2 The LORD is my Rock, my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my Rock, in whom I take refuge; my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower. 3 I call on the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies. 4 The waves of death surrounded me, and the currents of ungodliness overwhelmed me. 5 The cords of Sheol were around me. The snares of death came on me. (Sheol h7585) 6 In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried out to my God. He heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry before him came into his ears. 7 Then the earth shook and trembled. The foundations also of the mountains guaked and were

nostrils. Consuming fire came out of his mouth. Coals were kindled by it. 9 He bowed the heavens also, and came down. Thick darkness was under his feet. 10 He rode on a cherub, and flew. Yes, he soared on the wings of the wind. 11 He made darkness his hiding place, his canopy around him thick clouds dark with water. 12 From the brightness before him his thick clouds passed on, with hailstones and coals of fire. 13 The LORD also thundered in the sky. The Most High uttered his voice. 14 And he sent out arrows and scattered them, and he shot lightning bolts and routed them. 15 And the depths of the sea appeared. The foundations of the world were laid bare at your rebuke, LORD, at the blast of the breath of your nostrils. 16 He sent from on high. He took me. He drew me out of many waters. 17 He delivered me from my strong enemy, from those who hated me; for they were too mighty for me. 18 They came on me in the day of my calamity, but the LORD was my support. 19 He brought me forth also into a large place. He delivered me, because he delighted in me. 20 The LORD has rewarded me according to my righteousness. According to the cleanness of my hands has he recompensed me. 21 For I have kept the ways of the LORD, and have not wickedly departed from my God. 22 For all his ordinances were before me. I did not put away his statutes from me. 23 I was also blameless with him. I kept myself from my iniquity. 24 Therefore the LORD has rewarded me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in his eyesight. 25 With the faithful you show yourself faithful. With the innocent you show yourself innocent. 26 With the pure you show yourself pure. And with the crooked you show yourself tortuous. 27 For you will save a humble people, but the eyes of the proud you will bring low. 28 For you light my lamp. The LORD my God lights up my darkness. 29 For by you, I advance through a troop. By my God, I leap over a wall. 30 As for God, his way is perfect. The word of the LORD is pure. He is a shield to all those who take refuge in him. 31 For who is God, except the LORD? Who is a rock, besides our God. 32 the God who girds me with strength, and makes my way blameless? 33 He makes my feet like deer's feet, and sets me on my high places. 34 He teaches my hands to war, so that my arms bend a bow of bronze. 35 You have also given me the shield of your salvation, and your right hand holds me up, and your help has made me great. 36 You have enlarged my steps under me, My feet have not slipped. 37 I pursued my enemies and overtook them, and I did not turn back until they were destroyed. 38 I struck them through, so that they did not rise. They fell beneath my feet. 39 For you have equipped me with strength for the battle. You

have subdued under me those who rose up against me. He will send you help from the sanctuary, and give you 40 You have also made my enemies turn their backs to support from Zion. 3 He will remember all your offerings, but he did not answer them. 42 Then I ground them as will triumph in your salvation. In the name of our God, not bound in chains. 46 The LORD lives; and blessed be and fallen, but we rise up, and stand upright. 9 Save, my rock. Exalted be the God of my salvation, 47 even LORD. Let the King answer us when we call. the God who executes vengeance for me, and subdues peoples under me. 48 He rescues me from my enemies. Yes, you lift me up above those who rise up against me. You deliver me from the violent man. 49 Therefore I will praise you, LORD, among the nations, and will sing praises to your name. 50 He gives great deliverance to his king, and shows loving kindness to his anointed, to David and to his descendants, until forever.

heavens declare the glory of God. The expanse shows his handiwork. 2 Day after day they pour forth speech, and night after night they display knowledge. 3 There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. 4 Their voice has gone out to all the earth, their words to the farthest part of the world. In them he has set a tent for the sun, 5 which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, like a strong man rejoicing to run his course. 6 His going forth is from the end of the heavens, his circuit to its ends; There is nothing hidden from its heat. 7 The LORD's Law is perfect, restoring the soul. The LORD's testimony is sure, making wise the simple. 8 The LORD's precepts are right, rejoicing the heart. The LORD's commandment is pure, enlightening the eyes. 9 The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever. The LORD's ordinances are true, and righteous altogether. 10 More to be desired are they than gold, yes, than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the extract of the honeycomb. 11 Moreover by them is your servant warned. In keeping them there is great reward. 12 Who can discern his errors? Forgive me from hidden errors. 13 Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins. Let them not have dominion over me. Then I will be upright. I will be blameless and innocent of great transgression. 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight always, LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

20 [For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by David.] May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble. May the name of the God of Jacob set you up on high. 2

me, that I might cut off those who hate me. 41 They and accept your burnt sacrifice. (Selah) 4 He will grant cried, but there was none to save; even to the LORD, you your heart's desire, and fulfill all your plans. 5 We fine as the dust on the surface of a path. Like the mud in we will set up our banners. May the LORD grant all the streets, I trampled them. 43 You have delivered me your requests. 6 Now I know that the LORD saves his from the strivings of the people. You have made me the anointed. He will answer him from his holy heaven, with head of the nations. A people whom I have not known a mighty act of deliverance by his right hand. 7 Some shall serve me; 44 as soon as they hear of me they [trust] in chariots, and some in horses, but we trust the obey me. Foreigners come cringing to me; 45 they are name of the LORD our God. 8 They are bowed down

21 [For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by David.] The king rejoices in your strength, LORD. How greatly he rejoices in your salvation. 2 You have given him his heart's desire, and have not withheld the request of his lips. (Selah) 3 For you meet him with the blessings of goodness. You set a crown of fine gold on his head. 4 He asked life of you, you gave it to him, even length of days forever and ever. 5 His glory is great in your 19 [For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by David.] The salvation. You lay honor and majesty on him. 6 For you make him most blessed forever. You make him glad with joy in your presence. 7 For the king trusts in the LORD. Through the loving kindness of the Most High, he shall not be moved. 8 Your hand will find out all of your enemies. Your right hand will find all those who hate you. 9 You will make them as a fiery furnace in the time of your anger. The LORD will swallow them up in his wrath. The fire shall devour them. 10 You will destroy their descendants from the earth, their posterity from among the descendants of Adam. 11 Though they intend evil against you, devising a wicked scheme, they will not succeed. 12 For you will make them turn their back, when you aim drawn bows at their face. 13 Be exalted, LORD, in your strength, so we will sing and praise your power.

> 22 [For the Chief Musician; set to "The Doe of the Morning." A Psalm by David.] My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, and from the words of my groaning? 2 My God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; in the night season, and am not silent. 3 But you are holy, you who inhabit the praises of Israel. 4 Our fathers trusted in you. They trusted, and you delivered them. 5 They cried to you, and escaped. They trusted in you, and were not put to shame. 6 But I am a worm, and no man; scorned by people and despised by the people. 7 All those who see me mock me. They insult me with their lips. They shake their heads, saying, 8 "He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him. Let him rescue him, since he delights in him." 9 But you brought me out of the womb. You made

you from my mother's womb. You are my God since my LORD's house forever. mother bore me. 11 Do not be far from me, for trouble is near. For there is none to help. 12 Many bulls have surrounded me. Mighty ones of Bashan have encircled me. 13 They open their mouths wide against me, like a lion tearing prev and roaring. 14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart is like wax; it is melted within me. 15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; and you have brought me into the dust of death. 16 For many dogs have surrounded me. A company of evildoers have enclosed me. They have pierced my hands and my feet. 17 I can count all of my bones. They look and stare at me. 18 They divide my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast a lot. 19 But do not be far off, LORD. You are my help: hurry to help me. 20 Deliver my soul from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dog. 21 Save me from the lion's mouth. Yes, from the horns of the wild oxen, you have answered me. 22 I will declare your name to my brothers. In the midst of the assembly I will praise you. 23 You who fear the LORD, praise him. All you descendants of Jacob, glorify him. Revere be shamed. Do not let my enemies triumph over me. him, all you descendants of Israel. 24 For he has not 3 Yes, no one who waits for you shall be shamed. despised or detested the affliction of the afflicted, nor They shall be shamed who deal treacherously without has he hidden his face from him; but when he cried to cause. 4 Show me your ways, LORD. Teach me your him, he heard. 25 Of you comes my praise in the great paths. 5 Guide me in your truth, and teach me, For assembly. I will pay my vows before those who fear him. you are the God of my salvation, I wait for you all day 26 The humble shall eat and be satisfied. They shall long. 6 LORD, remember your tender mercies and your praise the LORD who seek after him. Let your hearts loving kindness, for they are from old times. 7 Do not live forever. 27 Every part of the earth shall remember remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions. and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations Remember me according to your loving kindness, for shall worship before you. 28 For the kingdom is the your goodness' sake, LORD. 8 Good and upright is the LORD's, and he is the ruler over the nations. 29 All the LORD, therefore he will instruct sinners in the way. 9 prosperous of the earth shall eat and worship. All those He will guide the humble in justice. He will teach the who go down to the dust shall bow before him; and humble his way. 10 All the paths of the LORD are loving my soul shall live for him. 30 Posterity shall serve him. kindness and truth to those who keep his covenant and Future generations shall be told about the LORD. 31 his testimonies. 11 For your name's sake, LORD, pardon They shall come and shall declare his righteousness to my iniquity, for it is great. 12 What man is he who fears a people that shall be born, for he has done it.

23 [A Psalm by David.] The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not lack. 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. 3 He restores my soul. He guides me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. 4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me. Your rod and your staff, they comfort me. 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil. My cup overflows. 6 Surely goodness and loving kindness shall

me trust at my mother's breasts. 10 I was thrown on follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the

24 [A Psalm by David.] The earth is the LORD's, and its fullness; the world, and those who dwell in it. 2 For he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the floods. 3 Who may ascend to the LORD's hill? Who may stand in his holy place? 4 He who has clean hands and a pure heart; who has not lifted up his soul to falsehood, and has not sworn deceitfully. 5 He shall receive a blessing from the LORD, righteousness from the God of his salvation. 6 This is the generation of those who seek Him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. (Selah) 7 Lift up your heads, you gates. Be lifted up, you everlasting doors, and the King of glory will come in. 8 Who is the King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, The LORD mighty in battle. 9 Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you everlasting doors, and the King of glory will come in. 10 Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts is the King of glory. (Selah)

25 [By David.] To you, LORD, do I lift up my soul. 2 My God, I have trusted in you. Do not let me the LORD? He shall instruct him in the way that he shall choose. 13 His soul shall dwell in prosperity, and his descendants shall inherit the land. 14 The friendship of the LORD is with those who fear him. He will show them his covenant. 15 My eyes are ever on the LORD, for he will pluck my feet out of the net. 16 Turn to me, and have mercy on me, for I am desolate and afflicted. 17 Relieve me from the distresses of my heart, and bring me out of my distresses. 18 Consider my affliction and my travail. Forgive all my sins. 19 Consider my enemies, for they are many. They hate me with cruel hatred. 20 Oh keep my soul, and deliver me. Let me not be disappointed, for I take refuge in you. 21 Let integrity

and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for you, LORD. become like those who go down into the pit. 2 Hear the 22 Redeem Israel, God, from all of his troubles. voice of my petitions, when I cry to you, when I lift up my

26 [By David.] Judge me, LORD, for I have walked in my integrity. I have trusted also in LORD without wavering. 2 Examine me, LORD, and prove me. Try my heart and my mind. 3 For your loving kindness is before my eyes. I have walked in your truth. 4 I have not sat with deceitful men, neither will I go in with hypocrites. 5 I hate the assembly of evildoers, and will not sit with the wicked. 6 I will wash my hands in innocence, so I will go about your altar, LORD; 7 that I may make the voice of thanksgiving to be heard, and tell of all your wondrous works. 8 LORD, I love the habitation of your house, the place where your glory dwells. 9 Do not gather my soul with sinners, nor my life with bloodthirsty men; 10 in whose hands is wickedness, their right hand is full of bribes. 11 But as for me, I will walk in my integrity. Redeem me, and be merciful to me. 12 My foot stands in an even place. In the congregations I will bless the LORD.

27 [By David.] The LORD is my light and my salvation. Whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life. Of whom shall I be afraid? 2 When evildoers came at me to eat up my flesh, even my adversaries and my foes, they stumbled and fell. 3 Though an army is deployed against me, my heart shall not fear. Though war should rise against me, even then I will be confident. 4 One thing I have asked of the LORD, that I will seek after, that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to see the LORD's beauty, and to inquire in his temple. 5 For in the day of trouble he will keep me secretly in his pavilion. In the covert of his tabernacle he will hide me. He will lift me up on a rock. 6 Now my head will be lifted up above my enemies around me. I will offer sacrifices of joy in his tent. I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the LORD. 7 Hear, LORD, when I cry with my voice. Have mercy also on me, and answer me. 8 My heart said of you, "Seek his face." Your face, LORD, I will seek. 9 Do not hide your face from me. Do not put your servant away in anger. You have been my help. Do not abandon me, neither forsake me, God of my salvation. 10 When my father and my mother forsake me, then the LORD will take me up. 11 Teach me your way, LORD. Lead me in a straight path, because of my enemies. 12 Do not deliver me over to the desire of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen up against me, such as breathe out violence. 13 I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. 14 Wait for the LORD. Be strong, and let your heart take courage. Yes, wait for the LORD.

28 [By David.] To you, LORD, I call. My rock, do not be deaf to me; lest, if you are silent to me, I would

voice of my petitions, when I cry to you, when I lift up my hands toward your Most Holy Place. 3 Do not draw me away with the wicked, with evildoers who speak peace with their neighbors, but mischief is in their hearts. 4 Give them according to their work, and according to the wickedness of their doings. Give them according to the operation of their hands. Bring back on them what they deserve. 5 Because they do not regard the works of the LORD, nor the operation of his hands, he will break them down and not build them up. 6 Blessed be the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my petitions. 7 The LORD is my strength and my shield. My heart has trusted in him, and I am helped. Therefore my heart greatly rejoices. With my song I will thank him. 8 The LORD is the strength of his people. He is a stronghold of salvation to his anointed. 9 Save your people, and bless your inheritance. Be their shepherd also, and bear them up forever.

29 [A Psalm by David.] Ascribe to the LORD, you sons of the mighty, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due to his name. Worship the LORD in holy array. 3 The voice of the LORD is on the waters. The God of glory thunders, even the LORD on many waters. 4 The voice of the LORD is powerful. The voice of the LORD is full of majesty. 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars. Yes, the LORD breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon. 6 He makes them also to skip like a calf; Lebanon and Sirion like a young, wild ox. 7 The voice of the LORD strikes with flashes of lightning. 8 The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness. The LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. 9 The voice of the LORD makes the large trees tremble, and strips the forests bare. In his temple everything says, "Glory." 10 The LORD sat enthroned at the Flood. Yes, the LORD sits as King forever. 11 The LORD will give strength to his people. The LORD will bless his people with peace.

30 [A Psalm. A Song for the Dedication of the Temple. By David.] I will extol you, LORD, for you have raised me up, and have not made my foes to rejoice over me. **2** LORD my God, I cried to you, and you have healed me. **3** LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol. You have kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit. (Sheol h7585) **4** Sing praise to the LORD, you his faithful ones. Give thanks to his holy name. **5** For his anger is but for a moment. His favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may stay for the night, but joy comes in the morning. **6** As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved." **7** You, LORD, when you favored me, made my mountain stand strong; but when you hid your face, I was troubled. **8** I cried to you, LORD. To the LORD I made petition: 9 "What profit is there in cut off from before your eyes," Nevertheless you heard removed my sackcloth, and clothed me with gladness, take courage, all you who hope in the LORD. 12 To the end that my heart may sing praise to you, and not be silent. LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

disappointed. Deliver me in your righteousness. 2 Bow through my groaning all day long. 4 For day and night down your ear to me. Deliver me speedily. Be to me your hand was heavy on me to my destruction in the a strong rock, a house of defense to save me. 3 For heat of summer. (Selah) 5 I acknowledged my sin to you are my rock and my fortress, therefore for your you. I did not hide my iniquity. I said, "I will confess name's sake lead me and guide me. 4 Pluck me out of my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the the net that they have laid secretly for me, for you are iniquity of my sin. (Selah) 6 For this, let everyone who is my stronghold. 5 Into your hands I commit my spirit. faithful pray to you in a time when you may be found. You redeem me, LORD, God of truth. 6 I hate those Surely when the great waters overflow, they shall not who regard lying vanities, but I trust in the LORD. 7 I reach to him. 7 You are my hiding place. You will will be glad and rejoice in your loving kindness, for you preserve me from trouble. You will surround me with have seen my affliction. You have known my soul in songs of deliverance. (Selah) 8 I will instruct you and adversities. 8 You have not shut me up into the hand of teach you in the way which you shall go. I will counsel the enemy. You have set my feet in a large place. 9 you with my eye on you. 9 Do not be like the horse, or Have mercy on me, LORD, for I am in distress. My eye, like the mule, which have no understanding, who are my soul, and my body waste away with grief. 10 For controlled by bit and bridle, or else they will not come mv life is spent with sorrow, my years with sighing. My near to you. 10 Many sorrows come to the wicked, strength fails because of my affliction, and my bones but loving kindness shall surround him who trusts in waste away. 11 Because of all my adversaries I have the LORD. 11 Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, you become utterly contemptible to my neighbors, A fear to righteous. Shout for joy, all you who are upright in heart. my acquaintances. Those who saw me on the street fled from me. 12 I am forgotten from their hearts like a dead man. I am like broken pottery. 13 For I have heard the slander of many, terror on every side, while with the lyre. Sing praises to him with the harp of ten they conspire together against me, they plot to take strings. 3 Sing to him a new song. Play skillfully with a away my life. 14 But I trust in you, LORD. I said, "You are my God." 15 My times are in your hand. Deliver me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me. 16 Make your face to shine on your servant. Save me in your loving kindness. 17 Let me not be disappointed, LORD, for I have called on you. Let the wicked be disappointed. Let them be silent in Sheol. (Sheol h7585) 18 Let the lying lips be mute, which fear the LORD. Let all the inhabitants of the world stand speak against the righteous insolently, with pride and in awe of him. 9 For he spoke, and it was done. He contempt. 19 Oh how great is your goodness, which commanded, and it stood firm. 10 The LORD nullifies you have stored up for those who fear you, which you the counsel of the nations. He makes the thoughts of have worked for those who take refuge in you, before the peoples to be of no effect. 11 The counsel of the the descendants of Adam. 20 In the shelter of your LORD stands fast forever, the thoughts of his heart to presence you will hide them from the plotting of man. all generations. 12 Blessed is the nation whose God You will keep them secretly in a dwelling away from is the LORD, the people whom he has chosen for his the strife of tongues. 21 Praise be to the LORD, for own inheritance. 13 The LORD looks from heaven. He he has shown me his marvelous loving kindness in a sees all the descendants of Adam. 14 From the place of besieged city. 22 As for me, I said in my haste, "I am his habitation he looks out on all the inhabitants of the

my destruction, if I go down to the pit? Shall the dust the voice of my petitions when I cried to you. 23 Oh praise you? Shall it declare your truth? 10 Hear, LORD, love the LORD, all you his faithful ones. The LORD and have mercy on me. LORD, be my helper." 11 You preserves the faithful, and fully recompenses him who have turned my mourning into dancing for me. You have behaves arrogantly. 24 Be strong, and let your heart

[By David. A contemplative psalm.] Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. 2 Happy is the one to whom the LORD 31 [For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by David.] does not charge with sin, in whose spirit there is no In you, LORD, I take refuge. Let me never be deceit. 3 When I kept silence, my bones wasted away

> 33 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous. Praise is fitting for the upright. 2 Give thanks to the LORD shout of joy. 4 For the word of the LORD is right. All his work is done in faithfulness. 5 He loves righteousness and justice. The earth is full of the loving kindness of the LORD. 6 By the word of the LORD the heavens were made; and all their host by the breath of his mouth. 7 He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap. He lays up the deeps in storehouses. 8 Let all the earth

earth. 15 he who fashions all of their hearts: and he who pursue me. Tell my soul. "I am your salvation." LORD, since we have hoped in you.

34 [By David; when he pretended to be insane before Abimelech, who drove him away, and he departed.] I will bless the LORD at all times. His praise will always be in my mouth. 2 My soul shall boast in the LORD. The humble shall hear of it, and be glad. 3 Oh magnify the LORD with me. Let us exalt his name together. 4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears. 5 They looked to him and were radiant, and their faces are not ashamed. 6 This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles. 7 The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them. 8 Oh taste and see that the LORD is good. Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him. 9 Oh fear the LORD, you his holy ones, for there is no lack with those who fear him. 10 The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger, but those who seek the LORD shall not lack any good thing. 11 Come, you children, listen to me. I will teach you the fear of the LORD. 12 Who is someone who desires life, and loves many days, that he may see good? 13 Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking lies. 14 Turn away from evil, and do good. Seek peace, and pursue it. 15 The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous. His ears listen to their cry. 16 The LORD's face is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth. 17 The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles. 18 The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves those who have a crushed spirit. 19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all. 20 He protects all of his bones. Not one of them is broken. 21 Evil shall kill the wicked. Those who hate the righteous shall be condemned. 22 The LORD redeems the soul of his servants. None of those who take refuge in him shall be condemned.

35 [By David.] Contend, LORD, with those who contend with me. Fight against those who fight against me. 2 Take hold of shield and buckler, and stand long. up for my help. 3 Brandish the spear and block those

considers all of their works. 16 There is no king saved by 4 Let those who seek after my soul be disappointed the multitude of an army. A mighty man is not delivered and brought to dishonor. Let those who plot my ruin be by great strength. 17 A horse is a vain thing for safety, turned back and confounded. 5 Let them be as chaff neither does he deliver any by his great power. 18 Look, before the wind, The LORD's angel driving them on. 6 the LORD's eye is on those who fear him, on those who Let their way be dark and slippery, The LORD's angel hope in his loving kindness; 19 to deliver their soul from pursuing them. 7 For without cause they have hidden death, to keep them alive in famine. 20 Our soul waits their net in a pit for me. Without cause they have dug a for the LORD. He is our help and our shield. 21 For pit for my soul. 8 Let destruction come on him unawares. our heart rejoices in him, because we have trusted in Let his net that he has hidden catch himself. Let him fall his holy name. 22 Let your loving kindness be on us, into that destruction. 9 My soul shall be joyful in the LORD. It shall rejoice in his salvation. 10 All my bones shall say, "LORD, who is like you, who delivers the poor from him who is too strong for him; yes, the poor and the needy from him who robs him?" 11 Unrighteous

witnesses rise up. They ask me about things that I do not know about. 12 They reward me evil for good, to the bereaving of my soul. 13 But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth. I afflicted my soul with fasting; and my prayer returned into my own bosom. 14 I behaved myself as though it had been my friend or my brother. I bowed down mourning, as one who mourns his mother. 15 But in my adversity, they rejoiced, and gathered themselves together. The attackers gathered themselves together against me, and I did not know it. They tore at me, and did not cease. 16 When I tripped, they mocked me relentlessly; they gnashed their teeth at me. 17 LORD, how long will you look on? Rescue my soul from their destruction, my precious life from the lions. 18 I will give you thanks in the great assembly. I will praise you among many people. 19 Do not let those who are my enemies wrongfully rejoice over me; neither let those who hate me without a cause and wink their eyes. 20 For they do not speak peace, but they devise deceitful words against those who are quiet in the land. 21 Yes, they opened their mouth wide against me. They said, "Aha. Aha. Our eye has seen it." 22 You have seen it, LORD. Do not keep silent. LORD, do not be far from me. 23 Wake up. Rise up to defend me, my God. My Lord, contend for me. 24 Vindicate me, LORD my God, according to your righteousness. Do not let them gloat over me. 25 Do not let them say in their heart. "Aha. Aha. Our desire." Do not let them say, "We have swallowed him up." 26 Let them be put to shame and confounded together who rejoice at my calamity. Let them be clothed with shame and dishonor who magnify themselves against me. 27 Let them shout for joy and be glad, who favor my righteous cause. And let them say continually, "The LORD be magnified, who delights in the peace of his servant." 28 My tongue shall talk about your righteousness and about your praise all day

36 [For the Chief Musician. By David, the servant of shall be forever. 19 They shall not be disappointed in within his heart. There is no fear of God before his eyes. satisfied. 20 But the wicked shall perish. The enemies 2 For he flatters himself in his own eyes, too much to of the LORD shall be like the burning of an oven. They detect and hate his sin. 3 The words of his mouth are will vanish-vanish like smoke. 21 The wicked borrow, iniquity and deceit. He has ceased to be wise and to do and do not pay back, but the righteous give generously. good. 4 He plots iniquity on his bed. He sets himself in a 22 For such as are blessed by him shall inherit the land. way that is not good. He doesn't abhor evil. 5 Your loving Those who are cursed by him shall be cut off. 23 The kindness, LORD, is in the heavens. Your faithfulness steps of a man are established by the LORD, and he mountains of God. Your judgments are like a great deep. fall, for the LORD holds him up with his hand. 25 I have LORD, you preserve man and animal. 7 How precious been young, and now am old, yet I have not seen the is your loving kindness, God. The descendants of Adam righteous forsaken, nor his children begging for bread. take refuge under the shadow of your wings. 8 They 26 All day long he deals graciously and lends, and his shall be abundantly satisfied with the abundance of offspring are a blessing. 27 Turn away from evil, and do vour house. You will make them drink of the river of good. Live securely forever. 28 For the LORD loves your pleasures. 9 For with you is the spring of life. In justice, and doesn't forsake his faithful ones. They are your light shall we see light. 10 Oh continue your loving preserved forever, but the children of the wicked shall kindness to those who know you, your righteousness to be cut off. 29 The righteous shall inherit the land, and the upright in heart. 11 Do not let the foot of pride come live in it forever. 30 The mouth of the righteous talks of against me. Do not let the hand of the wicked drive me wisdom. His tongue speaks justice. 31 The law of his away. 12 There evildoers are fallen. They are thrust God is in his heart. None of his steps shall slide. 32 The down, and shall not be able to rise.

37 [By David.] Do not fret because of evildoers. neither be envious against those who work unrighteousness. 2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither like the green herb. 3 Trust in the LORD, and do good. Dwell in the land, and enjoy safe pasture. 4 Also delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. 5 Commit your way to the LORD. Trust also in him, and he will act. 6 And he will make your righteousness go forth as the light, and your justice as the noonday. 7 Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him. Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, because of the man who makes wicked plots happen. 8 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret, it leads only to evildoing. 9 For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land. 10 For yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more. Yes, though you look for his place, he isn't there. 11 But the humble shall inherit the land, and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace. 12 The wicked plots against the just, and gnashes at him with his teeth. 13 The LORD will laugh at him, for he sees that his day is coming. 14 The wicked have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow, to cast down the poor and needy, to kill those who are upright in the way. 15 Their sword shall enter into their own heart. Their bows shall be broken. 16 Better is a little that the righteous has, than the abundance of is no soundness in my flesh. 8 I am faint and severely many wicked. 17 For the arms of the wicked shall be bruised. I have groaned by reason of the anguish of my broken, but the LORD upholds the righteous. 18 The heart. 9 Lord, all my desire is before you. My groaning LORD knows the days of the perfect. Their inheritance is not hidden from you. 10 My heart throbs. My strength

the LORD.] Transgression speaks to the wicked the time of evil. In the days of famine they shall be reaches to the skies. 6 Your righteousness is like the delights in his way. 24 Though he stumble, he shall not wicked watches the righteous, and seeks to kill him. 33 The LORD will not leave him in his hand, nor condemn him when he is judged. 34 Wait for the LORD, and keep his way, and he will exalt you to inherit the land. When the wicked are cut off, you shall see it. 35 I have seen the wicked wielding great power, and towering like a cedar of Lebanon. 36 And I passed by, and look, he was not. And I looked for him, but he could not be found. 37 Observe the blameless, and see the upright, for there is a future for the man of peace. 38 As for transgressors, they shall be destroyed together. The future of the wicked shall be cut off. 39 The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD. He is their stronghold in the time of trouble. 40 And the LORD helps them, and rescues them. He rescues them from the wicked, and saves them, Because they have taken refuge in him.

> **38** [A Psalm by David, for a memorial.] LORD, do not rebuke me in your wrath, neither chasten me in your hot displeasure. 2 For your arrows have pierced me, your hand presses hard on me. 3 There is no soundness in my flesh because of your indignation, neither is there any health in my bones because of my sin. 4 For my iniquities have gone over my head. As a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me. 5 My wounds are loathsome and corrupt, because of my foolishness. 6 I am pained and bowed down greatly. I go mourning all day long. 7 For my waist is filled with burning. There

fails me. As for the light of my eyes, it has also left me. 4 Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust. 11 My loved ones and my friends keep their distance and doesn't respect the proud, nor such as turn aside because of my affliction. My kinsmen stand far away. 12 to lies. 5 Many, LORD, my God, are the wonderful They also who seek after my life lay snares. Those who works which you have done, and your thoughts which seek my hurt speak mischievous things, and meditate are toward us. They can't be declared back to you. If I deceits all day long. 13 But I, as a deaf man, do not would declare and speak of them, they are more than hear. I am as a mute man who doesn't open his mouth. can be numbered. 6 Sacrifice and offering you did not 14 Yes, I am as a man who doesn't hear, in whose desire, but a body you prepared for me. Whole burnt mouth are no reproofs. 15 For in you, LORD, do I hope. offering and sin offering you did not require. 7 Then I You will answer, LORD my God. 16 For I said, "Do not said, "Look, I have come. It is written about me in the let them gloat over me, or exalt themselves over me scroll of a book; 8 to do your will, O God, I desired. when my foot slips." 17 For I am ready to fall. My pain is And your Law is within my heart." 9 I have proclaimed continually before me. 18 Yes, I confess my iniquity. I glad news of righteousness in the great assembly. Look, am anxious because of my sin. 19 But my enemies, for I will not seal my lips, LORD, you know. 10 I have no reason, are many. Those who hate me wrongfully not hidden your righteousness within my heart. I have are numerous. 20 They who also render evil for good declared your faithfulness and your salvation. I have are adversaries to me, because I follow what is good. not concealed your loving kindness and your truth from 21 Do not forsake me, LORD. My God, do not be far the great assembly. 11 Do not withhold your tender from me. 22 Hurry to help me, LORD, my salvation.

39 [For the Chief Musician. For Jeduthun. A Psalm by David.] I said, "I will watch my ways, so that I do not sin with my tongue. I will keep my mouth with a bridle while the wicked is before me." 2 I was mute with silence. I held my peace, even from good. My sorrow was stirred. 3 My heart was hot within me. While I meditated, the fire burned: I spoke with my tongue: 4 "LORD, show me my end, what is the measure of my days. Let me know how frail I am. 5 Look, you have made my days handbreadths. My lifetime is as nothing before you. Surely every man stands as a breath." (Selah) 6 "Surely a person goes about like a shadow. Surely he heaps up vain things of wealth, and doesn't know who shall gather them. 7 And now, LORD, what do I wait for? My hope is in you. 8 Deliver me from all my transgressions. Do not make me the taunt of fools. 9 I was mute. I did not open my mouth, because you did it. 10 Remove your scourge away from me. I am overcome by the blow of your hand. 11 When you rebuke and correct man for iniquity, You consume his wealth like a moth. Surely every man is but a breath." (Selah) 12 "Hear my prayer, LORD, and give ear to my cry. Do not be silent at my tears. For I am a stranger with you, a foreigner, as all my fathers were. 13 Oh spare me, that I may recover strength, before I go away, and exist no more."

[For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by David.] | waited patiently for the LORD, and he turned to me, and heard my cry. 2 He also brought me up out of a pit of tumult, out of the miry clay; and he set my feet on a rock, making my steps secure. 3 And he has Even my own close friend, in whom I trusted, who ate put a new song in my mouth, even praise to our God. Many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD. LORD, have mercy on me, and raise me up, that I may

mercies from me, LORD. Let your loving kindness and your truth continually preserve me. 12 For innumerable evils have surrounded me. My iniguities have overtaken me, so that I am not able to look up. They are more than the hairs of my head. My heart has failed me. 13 Be pleased, LORD, to deliver me. Hurry to help me, LORD. 14 Let them be put to shame and confounded together who seek after my soul to destroy it. Let them be turned backward and brought to dishonor who delight in my hurt. 15 Let them be desolate by reason of their shame that tell me, "Aha. Aha." 16 Let all those who seek you rejoice and be glad in you. Let such as love your salvation say continually, "Let the LORD be exalted." 17 But I am poor and needy. May the LORD think about me. You are my help and my deliverer. Do not delay, my God.

1 [For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by David.] Blessed is he who considers the poor and needy. The LORD will deliver him in the day of evil. 2 The LORD will protect him, and keep him alive. He shall be blessed on the earth, and he will not surrender him to the will of his enemies. 3 The LORD will sustain him on his sickbed, and restore him from his bed of illness. 41 said, "LORD, have mercy on me. Heal me, for I have sinned against you." 5 My enemies speak evil against me: "When will he die, and his name perish?" 6 If he comes to see me, he speaks falsehood. His heart

gathers iniquity to itself. When he goes abroad, he tells it. 7 All who hate me whisper together against me. They imagine the worst for me. 8 "A wicked thing is poured out on him; and he who lies down will not rise again." 9 my bread, has lifted up his heel against me. 10 But you,

repay them. 11 By this I know that you delight in me, sword, neither did their own arm save them; but your me, you uphold me in my integrity, and set me in your presence forever. 13 Blessed be the LORD, the God of amen.

42 [For the Chief Musician. A contemplation by the sons of Korah.] As the deer pants for the water brooks, so my soul pants after you, God. 2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God? 3 My tears have been my food day and night, while they continually ask me, "Where is your God?" 4 These things I remember, and pour out my soul within me, how I used to go in the tent of the Majestic One, to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, a multitude keeping a holy day. 5 Why are you in despair, my soul? Why are you disturbed within me? Hope in God. For I will again give him thanks, my saving presence and my God. 6 My soul is in despair within me. Therefore I remember you from the land of the Jordan, the heights of Hermon, from the hill Mizar. 7 Deep calls to deep at the noise of your waterfalls. All your breakers and waves have swept over me. 8 The LORD will command his loving kindness in the daytime. In the night his song shall be with me: a prayer to the God of my life. 9 I will ask God, my Rock, "Why have you forgotten me? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?" 10 As with a sword in my bones, my adversaries taunt me, while they continually ask me, "Where is your God?" 11 Why are you in despair, my soul? Why are you disturbed within me? Hope in God. For I will again give him thanks, my saving presence and my God.

13 Vindicate me, God, and plead my cause against a faithless nation. Oh, deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man. 2 For you. God. are my strength. Why have you rejected me? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy? 3 Oh, send out your light and your truth. Let them lead me. Let them bring me to your holy mountain, To your tents. 4 Then I will go to the altar of God, to God, my exceeding joy. I will praise you on the harp. God. my God. 5 Why are you in despair, my soul? Why are you disturbed within me? Hope in God. For I will again give him thanks, my saving presence and my God.

because my enemy doesn't triumph over me. 12 As for right hand, and your arm, and the light of your face, because you were favorable to them. 4 You are my King, my God, who commands victories for Jacob. 5 Through Israel, from everlasting and to everlasting. Amen and you we will push back our adversaries. Through your name we will trample down those who rise up against us. 6 For I will not trust in my bow, neither shall my sword save me. 7 But you have saved us from our adversaries, and have shamed those who hate us. 8 In God we have made our boast all day long, we will give thanks to your name forever. (Selah) 9 But now you rejected us, and brought us to dishonor, and do not go out with our armies. 10 You make us turn back from the adversary. Those who hate us take spoil for themselves. 11 You have made us like sheep for food, and have scattered us among the nations. 12 You sell your people for nothing, and have gained nothing from their sale. 13 You make us the taunt of our neighbors. a scoffing and a derision to those who are around us. 14 You make us a byword among the nations, a shaking of the head among the peoples. 15 All day long my dishonor is before me, and shame covers my face, 16 At the taunt of one who reproaches and verbally abuses, because of the enemy and the avenger. 17 All this has come on us, yet have we not forgotten you, Neither have we been false to your covenant. 18 Our heart has not turned back, neither have our steps straved from your path, 19 Though you have crushed us in the haunt of jackals, and covered us with the shadow of death. 20 If we have forgotten the name of our God, or spread forth our hands to a strange god; 21 won't God search this out? For he knows the secrets of the heart. 22 For your sake we are killed all day long. We are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered. 23 Wake up. Why do you sleep, LORD? Arise. Do not reject us forever. 24 Why do you hide your face, and forget our affliction and our oppression? 25 For our soul is bowed down to the dust. Our body cleaves to the earth. 26 Rise up to help us. Redeem us for your loving kindness' sake.

45 [For the Chief Musician. Set to "The Lilies." A contemplation by the sons of Korah. A wedding song.] My heart overflows with a noble theme. I recite my verses for the king. My tongue is like the pen of a skillful writer. 2 You are the most handsome of the sons of men. Grace has anointed your lips, therefore God has blessed you forever. 3 Gird your sword on your ႔ [For the Chief Musician. By the sons of Korah. thigh, mighty one: your splendor and your majesty. 4 A contemplative psalm.] We have heard with our In your majesty ride on victoriously on behalf of truth, ears, God; our fathers have told us, what work you humility, and righteousness. Let your right hand display did in their days, in the days of old. 2 You drove out awesome deeds. 5 Your arrows are sharp. The nations the nations with your hand, but you planted them. You fall under you, with arrows in the heart of the king's afflicted the peoples, but you spread them abroad. 3 enemies. 6 Your throne, God, is forever and ever. A For they did not get the land in possession by their own scepter of equity is the scepter of your kingdom. 7

You have loved righteousness, and hated wickedness. Sing praises with understanding. 8 God reigns over the Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the nations. God sits on his holy throne. 9 The princes of oil of gladness above your companions. 8 All your the peoples are gathered together, the people of the garments smell like myrrh and aloes and cassia. Out of God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to ivory palaces stringed instruments have made you glad. God. He is greatly exalted. 9 Kings' daughters are among your honorable women. At your right hand the gueen stands in gold of Ophir. 10 Listen, daughter, consider, and turn your ear. Forget your own people, and also your father's house. 11 So the king will desire your beauty, honor him, for he is your lord. 12 The daughter of Tyre comes with a gift. The rich among the people will seek your favor. 13 The princess inside is all glorious. Her clothing is interwoven with gold. 14 She shall be led to the king in embroidered work. The virgins, her companions who follow her, shall be brought to you. 15 With gladness and rejoicing they shall be led. They shall enter into the king's palace. 16 Your sons will take the place of your fathers. You shall make them princes in all the earth. 17 I will make your name to be remembered in all generations. Therefore the peoples shall give you thanks forever and ever.

46 [For the Chief Musician. By the sons of Korah. According to Alamoth.] God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. 2 Therefore we won't be afraid, though the earth changes, though the mountains are shaken into the heart of the seas; **3** though its waters roar and are troubled, though the mountains tremble with their swelling. (Selah) 4 There is a river, the streams of which make the city of God glad, the holy place of the tents of the Most High. 5 God is in her midst. She shall not be moved. God will help her at dawn. 6 The nations raged. The kingdoms were moved. He lifted his voice, and the earth melted. 7 The LORD of hosts is with us. The God of Jacob is our refuge. (Selah) 8 Come, see the LORD's works, what desolations he has made in the earth. 9 He makes wars cease throughout the earth. He breaks the bow, and shatters the spear. He burns the chariots in the fire. 10 "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations. I will be exalted in the earth." 11 The LORD of hosts is with us. The God of Jacob is our refuge. (Selah)

sing praises. 7 For God is the King of all the earth. the morning. Their beauty shall decay in Sheol, far from

4R [A Song. A Psalm by the sons of Korah.] Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, in the city of our God, in his holy mountain. 2 Beautiful in elevation, the joy of the whole earth, is Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King. 3 God has shown himself in her citadels as a refuge. 4 For, look, the kings assembled themselves, they passed by together. 5 They saw it, then they were amazed. They were dismayed. They hurried away. 6 Trembling took hold of them there, pain, as of a woman in travail. 7 With the east wind, you break the ships of Tarshish. 8 As we have heard, so we have seen, in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God. God will establish it forever. (Selah) 9 We have thought about your loving kindness, God, in the midst of your temple. 10 As is your name, God, so is your praise to the farthest parts of the earth. Your right hand is full of righteousness. 11 Let Mount Zion be glad. Let the daughters of Judah rejoice, Because of your judgments. 12 Walk about Zion, and go around her. Number its towers. 13 Consider her defenses. Consider her palaces, that you may tell it to the next generation. 14 For this God is our God forever and ever. He will guide us forever.

 ${\color{black}{49}} \ [{\hbox{For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by the sons} \\$ of Korah.] Hear this, all you peoples. Listen, all you inhabitants of the world, 2 both low and high, rich and poor together. 3 My mouth will speak words of wisdom. My heart shall utter understanding. 4 I will incline my ear to a proverb. I will open my riddle on the harp. 5 Why should I fear in the days of evil, when the iniquity of those who deceive me surrounds me? 6 They trust in their wealth, and boast in the multitude of their riches. 7 Truly these cannot redeem a person, nor give to God a ransom for him. 8 For the redemption of their life is costly, no payment is ever enough, 9 that he should live on forever, that he should not see corruption. 10 For he sees that wise men die; likewise 17 [For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by the sons of the fool and the senseless perish, and leave their wealth Korah.] Oh clap your hands, all you nations. Shout to others. 11 Their tombs are their homes forever, and to God with the voice of triumph. 2 For the LORD Most their dwelling places to all generations. They name their High is awesome. He is a great King over all the earth. lands after themselves. 12 But man, despite his riches, 3 He subdues nations under us, and peoples under our doesn't endure. He is like the animals that perish. 13 feet. 4 He chooses our inheritance for us, the glory of This is the destiny of those who are foolish, and of Jacob whom he loved. (Selah) 5 God has gone up with those who approve their sayings. (Selah) 14 They are a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet. 6 Sing appointed as a flock for Sheol. Death shall be their praise to God, sing praises. Sing praises to our King, shepherd. The upright shall have dominion over them in

their mansion. (Sheel h7585) 15 But God will redeem my your loving kindness. According to the multitude of your soul from the power of Sheol, for he will receive me. tender mercies, blot out my transgressions. 2 Wash me (Selah) (Sheol h7585) 16 Do not be afraid when a man is thoroughly from my iniquity. Cleanse me from my sin. made rich, when the glory of his house is increased. 17 3 For I know my transgressions. My sin is constantly For when he dies he shall carry nothing away. His glory before me. 4 Against you, and you only, have I sinned, shall not descend after him. 18 Though while he lived he and done that which is evil in your sight; that you may blessed his soul-and men praise you when you do well be proved right when you speak, and justified when you for yourself— 19 he shall go to the generation of his judge. 5 Look, I was brought forth in iniquity. In sin my fathers. They shall never see the light. 20 A man who mother conceived me. 6 Look, you desire truth in the has riches without understanding, is like the animals inward parts. You teach me wisdom in the inmost place. that perish.

50 [A Psalm by Asaph.] The Mighty One, God. the LORD, speaks, and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. 2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth. 3 Our God comes, and does not keep silent. A fire devours before him. It is very stormy around him. 4 He calls to the heavens above, to the earth, that he may judge his people: 5 "Gather my faithful ones together to me, those who have made a covenant with me by sacrifice." 6 The heavens shall declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge. (Selah) 7 "Hear, my people, and I will speak; Israel, and I will testify against you. I am God, your God. 8 I do not rebuke you for your sacrifices. Your burnt offerings are continually before me. 9 I have no need for a bull from your stall, nor male goats from your pens. 10 For every animal of the forest is mine, and the livestock on a thousand hills. 11 I know all the birds of the mountains. The wild animals of the field are mine. 12 If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world is mine, and all that is in it. 13 Will I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats? 14 Offer to God the sacrifice of thanksgiving. Pay your vows to the Most High. 15 Call on me in the day of trouble. I will deliver you, and you will honor me." 16 But to the wicked God says, "What "David has come to Abimelech's house."] Why do you right do you have to declare my statutes, that you have boast of mischief, mighty man? God's loving kindness taken my covenant on your lips, 17 seeing you hate endures continually, 2 Your tongue plots destruction, like instruction, and throw my words behind you? 18 When a sharp razor, working deceitfully. 3 You love evil more you saw a thief, you consented with him, and have than good, lying rather than speaking the truth. (Selah) participated with adulterers. 19 "You give your mouth to 4 You love all devouring words, you deceitful tongue. 5 evil. Your tongue frames deceit. 20 You sit and speak God will likewise destroy you forever. He will take you against your brother. You slander your own mother's up, and pluck you out of your tent, and root you out of son. 21 You have done these things, and I kept silent. the land of the living, (Selah) 6 The righteous also will You thought that I was just like you. I will rebuke you, see it, and fear, and laugh at him, saying, 7 "Look, this is and accuse you in front of your eyes. 22 "Now consider the man who did not make God his strength, but trusted this. you who forget God, lest I tear you into pieces, and in the abundance of his riches, and was confident in his there be none to deliver. 23 Whoever offers the sacrifice desire." 8 But as for me, I am like a green olive tree in of thanksgiving glorifies me; and to him who orders his God's house. I trust in God's loving kindness forever conduct I will show the salvation of God."

51 [For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by David, when Nathan the prophet came to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.] Have mercy on me, God, according to

7 Purify me with hyssop, and I will be clean. Wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. 8 Let me hear joy and gladness. That the bones which you have broken may rejoice. 9 Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all of my iniquities. 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a right spirit within me. 11 Do not throw me from your presence, and do not take your holy Spirit from me. 12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation. Uphold me with a willing spirit. 13 Then I will teach transgressors your ways. Sinners shall be converted to you. 14 Deliver me from bloodquiltiness, O God, the God of my salvation. My tongue shall sing aloud of your righteousness. 15 Lord, open my lips. My mouth shall declare your praise. 16 For you do not delight in sacrifice, or else I would give it. You have no pleasure in burnt offering. 17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit. A broken and contrite heart. O God, you will not despise. 18 Do well in your good pleasure to Zion. Build the walls of Jerusalem. 19 Then you will delight in the sacrifices of righteousness, in burnt offerings and in whole burnt offerings. Then they will offer bulls on your altar.

52 [For the Chief Musician. A contemplation by David, when Doeg the Edomite came and told Saul, and ever. 9 I will give you thanks forever, because you have done it. I will hope in your name, for it is good, in the presence of your faithful ones.

53 [For the Chief Musician. To the tune of "Mahalath." up against me, then I would have hid myself from him. his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, and my familiar friend. 14 We took sweet fellowship together. have done abominable iniquity. There is no one who We walked in God's house with company. 15 Let death does good. 2 God looks down from heaven on the come suddenly on them. Let them go down alive into descendants of Adam, to see if there are any who are Sheol. For wickedness is in their dwelling, in the midst of wise, who seek after God. 3 Every one of them has them. (Sheol h7585) 16 As for me, I will call on God. The gone back. They have become filthy together. There is LORD will save me. 17 Evening, morning, and at noon, no one who does good, no, not one. 4 Have evildoers I will cry out in distress. He will hear my voice. 18 He no knowledge, who eat up my people as they eat bread, has redeemed my soul in peace from the battle that was and do not call on God? 5 There they will be in great against me, although there are many who oppose me. fear, where no fear had been, for God will scatter the 19 God, who is enthroned forever, will hear, and humble bones of those who encamp against you. You will put them. (Selah) They never change, who do not fear God. them to shame, because God has rejected them. 6 20 He has stretched out his hand against those who Oh that the salvation of Israel would come out of Zion. were at peace with him. He has violated his covenant. When God brings back his people from captivity, may 21 His mouth was smooth as butter, but his heart was Jacob rejoice, may Israel be glad.

51 [For the Chief Musician. On stringed instruments. A contemplation by David, when the Ziphites came and said to Saul, "Isn't David hiding himself among us?"] Save me, God, by your name. Vindicate me in your might. 2 Hear my prayer, God. Listen to the words of my mouth. 3 For strangers have risen up against me. Violent men have sought after my soul. They haven't set God before them. (Selah) 4 Look, God is my helper. The LORD is the one who sustains my soul. 5 He will repay the evil to my enemies. Destroy them in your truth. 6 With a free will offering, I will sacrifice to you. I will give thanks to your name, LORD, for it is good. 7 For he has delivered me out of all trouble. My eye has trust in you. 4 In God, I praise his word. In God, I put seen triumph over my enemies.

55 [For the Chief Musician. On stringed instruments. A contemplation by David.] Listen to my prayer, God. Do not hide yourself from my petition. 2 Attend to me, and answer me. I am restless in my complaint, and moan, 3 Because of the voice of the enemy, Because of the oppression of the wicked. For they bring suffering on me. In anger they hold a grudge against me. 4 My heart is severely pained within me. The terrors of death have fallen on me. 5 Fearfulness and trembling have come on me. Horror has overwhelmed me. 6 I said, "Oh that I had wings like a dove. Then I would fly away, and be at rest. 7 Look, then I would wander far off. I would lodge in the wilderness." (Selah) 8 "I would hurry to a shelter from the stormy wind and storm." 9 Confuse them, LORD, and confound their language, for I have seen violence and strife in the city. 10 Day and night they

A contemplation by David.] The fool has said in 13 But it was you, a man like me, my companion, and war. His words were softer than oil, yet they were drawn swords. 22 Throw your burden upon the LORD, and he will take care of you. He will never allow the righteous to be upended. 23 But you, God, will bring them down into the pit of destruction. Bloodthirsty and deceitful men shall not live out half their days, but I will trust in you.

> 56 [For the Chief Musician. To the tune of "Silent Dove in Distant Lands." A poem by David, when the Philistines seized him in Gath.] Be merciful to me, God, for man wants to swallow me up. All day long, he attacks and oppresses me. 2 My enemies want to swallow me up all day long, for they are many who fight proudly against me. 3 When I am afraid, I will put my my trust. I will not be afraid. What can flesh do to me? 5 All day long they twist my words. All their thoughts are against me for evil. 6 They conspire and lurk, watching my steps, they are eager to take my life. 7 Shall they escape by iniquity? In anger cast down the peoples, God. 8 You number my wanderings. You put my tears into your bottle. Aren't they in your book? 9 Then my enemies shall turn back in the day that I call. I know this, that God is for me. 10 In God, I will praise his word. In the LORD, I will praise his word. 11 I have put my trust in God. I will not be afraid. What can man do to me? 12 Your vows are on me, God. I will give thank offerings to you. 13 For you have delivered my soul from death, and prevented my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of the living.

57 [For the Chief Musician. To the tune of "Do Not Destroy." A poem by David, when he fled from prowl around on its walls. Malice and abuse are also Saul, in the cave.] Be merciful to me, God, be merciful within her. 11 Destructive forces are within her. Threats to me, for my soul takes refuge in you. Yes, in the and lies do not depart from her streets. 12 For it was not shadow of your wings, I will take refuge, until disaster an enemy who insulted me, then I could have endured has passed. 2 I cry out to God Most High, to God it. Neither was it he who hated me who raised himself who accomplishes my requests for me. 3 He will send from heaven, and save me, he rebukes the one who return at evening, howling like dogs, and prowl around earth.

59 [For the Chief Musician. To the tune of "Do Not Destroy." A poem by David.] Do you rulers indeed speak righteousness? Do you judge blamelessly, you descendants of Adam? 2 No, in your heart you plot injustice. You measure out the violence of your hands in the earth. 3 The wicked go astray from the womb. They are wayward as soon as they are born, speaking lies. 4 Their poison is like the poison of a serpent; like a deaf viper that stops its ear, 5 which doesn't listen to the voice of charmers, no matter how skillful the charmer may be. 6 Break their teeth, God, in their mouth. Break out the great teeth of the young lions, LORD. 7 Let them vanish as water that flows away. When they draw the bow, let their arrows be made blunt. 8 Let them be like a snail which melts and passes away, like the stillborn child, who has not seen the sun. 9 Before your pots can feel the heat of the thorns, he will sweep away the green and the burning alike. 10 The righteous shall rejoice when he sees the vengeance. He shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked; 11 so that men shall say, "Most certainly there is a reward for the righteous. Most certainly there is a God who judges the earth."

59 [For the Chief Musician. To the tune of "Do Not Destroy." A poem by David, when Saul sent, and they watched the house to kill him.] Deliver me from my enemies, my God. Set me on high from those who rise up against me. 2 Deliver me from evildoers. Save me from the bloodthirsty men. 3 For, look, they lie in wait for my soul. The mighty gather themselves together against me, not for my disobedience, nor for my sin, LORD. 41 have done no wrong, yet they are ready to attack me.

is pursuing me. (Selah) God will send out his loving the city. 7 Look, they spew with their mouth. Swords are kindness and his truth. 4 My soul is among lions. I lie in their lips, "For," they say, "who hears us?" 8 But you, among those who are set on fire, even the sons of LORD, laugh at them. You scoff at all the nations. 9 Oh, men, whose teeth are spears and arrows, and their my Strength, I watch for you, for God is my high tower. tongue a sharp sword. 5 Be exalted, God, above the 10 My God of mercy will come to meet me. God will let heavens. Let your glory be above all the earth. 6 They me look at my enemies in triumph. 11 Do not kill them, have prepared a net for my steps. My soul is bowed or my people may forget. Scatter them by your power, down. They dig a pit before me. They fall into its midst and bring them down, LORD our shield. 12 For the sin themselves. (Selah) 7 My heart is steadfast, God, my of their mouth, and the words of their lips, let them be heart is steadfast. I will sing, yes, I will sing praises. 8 caught in their pride, for the curses and lies which they Wake up, my glory. Wake up, psaltery and harp. I will utter. 13 Consume them in wrath. Consume them, and wake up the dawn. 9 I will give thanks to you, LORD, they will be no more. Let them know that God rules in among the peoples. I will sing praises to you among the Jacob, to the farthest parts of the earth. (Selah) 14 At nations. 10 For your great loving kindness reaches to evening let them return. Let them howl like a dog, and the heavens, and your truth to the skies, 11 Be exalted, go around the city, 15 They shall wander up and down God, above the heavens. Let your glory be over all the for food, and wait all night if they aren't satisfied. 16 But I will sing of your strength. Yes, I will sing aloud of your loving kindness in the morning. For you have been my high tower, a refuge in the day of my distress. 17 To you, my strength, I will sing praises. For God is my high tower, the God of my mercy.

> 60 [For the Chief Musician. To the tune of "The Lily of the Covenant." A teaching poem by David, when he fought with Aram Naharaim and with Aram Zobah, and Joab returned, and killed twelve thousand of Edom in the Valley of Salt.] God, you have rejected us. You have broken us down. You have been angry. Restore us, again. 2 You have made the land tremble. You have torn it. Mend its fractures, for it guakes. 3 You have shown your people hard things. You have made us drink the wine that makes us stagger. 4 You have given a banner to those who fear you, that it may be displayed because of the truth. (Selah) 5 So that your beloved may be delivered, save with your right hand and answer me. 6 God has spoken from his sanctuary: "I will triumph. I will divide Shechem, and measure out the Valley of Succoth. 7 Gilead is mine, and Manasseh is mine. Ephraim also is the defense of my head. Judah is my scepter. 8 Moab is my wash basin. I will throw my shoe on Edom. I shout in triumph over Philistia." 9 Who will bring me into the strong city? Who will lead me to Edom? 10 Haven't you, God, rejected us? You do not go out with our armies, God. 11 Give us help against the adversary, for the help of man is vain. 12 Through God we shall do valiantly, for it is he who will tread down our adversaries.

61 [For the Chief Musician. For a stringed instrument. By David.] Hear my cry, God. Listen to my prayer. Rise up, look, and help me. 5 You, LORD God of hosts, 2 From the most remote place of the earth, I will call to the God of Israel, rouse yourself to punish the nations. you, when my heart is overwhelmed. Lead me to the Show no mercy to the wicked traitors. (Selah) 6 They rock that is higher than I. 3 For you have been a refuge for me, a strong tower from the enemy. 4 I will dwell **61** [For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by David.] Hear in your tent forever. I will take refuge in the shelter of vows. You have given me the heritage of those who fear the wicked, from the noisy crowd of the ones doing evil; God's presence forever. Appoint your loving kindness ambushes. They shoot at him suddenly and fearlessly. praise to your name forever, that I may fulfill my vows about laying snares secretly. They say, "Who will see day after day.

62 [For the Chief Musician. To Jeduthan. A Psalm by David.] My soul rests in God alone, for my salvation is from him. 2 He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress-I will never be upended. 3 How long will you assault a man, would all of you throw him down, Like a leaning wall, like a tottering fence? 4 They fully intend to throw him down from his lofty place. They delight in lies. They bless with their mouth, but they curse inwardly. (Selah) 5 My soul, wait in silence for God alone, for my expectation is from him. 6 He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress. I will not be you shall vows be performed. 2 You who hear prayer, to upended. 7 With God is my salvation and my honor. The rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God. 8 Trust in him at all times, O people. Pour out your heart before him. God is a refuge for us. (Selah) 9 Surely men of low degree are just a breath, and men of high degree are a lie. In the balances they will go up. They are together lighter than a breath. 10 Do not trust in oppression. Do not become vain in robbery. If riches increase, do not set your heart on them. 11 God has spoken once: twice I have heard this, that power belongs to God. 12 Also to you, LORD, belongs loving kindness, for you reward every man according to his work.

63 [A Psalm by David, when he was in the desert of Judah.] God, you are my God. I will earnestly seek you. My soul thirsts for you. My flesh longs for you, in a dry and weary land, where there is no water. 2 So I have seen you in the sanctuary, watching your power and your glory. 3 Because your loving kindness is better than life, my lips shall praise you. 4 So I will bless you while I live. I will lift up my hands in your name. 5 My soul shall be satisfied as with the richest food. My mouth shall praise you with joyful lips, 6 when I remember you on my bed, and think about you in the night watches. 7 For you have been my help. I will rejoice in the shadow hand holds me up. 9 But those who seek my soul, to destroy it, shall go into the lower parts of the earth. 10 They shall be given over to the power of the sword. They shall be jackal food. 11 But the king shall rejoice in God. Everyone who swears by him will praise him, for the mouth of those who speak lies shall be silenced.

my voice, God, in my complaint. Preserve my life your wings. (Selah) 5 For you, God, have heard my from fear of the enemy. 2 Hide me from the conspiracy of your name. 6 You will prolong the king's life; his years 3 who sharpen their tongue like a sword, and aim their shall be for generations. 7 He shall be enthroned in arrows, deadly words, 4 to shoot innocent men from and truth, that they may preserve him. 8 So I will sing 5 They encourage themselves in evil plans. They talk them?" 6 They plot injustice; they hide a well-conceived plan. Surely man's mind and heart are cunning. 7 But God will shoot at them. They will be suddenly struck down with an arrow. 8 Their own tongues shall ruin them. All who see them will shake their heads. 9 All humankind shall be afraid. They shall declare the work of God, and shall wisely ponder what he has done. 10 The righteous shall be glad in the LORD, and shall take refuge in him. All the upright in heart shall praise him.

> 65 [For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by David. A song.] Praise awaits you, God, in Zion. And to you all men will come. 3 Sins overwhelmed me, but you atoned for our transgressions. 4 Blessed is the one you choose and bring near, that he may dwell in your courts. We will be filled with the goodness of your house, your holy temple. 5 By awesome deeds of righteousness, you answer us, God of our salvation. You who are the hope of every part of the earth, of those who are far away on the sea; 6 Who by his power forms the mountains, having armed yourself with strength; 7 who stills the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the turmoil of the nations. 8 They also who dwell in faraway places are afraid at your wonders. You call the morning's dawn and the evening with songs of joy. 9 You visit the earth, and water it. You greatly enrich it. The river of God is full of water. You provide them grain, for so you have ordained it. 10 You drench its furrows. You level its ridges. You soften it with showers. You bless it with a crop. 11 You crown the year with your bounty. Your carts overflow with abundance. 12 The wilderness grasslands overflow. The hills are clothed with gladness. 13 The pastures are covered with flocks. The vallevs also are clothed with grain. They shout for joy. They also sing.

66 [For the Chief Musician. A song. A Psalm.] Make a joyful shout to God, all the earth. 2 Sing to the of your wings. 8 My soul stays close to you. Your right glory of his name. Offer glory and praise. 3 Tell God, "How awesome are your deeds. Through the greatness of your power, your enemies submit themselves to you. 4 All the earth will worship you, and will sing to you; they will sing to your name." (Selah) 5 Come, and see God's deeds-awesome work on behalf of the descendants of Adam. 6 He turned the sea into dry land. They went through the river on foot. There, we rejoiced in him, presence of the God of Sinai-at the presence of God. my prayer. 20 Blessed be God, who has not turned bears our burdens, even the God who is our salvation. away my prayer, nor his loving kindness from me.

67 [For the Chief Musician. With stringed instruments. A Psalm. A song.] May God be merciful to us, bless us, and cause his face to shine on us. (Selah) 2 That your way may be known on earth, and your salvation among all nations, 3 let the peoples praise you, God. Let all the peoples praise you. 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you will judge the world in righteousness. You will judge the peoples with equity, and guide the nations on earth. 5 Let the peoples praise you, God. Let all the peoples praise you. 6 The land has yielded its produce. May God, our God, bless us. 7 May God bless us. Every part of the earth shall fear him.

68 [For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by David. A song.] Let God arise. Let his enemies be scattered. and let them who hate him flee before him. 2 As smoke is driven away, so drive them away. As wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God. 3 But let the righteous be glad. Let them rejoice before God. Yes, let them rejoice with gladness. 4 Sing to God. Sing praises to his name. Extol him who rides on the clouds: to the LORD, his name. Rejoice before him. 5 A father of the fatherless, and a defender of the widows, is God in his holy habitation. 6 God sets the lonely in families. He brings out the prisoners with singing, but the rebellious dwell in a sun-scorched land. 7 God, when you went forth before your people, when you marched through the wilderness ... (Selah) 8 The 35 You are awesome, God, in your sanctuaries. The earth trembled. The sky also poured down rain at the

7 He rules by his might forever. His eves watch the the God of Israel. 9 You, God, sent a plentiful rain. nations. Do not let the rebellious rise up against him. You confirmed your inheritance, when it was weary. 10 (Selah) 8 Praise our God, you peoples. Make the sound Your congregation lived in it. You, God, prepared your of his praise heard, 9 who preserves our life among goodness for the poor. 11 The LORD announced the the living, and doesn't allow our feet to be moved. 10 word; a great company of women proclaim the good For you, God, have tested us. You have refined us, as news. 12 "Kings of armies flee. They flee." She who silver is refined. 11 You brought us into prison. You laid waits at home divides the spoil, 13 while you sleep a burden on our backs. 12 You allowed men to ride over among the campfires, the wings of a dove sheathed our heads. We went through fire and through water, with silver, her feathers with shining gold. 14 When but you brought us out to a spacious place. 13 I will Shaddai scattered kings in her, it snowed on Zalmon. 15 come into your temple with burnt offerings. I will pay The mountains of Bashan are majestic mountains. The my vows to you, 14 which my lips promised, and my mountains of Bashan are rugged. 16 Why do you look mouth spoke, when I was in distress. 15 I will offer to in envy, you rugged mountains, at the mountain where you burnt offerings of fat animals, with the offering of God chooses to reign? Yes, the LORD will dwell there rams, I will offer bulls with goats. (Selah) 16 Come, and forever. 17 The chariots of God are tens of thousands hear, all you who fear God. I will declare what he has and thousands of thousands. The LORD is among done for my soul. 17 I cried to him with my mouth. He them, from Sinai, in holiness. 18 You have ascended was extolled with my tongue. 18 If I cherished sin in my on high. You have led away captives. And you gave heart, the LORD wouldn't have listened. 19 But most gifts to people; but the rebellious will not dwell in the certainly, God has listened. He has heard the voice of presence of God. 19 Blessed be the LORD, who daily (Selah) 20 God is to us a God of deliverance. To the LORD belongs escape from death. 21 But God will strike through the head of his enemies, the hairy scalp of such a one as still continues in his guiltiness. 22 The LORD said, "I will bring you again from Bashan, I will bring you again from the depths of the sea; 23 That you may crush them, dipping your foot in blood, that the tongues of your dogs may have their portion from your enemies." 24 They have seen your processions, God, even the processions of my God, my King, into the sanctuary. 25 The singers went before, the minstrels followed after, in the midst of the ladies playing with tambourines, 26 "Bless God in the congregations, even the LORD from the fountain of Israel." 27 There is little Benjamin, their ruler, the princes of Judah, their council, the princes of Zebulun, and the princes of Naphtali. 28 Your God has commanded your strength. Strengthen, God, that which you have done for us. 29 Because of your temple at Jerusalem, kings shall bring presents to you. 30 Rebuke the wild animal of the reeds, the multitude of the bulls, with the calves of the peoples. Being humbled, may it bring bars of silver. Scatter the nations that delight in war. 31 Envoys shall come out of Egypt. Ethiopia shall hurry to stretch out her hands to God. 32 Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth. Sing praises to the LORD. (Selah) 33 To him who rides on the heaven of heavens, which are of old; look, he utters his voice, a mighty voice. 34 Ascribe strength to God. His excellency is over Israel, his strength is in the skies.

God of Israel gives strength and power to his people, be blotted out of the Book of Life, and not be written Praise be to God.

69 [For the Chief Musician. To the tune of "Lilies." By David.] Save me, God, for the waters have come up to my neck. 2 I sink in deep mire, where there is no foothold. I have come into deep waters, where the floods overflow me. 3 I am weary with my crying. My throat is dry. My eyes fail, looking for my God. 4 Those who hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my head. Those who want to cut me off, being my enemies wrongfully, are mighty. I have to restore what I did not take away. 5 God, you know my foolishness. My sins aren't hidden from you. 6 Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame because of me, LORD of hosts. Do not let those who seek you be brought to dishonor through me, God of Israel. 7 Because for your as for me, my prayer is to you, LORD, in an acceptable LORD, do not delay. time. God, in the abundance of your loving kindness, answer me in the truth of your salvation. 14 Deliver me out of the mire, and do not let me sink. Let me be delivered from those who hate me, and out of the deep waters. 15 Do not let the flood waters overwhelm me, neither let the deep swallow me up. Do not let the pit shut its mouth on me. 16 Answer me, LORD, for your loving kindness is good. According to the multitude of your tender mercies, turn to me. 17 Do not hide your face from your servant, for I am in distress. Answer me speedily. 18 Draw near to my soul, and redeem it. Ransom me because of my enemies. 19 You know how I am insulted, and my shame, and my disgrace. My adversaries are all before you. 20 Insults have broken my heart, so that I am in despair. I looked for some to take pity, but there was none; for comforters, but I found none. 21 They also gave me gall for my food. In my thirst, they gave me vinegar to drink. 22 Let their table before them become a snare, and a retribution, and a trap, and a stumbling block. 23 Let their eyes be darkened, so that they can't see, and make their backs weak continually. 24 Pour out your indignation on them. Let the fierceness of your anger overtake them. 25 Let their habitation be desolate, and let no one dwell in their tents. 26 For they persecute him whom you have wounded. They tell of the sorrow of those whom you have hurt. 27 Charge them with crime upon crime. Do not let them come into your righteousness. 28 Let them

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with the righteous. 29 But I am in pain and distress. Let your salvation, God, protect me. 30 I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving. 31 It will please the LORD better than an ox, or a bull that has horns and hoofs. 32 The humble will see it and rejoice. You who seek after God, let your heart live. 33 For the LORD hears the needy, and doesn't despise his captive people. 34 Let heaven and earth praise him; the seas, and everything that moves in them. 35 For God will save Zion, and build the cities of Judah. They shall settle there, and own it. 36 The children also of his servants shall inherit it. Those who love his name shall dwell in it.

70 [For the Chief Musician. By David. A reminder.] Hurry, God, to deliver me. Come quickly to help sake I suffer insults. Shame has covered my face. 81 me, LORD. 2 Let them be put to shame and confounded have become a stranger to my brothers, a foreigner who seek my soul. Let those who desire my ruin be to my mother's children. 9 For the zeal of your house turned back in disgrace. 3 Let them be turned back consumes me. The insults of those who insult you have because of their shame who say to me, "Aha. Aha." 4 fallen on me. 10 When I wept and I fasted, it brought Let all those who seek you rejoice and be glad in you. me insults. 11 When I made sackcloth my clothing, I Let those who love your salvation continually say, "Let became a byword to them. 12 Those who sit in the gate God be exalted." 5 But I am poor and needy. Come to talk about me. I am the song of the drunkards. 13 But me quickly, God. You are my help and my deliverer.

> 71 In you, LORD, I take refuge. Never let me be disappointed. 2 Deliver me in your righteousness, and rescue me. Turn your ear to me, and save me. 3 Be to me a rock of refuge to which I may always go. Give the command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress. 4 Rescue me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man. 5 For you are my hope, LORD; my confidence from my youth. 6 I have relied on you from the womb. From my mother's womb you are my strength. I will always praise you. 7 I am a marvel to many, but you are my strong refuge. 8 My mouth shall be filled with your praise, with your honor all the day. 9 Do not reject me in my old age. Do not forsake me when my strength fails. 10 For my enemies talk about me. Those who watch for my soul conspire together, 11 saying, "God has forsaken him. Pursue and take him, for no one will rescue him." 12 God, do not be far from me. My God, hurry to help me. 13 Let my accusers be put to shame and consumed. Let them be covered with disgrace and scorn who want to harm me. 14 But I will always hope, and will add to all of your praise. 15 My mouth will tell about your righteousness, and of your salvation all day, though I do not know its full measure. 16 I will come with the mighty acts of the Lord GOD. I will make mention of your righteousness, even of yours alone. 17 God, you have taught me from my youth.

Until now, I have declared your wondrous works. 18 73 [A Psalm by Asaph.] Surely God is good to Israel, Yes, even when I am old and gray-haired, God, do and they are confounded, who want to harm me.

72 [By Solomon.] God, give the king your justice; your righteousness to the royal son. 2 He will judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice. 3 The mountains shall bring prosperity to the people. The hills bring the fruit of righteousness. 4 He will judge the poor of the people. He will save the children of the needy, and will break the oppressor in pieces. 5 They shall fear you while the sun endures; and as long as the moon, throughout all generations. 6 He will come down like rain on the mown grass, as showers that water the earth. 7 In his days, the righteous shall flourish, and abundance of peace, until the moon is no more. 8 He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, from the River to the farthest parts of the earth. 9 Those who dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him. His enemies shall lick the dust. 10 The kings of Tarshish and of the islands will bring tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts. 11 Yes, all kings shall fall down before him. All nations shall serve him. 12 For he will deliver the needy when he cries; the poor, who has no helper. 13 He will have pity on the poor and needy. He will save the souls of the needy. 14 He will redeem their soul from oppression and violence. Their blood will be precious in his sight. 15 And he shall live, and the gold of Sheba shall be given to him. Men shall pray for him continually. He shall bless him all day long. 16 There shall be abundance of grain throughout the land. Its fruit sways like Lebanon. Let it flourish, thriving like the grass of the field. 17 His name endures forever. His name against the sheep of your pasture? 2 Remember your continues as long as the sun. Men shall be blessed by him. All nations will call him blessed. 18 Praise be to the have redeemed to be the tribe of your inheritance; LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does marvelous Mount Zion, in which you have lived. 3 Lift up your deeds. 19 Blessed be his glorious name forever. Let the feet to the perpetual ruins, all the evil that the enemy whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen and amen. 20 has done in the sanctuary. 4 Your adversaries have This ends the prayers by David, the son of Jesse.

to those who are pure in heart. 2 But as for me, not forsake me, until I have declared your strength to my feet were almost gone. My steps had nearly slipped. the next generation, your might to everyone who is to 3 For I was envious of the arrogant, when I saw the come. 19 Your righteousness also, God, reaches to prosperity of the wicked. 4 For there are no struggles the heavens; you have done great things. God, who is in their death, but their strength is firm. 5 They are like you? 20 You, who have shown us many and bitter free from burdens of men, neither are they plaqued like troubles, you will let me live. You will bring us up again other men. 6 Therefore pride is like a chain around their from the depths of the earth. 21 Increase my honor, neck. Violence covers them like a garment. 7 Their sin and comfort me again. 22 I will also praise you with proceeds forth from fatness. Their hearts overflow with the harp for your faithfulness, my God. I sing praises to imaginations. 8 They scoff and speak with malice. In you with the lyre, Holy One of Israel. 23 My lips shall arrogance, they threaten oppression. 9 They have set shout for joy. My soul, which you have redeemed, sings their mouth in the heavens. Their tongue walks through praises to you. 24 My tongue will also talk about your the earth. 10 Therefore his people turn to them, and they righteousness all day long, for they are disappointed, drink up waters of abundance. 11 They say, "How does God know? Is there knowledge in the Most High?" 12 Look, these are the wicked. Being always at ease, they increase in riches. 13 Surely in vain I have cleansed my heart, and washed my hands in innocence, 14 For all day long have I been plagued, and punished every morning. 15 If I had said, "I will speak thus;" look, I would have betrayed the generation of your children. 16 When I tried to understand this, it was too painful for me; 17 Until I entered God's sanctuary, and considered their latter end. 18 Surely you set them in slippery places. You throw them down to destruction. 19 How they are suddenly destroyed. They are completely swept away with terrors. 20 As a dream when one wakes up, so, LORD, when you awake, you will despise their fantasies. 21 For my soul was grieved. I was embittered in my heart. 22 I was so senseless and ignorant. I was a brute beast before you. 23 Nevertheless, I am continually with you. You have held my right hand. 24 You will guide me with your counsel, and afterward receive me to glory. 25 Who do I have in heaven? There is no one on earth who I desire besides you. 26 My flesh and my heart fails, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. 27 For, look, those who are far from you shall perish. You have destroyed all those who are unfaithful to you. 28 But it is good for me to come close to God. I have made the LORD my refuge, that I may tell of all your works in the gates of the daughter of Zion.

> 74 [A contemplation by Asaph.] God, why have you rejected us forever? Why does your anger smolder congregation, which you purchased of old, which you roared in the midst of your assembly. They have set up their standards as signs. 5 They behaved like men wielding axes, cutting through a thicket of trees. 6

You opened up spring and stream. You dried up mighty princes. He is feared by the kings of the earth. rivers. 16 The day is yours, the night is also yours. You have prepared the light and the sun. 17 You have set all the boundaries of the earth. You have made summer and winter. 18 Remember this, that the enemy has mocked you, LORD. Foolish people have blasphemed your name. 19 Do not deliver the soul of your dove to wild beasts. Do not forget the life of your poor forever. 20 Honor your covenant, for haunts of violence fill the dark places of the earth. 21 Do not let the oppressed return ashamed. Let the poor and needy praise your name. 22 Arise, God. Plead your own cause. Remember how the foolish man mocks you all day. 23 Do not forget the voice of your adversaries. The tumult of those who rise up against you ascends continually.

thanks to you, God. We give thanks, for your Name is my wounding, that the right hand of the Most High has near. Men tell about your wondrous works. 2 When I changed." 11 I will remember the works of the LORD; choose the appointed time, I will judge blamelessly. 3 for I will remember your wonders of old. 12 I will also The earth and all its inhabitants guake. I firmly hold its meditate on all your work, and consider your doings. 13 pillars. (Selah) 4 I said to the arrogant, "Do not boast." I Your way, God, is in the sanctuary. What god is great said to the wicked, "Do not lift up the horn. 5 Do not lift like God? 14 You are the God who does wonders. You up your horn on high. Do not speak with a stiff neck." 6 have made your strength known among the peoples. For neither from the east, nor from the west, nor yet 15 You have redeemed your people with your arm, the from the south, comes exaltation, 7 But God is the sons of Jacob and Joseph. (Selah) 16 The waters saw judge. He puts down one, and lifts up another. 8 For in you, God. The waters saw you, and they writhed. The the hand of the LORD there is a cup, full of foaming depths also convulsed. 17 The clouds poured out water. wine mixed with spices. He pours it out. Indeed the The skies resounded with thunder. Your arrows also wicked of the earth drink and drink it to its very dregs. 9 flashed around. 18 The voice of your thunder was in But I will declare this forever: I will sing praises to the the whirlwind. The lightnings lit up the world. The earth God of Jacob. 10 I will cut off all the horns of the wicked, trembled and shook. 19 Your way was through the sea; but the horns of the righteous shall be lifted up.

76 [For the Chief Musician. On stringed instruments. A Psalm by Asaph. A song.] In Judah, God is

Now they break all its carved work down with hatchet known. His name is great in Israel. 2 And his abode is and hammers. 7 They have burned your sanctuary in Salem, and his lair in Zion. 3 There he broke the to the ground. They have profaned the dwelling place flaming arrows of the bow, the shield, and the sword, of your Name. 8 They said in their heart, "We will and the weapons of war. (Selah) 4 Glorious are you, crush them completely." They have burned up all the and excellent, more than mountains of game. 5 Valiant places in the land where God was worshiped. 9 We see men lie plundered, they have slept their last sleep. None no miraculous signs. There is no longer any prophet, of the men of war can lift their hands. 6 At your rebuke, neither is there among us anyone who knows how long. God of Jacob, both chariot and horse are cast into a 10 How long, God, shall the enemy mock? Shall the deep sleep. 7 You, even you, are to be feared. Who enemy blaspheme your name forever? 11 Why do you can stand in your sight when you are angry? 8 You draw back your hand, even your right hand? Take it pronounced judgment from heaven. The earth feared, out of your pocket and consume them. 12 Yet God is and was silent, 9 when God arose to judgment, to save my King from long ago, working salvation in the midst all the afflicted ones of the earth. (Selah) 10 Surely the of the earth. 13 You divided the sea by your strength. wrath of man praises you. The survivors of your wrath You broke the heads of the sea monsters in the waters. are restrained. 11 Make vows to the LORD your God, 14 You broke the heads of Leviathan in pieces. You and fulfill them. Let all of his neighbors bring presents to gave him as food to people and desert creatures. 15 him who is to be feared. 12 He humbles the spirit of

7 [For the Chief Musician. To Jeduthun. A Psalm by 1 Asaph.] My cry goes to God. Indeed, I cry to God for help, and for him to listen to me. 2 In the day of my trouble I sought the LORD. My hand was stretched out in the night, and did not get tired. My soul refused to be comforted. 3 I remember God, and I groan. I complain, and my spirit is overwhelmed. (Selah) 4 You hold my eyelids open. I am so troubled that I can't speak. 5 I have considered the days of old, the years of ancient times. 6 I remember my song in the night. I consider in my own heart; my spirit diligently inquires: 7 "Will the LORD reject us forever? Will he be favorable no more? 8 Has his loving kindness vanished forever? Does his promise fail for generations? 9 Has God 75 [For the Chief Musician. To the tune of "Do Not forgotten to be gracious? Has he, in anger, withheld Destroy." A Psalm by Asaph. A song.] We give his compassion?" (Selah) 10 And I thought, "This is your paths through the great waters. Your footsteps were not known. 20 You led your people like a flock, by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

78 [A contemplation by Asaph.] Hear my teaching, went up against them, killed some of the fattest of them. mouth. 2 I will open my mouth in a parable. I will utter they still sinned, and did not believe in his wondrous dark sayings since the beginning of the world, 3 which works. 33 Therefore he consumed their days in vanity, we have heard and known, and our fathers have told and their years in terror. 34 When he killed them, then us. 4 We will not hide them from their descendants, they inquired after him. They returned and sought God telling to the generation to come the praises of the earnestly. 35 They remembered that God was their rock, LORD, his strength, and his wondrous works that he has the Most High God, their redeemer. 36 But they flattered done. 5 For he established a testimony in Jacob, and him with their mouth, and lied to him with their tongue. appointed a teaching in Israel, which he commanded 37 For their heart was not right with him, neither were our fathers, that they should make them known to their they faithful in his covenant. 38 But he, being merciful, children; 6 that the generation to come might know it, forgave iniquity, and did not destroy them. Yes, many the children yet unborn, and arise and tell their children, times he turned his anger away, and did not stir up all 7 that they might set their hope in God, and not forget his wrath. 39 He remembered that they were but flesh, the works of God, but keep his commandments, 8 and a wind that passes away, and doesn't come again. 40 might not be as their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious How often they rebelled against him in the wilderness, generation, a generation that did not make their hearts and grieved him in the desert. 41 They turned again loyal, whose spirit was not steadfast with God. 9 The and tempted God, and gave pain to the Holy One of people of Ephraim, being armed and carrying bows, Israel. 42 They did not remember his hand, nor the day turned back in the day of battle. 10 They did not keep when he redeemed them from the adversary; 43 how he God's covenant, and refused to walk by his Law. 11 set his signs in Egypt, his wonders in the field of Zoan, They forgot his doings, his wondrous works that he 44 he turned their rivers into blood, and their streams, had shown them. 12 He did marvelous things in the so that they could not drink. 45 He sent among them sight of their fathers, in the land of Egypt, in the field of swarms of flies, which devoured them; and frogs, which Zoan. 13 He split the sea, and caused them to pass destroyed them. 46 He gave also their increase to the through. He made the waters stand as a heap. 14 In the caterpillar, and their labor to the locust. 47 He destroyed daytime he also led them with a cloud, and all night with their vines with hail, their sycamore fig trees with frost. a light of fire. 15 He split rocks in the wilderness, and 48 He gave over their livestock also to the hail, and their gave them drink abundantly as out of the depths. 16 flocks to hot thunderbolts. 49 He threw on them the He brought streams also out of the rock, and caused fierceness of his anger, wrath, indignation, and trouble. waters to run down like rivers. 17 Yet they still went and a band of destroying angels. 50 He made a path on to sin against him, to rebel against the Most High for his anger. He did not spare their soul from death, in the desert. 18 They tempted God in their heart by but gave their life over to the pestilence, 51 and struck asking food according to their desire. 19 Yes, they spoke all the firstborn in Egypt, the chief of their strength in against God. They said, "Can God prepare a table in the tents of Ham. 52 But he led forth his own people the wilderness? 20 Look, he struck the rock, so that like sheep, and guided them in the wilderness like a waters gushed out, and streams overflowed. Can he flock. 53 He led them safely, so that they weren't afraid, give bread also? Will he provide flesh for his people?" but the sea overwhelmed their enemies. 54 He brought 21 Therefore the LORD heard, and was angry. A fire them to the border of his sanctuary, to this mountain, was kindled against Jacob, anger also went up against which his right hand had taken. 55 He also drove out Israel, 22 because they did not believe in God, and did the nations before them, allotted them for an inheritance not trust in his salvation. 23 Yet he commanded the by line, and made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their clouds above, and opened the doors of heaven. 24 He tents. 56 Yet they tempted and rebelled against the rained down manna on them to eat, and gave them Most High God, and did not keep his testimonies; 57 but bread from heaven. 25 Man ate the bread of the mighty turned back, and dealt treacherously like their fathers. ones. He sent them food to the full. 26 He caused the They were turned aside like a deceitful bow. 58 For they east wind to blow in the sky. By his power he guided provoked him to anger with their high places, and moved the south wind. 27 He rained also flesh on them as the him to jealousy with their engraved images. 59 When dust; winged birds as the sand of the seas. 28 He let it God heard this, he was angry, and greatly abhorred fall in the midst of his camp, all around his tent. 29 So Israel; 60 So that he forsook the tabernacle at Shiloh, they ate, and were well filled. He gave them their own the tent where he dwelt among men; 61 and delivered desire. 30 They did not turn from their cravings. Their his strength into captivity, his glory into the adversary's

my people. Turn your ears to the words of my and struck down the young men of Israel. 32 For all this food was yet in their mouths, 31 when the anger of God hand. 62 He also gave his people over to the sword,

and was anary with his inheritance. 63 Fire devoured of hosts. How long will you be anary against the praver their young men. Their virgins had no wedding song. 64 of your people? 5 You have fed them with the bread of Their priests fell by the sword, and their widows couldn't tears, and given them tears to drink in large measure. 6 weep. 65 Then the Lord awakened as one out of sleep, You make us a source of contention to our neighbors. like a mighty man who shouts by reason of wine. 66 Our enemies have mocked us. 7 Restore us, God of He struck his adversaries backward. He made them a hosts. Cause your face to shine, and we will be saved. permanent shame. 67 Moreover he rejected the tent of 8 You brought a vine out of Egypt. You drove out the Joseph, and did not choose the tribe of Ephraim, 68 But nations, and planted it. 9 You cleared the ground for it. chose the tribe of Judah, Mount Zion which he loved. 69 It took deep root, and filled the land. 10 The mountains He built his sanctuary like the heights, like the earth were covered with its shadow. Its boughs were like which he has established forever. 70 He also chose God's cedars. 11 It sent out its branches to the sea, Its David his servant, and took him from the sheepfolds; shoots to the River. 12 Why have you broken down its 71 from following the ewes that have their young, he walls, so that all those who pass by the way pluck it? 13 brought him to be the shepherd of Jacob his servant, The boar out of the wood ravages it. The wild animals and Israel his inheritance. 72 So he was their shepherd of the field feed on it. 14 Return, we beg you, God of according to the integrity of his heart, and guided them hosts. Look down from heaven, and see, and visit this by the skillfulness of his hands.

70 [A Psalm by Asaph.] God, the nations have come into your inheritance. They have defiled your holy temple. They have laid Jerusalem in heaps. 2 They have given the dead bodies of your servants to be food for the birds of the sky, the flesh of your faithful to the animals of the earth. 3 Their blood they have shed like water around Jerusalem. There was no one to bury them. 4 We have become objects of contempt to our neighbors, mocked and ridiculed by those who are around us. 5 How long, LORD? Will you be angry forever? Will your a joyful shout to the God of Jacob. 2 Raise a song, and jealousy burn like fire? 6 Pour out your wrath on the bring here the tambourine, the pleasant lyre with the nations that do not know you; on the kingdoms that harp. 3 Blow the trumpet at the New Moon, at the full do not call on your name; 7 For they have devoured moon, on our feast day. 4 For it is a statute for Israel, Jacob, and destroyed his homeland. 8 Do not hold the an ordinance of the God of Jacob. 5 He appointed it in iniquities of our forefathers against us. Let your tender Joseph for a testimony, when he went out over the land mercies speedily meet us, for we are in desperate need. of Egypt, I heard a language that I did not know. 6 "I 9 Help us, God of our salvation, for the glory of your removed his shoulder from the burden. His hands were name. Deliver us, and forgive our sins, for your name's freed from the basket. 7 You called in trouble, and I sake. 10 Why should the nations say, "Where is their delivered you. I answered you in the secret place of God?" Let it be known among the nations, before our thunder. I tested you at the waters of Meribah." (Selah) eyes, that vengeance for your servants' blood is being 8 "Hear, my people, and I will testify to you, Israel, if poured out. 11 Let the sighing of the prisoner come you would listen to me. 9 There shall be no strange before you. According to the greatness of your power, god in you, neither shall you worship any foreign god. free those who are sentenced to death. 12 Pay back to 10 I am the LORD, your God, who brought you up out our neighbors seven times into their lap the insults with of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I which they have insulted you, LORD. 13 So we, your will fill it. 11 But my people did not listen to my voice. people and sheep of your pasture, will give you thanks Israel desired none of me. 12 So I let them go after the forever. We will praise you forever, to all generations.

80 [For the Chief Musician. To the tune of "The Lilies of the Covenant." A Psalm by Asaph.] Hear us, Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock, you who sit above the cherubim, shine forth. 2 Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up your might. Come to save us. 3 Restore us, God. Cause your face to shine, and we will be saved. 4 LORD God

vine, 15 the stock which your right hand planted, the branch that you made strong for yourself. 16 It's burned with fire. It's cut down. They perish at your rebuke. 17 Let your hand be on the man of your right hand, on the son of man whom you made strong for yourself. 18 So we will not turn away from you. Revive us, and we will call on your name. 19 Restore us, LORD God of hosts. Cause your face to shine, and we will be saved.

81 [For the Chief Musician. On an instrument of Gath. By Asaph.] Sing aloud to God, our strength. Make stubbornness of their hearts, that they might walk in their own counsels. 13 Oh that my people would listen to me, that Israel would walk in my ways. 14 I would soon subdue their enemies, and turn my hand against their adversaries. 15 The haters of the LORD would cringe before him, and their punishment would last forever. 16 And he would have fed him with the finest wheat, and satisfied you with honey from the rock."

82 [A Psalm by Asaph.] God presides in the assembly through the Valley of Baca, he makes it into a spring. inherit all of the nations.

83 [A song. A Psalm by Asaph.] God, do not be silent. 85 [For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by the sons of Do not be deaf, and do not be inactive, God. 2 For, look, your enemies make an uproar. Those who hate land. You have restored the fortunes of Jacob. 2 You you are hostile. 3 They devise crafty plans against your have forgiven the iniquity of your people. You have people, and conspire together against your treasured covered all their sin. (Selah) 3 You have taken away ones. 4 They say, "Come, and let us annihilate them as all your wrath. You have turned from the fierceness of a nation; let the name of Israel may be remembered no your anger. 4 Restore us, God of our salvation, and more." 5 For they plot a unified strategy; they make cause your indignation toward us to cease. 5 Will you a covenant against you; 6 the tents of Edom and the be angry with us forever? Will you draw out your anger Ishmaelites, Moab, and the Hagrites, 7 Gebal, Ammon, to all generations? 6 Won't you revive us again, that and Amalek, Philistia with the inhabitants of Tyre. 8 your people may rejoice in you? 7 Show us your loving Assyria too is joined with them; they lend support to the kindness, LORD. Grant us your salvation. 8 I will hear descendants of Lot. (Selah) 9 Do to them as you did to what God, the LORD, will speak, for he will speak peace Midian, as to Sisera, as to Jabin at the Kishon River, 10 to his people, his faithful ones; but let them not turn who were destroyed at Endor, who became manure for again to folly. 9 Surely his salvation is near those who the ground. 11 Make their nobles like Oreb and Zeeb, fear him, that glory may dwell in our land. 10 Mercy and all their princes like Zebah and Zalmunna, 12 who said, truth meet together. Righteousness and peace have "Let us take possession for ourselves the pastures of kissed each other. 11 Truth springs out of the earth. God." 13 My God, make them like tumbleweed; like Righteousness has looked down from heaven. 12 Yes, dead weeds blown by the wind. 14 Like a fire that the LORD will give that which is good. Our land will consumes a forest, and like the flames that consume yield its increase. 13 Righteousness goes before him, the mountains, 15 so pursue them with your gale winds, And prepares the way for his steps. and terrify them with your storm. 16 Cover their faces with shame, so that they might seek your name, LORD. 17 Let them be put to shame and terrified forever; let them perish in disgrace, 18 that they will know that you alone, whose name is the LORD, are the Most High over all the earth.

84 [For the Chief Musician. On an instrument of Gath. A Psalm by the sons of Korah.] How lovely are your dwellings, LORD of hosts. 2 My soul longs, yes, yearns for the courts of the LORD. My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. 3 Yes, the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young, near your altars, LORD of hosts, my King, and my God. 4 Blessed are those who dwell in your house. They are ever praising you. (Selah) 5 Blessed are those whose strength is in you, who have set their hearts on a pilgrimage. 6 Passing

of God. He judges among the gods. 2 "How Yes, the autumn rain covers it with blessings. 7 They go long will you judge unjustly, and show partiality to the from strength to strength. Everyone of them appears wicked?" (Selah) 3 "Defend the weak, the poor, and before God in Zion. 8 LORD, God of hosts, hear my the fatherless. Maintain the rights of the poor and prayer. Listen, God of Jacob. (Selah) 9 Look, God our oppressed. 4 Rescue the weak and needy. Deliver them shield, look at the face of your anointed. 10 For a day in out of the hand of the wicked." 5 They do not know, your courts is better than a thousand. I would rather neither do they understand. They walk back and forth in be a doorkeeper in the house of God, than to dwell darkness. All the foundations of the earth are shaken. 6 in the tents of wickedness. 11 For the LORD God is I said, "You are gods, all of you are sons of the Most a sun and a shield. The LORD will give grace and High. 7 Nevertheless you shall die like men, and fall like glory. He withholds no good thing from those who walk one of the rulers." 8 Arise, God, judge the earth, for you blamelessly. 12 LORD of hosts, blessed is the man who trusts in you.

Korah.] LORD, you have been favorable to your

86 [A Prayer by David.] Hear, LORD, and answer me. for I am poor and needy. 2 Preserve my soul, for I am godly. You, my God, save your servant who trusts in you. 3 Be merciful to me, LORD, for I call to you all day long. 4 Bring joy to the soul of your servant, for to you, LORD, do I lift up my soul. 5 For you, LORD, are good, and ready to forgive; abundant in loving kindness to all those who call on you. 6 Hear, LORD, my prayer. Listen to the voice of my petitions. 7 In the day of my trouble I will call on you, for you will answer me. 8 There is no one like you among the gods, LORD, nor any deeds like your deeds. 9 All nations you have made will come and worship before you, LORD. They shall glorify your name. 10 For you are great, and do wondrous things. You are God alone. 11 Teach me your way, LORD. I will walk in your truth. Make my heart undivided to fear your name. 12 I will praise you, Lord my God, with my whole

loving kindness is great toward me. You have delivered my soul from the lowest Sheol. (Sheol h7585) 14 God, the proud have risen up against me. A company of violent men have sought after my soul, and they do not hold regard for you before them. 15 But you, LORD, are a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger, and abundant in loving kindness and truth. 16 Turn to me, and have mercy on me. Give your strength to your servant. Save the son of your handmaid. 17 Show me a sign of your goodness, that those who hate me may see it, and be shamed, because you, LORD, have helped me, and comforted me.

foundation is in the holy mountains. 2 The LORD loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob. 3 Glorious things are spoken about you, city of God. (Selah) 4 I will record Rahab and Babylon among those who acknowledge me. Look, Philistia, Tyre, and also Ethiopia: "This one was born there." 5 Yes. of Zion it will be said, "This one and that one was born in her;" the Most High himself will establish her. 6 The LORD will count, when he writes up the peoples, "This one was born there." (Selah) 7 And those who sing as well as the pipers: "My whole source of joy is in you."

88 [A Song. A Psalm by the sons of Korah. For the Chief Musician. To the tune of "The Suffering of Affliction." A contemplation by Heman, the Ezrahite.] LORD, the God of my salvation, I have cried day and night before you. 2 Let my prayer enter into your presence. Turn your ear to my cry. 3 For my soul is full of troubles. My life draws near to Sheol. (Sheol h7585) 4 l am counted among those who go down into the pit. I am like a man who has no help, 5 set apart among the dead, like the slain who lie in the grave, whom you remember no more. They are cut off from your hand. 6 You have laid me in the lowest pit, in the darkest depths. 7 Your wrath lies heavily on me. You have afflicted me with all your waves. (Selah) 8 You have taken my friends from me. You have made me an abomination to them. I am confined, and I can't escape, 9 My eyes are dim from grief. I have called on you daily, LORD. I have spread out my hands to you. 10 Do you show wonders to the dead? Do the dead rise up and praise you? (Selah) 11 Is your loving kindness declared in the grave? Or your faithfulness in Destruction? 12 Are your wonders made known in the dark? Or your righteousness in the land of forgetfulness? 13 But to you, LORD, I have cried. In the morning, my prayer comes before you. 14 LORD, why do you reject my soul? Why do you hide your face from me? 15 I am afflicted and ready to die from my youth up. While I suffer your terrors, I am distracted. 16 Your

heart. I will glorify your name forevermore. 13 For your fierce wrath has gone over me. Your terrors have cut me off. 17 They came around me like water all day long. They completely engulfed me. 18 You have put lover and friend far from me, and my friends into darkness.

89 [A contemplation by Ethan, the Ezrahite.] I will sing of the loving kindness of the LORD forever. With my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations. 2 I indeed declare, "Love stands firm forever. You established the heavens. Your faithfulness is in them." 3 "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David, my servant, 4'I will establish your offspring forever, and build up your throne for all generations." (Selah) 5 The heavens will praise 87 [A Psalm by the sons of Korah; a Song.] His your wonders, LORD; your faithfulness also in the assembly of the holy ones. 6 For who in the skies can be compared to the LORD? Who among the sons of God is like the LORD, 7 a very awesome God in the council of the holy ones, to be feared above all those who are around him? 8 LORD, God of hosts, who is a mighty one like you, LORD? Your faithfulness is around you. 9 You rule the pride of the sea. When its waves rise up, you calm them. 10 You have broken Rahab in pieces, like one of the slain. You have scattered your enemies with your mighty arm. 11 The heavens are yours. The earth also is yours; the world and its fullness.

You have founded them. 12 The north and the south, you have created them. Tabor and Hermon rejoice in your name. 13 You have a mighty arm. Your hand is strong, and your right hand is exalted. 14 Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne. Loving kindness and truth go before your face. 15 Blessed are the people who know the joyful shout. They walk in the light of your presence, LORD. 16 In your name they rejoice all day. In your righteousness, they are exalted. 17 For you are the glory of their strength. In your favor, our horn will be exalted. 18 For our shield belongs to the LORD; our king to the Holy One of Israel. 19 Then you spoke in a vision to your faithful ones, and said, "I have bestowed strength on the warrior. I have exalted a young man from the people. 20 I have found David, my servant. I have anointed him with my holy oil, 21 with whom my hand shall be established. My arm will also strengthen him. 22 No enemy will tax him. No wicked man will oppress him. 23 I will beat down his adversaries before him, and strike those who hate him. 24 But my faithfulness and my loving kindness will be with him. In my name, his horn will be exalted. 25 I will set his hand also on the sea, and his right hand on the rivers. 26 He will call to me, 'You are my Father, my God, and the rock of my salvation.' 27 I will also appoint him my firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth. 28 I will keep my loving kindness for him forevermore. My covenant will stand firm with him. 29 And I will establish heaven. 30 If his children forsake my Law, and do not seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty years; walk in my ordinances; 31 if they break my statutes, and yet their pride is but labor and sorrow, for it passes do not keep my commandments; 32 then I will punish guickly, and we fly away. 11 Who knows the power of their sin with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes. 33 your anger, your wrath according to the fear that is due But I will not completely take my loving kindness from to you? 12 So teach us to number our days, that we my covenant, nor alter what my lips have uttered. 35 long? Have compassion on your servants. 14 Satisfy us Once have I sworn by my holiness, I will not lie to David. in the morning with your loving kindness, that we may the sun before me. 37 It will be established forever like many days as you have afflicted us, for as many years the moon, the faithful witness in the sky." (Selah) 38 as we have seen evil. 16 Let your work appear to your But you have rejected and spurned. You have been servants; your glory to their children. 17 Let the favor of angry with your anointed. 39 You have renounced the the LORD our God be on us; establish the work of our covenant of your servant. You have defiled his crown hands for us; yes, establish the work of our hands. in the dust. 40 You have broken down all his hedges. You have brought his strongholds to ruin. 41 All who pass by the way rob him. He has become an object of ridicule to his neighbors. 42 You have exalted the right hand of his adversaries. You have made all of his enemies rejoice. 43 Yes, you turn back the edge of his sword, and haven't supported him in battle. 44 You have ended his splendor, and thrown his throne down to the ground. 45 You have shortened the days of his youth. You have covered him with shame. (Selah) 46 How long, LORD? Will you hide yourself forever? Will vour wrath burn like fire? 47 Remember how short my time is. Have you created the descendants of Adam for no reason? 48 What man is he who shall live and not see death, who shall deliver his soul from the power of Sheol? (Selah) (Sheol h7585) 49 LORD, where are your former loving kindnesses, which you swore to David in vour faithfulness? 50 Remember, LORD, the ridicule of all the many peoples against your servants I have borne in my heart, 51 how your enemies have ridiculed, LORD, how they have ridiculed the footsteps of your anointed one. 52 Blessed be the LORD forevermore. Amen, and Amen.

Q [A Prayer by Moses, the man of God.] LORD, you have been our dwelling place for all generations. 2 Before the mountains were brought forth, before you had formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, you are God. 3 You turn man to destruction, saying, "Return, you descendants of Adam." 4 For a thousand years in your sight are just like vesterday

his descendants forever, and his throne as the days of to an end as a sigh, 10 The days of our years are him, nor allow my faithfulness to fail. 34 I will not break may gain a heart of wisdom. 13 Relent, LORD. How 36 His descendants will endure forever, his throne like rejoice and be glad all our days. 15 Make us glad for as

> 91 He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High will rest in the shadow of Shaddai. 2 I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust." 3 For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler, and from the deadly pestilence. 4 He will cover you with his feathers. Under his wings you will take refuge. His truth is an encompassing shield. 5 You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day; 6 nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, nor of the destruction that wastes at noonday. 7 A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand: but it will not come near you. 8 You will only look with your eyes, and see the recompense of the wicked. 9 Because you have made the LORD, my refuge, the Most High, your dwelling place, 10 no evil shall overtake you; no plague shall come near your dwelling. 11 For he will put his angels in charge of you, to guard you in all your ways. 12 In their hands they will lift you up, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone. 13 You will tread upon the lion and the viper. You will trample the young lion and the serpent underfoot. 14 "Because he has set his love on me, therefore I will deliver him. I will set him on high, because he has known my name. 15 He will call on me, and I will answer him. I will be with him in trouble. I will deliver him, and honor him. 16 I will satisfy him with long life, and show him my salvation."

Q7 [A Psalm. A song for the Sabbath day.] It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD, to sing when it is past, like a watch in the night. 5 You sweep praises to your name, Most High; 2 to proclaim your them away as they sleep. In the morning they sprout loving kindness in the morning, and your faithfulness like new grass. 6 In the morning it sprouts and springs every night, 3 with the ten-stringed lute, with the harp, up. By evening, it is withered and dry. 7 For we are and with the melody of the lyre. 4 For you, LORD, have consumed in your anger. We are troubled in your wrath. made me glad through your work. I will triumph in the 8 You have set our iniquities before you, our secret works of your hands. 5 How great are your works, sins in the light of your presence. 9 For all our days LORD. Your thoughts are very deep. 6 A senseless have passed away in your wrath. We bring our years man doesn't know, neither does a fool understand this

oil. 11 My eye has also seen my enemies. My ears have The LORD, our God, will cut them off. heard of the wicked enemies who rise up against me. 12 The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree. He will grow like a cedar in Lebanon. 13 They are planted in the LORD's house. They will flourish in our God's courts. 14 They will still bring forth fruit in old age. They will be full of sap and green, 15 to show that the LORD is upright. He is my Rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

The LORD is armed with strength. The world also is established. It can't be moved. 2 Your throne is established from long ago. You are from everlasting. adorns your house, LORD, forevermore.

QA LORD, you God to whom vengeance belongs, you God to whom vengeance belongs, shine forth. 2 Rise up, you judge of the earth. Pay back the proud what they deserve. 3 LORD, how long will the wicked, how long will the wicked triumph? 4 They pour out arrogant words. All the evildoers boast. 5 They break your people in pieces, LORD, and afflict your heritage. 6 They kill the widow and the alien, and murder the fatherless. 7 They say, "The LORD will not see, neither will Jacob's God consider." 8 Consider, you senseless among the people; you fools, when will you be wise? 9 He who implanted the ear, won't he hear? He who formed the eye, won't he see? 10 He who disciplines the nations, won't he punish? He who teaches man knows. 11 The LORD knows the thoughts of man, that they are futile. 12 Blessed is the man whom you discipline, LORD, and teach out of your Law; 13 that you may give him rest from the days of adversity, until the pit is dug for the wicked. 14 For the LORD won't reject his people, neither will he forsake his inheritance. 15 For judgment will return to righteousness. All the upright in heart shall follow it. 16 Who will rise up for me against the wicked? Who will stand up for me against the evildoers? 17 Unless the LORD had been my help, my soul would have soon lived in silence. 18 When I said, "My foot is slipping." Your loving kindness, LORD, held me up. 19 In the multitude of my thoughts within me, your comforts delight my soul. 20 Shall the throne of wickedness have

7 though the wicked spring up as the grass, and all the fellowship with you, which brings about mischief by evildoers flourish, they will be destroyed forever. 8 But statute? 21 They gather themselves together against the you, LORD, are on high forevermore. 9 For, look, your soul of the righteous, and condemn the innocent blood. enemies, LORD, for, look, your enemies shall perish. All 22 But the LORD has been my high tower, my God, the the evildoers will be scattered. 10 But you have exalted rock of my refuge. 23 He has brought on them their own my horn like that of the wild ox. I am anointed with fresh iniquity, and will cut them off in their own wickedness.

95 Oh come, let's sing to the LORD. Let's shout aloud to the rock of our salvation. 2 Let's come before his presence with thanksgiving. Let's extol him with songs. 3 For the LORD is a great God, a great King above all gods. 4 In his hand are the deep places of the earth. The heights of the mountains are also his. 5 The sea is his, and he made it. His hands formed 93 The LORD reigns. He is clothed with majesty. the dry land. 6 Oh come, let's worship and bow down. Let's kneel before the LORD, our Maker, 7 for he is our God. We are the people of his pasture, and the sheep in his care. Today, if you would hear his voice. 8 Do 3 The floods have lifted up, LORD, the floods have not harden your heart, as at Meribah, as in the day of lifted up their voice. The floods lift up their waves. 4 Massah in the wilderness, 9 when your fathers tempted More majestic than the sounds of many waters, more me, tested me, and saw my work. 10 For forty years I majestic than the breakers of the sea, the LORD on loathed that generation, and said, "It is a people who go high is majestic. 5 Your statutes stand firm. Holiness astray in their heart, and they do not know my ways." 11 Therefore I swore in my wrath, "They won't enter into mv rest."

> **Q6** Sing to the LORD a new song. Sing to the LORD, all the earth. 2 Sing to the LORD. Bless his name. Proclaim his salvation from day to day. 3 Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples. 4 For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised. He is to be feared above all gods. 5 For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens. 6 Honor and majesty are before him. Strength and beauty are in his sanctuary. 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of nations, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. 8 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due to his name. Bring an offering, and come into his courts. 9 Worship the LORD in holy array. Tremble before him, all the earth. 10 Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns." The world is also established. It can't be moved. He will judge the peoples with equity. 11 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice. Let the sea roar, and its fullness. 12 Let the field and all that is in it exult. Then all the trees of the woods shall sing for joy 13 before the LORD; for he comes, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, the peoples with his truth.

> 97 The LORD reigns. Let the earth rejoice. Let the multitude of islands be glad. 2 Clouds and darkness are around him. Righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne. 3 A fire goes before

His lightning lights up the world. The earth sees, and judgments, LORD. 9 For you, LORD, are most high faithfulness to all generations. above all the earth. You are exalted far above all gods. 10 You who love the LORD, hate evil. He preserves the souls of his faithful ones. He delivers them out of the hand of the wicked. 11 Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart. 12 Be glad in the LORD, you righteous people. Give thanks to his holy Name.

the LORD, all the earth. Burst out and sing for joy, yes, sing praises. 5 Sing praises to the LORD with the harp. with the harp and the voice of melody. 6 With trumpets and sound of the ram's horn, make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD. 7 Let the sea roar with its fullness; the world, and those who dwell in it. 8 Let the rivers clap their hands. Let the mountains sing for joy together. 9 Let them sing before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

QQ The LORD reigns. Let the peoples tremble. He sits enthroned among the cherubim; the earth shakes. 2 The LORD is great in Zion. He is high above all the the waste places. 7 I watch, and have become like a peoples. 3 Let them praise your great and awesome name. He is Holy. 4 The King's strength also loves justice. You do establish equity. You execute justice and my name as a curse. 9 For I have eaten ashes like righteousness in Jacob. 5 Exalt the LORD our God. Worship at his footstool. He is Holy. 6 Moses and Aaron your indignation and your wrath, for you have taken were among his priests, Samuel among those who call me up, and thrown me away. 11 My days are like a on his name; they called on the LORD, and he answered long shadow. I have withered like grass. 12 But you, them. 7 He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud. They LORD, will abide forever; your renown endures to all kept his testimonies, the statute that he gave them. 8 generations. 13 You will arise and have mercy on Zion; You answered them, LORD our God. You are a God for it is time to have pity on her. Yes, the set time who forgave them, although you took vengeance for has come. 14 For your servants take pleasure in her their doings. 9 Exalt the LORD, our God. Worship at his stones, and have pity on her dust. 15 So the nations holy mountain, for the LORD, our God, is holy.

him, and burns up his adversaries on every side. 4 100 [A Psalm of thanksgiving.] Shout for joy to the LORD, all you lands. 2 Serve the LORD with trembles. 5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence gladness. Come before his presence with singing. 3 of the LORD, at the presence of the Lord of the whole Know that the LORD, he is God. It is he who has earth. 6 The heavens declare his righteousness. All made us, and we belong to him. We are his people, the peoples have seen his glory. 7 Let all them be and the sheep of his pasture. 4 Enter into his gates shamed who serve engraved images, who boast in their with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise. Give idols. Worship him, all you gods. 8 Zion heard and was thanks to him, and bless his name. 5 For the LORD glad. The daughters of Judah rejoiced, because of your is good. His loving kindness endures forever, and his

101 [A Psalm by David.] I will sing of loving kindness and justice. To you, LORD, I will sing praises. 2 I will be careful to live a blameless life. When will you come to me? I will walk within my house with a blameless heart. 3 I will set no vile thing before my eyes. I hate the deeds of faithless men. They will not cling to me. 4 A perverse heart will be far from me. I will 98 [A Psalm.] Sing to the LORD a new song, for he have nothing to do with evil. 5 I will silence whoever has done marvelous things. His right hand, and his secretly slanders his neighbor. I won't tolerate one who holy arm, have worked salvation for him. 2 The LORD is haughty and conceited. 6 My eyes will be on the has made known his salvation. He has openly shown faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me. He his righteousness in the sight of the nations. 3 He has who walks in a perfect way, he will serve me. 7 He who remembered his loving kindness and his faithfulness practices deceit won't dwell within my house. He who toward the house of Israel. Every part of the earth has speaks falsehood won't be established before my eyes. seen the salvation of our God. 4 Make a joyful noise to 8 Morning by morning, I will destroy all the wicked of the land; to cut off all evildoers from the LORD's city.

> 102 [A Prayer of the afflicted, when he is overwhelmed and pours out his complaint before the LORD.] Hear my prayer, LORD. Let my cry come to you. 2 Do not hide your face from me in the day of my distress. Turn your ear to me. Answer me quickly in the day when I call. 3 For my days consume away like smoke. My bones are burned like a hearth. 4 My heart is blighted like grass, and withered, for I forget to eat my bread. 5 By reason of the voice of my groaning, my bones stick to my skin. 6 I am like a pelican of the wilderness. I have become as an owl of sparrow that is alone on the housetop. 8 My enemies reproach me all day. Those who are mad at me use bread, and mixed my drink with tears, 10 Because of will fear the name of the LORD; all the kings of the earth your glory. 16 For the LORD has built up Zion.

He has appeared in his glory. 17 He has responded LORD, all you angels of his, who are might in strength. to the prayer of the destitute, and has not despised who fulfill his word, obeying the voice of his word. 21 their prayer. 18 This will be written for the generation Praise the LORD, all you armies of his, you servants of to come, that a people yet to be created may praise his, who do his pleasure. 22 Praise the LORD, all you the LORD. 19 For he has looked down from the height works of his, in all places of his dominion. Praise the of his sanctuary. From heaven, the LORD looked at LORD, my soul. the earth; 20 to hear the groans of the prisoner; to free those who are condemned to death; 21 that men may declare the name of the LORD in Zion, and his praise in Jerusalem: 22 when the peoples are gathered together, the kingdoms, to serve the LORD. 23 He weakened my strength along the course. He shortened my days. 24 I said, "My God, do not take me away in the midst of my days. Your years are throughout all generations. 25 In the beginning, LORD, you established the foundation of the earth. The heavens are the works of your hands. 26 They will perish, but you remain; and they will all wear out like a garment. You will change them like a cloak, and they will be changed. 27 But you are the same. Your years will have no end. 28 The children of your servants will continue, and their descendants will be established before you."

Praise the LORD, my soul, and do not forget all his donkeys quench their thirst. 12 The birds of the sky benefits; 3 who forgives all your sins; who heals all your nest by them; among the branches they give forth a diseases; 4 who redeems your life from destruction; who crowns you with loving kindness and tender mercies; 5 who satisfies your desire with good things; your youth causes the grass to grow for the livestock, and plants is renewed like the eagle's. 6 The LORD executes righteous acts, and justice for all who are oppressed. 7 the earth: 15 wine that makes glad the heart of man, oil He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the children of Israel. 8 The LORD is merciful and gracious. slow to anger, and abundant in loving kindness. 9 He will not always accuse; neither will he stay angry forever. 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins. nor repaid us for our iniquities. 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his loving kindness He appointed the moon for seasons. The sun knows toward those who fear him. 12 As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. 13 Like a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him. 14 22 The sun rises, and they steal away, and lie down in For he knows how we are made. He remembers that we their dens. 23 Man goes forth to his work, to his labor are dust. 15 As for man, his days are like grass. As a until the evening. 24 LORD, how many are your works. flower of the field, so he flourishes. 16 For the wind In wisdom have you made them all. The earth is full passes over it, and it is gone, and its place remembers of your riches. 25 There is the sea, great and wide, in it no more. 17 But the LORD's loving kindness is from which are innumerable living things, both small and everlasting to everlasting with those who fear him, his large animals. 26 There the ships go, and leviathan, righteousness to children's children; 18 to those who whom you formed to play there. 27 All of them look to keep his covenant, to those who remember to obey his you to give them their food at the proper time. 28 You precepts. 19 The LORD has established his throne in give to them; they gather. You open your hand; they the heavens. His kingdom rules over all. 20 Praise the are satisfied with good. 29 You hide your face: they

104 Bless the LORD, my soul. The LORD, mv God, you are very great. You are clothed with splendor and majesty. 2 He covers himself with light as with a garment. He stretches out the heavens like a curtain. 3 He lays the beams of his chambers in the waters. He makes the clouds his chariot. He walks on the wings of the wind. 4 He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire. 5 He laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be moved forever and ever. 6 You covered it with the deep as with a cloak. The waters stood above the mountains. 7 At your rebuke they fled. At the voice of your thunder they hurried away. 8 The mountains rose, the valleys sank down, to the place which you had assigned to them. 9 You have set a boundary that they may not pass over; that they do not turn again to cover the earth. 10 He sends forth 103 [By David.] Praise the LORD, my soul, and springs into the valleys. They run among the mountains. all that is within me, praise his holy name. 2 11 They give drink to every animal of the field. The wild sound. 13 He waters the mountains from his chambers. The earth is filled with the fruit of your works. 14 He for man to cultivate, that he may bring forth food out of to make his face to shine, and bread that strengthens man's heart. 16 The LORD's trees are well watered, the cedars of Lebanon, which he has planted; 17 where the birds make their nests. The stork makes its home in the fir trees. 18 The high mountains are for the wild goats. The rocks are a refuge for the rock badgers. 19 when to set. 20 You make darkness, and it is night, in which all the animals of the forest prowl. 21 The young lions roar after their prey, and seek their food from God. are troubled; you take away their breath: they die, and return to the dust. 30 You send forth your Spirit; they and gnats in all their territory. 32 He gave them hail for the glory of the LORD endure forever. Let the LORD and also their fig trees, and shattered the trees of their my God as long as I exist. 34 Let your meditation be struck also all the firstborn in their land, the first fruits of more. Bless the LORD, my soul. Praise the LORD.

105 Give thanks to the LORD. Call on his name. Make his deeds known among the peoples. 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him. Tell of all his marvelous works. 3 Glory in his holy name. Let the heart of those who seek the LORD rejoice. 4 Seek the LORD and his strength. Seek his face forever more. 5 Remember his marvelous works that he has done; his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth, 6 you offspring of Abraham, his servant, you descendants of Jacob, his chosen ones, 7 He is the LORD, our God. His judgments are in all the earth. 8 He has remembered his covenant forever, the word which he commanded to a thousand generations. 9 the covenant which he made with Abraham, his oath to Isaac. 10 and confirmed the same to Jacob for a statute: to Israel for an everlasting covenant, 11 saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan, the lot of your inheritance;" 12 when they were but a few men in number, yes, very few, and foreigners in it. 13 They went about from nation to nation, from one kingdom to another people. 14 He allowed no one to do them wrong. Yes, he reproved kings for their sakes, 15 "Do not touch my anointed ones. Do my prophets no harm." 16 He called for a famine on the land. He destroyed the food supplies. 17 He sent a man ahead of them, Joseph, sold as a slave. 18 They bruised his feet with shackles. His neck was locked in irons. 19 until the time that his word happened. and the LORD's word proved him true. 20 The king sent and freed him; even the ruler of peoples, and let him go free. 21 He made him lord of his house, and ruler of all of his possessions; 22 to discipline his princes at his pleasure, and to teach his elders wisdom. 23 Israel also came into Egypt. Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham. 24 He increased his people greatly, and made them stronger than their adversaries. 25 He turned their heart to hate his people, to conspire against his servants. 26 He sent Moses, his servant, and Aaron, whom he had chosen. 27 They performed miracles among them, and wonders in the land of Ham. 28 He sent darkness, and made it dark, but they rebelled against his words. 29 He turned their waters into blood, and killed their fish. 30 Their land swarmed with frogs, even in the chambers of their kings. 31 He spoke, and swarms of flies came.

are created. You renew the face of the ground. 31 Let rain, flaming fire in their land. 33 He struck their vines rejoice in his works. 32 He looks at the earth, and it country. 34 He spoke, and the locusts came, and the trembles. He touches the mountains, and they smoke. grasshoppers, without number, 35 ate up every plant in 33 I will sing to the LORD all my life. I will sing praise to their land; and ate up the fruit of their ground. 36 He sweet to him. I will rejoice in the LORD. 35 Let sinners all their manhood. 37 And he brought them out with be consumed out of the earth. Let the wicked be no silver and gold, and there was no one among their tribes who stumbled. 38 Egypt was glad when they departed, for the fear of them had fallen on them. 39 He spread a cloud for a covering, fire to give light in the night. 40 They asked, and he brought guails, and satisfied them with the bread of the sky. 41 He opened the rock, and waters gushed out. They ran as a river in the dry places. 42 For he remembered his holv word, and Abraham. his servant. 43 He brought forth his people with joy, his chosen with singing. 44 He gave them the lands of the nations. They took the labor of the peoples in possession, 45 that they might keep his statutes, and observe his laws. Praise the LORD.

> 106 Praise the LORD. Give thanks to the LORD. for he is good, for his loving kindness endures forever. 2 Who can utter the mighty acts of the LORD, or fully declare all his praise? 3 Blessed are those who uphold justice, who practice righteousness at all times. 4 Remember me, LORD, with the favor that you show to your people. Visit me with your salvation, 5 that I may see the prosperity of your chosen, that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation, that I may glory with your inheritance. 6 We have sinned with our fathers. We have committed iniquity. We have done wickedly. 7 Our fathers did not understand your wonders in Egypt. They did not remember the multitude of your loving kindnesses, but were rebellious at the sea, even at the Red Sea. 8 Nevertheless he saved them for his name's sake, that he might make his mighty power known. 9 He rebuked the Red Sea also, and it was dried up; so he led them through the depths, as through a desert. 10 He saved them from the hand of him who hated them, and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy. 11 The waters covered their adversaries. There was not one of them left. 12 Then they believed his words. They sang his praise. 13 They soon forgot his works. They did not wait for his counsel, 14 but gave in to craving in the desert, and tested God in the wasteland. 15 He gave them their request, but sent leanness into their soul. 16 They envied Moses also in the camp, and Aaron, the LORD's holy one. 17 The earth opened and swallowed up Dathan, and covered the company of Abiram. 18 A fire was kindled in their company. The flame burned up the wicked. 19 They made a calf in Horeb, and worshiped a molten image. 20 Thus they exchanged

their glory for an image of a bull that eats grass. 21 They of the lands, from the east and from the west, from forgot God, their Savior, who had done great things in the north and from the south. 4 They wandered in the Egypt, 22 Wondrous works in the land of Ham, and wilderness in a desert way. They found no city to live awesome things by the Red Sea. 23 Therefore he said in. 5 Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them. 6 that he would destroy them, had Moses, his chosen. Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he not stood before him in the breach, to turn away his delivered them out of their distresses, 7 he led them wrath, so that he wouldn't destroy them. 24 Yes, they also by a straight way, that they might go to a city to live despised the pleasant land. They did not believe his in. 8 Let them praise the LORD for his loving kindness, word, 25 but murmured in their tents, and did not listen for his wonderful works for the descendants of Adam. to the LORD's voice. 26 Therefore he swore to them 9 For he satisfies the longing soul. He fills the hungry that he would overthrow them in the wilderness, 27 soul with good. 10 Some sat in darkness and in the and that he would make their offspring fall among the shadow of death, being bound in affliction and iron, 11 nations, and scatter them in the lands. 28 They joined because they rebelled against the words of God, and themselves also to Baal Peor, and ate the sacrifices of condemned the counsel of the Most High. 12 Therefore the dead. 29 Thus they provoked him to anger with their he brought down their heart with labor. They fell down, deeds. The plague broke in on them. 30 Then Phinehas and there was none to help. 13 Then they cried to stood up, and executed judgment, so the plague was the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them out of stopped. 31 That was credited to him for righteousness, their distresses. 14 He brought them out of darkness for all generations to come. 32 They angered him also and the shadow of death, and broke their bonds in at the waters of Meribah, so that Moses was troubled sunder. 15 Let them praise the LORD for his loving for their sakes; 33 because they were rebellious against kindness, for his wonderful works for the descendants his spirit, he spoke rashly with his lips. 34 They did of Adam. 16 For he has broken the gates of bronze, not destroy the peoples, as the LORD commanded and cut through bars of iron. 17 Fools are afflicted them. 35 but mixed themselves with the nations, and because of their disobedience, and because of their learned their works. 36 They served their idols, which iniquities. 18 Their soul abhors all kinds of food. They became a snare to them. 37 Yes, they sacrificed their draw near to the gates of death. 19 Then they cried to sons and their daughters to demons. 38 They shed the LORD in their trouble; he saved them out of their innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and of their distresses. 20 He sent his word and healed them; he daughters, whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan. delivered them from their traps. 21 Let them praise the The land was polluted with blood. 39 Thus were they LORD for his loving kindness, for his wonderful works defiled with their works, and prostituted themselves in for the descendants of Adam. 22 Let them offer the their deeds. 40 Therefore the LORD burned with anger sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with against his people. He abhorred his inheritance. 41 He singing. 23 Those who go down to the sea in ships, gave them into the hand of the nations. Those who who do business in great waters; 24 These see the hated them ruled over them. 42 Their enemies also LORD's works, and his wonders in the deep. 25 For he oppressed them. They were brought into subjection commands, and raises the stormy wind, which lifts up under their hand. 43 Many times he delivered them, but its waves. 26 They mount up to the sky; they go down they were rebellious in their counsel, and were brought again to the depths. Their soul melts away because of low in their iniquity. 44 Nevertheless he regarded their trouble. 27 They reel back and forth, and stagger like a distress, when he heard their cry. 45 He remembered drunken man, and are at their wits' end. 28 Then they for them his covenant, and repented according to the cry to the LORD in their trouble, and he brings them out multitude of his loving kindnesses. 46 He made them of their distress, 29 He makes the storm a calm, so that also to be pitied by all those who carried them captive. its waves are still. 30 Then they are glad because it is 47 Save us, LORD, our God, gather us from among the calm, so he brings them to their desired haven. 31 Let nations, to give thanks to your holy name, to triumph in them praise the LORD for his loving kindness, for his your praise. 48 Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, wonderful works for the descendants of Adam. 32 Let from everlasting to everlasting. And let all the people them exalt him also in the assembly of the people, and say, "Amen." Praise the LORD.

107 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his loving kindness endures forever. 2 Let the redeemed by the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed

praise him in the seat of the elders. 33 He turns rivers into a desert, water springs into a thirsty ground, 34 and a fruitful land into a salt waste, for the wickedness of those who dwell in it. 35 He turns a desert into a pool of water, and a dry land into water springs. 36 There from the hand of the adversary, 3 And gathered out he makes the hungry live, that they may prepare a city to live in. 37 sow fields, plant vinevards, and reap the following let their name be blotted out, 14 Let the injuity are multiplied greatly. He doesn't allow their livestock to the sin of his mother be blotted out. 15 Let them be decrease. 39 Again, they are diminished and bowed before the LORD continually, that he may cut off the down through oppression, trouble, and sorrow. 40 He memory of them from the earth; 16 because he did pours contempt on princes, and causes them to wander not remember to show kindness, but persecuted the in a trackless waste. 41 Yet he lifts the needy out of poor and needy man, the broken in heart, to kill them. their affliction, and increases their families like a flock. 17 Yes, he loved cursing, and it came to him. He did 42 The upright will see it, and be glad. All the wicked will not delight in blessing, and it was far from him. 18 He to these things. They will consider the loving kindnesses came into his inward parts like water, like oil into his of the LORD.

108 [A Song. A Psalm by David.] My heart is steadfast, God. I will sing and I will make music with my soul. 2 Wake up, harp and lyre. I will wake up the dawn. 3 I will give thanks to you, LORD, among the nations. I will sing praises to you among the peoples. 4 For your loving kindness is great above the heavens. Your faithfulness reaches to the skies. 5 Be exalted. God, above the heavens. Let your glory be over all the earth. 6 That your beloved may be delivered, save with your right hand, and answer us. 7 God has spoken from his sanctuary: "In triumph, I will divide Shechem, and measure out the Valley of Succoth. 8 Gilead is mine. Manasseh is mine. Ephraim also is my helmet. Judah is my scepter. 9 Moab is my wash pot. I will toss my sandal on Edom. I will shout in triumph over Philistia." 10 Who will bring me into the fortified city? Who has led me to Edom? 11 Haven't you rejected us, God? You do not go forth. God. with our armies. 12 Give us help against the enemy, for the help of man is vain. 13 Through God, we will do valiantly. For it is he who will trample down our enemies.

109 [For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by David.] God of my praise, do not remain silent, 2 for they have opened the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of deceit against me. They have spoken to me with a lying tongue. 3 They have also surrounded me with words of hatred, and fought against me without a cause. 4 In return for my love, they are my adversaries: but I am in prayer. 5 They have rewarded me evil for good, and hatred for my love. 6 Set a wicked man over him. Let an adversary stand at his right hand. 7 When he is judged, let him come forth guilty. Let his praver be turned into sin. 8 Let his days be few. Let another take his office. 9 Let his children be fatherless, and his wife a widow. 10 Let his children be wandering beggars. Let them be sought from their ruins. 11 Let the creditor seize all that he has. Let strangers plunder the fruit of his neither let there be any to have pity on his fatherless are great, pondered by all those who delight in them.

fruits of increase. 38 He blesses them also, so that they of his fathers be remembered by the LORD. Do not let shut their mouths. 43 Whoever is wise will pay attention clothed himself also with cursing as with his garment. It bones. 19 Let it be to him as the clothing with which he covers himself, for the belt that is always around him. 20 This is the reward of my adversaries from the LORD, of those who speak evil against my soul. 21 But deal with me, the LORD the Lord, for your name's sake, because your loving kindness is good, deliver me; 22 for I am poor and needy. My heart is wounded within me. 23 I fade away like an evening shadow. I am shaken off like a locust. 24 My knees are weak through fasting. My body is thin and lacks fat. 25 I have also become a reproach to them. When they see me, they shake their head. 26 Help me, LORD, my God. Save me according to your loving kindness: 27 that they may know that this is your hand; that you, LORD, have done t. 28 They may curse, but you bless. When they arise, they will be shamed, but your servant shall rejoice. 29 Let my adversaries be clothed with dishonor. Let them cover themselves with their own shame as with a robe. 30 I will give great thanks to the LORD with my mouth. Yes, I will praise him among the multitude. 31 For he will stand at the right hand of the needy, to save him from those who judge his soul.

> 110 [A Psalm by David.] The LORD says to my Lord. "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet." 2 The LORD will send forth the rod of your strength out of Zion. Rule in the midst of your enemies. 3 Your people offer themselves willingly on the day of your power. On the holy mountains at sunrise the dew of your youth will be yours. 4 The LORD has sworn, and will not change his mind: "You are a priest forever in the order of Melchizedek." 5 The LORD is at your right hand. He will crush kings in the day of his wrath. 6 He will judge among the nations. He will heap up dead bodies. He will shatter the head throughout a vast territory. 7 He will drink of the brook in the way; therefore he will lift up his head.

111 Praise the LORD. I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the council of the labor. 12 Let there be none to extend kindness to him, upright, and in the congregation, 2 The LORD's works children. 13 Let his posterity be cut off. In the generation 3 His work is honor and majesty. His righteousness

to be remembered. The LORD is gracious and merciful. earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of 5 He has given food to those who fear him. He always the God of Jacob, 8 who turned the rock into a pool of remembers his covenant. 6 He has shown his people water, the flint into a spring of waters. the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations. 7 The works of his hands are truth and justice. All his precepts are sure. 8 They are established forever and ever. They are done in truth and uprightness. 9 He has sent redemption to his people. He has ordained his covenant forever. His name is holy and awesome. 10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom. All those who do his work have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.

commandments. 2 His descendants will be mighty in make them will be like them; yes, everyone who trusts the land. The generation of the upright will be blessed. 3 Wealth and riches are in his house. His righteousness their shield. 10 House of Aaron, trust in the LORD. He is endures forever. 4 Light dawns in the darkness for their help and their shield. 11 You who fear the LORD, the upright, gracious, merciful, and righteous. 5 It is trust in the LORD. He is their help and their shield. 12 well with the man who deals graciously and lends. The LORD remembers us. He will bless us. He will He will maintain his cause in judgment. 6 For he will bless the house of Israel. He will bless the house of never be shaken. The righteous will be remembered Aaron. 13 He will bless those who fear the LORD, both forever. 7 He will not be afraid of evil news. His heart is small and great. 14 May the LORD increase you more steadfast, trusting in the LORD. 8 His heart is secure, he has no fears; in the end he will look in triumph on his by the LORD, who made heaven and earth. 16 The adversaries. 9 He has scattered, he has given to the heavens are the heavens of the LORD; but the earth poor; his righteousness endures forever. His horn will has he given to the descendants of Adam. 17 The dead be exalted with honor. 10 The wicked will see it, and be do not praise the LORD, neither any who go down into grieved. He shall gnash with his teeth, and melt away. silence; 18 But we will bless the LORD, from this time The desire of the wicked will perish.

113 Praise the LORD. Praise, you servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD. 2 Blessed be the name of the LORD, from this time forth and has turned his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as forevermore. 3 From the rising of the sun to the going long as I live. 3 The cords of death surrounded me, the down of the same, The LORD's name is to be praised. pains of Sheol got a hold of me. I found trouble and 4 The LORD is high above all nations, his glory above sorrow. (Sheol h7585) 4 Then I called on the name of the the heavens. 5 Who is like the LORD, our God, who has LORD: "LORD, I beg you, deliver my soul." 5 The LORD his seat on high, 6 Who stoops down to see in heaven is Gracious and righteous. Yes, our God is merciful. 6 and in the earth? 7 He raises up the poor out of the The LORD preserves the simple. I was brought low, and dust. Lifts up the needy from the ash heap; 8 that he he saved me. 7 Return to your rest, my soul, for the may set him with princes, even with the princes of his LORD has dealt bountifully with you. 8 For you have people. 9 He settles the barren woman in her home, as delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, and a joyful mother of children. Praise the LORD.

111 When Israel went forth out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of foreign language; 2 Judah became his sanctuary, Israel his dominion. 3 The sea saw it, and fled. The Jordan was driven back. 4 The mountains skipped like rams, the little hills like lambs. 5 What was it, you sea, that you fled? You Jordan, that you turned back? 6 You mountains, that you skipped

endures forever. 4 He has caused his wonderful works like rams; you little hills, like lambs? 7 Tremble, you

15 Not to us, LORD, not to us, but to your name be the glory, for your loving kindness and for your faithfulness. 2 Why should the nations say, "Where is their God, now?" 3 But our God is in the heavens. He does whatever he pleases. 4 Their idols are silver and gold, the work of men's hands. 5 They have mouths, but they do not speak. They have eyes, but they do not see. 6 They have ears, but they do not hear. They have noses, but they do not smell. 7 They have hands, but Praise the LORD. Blessed is the man who they do not feel. They have feet, but they do not walk, fears the LORD, who delights greatly in his neither do they speak through their throat. 8 Those who in them. 9 Israel, trust in the LORD. He is their help and and more, you and your children. 15 Blessed are you forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD.

> **116** I love the LORD, because he listens to my voice, and my cries for mercy. 2 Because he my feet from falling. 9 I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living. 10 I believed, therefore I said, "I am greatly afflicted." 11 I said in my haste, "All men are liars." 12 What will I give to the LORD for all his benefits toward me? 13 I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the LORD. 14 I will pay my vows to the LORD, yes, in the presence of all his people. 15 Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones. 16 LORD, truly I am your servant. I am

your servant, the son of your handmaid. You have freed me from my chains. **17** I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call on the name of the LORD. **18** I will pay my vows to the LORD, yes, in the presence of all his people, **19** in the courts of the LORD's house, in the midst of you, Jerusalem. Praise the LORD.

117 Praise the LORD, all you nations. Praise him, all you peoples. 2 For his loving kindness is great toward us. The LORD's faithfulness endures forever. Praise the LORD.

118 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his loving kindness endures forever. 2 Let Israel now say that his loving kindness endures forever. 3 Let the house of Aaron now say that his loving kindness endures forever. 4 Now let those who fear the LORD say that his loving kindness endures forever. 5 Out of my distress, I called on the LORD. The LORD answered me with freedom. 6 The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can humans do to me? 7 The LORD is my helper; and I will look in triumph on those who hate me. 8 It is better to take refuge in the LORD, than to put confidence in man. 9 It is better to take refuge in the LORD, than to put confidence in princes. 10 All the nations surrounded me, but in the name of the LORD, I cut them off. 11 They surrounded me, yes, they surrounded me. In the name of the LORD I indeed cut them off. 12 They surrounded me like bees. They blazed like a fire among thorns. In the name of the LORD I cut them off. 13 I was pushed hard, to make me fall, but the LORD helped me. 14 The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation. 15 The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tents of the righteous. "The right hand of the LORD does valiantly. 16 The right hand of the LORD is exalted. The right hand of the LORD does valiantly." 17 I will not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD. 18 The LORD has punished me severely, but he has not given me over to death. 19 Open to me the gates of righteousness. I will enter into them and praise the LORD. 20 This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous will enter into it. 21 I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me, and have become my salvation. 22 The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. 23 This is the LORD's doing. It is marvelous in our eyes. 24 This is the day that the LORD has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it. 25 Save us now, we beg you, LORD. LORD, we beg you, send prosperity now. 26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD. We have blessed you out of the house of the LORD. 27 The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the sacrifice with cords, even to the horns of the altar. 28 You are my God, and I will give thanks to you. You are

your servant, the son of your handmaid. You have freed my God, I will exalt you. **29** Oh give thanks to the LORD, me from my chains. **17** I will offer to you the sacrifice of for he is good, for his loving kindness endures forever.

19 ALEPH. Blessed are those whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the LORD. 2 Blessed are those who keep his decrees, who seek him with their whole heart. 3 Yes, they do nothing wrong. They walk in his ways. 4 You have commanded your precepts, that we should fully obey them. 5 Oh that my ways were steadfast to obey your statutes. 6 Then I wouldn't be disappointed, when I consider all of your commandments. 7 I will give thanks to you with uprightness of heart, when I learn your righteous judgments. 8 I will observe your statutes. Do not utterly forsake me. 9 BET. How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word. 10 With my whole heart, I have sought you. Do not let me wander from your commandments. 11 In my heart I have hidden vour word, that I might not sin against you. 12 Blessed are you, LORD. Teach me your statutes. 13 With my lips, I have declared all the ordinances of your mouth. 14 I have rejoiced in the way of your testimonies, as much as in all riches. 15 I will meditate on your precepts, and consider your ways. 16 I will delight myself in your statutes. I will not forget your word. 17 GIMEL. Deal bountifully with your servant, that I may live and keep your word. 18 Open my eyes, that I may see wondrous things out of your Law. 19 I am a stranger on the earth. Do not hide your commandments from me. 20 My soul is consumed with longing for your ordinances at all times. 21 You have rebuked the proud who are cursed, who wander from your commandments. 22 Take reproach and contempt away from me, for I have kept your statutes. 23 Though princes sit and slander me, your servant will meditate on your statutes. 24 Indeed your statutes are my delight, and my counselors. 25 DALET. My soul is laid low in the dust. Revive me according to your word. 26 I declared my ways, and you answered me. Teach me your statutes. 27 Let me understand the teaching of your precepts. Then I will meditate on your wondrous works. 28 My soul is weary with sorrow: strengthen me according to your word. 29 Keep me from the way of deceit. Grant me your Law graciously. 30 I have chosen the way of truth. I have set your ordinances before me. 31 I cling to your statutes, LORD. Do not let me be disappointed. 32 I run in the path of your commandments, for you have set my heart free. 33 HEY Teach me, LORD, the way of your statutes. I will keep them to the end. 34 Give me understanding, and I will keep your Law. Yes, I will obey it with my whole heart. 35 Direct me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in them. 36 Turn my heart toward your statutes, not toward selfish gain. 37 Turn my eyes away from looking at worthless things. Revive me in your ways. 38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, 76 Please let your loving kindness be for my comfort, that you may be feared. 39 Take away my disgrace that according to your word to your servant. 77 Let your I dread, for your ordinances are good. 40 Look, I long tender mercies come to me, that I may live; for your Law for your precepts. Revive me in your righteousness. is my delight. 78 Let the proud be disappointed, for they 41 WAW. Let your loving kindness also come to me, have overthrown me wrongfully. I will meditate on your LORD, your salvation, according to your word. 42 So I precepts. 79 Let those who fear you turn to me. They will have an answer for him who reproaches me, for I will know your statutes. 80 Let my heart be blameless trust in your word. 43 Do not snatch the word of truth toward your decrees, that I may not be disappointed. out of my mouth, for I put my hope in your ordinances. 81 KAPH. My soul faints for your salvation. I hope in 44 So I will obey your Law continually, forever and ever. your word. 82 My eyes fail for your word. I say, "When 45 I will walk in liberty, for I have sought your precepts. will you comfort me?" 83 For I have become like a 46 I will also speak of your statutes before kings, and wineskin in the smoke. I do not forget your statutes. 84 will not be disappointed. 47 I will delight myself in your How many are the days of your servant? When will you commandments, because I love them. 48 I reach out execute judgment on those who persecute me? 85 The my hands for your commandments, which I love. I will proud have dug pits for me, contrary to your Law. 86 meditate on your statutes. 49 ZAYIN. Remember your All of your commandments are faithful. They persecute word to your servant, because you gave me hope. 50 me wrongfully. Help me. 87 They had almost wiped This is my comfort in my affliction, for your word has me from the earth, but I did not forsake your precepts. revived me. 51 The arrogant mock me excessively, but 88 Preserve my life according to your loving kindness, I do not swerve from your Law. 52 I remember your so I will obey the statutes of your mouth. 89 LAMED. ordinances of old, LORD, and have comforted myself. LORD, your word is settled in heaven forever. 90 Your 53 Indignation has taken hold on me, because of the faithfulness is to all generations. You have established wicked who forsake your Law. 54 Your statutes have the earth, and it remains. 91 Your laws remain to this been my songs, in the house where I live. 55 I have day, for all things serve you. 92 Unless your Law had remembered your name, LORD, in the night, and I obey been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction. your Law. 56 This is my way, that I keep your precepts. 93 I will never forget your precepts, for with them, you 57 HET. The LORD is my portion. I promised to obey your have revived me. 94 I am yours. Save me, for I have words. 58 I sought your favor with my whole heart. Be sought your precepts. 95 The wicked have waited for merciful to me according to your word. 59 I considered me, to destroy me. I will consider your statutes. 96 I my ways, and turned my steps to your statutes. 60 I will have seen a limit to all perfection, but your commands hurry, and not delay, to obey your commandments. 61 are boundless. 97 MEM. How I love your Law. It is my The ropes of the wicked bind me, but I won't forget your meditation all day. 98 Your commandments make me Law. 62 At midnight I will rise to give thanks to you, wiser than my enemies, for your commandments are because of your righteous ordinances. 63 I am a friend always with me. 99 I have more understanding than all of all those who fear you, of those who observe your my teachers, for your testimonies are my (meditation) precepts. 64 The earth is full of your loving kindness, 100 I understand more than the aged, because I have LORD. Teach me your statutes. 65 TET. Do good to kept your precepts. 101 I have kept my feet from every your servant, according to your word, LORD. 66 Teach evil way, that I might observe your word. 102 I have not me good judgment and knowledge, for I believe in your turned aside from your ordinances, for you have taught commandments. 67 Before I was afflicted, I went astray; me. 103 How sweet are your promises to my taste, more but now I observe your word. 68 You are good, and than honey to my mouth. 104 Through your precepts, I do good. Teach me your statutes, 69 The proud have get understanding; therefore I hate every false way, 105 smeared a lie upon me. With my whole heart, I will keep NUN. Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light for my your precepts. 70 Their heart is as callous as the fat, path. 106 I have sworn, and have confirmed it, that I but I delight in your Law. 71 It is good for me that I have will obey your righteous ordinances. 107 I am afflicted been afflicted, that I may learn your statutes. 72 The very much. Revive me, LORD, according to your word. Law you have spoken is better to me than thousands 108 Please accept the freewill offerings of my mouth, of pieces of gold and silver. 73 YOD Your hands have LORD, and teach me your ordinances. 109 My soul made me and formed me. Give me understanding, that I is continually in my hand, yet I won't forget your Law. may learn your commandments. 74 Those who fear you 110 The wicked have laid a snare for me, yet I haven't will see me and be glad, because I have put my hope in gone astray from your precepts. 111 I have taken your your word. 75 LORD, I know that your judgments are testimonies as a heritage forever, for they are the joy righteous, that in faithfulness you have humbled me. of my heart. 112 I have set my heart to perform your

double-minded men, but I love your Law. 114 You are follow after wickedness. They are far from your Law. 151 my hiding place and my shield. I hope in your word. You are near, LORD. All your commandments are truth. 115 Depart from me, you evildoers, that I may keep the 152 Of old I have known from your testimonies, that commandments of my God. 116 Uphold me according you have founded them forever. 153 RESH. Consider to your word, that I may live. Let me not be ashamed of my affliction, and deliver me, for I do not forget your my hope. 117 Hold me up, and I will be safe, and will Law. 154 Plead my cause, and redeem me. Revive me have respect for your statutes continually. 118 You reject according to your promise. 155 Salvation is far from the all those who stray from your statutes, for their deceit is wicked, for they do not seek your statutes. 156 Great in vain. 119 You put away all the wicked of the earth like are your tender mercies, LORD. Revive me according to dross. Therefore I love your testimonies. 120 My flesh your ordinances. 157 Many are my persecutors and my trembles for fear of you. I am afraid of your judgments. adversaries. I haven't swerved from your testimonies. 121 AYIN. I have done what is just and righteous. Do not 158 I look at the faithless with loathing, because they do leave me to my oppressors. 122 Ensure your servant's not observe your word. 159 Consider how I love your well-being. Do not let the proud oppress me. 123 My precepts. Revive me, LORD, according to your loving eyes fail looking for your salvation, for your righteous kindness. 160 All of your words are truth. Every one of word. 124 Deal with your servant according to your your righteous ordinances endures forever. 161 SIN and loving kindness. Teach me your statutes. 125 I am your SHIN. Princes have persecuted me without a cause, but servant. Give me understanding, that I may know your my heart stands in awe of your words. 162 I rejoice at testimonies. 126 It is time to act, LORD, for they break your word, as one who finds great spoil. 163 I hate and your Law. 127 Therefore I love your commandments abhor falsehood. I love your Law. 164 Seven times a more than gold, yes, more than pure gold. 128 Therefore day, I praise you, because of your righteous ordinances. I consider all of your precepts to be right. I hate every 165 Those who love your Law have great peace. Nothing false way. 129 PEY. Your testimonies are wonderful, causes them to stumble. 166 I have hoped for your therefore my soul keeps them. 130 The entrance of your salvation, LORD. I have done your commandments. 167 words gives light. It gives understanding to the simple. My soul has observed your testimonies. I love them 131 | opened my mouth wide and panted, for | longed for exceedingly. 168 | have obeyed your precepts and your commandments. 132 Turn to me, and have mercy your testimonies, for all my ways are before you. 169 on me, as you always do to those who love your name. TAW. Let my cry come before you, LORD. Give me 133 Establish my footsteps in your word. Do not let any understanding according to your word. 170 Let my iniquity have dominion over me. 134 Redeem me from petition come before you. Deliver me according to your the oppression of man, so I will observe your precepts. word. 171 Let my lips utter praise, for you teach me 135 Make your face shine on your servant. Teach me your statutes. 172 Let my tongue sing of your word, your statutes. 136 Streams of tears run down my eyes, for all your commandments are righteousness. 173 Let because they do not observe your Law. 137 TZADE. You your hand be ready to help me, for I have chosen your are righteous, LORD. Your judgments are upright. 138 precepts. 174 | have longed for your salvation, LORD. You have commanded your statutes in righteousness. Your Law is my delight. 175 Let my soul live, that I may They are fully trustworthy. 139 My zeal wears me out, praise you. Let your ordinances help me. 176 I have because my enemies ignore your words. 140 Your gone astray like a lost sheep. Seek your servant, for I promises have been thoroughly tested, and your servant do not forget your commandments. loves them. 141 I am small and despised. I do not forget vour precepts. 142 Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness. Your Law is truth. 143 Trouble and anguish have taken hold of me. Your commandments are my delight. 144 Your testimonies are righteous forever. Give me understanding, that I may live. 145 QOPH. I have called with my whole heart. Answer me, LORD. I will keep your statutes. 146 I have called to you. Save me. I will obey your statutes. 147 I rise before dawn and cry for help. I put my hope in your words. 148 My eyes stay open through the night watches, that **121** [A Song of Ascents.] I will lift up my eyes to the I might meditate on your word. 149 Hear my voice according to your loving kindness. Revive me, LORD, help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and

statutes forever, even to the end. 113 SAMEKH, I hate according to your ordinances, 150 They draw near who

120 [A Song of Ascents.] In my distress, I cried to the LORD. He answered me. 2 Deliver my soul, LORD, from lying lips, from a deceitful tongue. 3 What will be given to you, and what will be done more to you, you deceitful tongue? 4 Sharp arrows of the mighty, with coals of juniper. 5 Woe is me, that I live in Meshech, that I dwell among the tents of Kedar. 6 My soul has had her dwelling too long with him who hates peace. 7 I am for peace, but when I speak, they are for war.

hills. Where does my help come from? 2 My

will neither slumber nor sleep. 5 The LORD is your lead them away with evildoers. Peace be on Israel. keeper. The LORD is your shade on your right hand. 6 The sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. 7 The LORD will keep you from all evil. He will keep your soul. 8 The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in, from this time forth, and forevermore.

2 Our feet are standing within your gates, Jerusalem; 3 like the streams in the Negev. 5 Those who sow in Jerusalem, that is built as a city that is joined together; 4 where the tribes go up, even the tribes of the LORD, according to an ordinance for Israel, to give thanks to joy, carrying his sheaves. the name of the LORD. 5 For there are set thrones for judgment, the thrones of David's house. 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem. Those who love you will prosper. 7 Peace be within your walls, and prosperity within your palaces. 8 For my brothers' and companions' sakes, I will now say, "Peace be within you." 9 For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.

eyes, you who sit in the heavens. 2 Look, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress; so our they speak with their enemies in the gate. eyes look to the LORD, our God, until he has mercy on us. 3 Have mercy on us, LORD, have mercy on us, for we have endured much contempt. 4 Our soul is exceedingly filled with the scoffing of those who are at ease, with the contempt of the proud.

would have swallowed us up alive, when their wrath you see your children's children. Peace be upon Israel. was kindled against us; 4 then the waters would have overwhelmed us, the stream would have gone over our soul: 5 then the proud waters would have gone over our soul. 6 Blessed be the LORD, who has not given us as a prey to their teeth. 7 Our soul has escaped like a bird out of the fowler's snare. The snare is broken, and we have escaped. 8 Our help is in the name of the LORD. who made heaven and earth.

LORD are as Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but remains forever. 2 As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people from this time forth and forevermore. 3 For the scepter of wickedness won't remain over the allotment of the righteous; so that the righteous won't use their hands to do evil. 4 Do good, LORD, to those who are good, to

earth. 3 He will not allow your foot to be moved. He who those who are upright in their hearts. 5 But as for those keeps you will not slumber. 4 Look, he who keeps Israel who turn aside to their crooked ways, The LORD will

126 [A Song of Ascents.] When the LORD brought back those who returned to Zion, we were like those who dream. 2 Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing. Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things 122 [A Song of Ascents. By David.] I was glad when for them." 3 The LORD has done great things for us, they said to me, "Let's go to the LORD's house." and we are glad. 4 Restore our fortunes again, LORD, tears will reap in joy. 6 He who goes out weeping, carrying seed for sowing, will certainly come again with

27 [A Song of Ascents. By Solomon.] Unless the LORD builds the house, they labor in vain who build it. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchman guards it in vain. 2 It is vain for you to rise up early, to stay up late, eating the bread of toil; for he gives sleep to his loved ones. 3 Look, children are a heritage of the LORD. The fruit of the womb is a reward. 123 [A Song of Ascents.] To you I do lift up my 4 As arrows in the hand of a mighty man, so are the children of youth. 5 Blessed is the man who has his quiver full of them. They won't be disappointed when

128 [A Song of Ascents.] Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in his ways. 2 For you will eat the labor of your hands; you will be blessed, and it will be well with you. 3 Your wife will be as a fruitful vine, in the innermost parts of your house; your 124 [A Song of Ascents. By David.] If it had not children like olive plants, around your table. 4 Look, been the LORD who was on our side, let Israel thus is the man blessed who fears the LORD. 5 May now say, 2 if it had not been the LORD who was on the LORD bless you out of Zion, and may you see the our side, when men rose up against us; 3 then they good of Jerusalem all the days of your life. 6 Yes, may

70 [A Song of Ascents.] Many times they have afflicted me from my youth up. Let Israel now say, 2 many times they have afflicted me from my youth up, yet they have not prevailed against me. 3 The plowers plowed on my back. They made their furrows long. 4 The LORD is righteous. He has cut apart the cords of the wicked. 5 Let them be disappointed and turned backward, all those who hate Zion. 6 Let them \mathbf{p} [A Song of Ascents.] Those who trust in the be as the grass on the housetops, which withers before it grows up; 7 with which the reaper doesn't fill his hand, nor he who binds sheaves, his bosom, 8 Neither do those who go by say, "The blessing of the LORD be on you. We bless you in the name of the LORD."

> 30 [A Song of Ascents.] Out of the depths I have 1 cried to you, LORD. 2 LORD, hear my voice.

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my petitions. 3 If you, LORD, kept a record of sins, LORD, who could you may be revered. 5 I wait for the LORD. My soul waits. I hope in his word. 6 My soul longs for the LORD you from Zion; even he who made heaven and earth. more than watchmen long for the morning; more than watchmen for the morning, 7 Israel, hope in the LORD. for with the LORD there is loving kindness. With him is abundant redemption. 8 He will redeem Israel from all their sins.

131 [A Song of Ascents. By David.] LORD, my heart isn't haughty, nor my eyes lofty; nor do I concern myself with great matters, or things too wonderful for me. 2 Surely I have stilled and guieted my soul, like a weaned child with his mother, like a weaned child is my soul within me. 3 Israel, hope in the LORD, from this time forth and forevermore.

132 [A Song of Ascents.] LORD, remember David and all his affliction, 2 how he swore to the LORD, and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob: 3 "Surely I will not come into the structure of my house, nor go up into my bed; 4 I will not give sleep to my eyes, or slumber to my eyelids; 5 until I find out a place for the LORD, a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob." 6 Look, we heard of it in Ephrathah. We found it in the field of Jaar: 7 "We will go into his dwelling place. We will worship at his footstool. 8 Arise, LORD, to your resting place, you and the ark of your strength. 9 Let your priest be clothed with righteousness. Let your faithful ones shout for joy." 10 For your servant David's sake, do not turn away the face of your anointed one. 11 The LORD has sworn to David in truth. He will not turn from it: "I will set the fruit of your body on your throne. 12 If your children will keep my covenant, my testimony that I will teach them, their children also will sit on your throne forevermore." 13 For the LORD has chosen Zion; he has desired it for his dwelling. 14 "This is my resting place forever. Here I will live, for I have desired it. 15 I will abundantly bless her provision. I will satisfy her poor with bread. 16 Her priests I will also clothe with salvation. Her faithful ones will shout aloud for joy. 17 There I will make the horn of David to bud. I have ordained a lamp for my anointed. 18 I will clothe his enemies with shame, but on himself, his crown will be resplendent."

133 [A Song of Ascents. By David.] See how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to live together in unity. 2 It is like the precious oil on the head, that ran down on the beard, even Aaron's beard; that came down on the edge of his robes; 3 like the dew of Hermon, that comes down on the hills of Zion: for there loving kindness endures forever: 10 To him who struck the LORD gives the blessing, even life forevermore.

134 [A Song of Ascents.] Look. Praise the LORD. all you servants of the LORD, who stand by stand? 4 But there is forgiveness with you, so that night in the LORD's house. 2 Lift up your hands in the sanctuary. Praise the LORD. 3 May the LORD bless

> 35 Praise the LORD. Praise the name of the LORD. Praise him, you servants of the LORD, 2 you who stand in the house of the LORD, in the courts of our God's house. 3 Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good. Sing praises to his name, for that is pleasant. 4 For the LORD has chosen Jacob for himself; Israel for his own possession. 5 For I know that the LORD is great, that our Lord is above all gods. 6 Whatever the LORD pleased, that he has done, in heaven and in earth, in the seas and in all deeps; 7 who causes the clouds to rise from the farthest parts of the earth; who makes lightnings with the rain; who brings forth the wind out of his treasuries; 8 Who struck the firstborn of Egypt, both of man and animal; 9 Who sent signs and wonders into the midst of you, Egypt, on Pharaoh, and on all his servants; 10 who struck many nations, and killed mighty kings, 11 Sihon king of the Amorites, Og king of Bashan, and all the kingdoms of Canaan, 12 and gave their land for a heritage, a heritage to Israel, his people. 13 Your name, LORD, endures forever: your renown. LORD, throughout all generations. 14 For the LORD will iudge his people, and have compassion on his servants. 15 The idols of the nations are silver and gold, the work of men's hands. 16 They have mouths, but they can't speak. They have eyes, but they can't see. 17 They have ears, but they can't hear; neither is there any breath in their mouths. 18 Those who make them will be like them; yes, everyone who trusts in them. 19 House of Israel, praise the LORD. House of Aaron, praise the LORD. 20 House of Levi, praise the LORD. You who fear the LORD, praise the LORD. 21 Blessed be the LORD from Zion, Who dwells at Jerusalem. Praise the LORD.

> 136 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his loving kindness endures forever. 2 Give thanks to the God of gods; for his loving kindness endures forever. 3 Give thanks to the Lord of lords; for his loving kindness endures forever: 4 To him who alone does great wonders; for his loving kindness endures forever: 5 To him who by understanding made the heavens; for his loving kindness endures forever: 6 To him who spread out the earth above the waters; for his loving kindness endures forever: 7 To him who made the great lights; for his loving kindness endures forever: 8 The sun to rule by day; for his loving kindness endures forever; 9 The moon and stars to rule by night; for his

a strong hand, and with an outstretched arm; for his the wrath of my enemies. Your right hand will save me. forever; 14 And made Israel to pass through its midst; the works of your own hands. for his loving kindness endures forever; 15 But shook off Pharaoh and his army in the Red Sea; for his loving kindness endures forever: 16 To him who led his people through the wilderness; for his loving kindness endures forever: 17 To him who struck great kings; for his loving kindness endures forever; 18 And killed mighty kings; for his loving kindness endures forever: 19 Sihon king of the Amorites; for his loving kindness endures forever; 20 Og king of Bashan; for his loving kindness endures forever; 21 And gave their land as an inheritance; for his loving kindness endures forever; 22 Even a heritage to Israel his servant; for his loving kindness endures forever: 23 Who remembered us in our low estate; for his loving kindness endures forever; 24 And has delivered us from our adversaries; for his loving kindness endures forever: 25 Who gives food to every creature; for his loving kindness endures forever. 26 Oh give thanks to the God of heaven; for his loving kindness endures forever.

137 By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down. Yes, we wept, when we remembered Zion. 2 On the willows in its midst, we hung up our harps. 3 For there, those who led us captive asked us for songs. Those who tormented us demanded songs of joy: "Sing us one of the songs of Zion." 4 How can we sing the LORD's song in a foreign land? 5 If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand be forgotten. 6 Let my tongue stick to the roof of my mouth if I do not remember you; if I do not prefer Jerusalem above my chief joy. 7 Remember, LORD, against the descendants of Edom, the day of Jerusalem: who said, "Raze it, Raze it even to its foundation." 8 Daughter of Babylon, doomed to destruction, he will be blessed who rewards you, as you have served us. 9 Blessed shall he be who takes and dashes your little ones against the rock.

138 [By David.] I will give you thanks, LORD, with my whole heart. Before the gods I will sing praises to you. 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple, and give thanks to your Name for your loving kindness and for your truth; for you have exalted your Name and your word above all. 3 In the day that I called, you answered me. You encouraged me with strength in my soul. 4 All the kings of the earth will give you thanks, LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth. 5 Yes, they will sing of the ways of the LORD; for great is the LORD's glory. 6 For though the LORD is high,

down the Egyptian firstborn; for his loving kindness yet he looks after the lowly; but the proud, he knows endures forever; 11 And brought out Israel from among from afar. 7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you them; for his loving kindness endures forever; 12 With will revive me. You will stretch forth your hand against loving kindness endures forever: 13 To him who divided 8 The LORD will fulfill that which concerns me; your the Red Sea apart; for his loving kindness endures loving kindness, LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake

> **39** [For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by David.] LORD, you have searched me, and you know me. 2 You know my sitting down and my rising up. You perceive my thoughts from afar. 3 You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. 4 For there is not a word on my tongue, but, look, LORD, you know it altogether. 5 You encircle me behind and in front, and you place your hand upon me. 6 This knowledge is beyond me. It's lofty. I can't attain it. 7 Where could I go from your Spirit? Or where could I flee from your presence? 8 If I ascend up into heaven, you are there. If I make my bed in Sheol, look, you are there. (Sheol h7585) 9 If I take the wings of the dawn, and settle in the uttermost parts of the sea; 10 Even there your hand will lead me, and your right hand will hold me. 11 If I say, "Surely the darkness will overwhelm me; the light around me will be night;" 12 even the darkness doesn't hide from you, but the night shines as the day. The darkness is like light to you. 13 For you formed my inmost being. You knit me together in my mother's womb. 14 I will give thanks to you, for I am awesomely and wonderfully made. Your works are wonderful, and my soul knows that very well. 15 My frame wasn't hidden from you, when I was made in secret, woven together in the depths of the earth. 16 Your eyes saw my body. In your book they were all written, the days that were ordained for me, when as yet there were none of them. 17 How precious to me are your thoughts, God. How vast is the sum of them. 18 If I would count them, they are more in number than the sand. When I wake up, am still with you. 19 If only you, God, would kill the I wicked. Get away from me, you bloodthirsty men. 20 For they speak against you wickedly. Your enemies take your name in vain. 21 LORD, do I not hate those who hate you? Am I not grieved with those who rise up against you? 22 I hate them with perfect hatred. They have become my enemies. 23 Search me, God, and know my heart. Try me, and know my thoughts. 24 See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the everlasting way.

> **140** [For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by David.] Deliver me, LORD, from the evil man. Preserve me from the violent man; 2 those who devise mischief in their hearts. They continually gather themselves together for war. 3 They have sharpened their tongues like a

serpent. Viper's poison is under their lips. (Selah) 4 than me. 7 Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give LORD, keep me from the hands of the wicked. Preserve thanks to your name. The righteous will surround me. me from the violent men who have determined to trip for you will be good to me. my feet. 5 The proud have hidden a snare for me, they have spread the cords of a net by the path. They have set traps for me. (Selah) 6 I said to the LORD, "You are my God." Listen to the cry of my petitions. LORD. 7 LORD, the Lord, the strength of my salvation, you have covered my head in the day of battle. 8 LORD, do not grant the desires of the wicked. Do not let their evil plans succeed, or they will become proud. (Selah) 9 As for the head of those who surround me. let the mischief of their own lips cover them. 10 Let burning coals fall on them. Let them be thrown into the fire, into miry pits, from where they never rise. 11 An evil speaker won't be established in the earth. Evil will hunt the violent man to overthrow him. 12 I know that the LORD will maintain the cause of the afflicted, and justice for the needy. 13 Surely the righteous will give thanks to your name. The upright will dwell in your presence.

when I call to you. 2 Let my prayer be set before you for you are my God. Your Spirit is good. Lead me in like incense; the lifting up of my hands like the evening the land of uprightness. 11 Revive me, LORD, for your sacrifice. 3 Set a watch, LORD, before my mouth. Keep name's sake. In your righteousness, bring my soul out of the door of my lips. 4 Do not incline my heart to any evil thing, to practice deeds of wickedness with men who and destroy all those who afflict my soul, For I am your work iniquity. Do not let me eat of their delicacies. 5 Let the righteous strike me, it is kindness; let him reprove me, it is like oil on the head; do not let my head refuse it; Yet my prayer is always against evil deeds. 6 Their judges are thrown down by the sides of the rock. They will hear my words, for they are well spoken. 7 "As when one plows and breaks up the earth, our bones are scattered at the mouth of Sheol." (Sheol h7585) 8 For my eyes are on you, LORD. In you, I take refuge. Do not leave my soul destitute. 9 Keep me from the snare which they have laid for me, from the traps of evildoers. 10 Let the wicked fall together into their own nets, while I pass by.

LORD. With my voice, I ask the LORD for mercy. 21 of falsehood. 91 will sing a new song to you, God. On a pour out my complaint before him. I tell him my troubles. ten-stringed lyre, I will sing praises to you. 10 You are 3 When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, you knew he who gives salvation to kings, who rescues David, my path. In the way in which I walk, they have hidden a his servant, from the deadly sword, **11** Rescue me. snare for me. 4 Look on my right, and see; for there is and deliver me out of the hands of foreigners, whose no one who is concerned for me. Refuge has fled from mouths speak deceit, whose right hand is a right hand me. No one cares for my soul. 5 | cried to you, LORD. | of falsehood. 12 Then our sons will be like well-nurtured said, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the plants, our daughters like pillars carved to adorn a living." 6 Listen to my cry, for I am in desperate need. palace. 13 Our storehouses are full, filled with all kinds Deliver me from my persecutors, for they are stronger of provision. Our sheep bring forth thousands and ten

143 [A Psalm by David.] Hear my prayer, LORD. Listen to my petitions. In your faithfulness and righteousness, relieve me. 2 Do not enter into judgment with your servant, for in your sight no man living is righteous. 3 For the enemy pursues my soul. He has struck my life down to the ground. He has made me live in dark places, as those who have been long dead, 4 Therefore my spirit is overwhelmed within me. My heart within me is desolate. 5 I remember the days of old. I meditate on all your doings. I contemplate the work of your hands. 6 I spread forth my hands to you. My soul thirsts for you, like a parched land. (Selah) 7 Hurry to answer me, LORD. My spirit fails. Do not hide your face from me, so that I do not become like those who go down into the pit. 8 Cause me to hear your loving kindness in the morning, for I trust in you. Cause me to know the way in which I should walk, for I lift up my 141 [A Psalm by David.] LORD, I have called on soul to you. 9 Deliver me, LORD, from my enemies. you. Come to me quickly. Listen to my voice I run to you for refuge. 10 Teach me to do your will, trouble. 12 In your loving kindness, cut off my enemies, servant.

1 44 [By David.] Blessed be the LORD, my Rock. who teaches my hands to war, and my fingers to battle: 2 my loving kindness, my fortress, my high tower, my deliverer, my shield, and he in whom I take refuge; who subdues peoples under me. 3 LORD, what is man, that you care for him? Or the son of man, that you think of him? 4 Man is like a breath. His days are like a shadow that passes away. 5 Part your heavens, LORD, and come down. Touch the mountains, and they will smoke. 6 Throw out lightning, and scatter them. Send out your arrows, and rout them. 7 Stretch out your hand from above, rescue me, and deliver me out of **142** [A contemplation by David, when he was in great waters, out of the hands of foreigners; **8** whose the cave. A Prayer.] I cry with my voice to the mouths speak deceit, Whose right hand is a right hand

God is the LORD.

145 [A praise psalm by David.] I will exalt you, mv God, the King. I will praise your name forever and ever. 2 Every day I will praise you. I will extol your name forever and ever. 3 Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised. His greatness is unsearchable. 4 One generation will commend your works to another, and will declare your mighty acts. 5 Of the glorious splendor of your majesty they will speak, of your wondrous works, I will meditate. 6 Men will speak of the might of your awesome acts. I will declare your greatness. 7 They will utter the memory of your great goodness, and will sing of your righteousness. 8 The LORD is gracious, merciful, slow to anger, and of great loving kindness. 9 The LORD is good to all. His tender mercies are over all his works. 10 All your works will give thanks to you, LORD. And your faithful ones will bless you. 11 They will speak of the glory of your kingdom, and talk about your power; 12 to make known to the descendants of Adam his mighty acts, the glory of the majesty of his kingdom. 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom. Your dominion endures throughout all generations. The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds. 14 The LORD upholds all who fall, and raises up all those who are bowed down. 15 The eyes of all wait for you. You give them their food in due season. 16 You vourself open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. 17 The LORD is righteous in all his ways, and faithful in all his deeds. 18 The LORD is near to all those who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. 19 He will fulfill the desire of those who fear him. He also will hear their cry, and will save them. 20 The LORD preserves all those who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy. 21 My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD. Let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

146 Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD, my soul. 2 While I live, I will praise the LORD. I will sing praises to my God as long as I exist. 3 Do not put your trust in princes, each a son of man in whom there is no help. 4 His spirit departs, and he returns to the earth. In that very day, his thoughts perish. 5 Blessed is the one who has the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God, 6 who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps truth forever; 7 who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The LORD frees the prisoners. 8 The LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD raises

thousands in our fields. 14 Our oxen will pull heavy up those who are bowed down. The LORD loves the loads. There is no breaking in, and no going away, and righteous. 9 The LORD preserves the foreigners. He no outcry in our streets. 15 Blessed are the people who upholds the fatherless and widow, but the way of the are in such a situation. Blessed are the people whose wicked he turns upside down. 10 The LORD will reign forever; your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD.

> **147** Praise the LORD, for it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant and fitting to praise him. 2 The LORD builds up Jerusalem. He gathers together the outcasts of Israel. 3 He heals the broken in heart, and binds up their wounds. 4 He counts the number of the stars. He calls them all by their names. 5 Great is our Lord, and mighty in power. His understanding is infinite. 6 The LORD upholds the humble. He brings the wicked down to the ground. 7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving. Sing praises on the harp to our God, 8 who covers the sky with clouds, who prepares rain for the earth, who makes grass grow on the mountains. 9 He provides food for the livestock, and for the young ravens when they call. 10 He doesn't delight in the strength of the horse. He takes no pleasure in the legs of a man. 11 The LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his loving kindness. 12 Praise the LORD, Jerusalem. Praise your God, Zion. 13 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates. He has blessed your children within you. 14 He makes peace in your borders. He fills you with the finest of the wheat. 15 He sends out his commandment to the earth. His word runs very swiftly. 16 He gives snow like wool, and scatters frost like ashes. 17 He hurls down his hail like pebbles. Who can stand before his cold? 18 He sends out his word, and melts them. He causes his wind to blow, and the waters flow. 19 He shows his word to Jacob; his statutes and his ordinances to Israel. 20 He has not done this for just any nation. They do not know his ordinances. Praise the LORD.

> 148 Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD from the heavens. Praise him in the heights. 2 Praise him, all his angels. Praise him, all his army. 3 Praise him, sun and moon. Praise him, all you shining stars. 4 Praise him, you heavens of heavens, You waters that are above the heavens. 5 Let them praise the name of the LORD, For he commanded, and they were created. 6 He has also established them forever and ever. He has made a decree which will not pass away. 7 Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures, and all depths. 8 Lightning and hail, snow and clouds; stormy wind, fulfilling his word; 9 mountains and all hills; fruit trees and all cedars; 10 wild animals and all livestock; small creatures and flying birds; 11 kings of the earth and all peoples; princes and all judges of the earth; 12 both young men and maidens: old men and children: 13

let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted. His glory is above the earth and the heavens. 14 He has lifted up the horn of his people, the praise of all his faithful ones; even of the children of Israel, a people near to him. Praise the LORD.

149 Praise the LORD. Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful ones. 2 Let Israel rejoice in him who made them. Let the people of Zion be joyful in their King. 3 Let them praise his name in the dance. Let them sing praises to him with tambourine and harp. 4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people. He crowns the humble with salvation. 5 Let the faithful ones rejoice in glory. Let them sing for joy on their beds. 6 May the high praises of God be in their mouths, and a two-edged sword in their hand; 7 To execute vengeance on the nations, and punishments on the peoples; 8 To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron; 9 to execute on them the written judgment. All his faithful ones have this honor. Praise the LORD.

150 Praise the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary. Praise him in his heavens for his acts of power. 2 Praise him for his mighty acts. Praise him according to his excellent greatness. 3 Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet. Praise him with harp and lyre. 4 Praise him with tambourine and dancing. Praise him with stringed instruments and flute. 5 Praise him with loud cymbals. Praise him with resounding cymbals. 6 Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD.

Proverbs

1 The proverbs of Solomon, the son of David, king of 2 My son, if you will receive my words, and store up Israel: 2 To know wisdom and instruction, to discern the words of understanding. 3 To receive instruction in ear to wisdom, and apply your heart to understanding; wise dealing, in righteousness, justice, and equity. 4 To 3 Yes, if you call out for discernment, and lift up your give shrewdness to the inexperienced, knowledge and voice for understanding; 4 If you seek her as silver, discretion to the young man. 5 A wise man will hear and and search for her as for hidden treasures: 5 then increase in learning, and a man of understanding will you will understand the fear of the LORD, and find the attain to sound counsel. 6 To understand a proverb, knowledge of God. 6 For the LORD gives wisdom. Out and parables, the words and riddles of the wise. 7 The of his mouth comes knowledge and understanding. 7 fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; but He lays up sound wisdom for the upright. He is a shield the foolish despise wisdom and instruction. 8 My son, to those who walk in integrity; 8 that he may guard the listen to your father's instruction, and do not forsake paths of justice, and preserve the way of his faithful your mother's teaching: 9 for they will be a garland to ones. 9 Then you will understand righteousness and grace your head, and a necklace around your neck. 10 justice, equity and every good path. 10 For wisdom will My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent. 11 If they enter into your heart. Knowledge will be pleasant to your say, "Come with us, Let's lie in wait for blood; let's lurk soul. 11 Discretion will watch over you. Understanding secretly for the innocent without cause; 12 let's swallow will keep you, 12 to deliver you from the way of evil, from them up alive like Sheol, and whole, like those who go the men who speak perverse things; 13 who forsake the down into the pit. (Sheol h7585) 13 We'll find all valuable paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness; 14 wealth. We'll fill our houses with spoil. 14 Throw in your who rejoice to do evil, and delight in the perverseness of lot with us. We'll all have one purse." 15 My son, do not evil; 15 who are crooked in their ways, and wayward in walk in the way with them. Keep your foot from their their paths: 16 To deliver you from the strange woman, path, 16 for their feet run to evil. They hurry to shed even from the foreigner who flatters with her words; 17 blood. 17 For in vain is the net spread in the sight of any who forsakes the friend of her youth, and forgets the bird: 18 but these lie in wait for their own blood. They covenant of her God: 18 for her house leads down to lurk secretly for their own lives. 19 So are the ways of death, her paths to the dead. 19 None who go to her everyone who is greedy for gain. It takes away the life return again, neither do they attain to the paths of life: of its owners. 20 Wisdom calls aloud in the street. She 20 that you may walk in the way of good men, and keep utters her voice in the public squares. 21 She calls at the the paths of the righteous. 21 For the upright will dwell head of noisy places. At the entrance of the city gates, in the land. The perfect will remain in it. 22 But the she utters her words: 22 "How long, you simple ones, wicked will be cut off from the land. The treacherous will will you love simplicity? How long will mockers delight be uprooted out of it. themselves in mockery, and fools hate knowledge? 23 Turn at my reproof. Look, I will pour out my spirit on you. I will make known my words to you. 24 Because I have called, and you have refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no one has paid attention; 25 but you have ignored all my counsel, and wanted none of my reproof; 26 I also will laugh at your disaster. I will mock when calamity overtakes you; 27 when calamity overtakes you like a storm, when your disaster comes on like a whirlwind: when distress and anguish come on you. 28 Then will they call on me, but I will not answer. They will seek me diligently, but they will not find me; 29 because they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD. 30 They wanted none of my counsel. They despised all my reproof. 31 Therefore they will eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own schemes. 32 For the backsliding of the simple will kill them. The careless ease of fools will destroy them. 33

But whoever listens to me will dwell securely, and will be at ease, without fear of harm."

my commandments within you; 2 So as to turn your

3 My son, do not forget my teaching; but let your heart keep my commandments: 2 for length of days, and years of life, and peace, will they add to you. 3 Do not let kindness and truth forsake you. Bind them around your neck. Write them on the tablet of your heart. 4 So you will find favor, and good understanding in the sight of God and man. 5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. 6 In all your ways remember him, and he will make your paths straight. 7 Do not be wise in your own eyes. Fear the LORD, and depart from evil. 8 It will be health to your body, and nourishment to your bones. 9 Honor the LORD with your substance, with the first fruits of all your increase: 10 so your storehouses will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine. 11 My son, do not despise the discipline of the LORD, nor resent his correction. 12 For whom the LORD loves he disciplines, and punishes every son he accepts. 13

Blessed is the man who finds wisdom, the man who hampered. When you run, you will not stumble. 13 Take when it is in the power of your hand to do it. 28 Do not from evil. say to your neighbor, "Go, and come again; tomorrow I will give it to you," when you have it by you. 29 Do not devise evil against your neighbor, seeing he dwells securely by you. 30 Do not strive with a man without cause, if he has done you no harm. 31 Do not envy the man of violence. Choose none of his ways. 32 For the perverse is an abomination to the LORD, but his friendship is with the upright. 33 The LORD's curse is in the house of the wicked, but he blesses the habitation of the righteous. 34 Surely he is scornful to scoffers, but he gives grace to the humble. 35 The wise will inherit glory, but shame will be the promotion of fools.

my sayings. The years of your life will be many. 11 | graceful deer-let her breasts satisfy you at all times. straight paths. 12 When you go, your steps will not be you, my son, be captivated with an adulteress? Why

gets understanding. 14 For her good profit is better than firm hold of instruction. Do not let her go. Keep her, for getting silver, and her return is better than fine gold. 15 she is your life. 14 Do not enter into the path of the She is more precious than rubies. None of the things wicked. Do not walk in the way of evil men. 15 Avoid it, you can desire are to be compared to her. 16 Length of and do not pass by it. Turn from it, and pass on. 16 For days is in her right hand. In her left hand are riches they do not sleep, unless they do evil. Their sleep is and honor. 17 Her ways are ways of pleasantness. All taken away, unless they make someone fall. 17 For her paths are peace. 18 She is a tree of life to those they eat the bread of wickedness, and drink the wine who lay hold of her, and those who hold on to her are of violence. 18 But the path of the righteous is like a blessed 19 By wisdom the LORD founded the earth. By shining light, that shines brighter and brighter until the understanding, he established the heavens. 20 By his full day. 19 The way of the wicked is like darkness. They knowledge, the depths were broken up, and the skies do not know what they stumble over. 20 My son, attend drop down the dew. 21 My son, let them not depart from to my words. Turn your ear to my sayings. 21 Let them your eyes. Keep sound wisdom and discretion: 22 so not depart from your eyes. Keep them in the midst of they will be life to your soul, and grace for your neck. 23 your heart. 22 For they are life to him who finds them, Then you shall walk in your way securely, and your foot and health to all of his body. 23 Guard your heart with won't stumble. 24 When you lie down, you will not be all diligence, for out of it is the wellspring of life. 24 Put afraid; you will lie down, and your sleep will be sweet. away from yourself a perverse mouth. Put corrupt lips 25 Do not be afraid of sudden fear, or of the storm of the far from you. 25 Let your eyes look straight ahead. Fix wicked when it comes: 26 for the LORD will be your your gaze directly before you. 26 Make the path of your confidence, and will keep your foot from being taken. feet level. Let all of your ways be established. 27 Do not 27 Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, turn to the right hand nor to the left. Remove your foot

5 My son, pay attention to my wisdom. Turn your ear to my understanding: 2 that you may maintain discretion, that your lips may preserve knowledge. 3 For the lips of an adulteress drip honey. Her mouth is smoother than oil, 4 But in the end she is as bitter as wormwood, and as sharp as a two-edged sword. 5 Her feet go down to death. Her steps lead straight to Sheol. (Sheol h7585) 6 She gives no thought to the way of life. Her ways are crooked, and she doesn't know it. 7 Now therefore, son, listen to me. Do not depart from the words of my mouth. 8 Remove your way far from her. Do not come near the door of her house, 9 Listen, sons, to a father's instruction. Pay attention lest you give your honor to others, and your years to and know understanding; 2 for I give you sound the merciless; 10 lest strangers feast on your wealth, learning. Do not forsake my law. 3 For I was a son to and your labors enrich another man's house. 11 You my father, tender and an only child in the sight of my will groan at your latter end, when your flesh and your mother. 4 He taught me, and said to me: "Let your heart body are consumed, 12 and say, "How I have hated retain my words. Keep my commandments, and live. 5 instruction, and my heart despised reproof; 13 neither Get wisdom. Get understanding. Do not forget, neither have I obeyed the voice of my teachers, nor turned swerve from the words of my mouth. 6 Do not forsake my ear to those who instructed me. 14 I have come her, and she will preserve you. Love her, and she will to the brink of utter ruin, in the midst of the gathered keep you. 7 Wisdom is supreme. Get wisdom. Yes, assembly." 15 Drink water out of your own cistern, though it costs all your possessions, get understanding. running water out of your own well. 16 Should your 8 Esteem her, and she will exalt you. She will bring you springs overflow in the streets, streams of water in the to honor, when you embrace her. 9 She will give to public squares? 17 Let them be for yourself alone, not your head a garland of grace. She will deliver a crown for strangers with you. 18 Let your spring be blessed. of splendor to you." 10 Listen, my son, and receive Rejoice in the wife of your youth, 19 A loving doe and a have taught you in the way of wisdom. I have led you in Be captivated always with her love. 20 For why should

embrace the bosom of another? 21 For the ways of but if he is found, he must repay seven times. He shall astray.

6 My son, if you have become collateral for your neighbor, if you have struck your hand in pledge for a stranger; 2 You are trapped by the words of your mouth. You are ensnared with the words of your mouth. 3 Do this now, my son, and deliver yourself, seeing you yourself. Press your plea with your neighbor. 4 Give no sleep to your eyes, nor slumber to your eyelids. **5** Free a bird from the snare of the fowler. 6 Go to the ant, woman, from the foreigner who flatters with her words. in the summer, and gathers her food in the harvest. 9 among the youths a young man void of understanding, little folding of the hands to sleep: 11 so your poverty the day, in the middle of the night and in the darkness. who walks with a perverse mouth; 13 who winks with his fingers; 14 in whose heart is perverseness, who devises evil continually, who always sows discord. 15 Therefore his calamity will come suddenly. He will be broken suddenly, and that without remedy. 16 There are six things which the LORD hates; yes, seven which are an abomination to him: 17 haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood; **18** a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are swift in running to mischief, 19 a false witness who utters lies, and he who sows discord among brothers. 20 My son, keep your father's commandment, and do not forsake journey. 20 He has taken a bag of money with him. He your mother's teaching. 21 Bind them continually on your heart. Tie them around your neck. 22 When you words, she led him astray. With the flattering of her lips, walk, it will lead you. When you sleep, it will watch over you. When you awake, it will talk with you. 23 For the of instruction are the way of life. 24 to keep you from the immoral woman, from the flattery of the foreign woman. 25 Do not lust after her beauty in your heart, neither let her captivate you with her evelids. 26 For a prostitute reduces you to a piece of bread. The adulteress hunts for your precious life. 27 Can a man scoop fire into his lap, and his clothes not be burned? 28 Or can one walk on hot coals, and his feet not be scorched? 29 So is he who goes in to his neighbor's wife. Whoever touches her will not be unpunished. 30 Men do not despise a thief, if he steals to satisfy himself when he is hungry: 31

man are before the eves of the LORD. He examines all give all the wealth of his house. 32 He who commits his paths. 22 The evil deeds of the wicked ensnare him. adultery with a woman is void of understanding. He who The cords of his sin hold him firmly. 23 He will die for does it destroys his own soul. 33 He will get wounds lack of instruction. In the greatness of his folly, he will go and dishonor. His reproach will not be wiped away. 34 For jealousy arouses the fury of the husband. He won't spare in the day of vengeance. 35 He won't regard any ransom, neither will he rest content, though you give many gifts.

7 My son, keep my words. Lay up my commandments within you. 2 Keep my commandments and live. have come into the hand of your neighbor. Go, humble Guard my teaching as the apple of your eye. 3 Bind them on your fingers. Write them on the tablet of your heart. 4 Tell wisdom, "You are my sister." Call understanding yourself, like a gazelle from the hand of the hunter, like your relative, 5 that they may keep you from the strange you sluggard. Consider her ways, and be wise; 7 which 6 For at the window of my house, I looked out through having no chief, overseer, or ruler, 8 provides her bread my lattice. 7 I saw among the simple ones. I discerned How long will you sleep, sluggard? When will you arise 8 passing through the street near her corner, he went out of your sleep? 10 A little sleep, a little slumber, a the way to her house, 9 in the twilight, in the evening of will come as a robber, and your scarcity as an armed 10 Look, there a woman met him with the attire of a man. 12 A worthless person, a man of iniquity, is he prostitute, and with crafty intent. 11 She is loud and defiant. Her feet do not stay in her house. 12 Now she is his eyes, who signals with his feet, who motions with in the streets, now in the squares, and lurking at every corner. 13 So she caught him, and kissed him. With an impudent face she said to him: 14 "Sacrifices of peace offerings are with me. This day I have paid my vows. 15 Therefore I came out to meet you, to diligently seek your face, and I have found you. 16 I have spread my couch with carpets of tapestry, with striped cloths of the yarn of Egypt. 17 I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon. 18 Come, let's take our fill of loving until the morning. Let's solace ourselves with loving. 19 For my husband isn't at home. He has gone on a long will come home at the full moon." 21 With persuasive she seduced him. 22 He followed her immediately, as an ox goes to the slaughter, as a stag leaping into a trap, commandment is a lamp, and the Law is light. Reproofs 23 till an arrow strikes through his liver, as a bird hurries to the snare, and doesn't know that it will cost his life. 24 Now therefore, son, listen to me. Pay attention to the words of my mouth. 25 Do not let your heart turn to her ways. Do not go astray in her paths, 26 for she has thrown down many wounded. Yes, all her slain are a mighty army. 27 Her house is the way to Sheol, going down to the chambers of death. (Sheol h7585)

> 8 Doesn't wisdom cry out? Doesn't understanding raise her voice? 2 On the top of high places by the way, where the paths meet, she stands. 3 Beside the gates,

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aloud: 4 "To you men, I call. I send my voice to the sons of humankind. 5 You simple, understand prudence. You has mixed her wine. She has also set her table. 3 She fools, be of an understanding heart. 6 Hear, for I will has sent out her maidens. She cries from the highest speak excellent things. The opening of my lips is for places of the city: 4 "Whoever is simple, let him turn in right things. 7 For my mouth speaks truth. Wickedness here." As for him who is void of understanding, she says is an abomination to my lips. 8 All the words of my to him, 5 "Come, eat some of my bread, Drink some mouth are in righteousness. There is nothing crooked of the wine which I have mixed. 6 Leave your simple or perverse in them. 9 They are all plain to him who ways, and live. Walk in the way of understanding." 7 He understands, right to those who find knowledge. 10 who corrects a mocker invites insult. He who reproves a Receive my instruction rather than silver; knowledge wicked man invites abuse. 8 Do not reprove a scoffer, rather than choice gold. 11 For wisdom is better than lest he hate you. Reprove a wise man, and he will love rubies. All the things that may be desired can't be you. 9 Instruct a wise man, and he will be still wiser. compared to it. 12 "I, wisdom, have made prudence my Teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning. dwelling. Find out knowledge and discretion. 13 The 10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom. fear of the LORD is to hate evil. I hate pride, arrogance, The knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. 11 the evil way, and the perverse mouth. 14 Counsel and For by me your days will be multiplied. The years of sound knowledge are mine. I have understanding and your life will be increased. 12 If you are wise, you are power. 15 By me kings reign, and rulers decree justice. wise for yourself. If you mock, you alone will bear it. 13 16 By me princes rule; nobles, and all the righteous The foolish woman is loud, Undisciplined, and knows rulers of the earth. 17 I love those who love me. Those nothing. 14 She sits at the door of her house, on a seat who seek me diligently will find me. 18 With me are in the high places of the city, 15 To call to those who riches, honor, enduring wealth, and prosperity. 19 My pass by, who go straight on their ways, 16 "Whoever fruit is better than gold, yes, than fine gold; my yield is simple, let him turn in here." as for him who is void than choice silver. 20 I walk in the way of righteousness, of understanding, she says to him, 17 "Stolen water in the midst of the paths of justice; 21 That I may give is sweet. Food eaten in secret is pleasant." 18 But he wealth to those who love me. I fill their treasuries, 22 doesn't know that the dead are there, that her quests "The LORD created me in the beginning of his way, are in the depths of Sheol. (Sheol h7585) before his works of old. 23 I was set up from everlasting. from the beginning, before the earth existed. 24 When there were no depths, I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. 25 Before the mountains were settled in place, before the hills. I was brought forth; 26 while as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the beginning of the dust of the world. 27 When he established the heavens, I was there; when he set a circle on the surface of the deep, 28 when he established the clouds above, when the springs of the deep became strong, 29 when he gave to the sea its boundary, that the waters should not violate his commandment, when he marked out the foundations of the earth: 30 then I was the craftsman by his side. I was a delight day by day, always rejoicing before him. 31 Rejoicing in his whole world. My delight was with the sons of men. 32 "Now therefore, son, listen to me, for blessed are those who keep my ways. 33 Hear instruction, and be wise. Do not refuse it. 34 Blessed is the man who hears me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at my door posts. 35 For whoever finds me, finds life, and will obtain favor from the LORD. 36 But he who sins against me wrongs his own soul. All those who hate me love death."

at the entry of the city, at the entry doors, she cries **Q** Wisdom has built her house. She has set up her seven pillars. 2 She has prepared her meat. She

> **10** The proverbs of Solomon. A wise son makes a glad father; but a foolish son brings grief to his mother. 2 Treasures of wickedness profit nothing, but righteousness delivers from death. 3 The LORD will not allow the soul of the righteous to go hungry, but he thrusts away the desire of the wicked. 4 He becomes poor who works with a lazy hand, but the hand of the diligent brings wealth. 5 He who gathers in summer is a wise son, but he who sleeps during the harvest is a son who causes shame. 6 Blessings are on the head of the righteous, but violence covers the mouth of the wicked. 7 The memory of the righteous is blessed, but the name of the wicked will rot. 8 The wise in heart accept commandments, but a chattering fool will fall. 9 He who walks blamelessly walks surely, but he who perverts his ways will be found out. 10 The one who winks with the eye causes trouble, but the one who boldly rebukes makes peace. 11 The mouth of the righteous is a spring of life, but violence covers the mouth of the wicked. 12 Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers all wrongs. 13 Wisdom is found on the lips of him who has discernment, but a rod is for the back of him who is void of understanding. 14 Wise men lay up knowledge, but the mouth of the foolish is near ruin. 15 The rich man's wealth is his strong city. The destruction

of the poor is their poverty. 16 The labor of the righteous secret. 14 Where there is no wise guidance, the nation leads to life. The increase of the wicked leads to sin. 17 falls, but in the multitude of counselors there is victory. He is in the way of life who heeds correction, but he 15 He who is collateral for a stranger will suffer for it, the perverse tongue will be cut off. 32 The lips of the come to him. 28 He who trusts in his riches will fall, righteous know what is acceptable, but the mouth of the but the righteous shall flourish as the green leaf. 29 He wicked is perverse.

11 A false balance is an abomination to the LORD, but accurate weights are his delight. 2 When pride comes, then comes shame, but with humility comes wisdom. 3 The integrity of the upright shall guide them, but the perverseness of the treacherous shall destroy them. 4 Riches do not profit in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death. 5 The righteousness of the blameless will direct his way, but the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness. 6 The righteousness of the upright shall deliver them, but the unfaithful will be trapped by evil desires. 7 When a wicked man dies, hope perishes, and expectation of power comes to nothing. 8 A righteous person is delivered out of trouble, and the wicked takes his place. 9 With his mouth the godless man destroys his neighbor, but the righteous will be delivered through knowledge. 10 When it goes well with the righteous, the city rejoices. When the wicked perish, there is shouting. 11 By the blessing of the upright, the city is exalted, but it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked. 12 One who despises his neighbor is void of wisdom, but a man of understanding holds his peace. 13 One who brings gossip betrays a confidence, but one who is of a trustworthy spirit is one who keeps a

who forsakes reproof leads others astray. 18 He who but he who refuses pledges of collateral is secure. 16 hides hatred has lying lips. He who utters a slander is A gracious woman obtains honor, but she who hates a fool. 19 In the multitude of words there is no lack virtue makes a throne for dishonor. The slothful become of disobedience, but he who restrains his lips does destitute, and ruthless men grab wealth. 17 The merciful wisely. 20 The tongue of the righteous is like choice man does good to his own soul, but he who is cruel silver. The heart of the wicked is of little worth. 21 The troubles his own flesh. 18 Wicked people earn deceitful lips of the righteous feed many, but the foolish die for wages, but one who sows righteousness reaps a sure lack of understanding. 22 The LORD's blessing brings reward. 19 He who is truly righteous gets life. He who wealth, and he adds no trouble to it. 23 It is a fool's pursues evil gets death. 20 Those who are perverse pleasure to do wickedness, but wisdom is a man of in heart are an abomination to the LORD, but those understanding's pleasure. 24 What the wicked fear, will whose ways are blameless are his delight. 21 Most overtake them, but the desire of the righteous will be certainly, the evil man will not be unpunished, but the granted. 25 When the whirlwind passes, the wicked is descendants of the righteous will be delivered. 22 Like no more; but the righteous stand firm forever. 26 As a gold ring in a pig's snout, is a beautiful woman who vinegar to the teeth, and as smoke to the eyes, so is lacks discretion. 23 The desire of the righteous is only the sluggard to those who send him. 27 The fear of good. The expectation of the wicked is wrath. 24 There the LORD prolongs days, but the years of the wicked is one who scatters, and increases yet more. There is shall be shortened. 28 The prospect of the righteous is one who withholds more than is appropriate, but gains joy, but the hope of the wicked will perish. 29 The way poverty. 25 The liberal soul shall be made fat. He who of the LORD is a stronghold to the upright, but it is a waters shall be watered also himself. 26 People curse destruction to evildoers. 30 The righteous will never be someone who withholds grain, but blessing will be on removed, but the wicked will not dwell in the land. 31 the head of him who sells it. 27 He who diligently seeks The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom, but good seeks favor, but he who searches after evil, it shall who troubles his own house shall inherit the wind. The foolish shall be servant to the wise of heart. 30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he who plucks that life is wise. 31 If the righteous is delivered with difficulty, where will the ungodly and the sinner appear?

> 12 Whoever loves correction loves knowledge, but he who hates reproof is stupid. 2 A good man shall obtain favor from the LORD, but he will condemn a man of wicked devices. 3 A man shall not be established by wickedness, but the root of the righteous shall not be moved. 4 A worthy woman is the crown of her husband, but a disgraceful wife is as rottenness in his bones. 5 The thoughts of the righteous are just, but the advice of the wicked is deceitful. 6 The words of the wicked are about lying in wait for blood, but the speech of the upright rescues them. 7 The wicked are overthrown, and are no more, but the house of the righteous shall stand. 8 A person is commended according to his good sense, but the one who has a perverse mind is despised. 9 Better is he who is lightly esteemed, and has a servant, than he who honors himself, and lacks bread. 10 A righteous man regards the life of his animal, but the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel. 11 He who tills his land shall have plenty of bread, but he who chases fantasies is void of understanding.

momentary. 20 Deceit is in the heart of those who plot 25 The righteous one eats to the satisfying of his soul, evil, but joy comes to the promoters of peace. 21 No but the belly of the wicked goes hungry. mischief shall happen to the righteous, but the wicked shall be filled with evil. 22 Lying lips are an abomination to the LORD, but those who do the truth are his delight. 23 A prudent man keeps his knowledge, but the hearts of fools proclaim foolishness. 24 The hands of the diligent ones shall rule, but laziness ends in slave labor. 25 Anxiety in a man's heart weighs it down, but a kind word makes it glad. 26 A righteous person is cautious in friendship, but the way of the wicked leads them astray. 27 The slothful man doesn't roast his game, but the possessions of diligent men are prized. 28 In the way of righteousness is life: in its path there is no death.

prudent man acts from knowledge, but a fool exposes

12 The wicked desires the plunder of evil men, but folly, 17 A wicked messenger falls into trouble, but a the root of the righteous flourishes. 13 An evil man is trustworthy envoy gains healing. 18 Poverty and shame trapped by sinfulness of lips, but the righteous shall come to him who refuses discipline, but he who heeds come out of trouble. 14 A man shall be satisfied with correction shall be honored. 19 Longing fulfilled is sweet good by the fruit of his mouth. The work of a man's to the soul, but fools detest turning from evil. 20 One hands shall be rewarded to him. 15 The way of a fool who walks with wise men grows wise, but a companion is right in his own eyes, but he who is wise listens to of fools suffers harm. 21 Misfortune pursues sinners, counsel. 16 A fool shows his annoyance the same day, but prosperity rewards the righteous. 22 A good man but one who overlooks an insult is prudent. 17 He who leaves an inheritance to his children's children, but the is truthful testifies honestly, but a false witness lies. 18 wealth of the sinner is stored for the righteous. 23 An There is one who speaks rashly like the piercing of a abundance of food is in poor people's fields, but injustice sword, but the tongue of the wise heals. 19 Truth's lips sweeps it away. 24 One who spares the rod hates his will be established forever, but a lying tongue is only son, but one who loves him is careful to discipline him.

1 Levery wise woman builds her house, but the foolish one tears it down with her own hands. 2 He who walks in his uprightness fears the LORD, but he who is perverse in his ways despises him. 3 The fool's talk brings a rod to his back, but the lips of the wise protect them. 4 Where no oxen are, the crib is clean, but much increase is by the strength of the ox. 5 A truthful witness will not lie, but a false witness pours out lies. 6 A scoffer seeks wisdom, and doesn't find it, but knowledge comes easily to a discerning person. 7 Stay away from a foolish man, for you won't find knowledge on his lips. 8 The wisdom of the prudent is 13 A wise son listens to his father's instruction, but to think about his way, but the folly of fools is deceit. a scoffer doesn't listen to rebuke. 2 By the fruit of Fools mock at making atonement for sins, but among his lips, a man enjoys good things; but the unfaithful the upright there is good will. 10 The heart knows its crave violence. 3 He who guards his mouth guards own bitterness and joy; he will not share these with a his soul. One who opens wide his lips comes to ruin. stranger. 11 The house of the wicked will be destroyed, 4 The soul of the sluggard desires, and has nothing, but the tent of the upright will flourish, 12 There is a way but the desire of the diligent shall be fully satisfied. 5 which seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to A righteous man hates lies, but a wicked man brings death. 13 Even in laughter the heart may be sorrowful, shame and disgrace. 6 Righteousness guards the and mirth may end in heaviness. 14 The unfaithful will way of integrity, but wickedness overthrows the sinner. be repaid for his own ways; likewise a good man will 7 There are some who pretend to be rich, yet have be rewarded for his ways. 15 A simple man believes nothing. There are some who pretend to be poor, yet everything, but the prudent man carefully considers his have great wealth. 8 The ransom of a man's life is ways. 16 A wise man is cautious and turns away from his riches, but the poor hear no threats. 9 The light evil, but the fool is arrogant and reckless. 17 He who is of the righteous shines brightly, but the lamp of the quick to become angry will commit folly, and a crafty wicked is snuffed out. 10 Pride only breeds quarrels, man is hated. 18 The simple inherit folly, but the prudent but with ones who take advice is wisdom. 11 Wealth are crowned with knowledge. 19 The evil bow down gained dishonestly dwindles away, but he who gathers before the good, and the wicked at the gates of the by hand makes it grow. 12 Hope deferred makes the righteous. 20 The poor person is shunned even by his heart sick, but when longing is fulfilled, it is a tree of own neighbor, but the rich person has many friends. 21 life. 13 Whoever despises instruction will pay for it, but He who despises his neighbor sins, but blessed is he he who respects a command will be rewarded. 14 The who shows kindness to the poor. 22 Do they not go teaching of the wise is a spring of life, to turn from the astray who plot evil? But love and faithfulness belong snares of death. 15 Good understanding brings favor; to those who plan good. 23 In all hard work there is but the way of the unfaithful leads to calamity. 16 Every profit, but the talk of the lips leads only to poverty. 24

The crown of the wise is their riches, but the folly of keeps his way straight. 22 Where there is no counsel. toward one who causes shame.

word stirs up anger. 2 The tongue of the wise one who is void of wisdom, but a man of understanding in the LORD. 21 The wise in heart shall be called

fools crowns them with folly. 25 A truthful witness saves plans fail; but in a multitude of counselors they are souls, but a false witness is deceitful. 26 In the fear of established. 23 Joy comes to a man with the reply of the LORD is a secure fortress, and he will be a refuge his mouth. How good is a word at the right time. 24 for his children. 27 The fear of the LORD is a fountain of The path of life leads upward for the wise, to keep him life, turning people from the snares of death. 28 In the from going downward to Sheol. (Sheol h7585) 25 The multitude of people is the king's glory, but in the lack of LORD will uproot the house of the proud, but he will people is the destruction of the prince. 29 He who is keep the widow's borders intact. 26 The LORD detests slow to anger has great understanding, but he who has the thoughts of the wicked, but the thoughts of the pure a quick temper displays folly. 30 The life of the body is a are pleasing. 27 He who is greedy for gain troubles his heart at peace, but envy rots the bones. 31 He who own house, but he who hates bribes will live. 28 The oppresses the poor shows contempt for his Maker, but heart of the righteous weighs answers, but the mouth of he who is kind to the needy honors him. 32 The wicked the wicked gushes out evil. 29 The LORD is far from the is brought down in his calamity, but the righteous has a wicked, but he hears the prayer of the righteous. 30 The refuge in his death. 33 Wisdom rests in the heart of one light of the eyes rejoices the heart. Good news gives who has understanding, and is even made known in the health to the bones. 31 The ear that listens to reproof inward part of fools. 34 Righteousness exalts a nation, lives, and will be at home among the wise. 32 He who but sin is a disgrace to any people. 35 The king's favor refuses correction despises his own soul, but he who is toward a servant who deals wisely, but his wrath is listens to reproof gets understanding. 33 The fear of the LORD teaches wisdom. Before honor is humility.

15 A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh 16 The plans of the heart belong to man, but the answer of the tongue is from the LORD. 2 All the commends knowledge, but the mouth of fools gush out ways of a man are clean in his own eyes; but the LORD folly. 3 The eyes of the LORD are everywhere, keeping weighs the motives. 3 Entrust your works to the LORD, watch on the evil and the good. 4 A gentle tongue is and your plans will be established. 4 The LORD has a tree of life, but deceit in it crushes the spirit. 5 A made everything for its own end-yes, even the wicked fool despises his father's correction, but he who heeds for the day of evil. 5 Everyone who is proud in heart reproof shows prudence. 6 In the house of the righteous is an abomination to the LORD: they shall certainly is much treasure, but the income of the wicked brings not be unpunished. 6 By mercy and truth iniquity is trouble. 7 The lips of the wise spread knowledge; not atoned for. By the fear of the LORD men depart from so with the heart of fools. 8 The sacrifice made by the evil. 7 When a man's ways please the LORD, he makes wicked is an abomination to the LORD, but the prayer of even his enemies to be at peace with him. 8 Better is the upright is his delight. 9 The way of the wicked is an a little with righteousness, than great revenues with abomination to the LORD, but he loves him who follows injustice. 9 A man's heart plans his course, but the after righteousness. 10 There is stern discipline for one LORD directs his steps. 10 Inspired judgments are on who forsakes the way: whoever hates reproof shall die. the lips of the king. He shall not betray his mouth. 11 11 Sheol and Abaddon are before the LORD—how much Honest balances and scales are the LORD's; all the more then the hearts of human beings, (Sheol h7585) 12 weights in the bag are his work, 12 It is an abomination A scoffer doesn't love to be reproved; he will not go to to kings to do wickedness, for the throne is established the wise. 13 A glad heart makes a cheerful face; but an by righteousness. 13 Righteous lips are the delight of aching heart breaks the spirit. 14 The heart of one who kings. They value one who speaks the truth. 14 The has understanding seeks knowledge, but the mouths of king's wrath is a messenger of death, but a wise man fools feed on folly. 15 All the days of the afflicted are will pacify it. 15 In the light of the king's face is life. wretched, but one who has a cheerful heart enjoys a His favor is like a cloud of the spring rain. 16 How continual feast. 16 Better is little, with the fear of the much better it is to get wisdom than gold. Yes, to get LORD, than great treasure with trouble. 17 Better is a understanding is to be chosen rather than silver. 17 dinner of herbs, where love is, than a fattened calf with The highway of the upright is to depart from evil. He hatred. 18 A wrathful man stirs up contention, but one who keeps his way preserves his soul. 18 Pride goes who is slow to anger appeases strife. 19 The way of the before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall. 19 sluggard is like a thorn patch, but the path of the upright It is better to be of a lowly spirit with the poor, than to is a highway. 20 A wise son makes a father glad, but divide the plunder with the proud. 20 He who heeds a foolish man despises his mother. 21 Folly is joy to the word finds prosperity, and blessed is he who trusts

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A perverse man stirs up strife, and a gossip separates He who is even tempered is a man of understanding. close friends. 29 A man of violence entices his neighbor, 28 Even a fool, when he keeps silent, is counted wise. and leads him in a way that is not good. 30 One who When he shuts his lips, he is thought to be discerning. winks his eyes to plot perversities, one who compresses his lips, is bent on evil. 31 Gray hair is a crown of glory. It is found in the path of righteousness. 32 One who is slow to anger is better than the mighty; one who rules his spirit, than he who takes a city. 33 The lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision is from the LORD.

17 Better is a dry morsel with quietness, than a house full of feasting with strife. 2 A servant who deals wisely will rule over a son who causes shame, and shall have a part in the inheritance among the brothers. 3 The refining pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold, but the LORD tests the hearts. 4 An evildoer heeds wicked lips. A liar gives ear to a mischievous tongue. 5 Whoever mocks the poor reproaches his Maker. He who is glad at calamity shall not be unpunished. 6 Children's children are the crown of old men; the glory of children are their parents. 7 Arrogant speech isn't fitting for a fool, much less do lying lips fit a prince. 8 A bribe is a precious stone in the eyes of him who gives it; wherever he turns, he prospers. 9 He who covers an offense promotes love; but he who repeats a matter separates best friends. 10 A rebuke enters deeper into one who has understanding than a hundred lashes into a fool. 11 An evil man seeks only rebellion; therefore a cruel messenger shall be sent against him. 12 Let a bear robbed of her cubs meet a man, rather than a fool in his folly. 13 Whoever rewards evil for good, evil shall not depart from his house. 14 The beginning of strife is like breaching a dam, therefore stop contention before quarreling breaks out. 15 He who justifies the wicked, and he who condemns the righteous, both of them alike are an abomination to the LORD. 16 Why is there money in the hand of a fool to buy wisdom, seeing he has no understanding? 17 A friend loves at all times; and a brother is born for adversity. 18 A man void of understanding strikes hands, and becomes collateral in the presence of his neighbor. 19 He who loves disobedience loves strife. One who builds a high gate seeks destruction. 20 One who has a perverse heart doesn't find prosperity, and one who has a deceitful tongue falls into trouble. 21 He

prudent. Pleasantness of the lips promotes instruction, who becomes the father of a fool grieves. The father 22 Understanding is a fountain of life to one who has it, of a fool has no joy. 22 A cheerful heart makes good but the punishment of fools is their folly. 23 The heart medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones. 23 A of the wise instructs his mouth, and adds learning to wicked man receives a bribe in secret, to pervert the his lips. 24 Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to ways of justice. 24 Wisdom is before the face of one the soul, and health to the bones. 25 There is a way who has understanding, but the eyes of a fool wander which seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to everywhere. 25 A foolish son brings grief to his father, death. 26 The appetite of the laboring man labors for and bitterness to her who bore him. 26 Also to punish him; for his mouth urges him on. 27 A worthless man the righteous is not good, nor to flog officials for their devises mischief. His speech is like a scorching fire. 28 integrity. 27 He who spares his words has knowledge.

> 18 An unfriendly man pursues selfishness, and defies all sound judgment. 2 A fool has no delight in understanding, but only in revealing his own opinion. 3 When wickedness comes, contempt also comes, and with shame comes disgrace. 4 The words of a man's mouth are like deep waters. The fountain of wisdom is like a flowing brook. 5 To be partial to the faces of the wicked is not good, nor to deprive the innocent of justice. 6 A fool's lips come into strife, and his mouth invites beatings. 7 A fool's mouth is his destruction, and his lips are a snare to his soul. 8 The words of a gossip are like tasty morsels, and they go down into a person's innermost parts. 9 One who is slack in his work is brother to him who is a master of destruction. 10 The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous run into it and are safe. 11 The rich man's wealth is his strong city, like an unscalable wall in his own imagination. 12 Before destruction the heart of man is proud, but before honor is humility. 13 He who gives answer before he hears, that is folly and shame to him. 14 A man's spirit will sustain him in sickness, but a crushed spirit, who can bear? 15 The heart of the discerning gets knowledge. The ear of the wise seeks knowledge. 16 A man's gift makes room for him, and brings him before great men. 17 He who pleads his cause first seems right; until another comes and questions him. 18 The lot settles disputes, and keeps strong ones apart. 19 A brother offended is more difficult than a fortified city; and disputes are like the bars of a fortress. 20 A man's stomach is filled with the fruit of his mouth. With the harvest of his lips he is satisfied. 21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue; those who love it will eat its fruit. 22 Whoever finds a wife finds a good thing, and obtains favor of the LORD. 23 The poor plead for mercy, but the rich answer harshly. 24 A man of many companions may be ruined, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

Better is the poor who walks in his integrity than Q 1 he who is perverse in his lips and is a fool. 2 It isn't

good to have zeal without knowledge: nor being hasty in the heart of man is like deep water; but a man of with one's feet and missing the way. 3 The foolishness understanding will draw it out. 6 Many men claim to be of man subverts his way; his heart rages against the men of unfailing love, but who can find a faithful man? LORD. 4 Wealth adds many friends, but the poor is 7 A righteous man walks in integrity; blessed are his separated from his friend. 5 A false witness shall not be children after him. 8 A king who sits on the throne of unpunished. He who pours out lies shall not go free. judgment scatters away all evil with his eyes. 9 Who can 6 Many will seek the favor of a ruler, and everyone is say, "I have made my heart pure. I am clean and without a friend to a man who gives gifts. 7 All the relatives sin?" 10 Differing weights and differing measures, both of the poor shun him: how much more do his friends of them alike are an abomination to the LORD. 11 Even avoid him. He pursues them with pleas, but they are a child makes himself known by his doings, whether his gone. 8 He who gets wisdom loves his own soul. He work is pure, and whether it is right. 12 The hearing ear, who keeps understanding shall find good. 9 A false and the seeing eye, The LORD has made even both of witness shall not be unpunished. He who utters lies them. 13 Do not love sleep, lest you come to poverty. shall perish. 10 Delicate living is not appropriate for a Open your eyes, and you shall be satisfied with bread. fool, much less for a servant to have rule over princes. 14 "It's no good, it's no good," says the buyer; but when 11 The discretion of a man makes him slow to anger. It he is gone his way, then he boasts. 15 There is gold is his glory to overlook an offense. 12 The king's wrath and abundance of rubies; but the lips of knowledge are is like the roaring of a lion, but his favor is like dew on a rare jewel. 16 Take the garment of one who puts up the grass. 13 A foolish son is the calamity of his father. collateral for a stranger; and hold him in pledge for a A wife's guarrels are a continual dripping. 14 House and wayward woman. 17 Fraudulent food is sweet to a man, riches are an inheritance from fathers, but a prudent but afterwards his mouth is filled with gravel. 18 Plans wife is from the LORD. 15 Slothfulness casts into a are established by advice; by wise guidance you wage deep sleep. The idle soul shall suffer hunger. 16 He who war. 19 He who goes about as a tale-bearer reveals keeps the commandment keeps his soul, but he who is secrets; therefore do not keep company with him who contemptuous in his ways shall die. 17 He who has pity opens wide his lips. 20 Whoever curses his father on the poor lends to the LORD; he will reward him. 18 or his mother, his lamp shall be put out in blackness Discipline your son, for there is hope; do not be a willing of darkness. 21 An inheritance quickly gained at the party to his death. 19 A hot-tempered man must pay the beginning, won't be blessed in the end. 22 Do not say, penalty, for if you rescue him, you must do it again. 20 "I will pay back evil." Wait for the LORD, and he will Listen to counsel and receive instruction, that you may save you. 23 The LORD detests differing weights, and be wise in your latter end. 21 There are many plans in a dishonest scales are no good. 24 A man's steps are man's heart, but the LORD's counsel will prevail. 22 from the LORD; how then can man understand his way? That which makes a man to be desired is his kindness. 25 It is a snare to a man to make a rash dedication, then A poor man is better than a liar. 23 The fear of the later to consider his vows. 26 A wise king winnows out LORD leads to life, then contentment; he rests and will the wicked, and drives the threshing wheel over them. not be touched by trouble. 24 The sluggard buries his 27 The spirit of man is the LORD's lamp, searching all hand in the dish; he will not so much as bring it to his his innermost parts. 28 Love and faithfulness keep the mouth again. 25 Flog a scoffer, and the simple will learn king safe. His throne is sustained by love. 29 The glory prudence; rebuke one who has understanding, and he of young men is their strength. The splendor of old men will gain knowledge. 26 He who robs his father and is their gray hair. 30 Wounding blows cleanse away evil, drives away his mother, is a son who causes shame and and beatings purge the innermost parts. brings reproach. 27 If you stop listening to instruction. my son, you will stray from the words of knowledge. 28 21 The king's heart is in the LORD's hand like the A corrupt witness mocks justice, and the mouth of the for scoffers, and beatings for the backs of fools.

he shall beg in harvest, and have nothing. 5 Counsel

watercourses. He turns it wherever he desires. 2 wicked gulps down iniquity. 29 Penalties are prepared Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, but the LORD weighs the hearts. 3 To do righteousness and justice is more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice. 4 20 Wine is a mocker, and beer is a brawler. Whoever A high look, and a proud heart, the lamp of the wicked, is led astray by them is not wise. 2 The terror of a is sin. 5 The plans of the diligent surely lead to profit; king is like the roaring of a lion. He who provokes him to and everyone who is hasty surely rushes to poverty. 6 anger forfeits his own life. 3 It is an honor for a person Getting treasures by a lying tongue is a fleeting vapor to keep away from strife, but every fool quarrels. 4 The for those who seek death. 7 The violence of the wicked sluggard will not plow by reason of the winter; therefore will drive them away, because they refuse to do what is

Proverbs

right, 8 The way of the guilty is devious, but the conduct for he shares his food with the poor, 10 Drive out the the treacherous for the upright. 19 It is better to dwell to you thirty excellent things of counsel and knowledge, abomination: how much more, when he brings it with kings. He won't serve obscure men. a wicked mind. 28 A false witness will perish, and a man who listens speaks to eternity. 29 A wicked man hardens his face; but as for the upright, he establishes his ways. **30** There is no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against the LORD. 31 The horse is prepared for the day of battle; but victory is with the LORD.

22 A good name is more desirable than great riches, and loving favor is better than silver and gold. 2 The rich and the poor have this in common: The LORD is the maker of them all. 3 The shrewd see danger and take cover, but the naive keep on going and suffer for it. 4 The result of humility and the fear of the LORD is wealth, honor, and life, 5 Thorns and snares are in the path of the wicked: whoever guards his soul stays from them. 6 Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it. 7 The rich rule over the poor. The borrower is servant to the lender. 8 He who sows wickedness reaps trouble, and the rod of his fury will fail. God blesses a cheerful and generous person, but the vanity of his deeds he will bring to an end. 9 He who has a generous eye will be blessed;

of the innocent is upright. 9 It is better to dwell in the mocker, and strife will go out; yes, guarrels and insults corner of the housetop, than to share a house with a will stop. 11 He who loves purity of heart and speaks contentious woman. 10 The soul of the wicked desires gracefully is the king's friend. 12 The eyes of the LORD evil; his neighbor finds no mercy in his eyes. 11 When watch over knowledge; but he frustrates the words of the mocker is punished, the simple gains wisdom. When the unfaithful. 13 The sluggard says, "There is a lion the wise is instructed, he receives knowledge. 12 The outside. I will be killed in the streets." 14 The mouth of Righteous One considers the house of the wicked, and an adulteress is a deep pit: he who is under the LORD's brings the wicked to ruin. 13 Whoever stops his ears at wrath will fall into it. 15 Folly is bound up in the heart of the cry of the poor, he will also cry out, but shall not be a child: the rod of discipline drives it far from him. 16 heard. 14 A gift in secret pacifies anger; and a bribe in Whoever oppresses the poor for his own increase and the cloak, strong wrath. 15 It is joy to the righteous to do whoever gives to the rich, both come to poverty. 17 The justice; but it is a destruction to evildoers. 16 The man words of the wise: Incline your ear and hear my words, who wanders out of the way of understanding shall rest and apply your heart to my instruction. 18 For it is a in the assembly of the dead. 17 He who loves pleasure pleasant thing if you keep them within you, if all of them shall be a poor man. He who loves wine and oil shall not are ready on your lips. 19 That your trust may be in the be rich. 18 The wicked is a ransom for the righteous; LORD, I teach you today, even you. 20 Haven't I written in a desert land, than with a contentious and fretful 21 To teach you truth, reliable words, to give sound woman. 20 There is precious treasure and oil in the answers to the ones who sent you? 22 Do not exploit dwelling of the wise; but a foolish man swallows it up. 21 the poor, because he is poor; and do not crush the He who follows after righteousness and kindness finds needy in court; 23 for the LORD will plead their case, life, righteousness, and honor. 22 A wise man scales and plunder the life of those who plunder them. 24 Do the city of the mighty, and brings down the strength of not befriend a hot-tempered man, and do not associate its confidence. 23 Whoever guards his mouth and his with one who harbors anger: 25 lest you learn his ways, tongue keeps his soul from troubles. 24 The proud and and ensnare your soul. 26 Do not be one of those who haughty man, "scoffer" is his name; he works in the strike hands, of those who are collateral for debts. 27 arrogance of pride. 25 The desire of the sluggard kills. If you do not have means to pay, why should he take him, for his hands refuse to labor. 26 There are those away your bed from under you? 28 Do not move the who covet greedily all day long; but the righteous give ancient boundary stone, which your fathers have set up. and do not withhold. 27 The sacrifice of the wicked is an 29 Do you see a man skilled in his work? He will serve

> $\ensuremath{\textbf{23}}$ When you sit to eat with a ruler, consider diligently what is before you; 2 put a knife to your throat, if you are a man given to appetite. 3 Do not be desirous of his dainties, seeing they are deceitful food. 4 Do not weary yourself to be rich. In your wisdom, show restraint. 5 Why do you set your eyes on that which is not? For it certainly sprouts wings like an eagle and flies in the sky. 6 Do not eat the food of him who has a stingy eye, and do not crave his delicacies: 7 for as he thinks about the cost, so he is. "Eat and drink." he says to you, but his heart is not with you. 8 The morsel which you have eaten you shall vomit up, and lose your good words. 9 Do not speak in the ears of a fool, for he will despise the wisdom of your words. 10 Do not move the ancient boundary stone. Do not encroach on the fields of the fatherless: 11 for their Defender is strong. He will plead their case against you. 12 Apply your heart to instruction, and your ears to the words of knowledge. 13 Do not withhold correction from a child. If you punish him with the rod, he will not die. 14 Punish him with the rod, and save his soul from Sheol. (Sheol h7585) 15 My

son, if your heart is wise, then my heart will be glad, to your taste. 14 Likewise, know that wisdom is such even mine: 16 yes, my heart will rejoice, when your to your soul; if you have found it, then there will be a lips speak what is right. 17 Do not let your heart envy reward, and your hope will not be cut off. 15 Do not sinners; but rather fear the LORD all the day long. 18 lie in wait, wicked man, against the habitation of the For surely there is a future, and your hope will not be cut righteous. Do not destroy his resting place. 16 For the off. 19 Listen, my son, and be wise, and keep your heart righteous may fall seven times, but gets up again, but on the right path. 20 Do not be among ones drinking the wicked will stumble in adversity. 17 Do not rejoice too much wine, or those who gorge themselves on when your enemy falls. Do not let your heart be glad meat: 21 for the drunkard and the glutton shall become when he is overthrown; 18 lest the LORD see it, and it poor; and drowsiness clothes them in rags. 22 Listen to displease him, and he turn away his wrath from him. 19 your father who gave you life, and do not despise your Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; neither be mother when she is old. 23 Buy the truth, and do not sell envious of the wicked: 20 for there will be no reward it. Get wisdom, discipline, and understanding. 24 The to the evil man; and the lamp of the wicked shall be father of the righteous has great joy. Whoever fathers a snuffed out. 21 My son, fear the LORD and the king. Do wise child delights in him. 25 Let your father and your not join those who are rebellious: 22 for their calamity mother be glad. Let her who bore you rejoice. 26 My will rise suddenly; the destruction from them both-who son, give me your heart; and let your eyes keep in my knows? 23 These also are sayings of the wise. To show ways. 27 For a prostitute is a deep pit; and a wayward partiality in judgment is not good. 24 He who says to the wife is a narrow well. 28 Yes, she lies in wait like a wicked, "You are righteous;" peoples shall curse him, robber, and increases the unfaithful among men. 29 and nations shall abhor him- 25 but it will go well with Who has woe? Who has sorrow? Who has strife? Who those who convict the guilty, and a rich blessing will has complaints? Who has needless bruises? Who has come on them. 26 An honest answer is like a kiss on bloodshot eyes? 30 Those who stay long at the wine; the lips. 27 Prepare your work outside, and get your those who go to seek out mixed wine. 31 Do not look at fields ready. Afterwards, build your house. 28 Do not be the wine when it is red, when it sparkles in the cup, a witness against your neighbor without cause. Do not when it goes down smoothly. 32 In the end, it bites like a deceive with your lips. 29 Do not say, "I will do to him as serpent, and poisons like a viper. 33 Your eyes will see he has done to me; I will render to the man according strange things, and your mind will imagine confusing to his work." 30 I went by the field of the sluggard, things. 34 Yes, you will be as he who lies down in the by the vineyard of the man void of understanding; 31 midst of the sea, or as he who lies on top of the rigging: Look, it was all grown over with thorns. Its surface was 35 "They hit me, and I was not hurt. They beat me, and I covered with nettles, and its stone wall was broken do not feel it. When will I wake up? I can do it again. I down. 32 Then I saw, and considered well. I saw, and can find another."

24 Do not be envious of evil men; neither desire to be with them: 2 for their hearts plot violence, and their lips talk about mischief. 3 Through wisdom a house is built; by understanding it is established; 4 by knowledge the rooms are filled with all rare and is the glory of God to conceal a thing, but the glory beautiful treasure. 5 A wise man has great power; and of kings is to search out a matter. 3 As the heavens a knowledgeable man increases strength; 6 for by wise for height, and the earth for depth, so the hearts of guidance you wage your war; and victory is in many kings are unsearchable. 4 Take away the dross from advisors. 7 Wisdom is too high for a fool: he doesn't the silver, and material comes out for the refiner; 5 open his mouth in the gate. 8 One who plots to do evil Take away the wicked from the king's presence, and his will be called a schemer. 9 The schemes of folly are throne will be established in righteousness. 6 Do not sin. The mocker is detested by men. 10 If you falter in exalt yourself in the presence of the king, or claim a the time of trouble, your strength is small. 11 Rescue place among great men; 7 for it is better that it be said those who are being led away to death. Indeed, hold to you, "Come up here," than that you should be put back those who are staggering to the slaughter. 12 If lower in the presence of the prince, whom your eyes you say, "Look, we did not know this;" doesn't he who have seen. 8 Do not be hasty in bringing charges to weighs the hearts consider it? He who keeps your soul, court. What will you do in the end when your neighbor doesn't he know it? Shall he not render to every man shames you? 9 Debate your case with your neighbor, according to his work? 13 My son, eat honey, for it is and do not betray the confidence of another; 10 lest one good; the droppings of the honeycomb, which are sweet who hears it put you to shame, and your bad reputation

received instruction: 33 a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep; 34 so your poverty will come as a robber, and your want as an armed man.

25 These also are proverbs of Solomon, which the men of Hezekiah king of Judah copied out. 2 It

never depart. 11 A word fitly spoken is like apples of too lazy to bring it back to his mouth. 16 The sluggard is obedient ear. 13 As the cold of snow in the time of who passes by and meddles in a guarrel not his own. away a garment in cold weather, or vinegar on soda, so heart. 26 His malice may be concealed by deception, you will heap coals of fire on his head, and the LORD those it hurts; and a flattering mouth works ruin. will reward you. 23 The north wind brings forth rain: so a backbiting tongue brings an angry face. 24 It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop, than to share a house with a contentious woman. 25 Like cold water to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country. 26 Like a muddied spring, and a polluted well, so is a righteous man who gives way before the wicked. 27 It is not good to eat much honey; nor is it honorable to seek one's own honor. 28 Like a city that is broken down and without walls is a man whose spirit is without restraint.

26 Like snow in summer, and as rain in harvest, so honor is not fitting for a fool. 2 Like a fluttering sparrow, like a darting swallow, so the undeserved curse doesn't come to rest. 3 A whip is for the horse, a bridle for the donkey, and a rod for the back of fools. 4 Do not him. 5 Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be neighbor who is near than a distant brother. 11 Be wise, door turns on its hinges, so does the sluggard on his heart reflects the man. 20 Sheol and Abaddon are never

gold in settings of silver. 12 As an earring of gold, and wiser in his own eyes than seven men who answer with an ornament of fine gold, so is a wise reprover to an discretion. 17 Like one who grabs a dog's ears is one harvest, so is a faithful messenger to those who send 18 Like a madman who shoots firebrands, arrows, and him; for he refreshes the soul of his masters. 14 As death, 19 is the man who deceives his neighbor and clouds and wind without rain, so is he who boasts of says, "Am I not joking?" 20 Without wood a fire goes gifts deceptively. 15 By patience a ruler is persuaded. A out. Without gossip, contention ceases. 21 As coals are soft tongue breaks the bone. 16 Have you found honey? to hot embers, and wood to fire, so is a contentious Eat as much as is sufficient for you, lest you eat too man to kindling strife. 22 The words of a gossip are as much, and vomit it. 17 Let your foot be seldom in your tasty morsels, they go down into the innermost parts. 23 neighbor's house, lest he be weary of you, and hate Like silver dross on an earthen vessel are the lips of you. 18 A man who gives false testimony against his a fervent one with an evil heart. 24 A malicious man neighbor is like a club, a sword, or a sharp arrow. 19 disguises himself with his lips, but he harbors evil in Confidence in someone unfaithful in time of trouble is his heart. 25 When his speech is charming, do not like a bad tooth, or a lame foot, 20 As one who takes believe him; for there are seven abominations in his is one who sings songs to a heavy heart. 21 If your but his wickedness will be exposed in the assembly. enemy is hungry, give him something to eat. If he is 27 Whoever digs a pit shall fall into it. Whoever rolls a thirsty, give him something to drink, 22 for by doing this stone, it will come back on him. 28 A lying tongue hates

27 Do not boast about tomorrow; for you do not know what a day may bring forth. 2 Let another man praise you, and not your own mouth; a stranger, and not your own lips. 3 A stone is heavy, and sand is a burden; but a fool's provocation is heavier than both. 4 Wrath is cruel, and anger is overwhelming; but who is able to stand before jealousy? 5 Better is open rebuke than hidden love. 6 Faithful are the wounds of a friend; although the kisses of an enemy are profuse. 7 A full soul loathes a honeycomb; but to a hungry soul, every bitter thing is sweet. 8 As a bird that wanders from her nest, so is a man who wanders from his home. 9 Perfume and incense bring joy to the heart; so does earnest counsel from a man's friend. 10 Do not forsake your friend and your father's friend. Do not go to your answer a fool according to his folly, lest you also be like brother's house in the day of your disaster: better is a wise in his own eyes. 6 One who sends a message my son, and bring joy to my heart, then I can answer by the hand of a fool is cutting off feet and drinking my tormentor. 12 A prudent man sees danger and takes violence. 7 Like the legs of the lame that hang loose: so refuge; but the simple pass on, and suffer for it. 13 Take is a parable in the mouth of fools. 8 As one who binds a his garment when he puts up collateral for a stranger. stone in a sling, so is he who gives honor to a fool. 9 Hold it for a wayward woman. 14 He who blesses his Like a thornbush that goes into the hand of a drunkard, neighbor with a loud voice early in the morning, it will be so is a parable in the mouth of fools. 10 As an archer taken as a curse by him. 15 A continual dropping on a who wounds all, so is he who hires a fool or he who rainy day and a contentious wife are alike: 16 restraining hires those who pass by. 11 As a dog that returns to his her is like restraining the wind, or like grasping oil in his vomit, so is a fool who repeats his folly. 12 Do you see right hand. 17 Iron sharpens iron; so a man sharpens a man wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a his friend's countenance. 18 Whoever tends the fig tree fool than for him. 13 The sluggard says, "There is a lion shall eat its fruit. He who looks after his master shall in the road. A fierce lion roams the streets." 14 As the be honored. 19 As water reflects a face, so a man's bed. 15 The sluggard buries his hand in the dish. He is satisfied; and a man's eyes are never satisfied. (Sheol

h7585) 21 The crucible is for silver, and the furnace for or his mother, and savs, "It's not wrong," He is a partner and the new growth appears, the grasses of the hills are but when they perish, the righteous thrive. gathered in. 26 The lambs are for your clothing, and the goats are the price of a field. 27 There will be plenty of goats' milk for your food, for your family's food, and for the nourishment of your servant girls.

28 The wicked flee when no one pursues; but the righteous are as bold as a lion. 2 In rebellion, a land has many rulers, but order is maintained by a man of understanding and knowledge. 3 A needy man who oppresses the poor is like a driving rain which leaves no crops. 4 Those who forsake the Law praise the wicked; but those who keep the Law contend with them. 5 Evil men do not understand justice; but those who seek the LORD understand it fully. 6 Better is the poor who walks in his integrity, than he who is perverse in his ways, and he is rich. 7 Whoever keeps the Law is a wise son: but he who is a companion of gluttons shames his father. 8 He who increases his wealth by excessive interest gathers it for one who has pity on the poor. 9 He who turns away his ear from hearing the Law, even his prayer is an abomination. 10 Whoever causes the upright to go astray in an evil way, he will fall into his own trap; but the blameless will inherit good. 11 The rich man is wise in his own eyes; but the poor who has understanding sees through him. 12 When the righteous triumph, there is great glory; but when the wicked rise, men hide themselves. 13 He who conceals his sins doesn't prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy. 14 Blessed is the man who is always reverent; but the one who hardens his heart will fall into evil. 15 As a roaring lion or a charging bear, so is a wicked ruler over helpless people. 16 A prince who lacks understanding is a cruel oppressor, but one who hates ill-gotten gain will prolong his days. 17 A man who is tormented by life blood will be a fugitive until death; no one will support him. 18 Whoever walks blamelessly is kept safe; but one with perverse ways will fall suddenly. 19 One who works his land will have an abundance of food; but one who chases fantasies will have his fill of poverty. 20 A faithful man is rich with blessings; but one who is eager to be rich will not go unpunished. 21 To show partiality is not good; yet a man will do wrong for a piece of bread. 22 A stingy man hurries after riches, and doesn't know that poverty waits for him. 23 One who rebukes a man will afterward find more favor than one who flatters with the tongue. 24 Whoever robs his father

gold; but man is refined by his praise. 22 Though you with a destroyer. 25 One who is greedy stirs up strife; grind a fool in a mortar with a pestle along with grain, yet but one who trusts in the LORD will prosper. 26 One his foolishness will not be removed from him. 23 Know who trusts in himself is a fool; but one who walks in well the state of your flocks, and pay attention to your wisdom is kept safe. 27 One who gives to the poor has herds: 24 for riches are not forever, nor does even the no lack; but one who closes his eyes will have many crown endure to all generations. 25 The hay is removed, curses. 28 When the wicked rise, men hide themselves;

> 29 He who is often rebuked and stiffens his neck will be destroyed suddenly, with no remedy. 2 When the righteous thrive, the people rejoice; but when the wicked rule, the people groan. 3 Whoever loves wisdom brings joy to his father; but a companion of prostitutes squanders his wealth. 4 The king by justice makes the land stable, but he who takes bribes tears it down. 5 A man who flatters his neighbor spreads a net for his feet. 6 An evil man is snared by his sin, but the righteous can sing and be glad. 7 The righteous is concerned about justice for the poor. The wicked does not understand the concern. 8 Mockers stir up a city, but wise men turn away anger. 9 If a wise man goes to court with a foolish man, the fool rages or scoffs, and there is no peace. 10 The bloodthirsty hate a man of integrity; and they seek the life of the upright. 11 A fool vents all of his anger, but a wise man brings himself under control. 12 If a ruler listens to lies, all of his officials are wicked. 13 The poor man and the oppressor have this in common: The LORD gives sight to the eyes of both. 14 The king who fairly judges the poor, his throne shall be established forever. 15 The rod of correction gives wisdom, but a child left to himself causes shame to his mother. 16 When the wicked increase, sin increases; but the righteous will see their downfall. 17 Correct your son, and he will give you peace; yes, he will bring delight to your soul. 18 Where there is no revelation. the people cast off restraint; but he who keeps the law is blessed. 19 A servant can't be corrected by words. Though he understands, yet he will not respond. 20 Do you see a man who is hasty in his words? There is more hope for a fool than for him. 21 He who pampers his servant from youth will have him become a son in the end. 22 An angry man stirs up strife, and a wrathful man abounds in sin. 23 A man's pride brings him low, but one of lowly spirit gains honor. 24 Whoever is an accomplice of a thief is an enemy of his own soul. He takes an oath, but dares not testify. 25 The fear of man proves to be a snare, but whoever puts his trust in the LORD will be set on high. 26 Many seek the ruler's favor, but a man's justice comes from the LORD. 27 A dishonest man detests the righteous, and the upright in their ways detest the wicked.

30 The words of Agur the son of Jakeh, the oracle: mightiest among animals, and doesn't turn away for I am the most ignorant man, and do not have a man's against whom there is no rising up. 32 "If you have done understanding, 3 | have not learned wisdom, neither foolishly in lifting up yourself, or if you have thought evil. do I have the knowledge of the Holy One, 4 Who has put your hand over your mouth, 33 For as the churning ascended up into heaven, and descended? Who has of milk brings forth butter, and the wringing of the nose gathered the wind in his fists? Who has bound the brings forth blood: so the forcing of wrath brings forth waters in his garment? Who has established every part strife." of the earth? What is his name, and what is his son's name, if you know? 5 "Every word of God is flawless. He is a shield to those who take refuge in him. 6 Do not add to his words, lest he reprove you, and you be found a liar. 7 "Two things I have asked of you; do not deny me before I die: 8 Remove far from me falsehood and lies. Give me neither poverty nor riches. Feed me with the food that is needful for me: 9 lest I be full, denv you, and say, 'Who is the LORD?' or lest I be poor, and steal, and so dishonor the name of my God. 10 "Do not slander a servant to his master, lest he curse you, and vou be held quilty. 11 There is a generation that curses their father, and doesn't bless their mother. 12 There is a generation that is pure in their own eyes, yet are not washed from their filthiness. 13 There is a generation, oh how lofty are their eyes. Their eyelids are lifted up. 14 There is a generation whose teeth are like swords, and their jaws like knives, to devour the poor from the earth, and the needy from among men. 15 "The leach has two daughters: 'Give, give.' "There are three things that are never satisfied: four that do not say. 'Enough:' 16 Sheol, the barren womb: the earth that is not satisfied with water; and the fire that doesn't say, 'Enough.' (Sheol h7585) 17 "The eye that mocks at his father, and scorns obedience to his mother: the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, the young eagles shall eat it. 18 "There are three things which are too amazing for me, four which I do not understand: 19 The way of an eagle in the air; the way of a serpent on a rock; the way of a ship in the midst of the sea; and the way of a man with a maiden. 20 "So is the way of an adulterous woman: she eats and wipes her mouth, and says, 'I have done nothing wrong.' 21 "For three things the earth tremble, and under four, it can't bear up: 22 For a servant when he is king: a fool when he is filled with food: 23 for an unloved woman when she is married: and a handmaid who is heir to her mistress. 24 "There are four things which are little on the earth, but they are exceedingly wise: 25 the ants are not a strong people, yet they provide their food in the summer. 26 The conies are but a feeble folk, vet make they their houses in the rocks. 27 The locusts have no king, yet they advance in ranks. 28 You can catch a lizard with your hands, yet it is in kings' palaces. 29 "There are three things which are stately in their march. four which are stately in going: 30 The lion, which is

the man says to Ithiel, to Ithiel and Ucal: 2 "Surely any; 31 the greyhound, the male goat also; and the king

31 The words of king Lemuel; the oracle which his mother taught him. 2 "Oh, my son. Oh, son of my womb. Oh. son of my yows. 3 Do not give your strength to women, nor your ways to that which destroys kings. 4 It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine, or for princes to take strong drink, 5 lest they drink, and forget the decree, and pervert the justice due to anyone who is afflicted. 6 Give strong drink to him who is ready to perish: and wine to the bitter in soul: 7 Let him drink, and forget his poverty, and remember his misery no more. 8 Open your mouth for the mute, in the cause of all who are left desolate. 9 Open your mouth, judge righteously, and serve justice to the poor and needy." 10 Who can find a worthy woman? For her price is far above rubies. 11 The heart of her husband trusts in her. He shall have no lack of gain. 12 She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. 13 She seeks wool and flax, and works eagerly with her hands. 14 She is like the merchant ships. She brings her bread from afar. 15 She rises also while it is yet night, gives food to her household, and portions for her servant girls. 16 She considers a field, and buys it. With the fruit of her hands, she plants a vineyard. 17 She girds her waist with strength, and makes her arms strong. 18 She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp doesn't go out by night. 19 She lays her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. 20 She opens her arms to the poor; yes, she extends her hands to the needy. 21 She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet. 22 She makes for herself carpets of tapestry. Her clothing is fine linen and purple. 23 Her husband is respected in the gates, when he sits among the elders of the land. 24 She makes linen garments and sells them, and delivers sashes to the merchant. 25 Strength and dignity are her clothing. She laughs at the time to come. 26 She opens her mouth with wisdom. Faithful instruction is on her tongue. 27 She looks well to the ways of her household, and doesn't eat the bread of idleness. 28 Her children rise up and call her blessed. Her husband also praises her: 29 "Many women do noble things, but you excel them all." 30 Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain; but a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised. **31** Give her of the fruit of her hands. Let her works praise her in the gates.

Ecclesiastes

1 The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem: 2 "Vanity of vanities," says the Preacher; "Vanity of vanities, all is vanity." 3 What does man gain from all his labor in which he labors under the sun? 4 One generation goes, and another generation comes; but the earth remains forever. 5 The sun also rises, and the sun goes down, and hurries to its place where it rises. 6 The wind goes toward the south, and turns around to the north. It turns around continually as it goes, and the wind returns again to its courses. 7 All the rivers run into the sea, yet the sea is not full. To the place where the rivers flow, there they flow again, 8 All things are full of weariness beyond uttering. The eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing. 9 That which has been is that which shall be: and that which has been done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun. 10 Is there a thing of which it may be said, "Look, this is new?" It has been long ago, in the ages which were before us. 11 There is no memory of the former; neither shall there be any memory of the latter that are to come, among those that shall come after. 12 I, the Preacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. 13 I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom concerning all that is done under the sky. It is a heavy burden that God has given to the sons of men to be afflicted with. 14 I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and look, all is vanity and a chasing after wind. 15 That which is crooked can't be made straight; and that which is lacking can't be counted. 16 I said to myself, "Look, I have obtained for myself great wisdom above all who were before me in Jerusalem. Yes, my heart has had great experience of wisdom and knowledge." 17 I applied my heart to know wisdom, and to know madness and folly. I perceived that this also was a chasing after wind. 18 For in much wisdom is much grief; and he who increases knowledge increases sorrow.

male servants and female servants, and had servants born in my house. I also had great possessions of herds and flocks, above all who were before me in Jerusalem: 8 Lalso gathered silver and gold for myself, and the treasure of kings and of the provinces. I got myself male and female singers, and the delights of the sons of men-musical instruments, and that of all sorts. 9 So I was great, and increased more than all who were before me in Jerusalem. My wisdom also remained with me. 10 Whatever my eyes desired, I did not keep from them. I did not withhold my heart from any joy, for my heart rejoiced because of all my labor, and this was my portion from all my labor. 11 Then I looked at all the works that my hands had worked, and at the labor that I had labored to do; and look, all was vanity and a chasing after wind, and there was no profit under the sun. 12 I turned myself to consider wisdom, madness, and folly. For what can the man who comes after the king do? Just that which he has already done. 13 Then I saw that wisdom excels folly, as far as light excels darkness. 14 The wise man's eyes are in his head, and the fool walks in darkness-and yet I perceived that one event happens to them all. 15 Then said I in my heart. "As it happens to the fool, so will it happen even to me; and why was I then more wise?" Then said I in my heart that this also is vanity. 16 For of the wise man, even as of the fool, there is no memory for ever. seeing that in the days to come all will have been long forgotten. Indeed, the wise man must die just like the fool. 17 So I hated life, because the work that is worked under the sun was grievous to me; for all is vanity and a chasing after wind. 18 I hated all my labor in which I labored under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who comes after me. 19 Who knows whether he will be a wise man or a fool? Yet he will have rule over all of my labor in which I have labored, and in which I have shown myself wise under the sun. This also is vanity. 20 Therefore I began to cause my heart to despair concerning all the labor in which I had labored under the sun. 21 For there is a man whose labor is 2 I said in my heart, "Come now, I will test you with with wisdom, with knowledge, and with skillfulness; yet mirth: therefore enjoy pleasure;" and look, this also he shall leave it for his portion to a man who has not was vanity. 2 I said of laughter, "It is foolishness;" and labored for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. 22 For of mirth, "What does it accomplish?" 3 I searched in what has a man of all his labor, and of the striving of his my heart how to cheer my flesh with wine, my heart heart, in which he labors under the sun? 23 For all his yet guiding me with wisdom, and how to lay hold of days are sorrows, and his travail is grief; yes, even in folly, until I might see what it was good for the sons of the night his heart takes no rest. This also is vanity. 24 men that they should do under heaven all the days of There is nothing better for a man than that he should their lives. 4 I made myself great works. I built myself eat and drink, and make his soul enjoy good in his labor. houses. I planted myself vineyards. 5 I made myself This also I saw, that it is from the hand of God. 25 For gardens and parks, and I planted trees in them of all who can eat, or who can have enjoyment, apart from kinds of fruit. 6 I made myself pools of water, to water him? 26 For to the man who pleases him, God gives from it the forest where trees were reared. 7 I bought wisdom, knowledge, and joy; but to the sinner he gives

travail, to gather and to heap up, that he may give to were oppressed, and they had no comforter; and on the him who pleases God. This also is vanity and a chasing after wind. side of their oppressors there was power; but they had no comforter. 2 Therefore I praised the dead who have

3 For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven: 2 a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; 3 a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; 4 a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; 5 a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; 6 a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; 7 a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace. 9 What profit has he who works in that in which he labors? 10 I have seen the burden which God has given to the sons of men to be afflicted with. 11 He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in their hearts, yet so that man can't find out the work that God has done from the beginning even to the end. 12 I know that there is nothing better for them than to rejoice, and to do good as long as they live. 13 Also that every man should eat and drink, and enjoy good in all his labor, is the gift of God. 14 I know that whatever God does, it shall be forever. Nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it; and God has done it, that men should fear before him. 15 That which is has been long ago, and that which is to be has been long ago: and God seeks again that which is passed away. 16 Moreover I saw under the sun, in the place of justice, that wickedness was there; and in the place of righteousness, that wickedness was there. 17 I said in my heart, "God will judge the righteous and the wicked; for there is a time there for every purpose and for every work." 18 I said in my heart, "As for the sons of men, God tests them, so that they may see that they themselves are like animals. 19 For that which happens to the sons of men happens to animals. Even one thing happens to them. As the one dies, so the other dies. Yes, they have all one breath; and man has no advantage over the animals: for all is vanity. 20 All go to one place. All are from the dust, and all turn to dust again. 21 Who knows the spirit of man, whether it goes upward, and the spirit of the animal, whether it goes downward to the earth?" 22 Therefore I saw that there is nothing better, than that a man should rejoice in his works; for that is his portion: for who can bring him to see what will be after him?

4 Then I returned and saw all the oppressions that are done under the sun: and look, the tears of those who

no comforter. 2 Therefore I praised the dead who have been long dead more than the living who are yet alive. 3 Yes, better than them both is him who has not yet been, who has not seen the evil work that is done under the sun. 4 Then I saw all the labor and achievement that is the envy of a man's neighbor. This also is vanity and a striving after wind. 5 The fool folds his hands together and ruins himself. 6 Better is a handful, with guietness, than two handfuls with labor and chasing after wind. 7 Then I returned and saw vanity under the sun. 8 There is one who is alone, and he has neither son nor brother. There is no end to all of his labor, neither are his eyes satisfied with wealth. For whom then, do I labor, and deprive my soul of enjoyment? This also is vanity, yes, it is a miserable business. 9 Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor. 10 For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow; but woe to him who is alone when he falls, and doesn't have another to lift him up. 11 Again, if two lie together, then they have warmth; but how can one keep warm alone? 12 If a man prevails against one who is alone, two shall withstand him: and a threefold cord is not quickly broken. 13 Better is a poor and wise youth than an old and foolish king who doesn't know how to receive admonition any more. 14 For out of prison he came forth to be king; ves. even in his kingdom he was born poor. 15 I saw all the living who walk under the sun, that they were with the youth, the other, who succeeded him. 16 There was no end of all the people, even of all them over whom he was-yet those who come after shall not rejoice in him. Surely this also is vanity and a chasing after wind.

 $\mathbf{5}$ Guard your step when you go to the house of God. To draw near to listen is better than to give the sacrifice of fools, for they do not know that they do evil. 2 Do not be rash with your mouth, and do not let your heart be hasty to utter anything before God; for God is in heaven, and you on earth. Therefore let your words be few. 3 For as a dream comes with a multitude of cares, so a fool's speech with a multitude of words. 4 When you vow a vow to God, do not defer to pay it; for he has no pleasure in fools. Pay that which you yow. 5 It is better that you should not vow, than that you should vow and not pay. 6 Do not allow your mouth to lead you into sin. Do not protest before the messenger that this was a mistake. Why should God be angry at your voice, and destroy the work of your hands? 7 For in the multitude of dreams there are vanities, as well as in many words: but you must fear God. 8 If you see the oppression of the poor, and the violent taking away of justice and righteousness in a district, do not marvel at the matter: for one official is eyed by a higher one; and there are officials over them. 9 Moreover the profit of words that create vanity. What does that profit man? 12 He who loves silver shall not be satisfied with silver: of his vain life which he spends like a shadow? For who nor he who loves abundance, with increase; this also is vanity. 11 When goods increase, those who eat them are increased; and what advantage is there to its owner, except to feast on them with his eves? 12 The sleep of a laboring man is sweet, whether he eats little or much; but the abundance of the rich will not allow him to sleep. 13 There is a grievous evil which I have seen under the sun: wealth kept by its owner to his harm. 14 Those riches perish by misfortune, and if he has fathered a son, there is nothing in his hand. 15 As he came forth from his mother's womb, naked shall he go again as he came, and shall take nothing for his labor, which he may carry away in his hand. 16 This also is a grievous evil. that in all points as he came, so shall he go. And what profit does he have who labors for the wind? 17 All his days are in darkness and mourning, he is frustrated, and has sickness and wrath. 18 Look, that which I have seen to be good and proper is for one to eat and to drink, and to enjoy good in all his labor, in which he labors under the sun, all the days of his life which God has given him: for this is his portion. 19 Every man also to whom God has given riches and wealth, and has given him power to eat of it, and to take his portion, and to rejoice in his labor-this is the gift of God. 20 For he shall not often reflect on the days of his life; because God occupies him with the joy of his heart.

6 There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, and it is heavy on men: 2 a man to whom God gives riches, wealth, and honor, so that he lacks nothing for his soul of all that he desires, yet God gives him no power to eat of it, but a foreigner eats it. This is vanity, and it is an evil disease. 3 If a man fathers a hundred children, and lives many years, so that the days of his years are many, but his soul is not filled with good, and moreover he has no burial; I say, that a stillborn child is better than he: 4 for it comes in vanity, and departs in darkness, and its name is covered with darkness. 5 Moreover it has not seen the sun nor known it. This has rest rather than the other. 6 Yes, though he live a thousand years twice told, and yet fails to enjoy good, do not all go to one place? 7 All the labor of man is for his mouth, and yet the appetite is not filled. 8 For what advantage has the wise more than the fool? What has the poor man, that knows how to walk before the living? 9 Better is the sight of the eyes than the wandering of the desire. This also is vanity and a chasing after wind. 10 Whatever has been, its name was given long ago; and it is known what man is; neither can he contend with him who is mightier than he. 11 For there are many

the earth is for all. The king profits from the field. 10 For who knows what is good for man in life, all the days can tell a man what will be after him under the sun?

> 7 A good name is better than fine perfume; 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: for that is the end of all men, and the living should take this to heart. 3 Sorrow is better than laughter; for by the sadness of the face the heart is made good. 4 The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning; but the heart of fools is in the house of mirth. 5 It is better to hear the rebuke of the wise, than for a man to hear the song of fools. 6 For as the crackling of thorns under a pot, so is the laughter of the fool. This also is vanity. 7 Surely extortion makes the wise man foolish; and a bribe destroys the understanding. 8 Better is the end of a thing than its beginning. The patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit. 9 Do not be hasty in your spirit to be angry, for anger rests in the bosom of fools. 10 Do not say, "Why were the former days better than these?" For you do not ask wisely about this. 11 Wisdom is as good as an inheritance. Yes, it is more excellent for those who see the sun. 12 For wisdom is a defense, even as money is a defense; but the excellency of knowledge is that wisdom preserves the life of him who has it. 13 Consider the work of God, for who can make that straight, which he has made crooked? 14 In the day of prosperity be joyful, and in the day of adversity consider; yes, God has made the one side by side with the other, to the end that man should not find out anything after him. 15 All this have I seen in my days of vanity: there is a righteous man who perishes in his righteousness, and there is a wicked man who lives long in his evildoing. 16 Do not be overly righteous, neither make yourself overly wise. Why should you destroy yourself? 17 Do not be too wicked, neither be foolish. Why should you die before your time? 18 It is good that you should take hold of this. Yes, also from that do not withdraw your hand; for he who fears God will come forth from them all. 19 Wisdom is a strength to the wise man more than ten rulers who are in a city. 20 Surely there is not a righteous man on earth, who does good and doesn't sin. 21 Also do not take heed to all words that are spoken, lest you hear your servant curse you; 22 for often your own heart knows that you yourself have likewise cursed others. 23 All this have I proved in wisdom. I said. "I will be wise;" but it was far from me. 24 That which is, is far off and exceedingly deep. Who can find it out? 25 I turned around, and my heart sought to know and to search out, and to seek wisdom and the scheme of things, and to know that wickedness is stupidity, and that foolishness

is madness. 26 I find more bitter than death the woman then I saw all the work of God, that man can't find out but the sinner will be ensnared by her. 27 Look, this have I found, says the Preacher, one to another, to find it, he won't be able to find it. out the scheme; 28 which my soul still seeks; but I have not found: one man among a thousand have I found: but a woman among all those have I not found. 29 Look, this only have I found, that God made humankind upright, but they search for many schemes.

Q Who is like the wise man? And who knows the interpretation of a thing? A man's wisdom makes his face shine, and the hardness of his face is changed. 2 Keep the king's command, because of the oath to God. 3 Do not be hasty to go out of his presence. Do not persist in an evil thing, for he does whatever pleases him, 4 for the king's word is supreme. Who can say to him, "What are you doing?" 5 Whoever keeps the commandment shall not come to harm, and his wise heart will know the time and procedure. 6 For there is a time and procedure for every purpose, although the misery of man is heavy on him. 7 For he doesn't know that which will be; for who can tell him how it will be? 8 There is no man who has power over the spirit to contain the spirit; neither does he have power over the day of death. There is no discharge in war; neither shall wickedness deliver those who practice it. 9 All this have I seen, and applied my mind to every work that is done under the sun. There is a time in which one man has power over another to his hurt. 10 So I saw the wicked buried. Indeed they came also from the holy place. They went and were praised in the city where they did this. This also is vanity. 11 Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil. 12 Though a sinner commits crimes a hundred times, and lives long, yet surely I know that it will be better with those who fear God, who are reverent before him. 13 But it shall not be well with the wicked, neither shall he lengthen days like a shadow; because he doesn't fear God. 14 There is a vanity which is done on the earth, that there are righteous men to whom it happens according to the work of the wicked. Again, there are wicked men to whom it happens according to the work of the righteous. I said that this also is vanity. 15 Then I commended mirth, because a man has no better thing under the sun, than to eat, and to drink, and to be joyful: for that will accompany him in his labor all the days of his life which God has given him under the sun. 16 When I applied my heart to know wisdom, and to see the business that is done on the earth (for also there is that neither day nor night sees sleep with his eyes). 17

whose heart is snares and traps, whose hands are the work that is done under the sun, because however chains. Whoever pleases God shall escape from her: much a man labors to seek it out, vet he won't find it. Yes even though a wise man thinks he can comprehend

> **9** For all this I laid to my heart, even to explore all this: that the righteous, and the wise, and their works. are in the hand of God: whether it is love or hatred. man doesn't know it: all is before them. 2 It is the same for all: one event to the righteous and to the wicked. to the good and to the evil, and to the clean and to the unclean, to him who sacrifices, and to him who doesn't sacrifice. As is the good, so is the sinner; he who swears is as he who fears an oath. 3 This is an evil in all that is done under the sun, that there is one event to all: yes also, the heart of the sons of men is full of evil, and madness is in their heart while they live, and after that they go to the dead. 4 For to him who is ioined with all the living there is hope: for a living dog is better than a dead lion. 5 For the living know that they will die, but the dead do not know anything, neither do they have any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten. 6 Also their love, their hatred, and their envy has perished long ago; neither have they any more a portion forever in anything that is done under the sun. 7 Go your way-eat your bread with joy, and drink your wine with a merry heart: for God has already accepted your works. 8 Let your garments be always white, and do not let your head lack oil. 9 Live joyfully with the wife whom you love all the days of your life of vanity, which he has given you under the sun, all your days of vanity: for that is your portion in life, and in your labor in which you labor under the sun. 10 Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in Sheol, where you are going. (Sheol h7585) 11 | returned, and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favor to men of skill; but time and chance happen to them all. 12 For man also doesn't know his time. As the fish that are taken in an evil net, and as the birds that are caught in the snare, even so are the sons of men snared in an evil time, when it falls suddenly on them. 13 I have also seen wisdom under the sun in this way, and it seemed great to me. 14 There was a little city, and few men within it: and a great king came against it. besieged it, and built great siege works against it. 15 Now a poor wise man was found in it, and he by his wisdom delivered the city; yet no man remembered that same poor man. 16 Then said I, Wisdom is better than strength. Nevertheless the poor man's wisdom is despised, and his words are not heard. 17 The words

of the wise heard in quiet are better than the cry of all. **6** In the morning sow your seed, and in the evening him who rules among fools. **18** Wisdom is better than do not withhold your hand; for you do not know which weapons of war; but one sinner destroys much good. will prosper, whether this or that, or whether they will

1 Dead flies cause the oil of the perfumer to send forth an evil odor; so does a little folly outweigh wisdom and honor. 2 A wise man's heart is at his right hand, but a fool's heart at his left. 3 Yes also, when the fool walks by the way, his understanding fails him, and he says to everyone that he is a fool. 4 If the spirit of the ruler rises up against you, do not leave your place; for gentleness lays great offenses to rest. 5 There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, the sort of error which proceeds from the ruler. 6 Folly is set in great dignity, and the rich sit in a low place. 7 I have seen servants on horses, and princes walking like servants on the earth. 8 He who digs a pit may fall into it; and whoever breaks through a wall may be bitten by a serpent. 9 Whoever carves out stones may be injured by them. Whoever splits wood may be endangered thereby. 10 If the axe is blunt, and one doesn't sharpen the edge, then he must use more strength; but skill brings success. 11 If the serpent bites before it is charmed, then is there no profit for the charmer's tongue. 12 The words of a wise man's mouth are gracious; but a fool is swallowed by his own lips. 13 The beginning of the words of his mouth is foolishness; and the end of his talk is mischievous madness. 14 A fool also multiplies words. Man doesn't know what will be; and that which will be after him, who can tell him? 15 The labor of fools wearies every one of them: for he doesn't know how to go to the city. 16 Woe to you, land, when your king is a child, and your princes eat in the morning. 17 Blessed are you, land, when your king is the son of nobles, and your princes eat in due season, for strength, and not for drunkenness. 18 By slothfulness the roof sinks in; and through idleness of the hands the house leaks. 19 A feast is made for laughter, and wine makes the life glad; and money is the answer for all things. 20 Do not curse the king, no, not in your thoughts; and do not curse the rich in your bedchamber: for a bird of the sky may carry your voice, and that which has wings may tell the matter.

11 Cast your bread on the waters; for you shall find it after many days. 2 Give a portion to seven, yes, even to eight; for you do not know what evil will be on the earth. 3 If the clouds are full of rain, they empty themselves on the earth; and if a tree falls toward the south, or toward the north, in the place where the tree falls, there shall it be. 4 He who observes the wind won't sow; and he who regards the clouds won't reap. 5 As you do not know what is the way of the wind, nor how the bones grow in the womb of her who is with child; even so you do not know the work of God who does

all. 6 In the morning sow your seed, and in the evening do not withhold your hand; for you do not know which will prosper, whether this or that, or whether they will both be equally good. 7 Truly the light is sweet, and a pleasant thing it is for the eyes to see the sun. 8 Yes, if a man lives many years, let him rejoice in them all; but let him remember the days of darkness, for they shall be many. All that comes is vanity. 9 Rejoice, young man, in your youth, and let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth, and walk in the ways of your heart, and in the sight of your eyes; but know that for all these things God will bring you into judgment. 10 Therefore remove sorrow from your heart, and put away evil from your flesh; for youth and the dawn of life are vanity.

12 Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come, and the years draw near, when you will say, "I have no pleasure in them;" 2 Before the sun, the light, the moon, and the stars are darkened, and the clouds return after the rain; 3 in the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those who look out of the windows are darkened, 4 and the doors shall be shut in the street; when the sound of the grinding is low, and one shall rise up at the voice of a bird, and all the daughters of music shall be brought low; 5 Also, they are afraid of heights, and of terrors in the way; and the almond tree blossoms, and the grasshopper is burdened, and the caper bush fails; because man goes to his everlasting home, and the mourners go about the streets: 6 before the silver cord is severed, or the golden bowl is broken, or the pitcher is broken at the spring, or the wheel broken at the cistern, 7 and the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the spirit returns to God who gave it. 8 Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher. All is vanity. 9 Further, because the Preacher was wise, he still taught the people knowledge. Yes, he pondered, sought out, and set in order many proverbs. 10 The Preacher sought to find out acceptable words, and that which was written blamelessly, words of truth. 11 The words of the wise are like goads; and like nails well fastened are words from the masters of collections, which are given from one shepherd. 12 Furthermore, my son, be admonished: of making many books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh. 13 This is the end of the matter. All has been heard. Fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man. 14 For God will bring every work into judgment, with every hidden thing, whether it is good, or whether it is evil.

Song of Solomon

The Song of songs, which is Solomon's. 2 Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth; for your love is better than wine. 3 Your oils have a pleasing fragrance. Your name is oil poured forth, therefore the virgins love you. 4 Take me away with you. Let us hurry. The king has brought me into his chambers. We will be glad and rejoice in you. We will praise your love more than wine. They are right to love you. 5 I am dark, but lovely, you daughters of Jerusalem, like Kedar's tents, like Solomon's curtains. 6 Do not stare at me because I am dark, because the sun has scorched me. My mother's sons were angry with me. They made me keeper of the vineyards. I haven't kept my own vineyard. 7 Tell me, you whom my soul loves, where you graze your flock, where you rest them at noon; For why should I be as up now, and go about the city; in the streets and in the one who is veiled beside the flocks of your companions? 8 If you do not know, most beautiful among women, follow the tracks of the sheep. Graze your young goats about the city found me; "Have you seen him whom beside the shepherds' tents. 9 have compared you, my my soul loves?" 4 had scarcely passed from them, love, to a steed in Pharaoh's chariots. 10 Your cheeks when I found him whom my soul loves. I held him, and are beautiful with earrings, your neck with strings of would not let him go, until I had brought him into my jewels. 11 We will make you earrings of gold, with studs mother's house, into the chamber of her who conceived of silver. 12 While the king sat at his table, my perfume me. 5 I adjure you, daughters of Jerusalem, by the spread its fragrance. 13 My beloved is to me a sachet of gazelles, or by the does of the field, that you not stir myrrh, that lies between my breasts. 14 My beloved is up, nor awaken love, until it so desires. 6 Who is this to me a cluster of henna blossoms from the vineyards of who comes up from the wilderness like pillars of smoke, En Gedi. 15 Look, you are beautiful, my love. Look, you perfumed with myrrh and frankincense, with all spices of are beautiful. Your eyes are doves. 16 Look, you are the merchant? 7 Look, it is Solomon's carriage. Sixty beautiful, my beloved, yes, pleasant; and our couch is mighty men are around it, of the mighty men of Israel. 8 verdant. 17 The beams of our house are cedars. Our They all handle the sword, and are expert in war. Every rafters are firs.

2 I am a crocus of Sharon, a lily of the valleys. **2** As a lily among thorns, so is my love among the daughters. 3 As the apple tree among the trees of the wood, so is my beloved among the sons. I sat down under his shadow with great delight, his fruit was sweet to my taste. 4 He brought me to the banquet hall, and his banner over me was love. 5 Strengthen me with raisins, refresh me with apples; For I am faint with love. 6 His left hand is under my head. His right hand embraces me. 7 I adjure you, daughters of Jerusalem, by the gazelles, or by the does of the field, that you not stir up, nor awaken love, until it so desires. 8 The voice of my beloved. Look, he comes, leaping on the mountains, skipping on the hills. 9 My beloved is like a gazelle or a young deer. Look, he stands behind our wall. He looks in at the windows. He glances through the lattice. 10 My beloved spoke, and said to me, "Rise up, my love, my beautiful one, and come away. 11 For,

The flowers appear on the earth. The time of the singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. 13 The fig tree ripens her green figs. The vines are in blossom. They give forth their fragrance. Arise, my love, my beautiful one, and come away." 14 My dove in the clefts of the rock, In the hiding places of the mountainside, Let me see your face. Let me hear your voice; for your voice is sweet, and your face is lovely. 15 Catch for us the foxes, the little foxes that spoil the vineyards; for our vineyards are in blossom. 16 My beloved is mine, and I am his. He browses among the lilies. 17 Until the day is cool, and the shadows flee away, turn, my beloved, and be like a gazelle or a young stag on the mountains of Bether.

3 By night on my bed, I sought him whom my soul loves. I sought him, but I did not find him. 2 I will get squares I will seek him whom my soul loves. I sought him, but I did not find him. 3 The watchmen who go man has his sword on his thigh, because of fear in the night. 9 King Solomon made himself a carriage of the wood of Lebanon. 10 He made its pillars of silver, its bottom of gold, its seat of purple, its midst being paved with love, from the daughters of Jerusalem. 11 Go forth, you daughters of Zion, and see king Solomon, with the crown with which his mother has crowned him, in the day of his weddings, in the day of the gladness of his heart.

🖊 Look, you are beautiful, my love. Look, you are beautiful. Your eyes are doves behind your veil. Your hair is as a flock of goats, that descend from Mount Gilead. 2 Your teeth are like a newly shorn flock, which have come up from the washing, where every one of them has twins. None is bereaved among them. 3 Your lips are like scarlet thread. Your mouth is lovely. Your temples are like a piece of a pomegranate behind your veil. 4 Your neck is like David's tower built for an armory, whereon a thousand shields hang, all the shields of the look, the winter is past. The rain is over and gone. 12 mighty men. 5 Your two breasts are like two fawns that with one of your eyes, with one chain of your neck. 10 is my friend, daughters of Jerusalem. How beautiful is your love, my sister, my bride. How much better is your love than wine. The fragrance of your perfumes than all manner of spices. 11 Your lips, my bride, drip like the honeycomb. Honey and milk are under your tongue. The smell of your garments is like the smell of Lebanon. 12 A locked up garden is my sister. my bride; a locked up spring, a sealed fountain. 13 Your shoots are an orchard of pomegranates, with precious fruits: henna with spikenard plants, 14 spikenard and saffron, calamus and cinnamon, with every kind of incense tree; myrrh and aloes, with all the best spices, 15 a fountain of gardens, a well of living waters, flowing streams from Lebanon. 16 Awake, north wind; and come, you south. Blow on my garden, that its spices may flow out. Let my beloved come into his garden, and taste his precious fruits.

5 I have come into my garden, my sister, my bride. I have gathered my myrrh with my spice; I have eaten my honeycomb with my honey; I have drunk my wine with my milk. Eat, friends. Drink, yes, drink abundantly, beloved. 2 I was asleep, but my heart was awake. It is the voice of my beloved who knocks: "Open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my undefiled; for my head is filled with dew, and my hair with the dampness of the night." 3 I have taken off my robe. Indeed, must I put it on? I have washed my feet. Indeed, must I soil them? 4 My beloved thrust his hand in through the latch opening. My heart pounded for him. 5 I rose up to open for my beloved. My hands dripped with myrrh, my fingers with liquid myrrh, on the handles of the lock. 6 I opened to my beloved; but my beloved left; and had gone away. My heart went out when he spoke. I looked for him, but gold. His hair is bushy, black as a raven. 12 His eyes love, for delights. 7 This, your stature, is like a palm tree,

are twins of a gazelle, which feed among the lilies, 6 are like doves beside the water brooks, washed with Until the day is cool, and the shadows flee away, I will milk, mounted like jewels. 13 His cheeks are like a bed go to the mountain of myrrh, to the hill of frankincense. of spices with towers of perfumes. His lips are like lilies, 7 You are all beautiful, my love. There is no spot in you. dropping liquid myrrh. 14 His hands are like rings of 8 Come with me from Lebanon, my bride, with me from gold set with beryl. His body is like ivory work overlaid Lebanon. Look from the top of Amana, from the top with sapphires. 15 His legs are like pillars of marble set of Senir and Hermon, from the lions' dens, from the on sockets of fine gold. His appearance is like Lebanon, mountains of the leopards. 9 You have ravished my excellent as the cedars. 16 His mouth is sweetness; heart, my sister, my bride. You have ravished my heart yes, he is altogether lovely. This is my beloved, and this

> 6 Where has your beloved gone, you fairest among women? Where has your beloved turned, that we may seek him with you? 2 My beloved has gone down to his garden, to the beds of spices, to feed in the gardens, and to gather lilies. 3 I am my beloved's, and my beloved is mine. He browses among the lilies, 4 You are beautiful, my love, as Tirzah, lovely as Jerusalem, awesome as an army with banners. 5 Turn away your eyes from me, for they have overcome me. Your hair is like a flock of goats, that lie along the side of Gilead. 6 Your teeth are like a flock of ewes, which have come up from the washing: of which every one has twins: none is bereaved among them. 7 Your temples are like a piece of a pomegranate behind your veil. 8 There are sixty gueens, eighty secondary wives, and virgins without number. 9 My dove, my perfect one, is unique. She is her mother's only daughter. She is the favorite one of her who bore her. The daughters saw her, and called her blessed; the queens and the secondary wives, and they praised her. 10 Who is she who looks forth as the morning, beautiful as the moon, clear as the sun, and awesome as an army with banners? 11 I went down into the nut tree grove, to see the green plants of the valley, to see whether the vine budded, and the pomegranates were in flower. 12 Without realizing it, my desire set me with my royal people's chariots. 13 Return, return, Shulammite. Return, return, that we may gaze at you. Why do you desire to gaze at the Shulammite, as at the dance of Mahanaim?

7 How beautiful are your feet in sandals, prince's daughter. Your rounded thighs are like jewels, the I did not find him. I called him, but he did not answer. 7 work of the hands of a skillful workman. 2 Your body is The watchmen who go about the city found me. They like a round goblet, no mixed wine is wanting. Your waist beat me. They bruised me. The keepers of the walls is like a heap of wheat, set about with lilies. 3 Your two took my cloak away from me. 8 I adjure you, daughters breasts are like two fawns, that are twins of a gazelle. of Jerusalem, If you find my beloved, that you tell him 4 Your neck is like an ivory tower. Your eyes are like that I am faint with love. 9 How is your beloved better the pools in Heshbon by the gate of Bathrabbim. Your than another beloved, you fairest among women? How nose is like the tower of Lebanon which looks toward is your beloved better than another beloved, that you do Damascus. 5 Your head on you is like Carmel. The hair so adjure us? 10 My beloved is radiant and tan. The of your head like purple. The king is held captive in its best among ten thousand. 11 His head is like the purest tresses, 6 How beautiful and how pleasant you are.

your breasts like its fruit. **8** I said, "I will climb up into the palm tree. I will take hold of its fruit." Let your breasts be like clusters of the vine, the smell of your breath like apples, **9** Your mouth like the best wine, that goes down smoothly for my beloved, gliding over my lips and my teeth. **10** I am my beloved's. His desire is toward me. **11** Come, my beloved, let us go forth into the field. Let us lodge in the villages. **12** Let's go early up to the vineyards. Let's see whether the vine has budded, its blossom is open, and the pomegranates are in flower. There I will give you my love. **13** The mandrakes give forth fragrance. At our doors are all kinds of precious fruits, new and old, which I have stored up for you, my beloved.

R Oh that you were like my brother, who sucked the breasts of my mother. If I found you outside, I would kiss you: yes, and no one would despise me. 2 I would lead you, bringing you into my mother's house, who would instruct me. I would have you drink spiced wine, of the juice of my pomegranate. 3 His left hand would be under my head. His right hand would embrace me. 4 I adjure you, daughters of Jerusalem, that you not stir up, nor awaken love, until it so desires. 5 Who is this who comes up from the wilderness, leaning on her beloved? Under the apple tree I aroused you. There your mother conceived you. There she was in labor and bore you. 6 Set me as a seal on your heart, as a seal on your arm; for love is strong as death. Jealousy is as cruel as Sheol. Its flashes are flashes of fire, a very flame of the LORD. (Sheol h7585) 7 Many waters can't quench love, neither can floods drown it. If a man would give all the wealth of his house for love, he would be utterly scorned. 8 We have a little sister. She has no breasts. What shall we do for our sister in the day when she is to be spoken for? 9 If she is a wall, we will build on her a turret of silver. If she is a door, we will enclose her with boards of cedar. 10 I am a wall, and my breasts like towers, then I was in his eyes like one who found peace. 11 Solomon had a vineyard at Baal Hamon. He leased out the vineyard to keepers. Each was to bring a thousand shekels of silver for its fruit. 12 My own vineyard is before me. The thousand are for you, Solomon; two hundred for those who tend its fruit. 13 You who dwell in the gardens, with friends in attendance, let me hear your voice. 14 Come away, my beloved. Be like a gazelle or a young stag on the mountains of spices.

Isaiah

1 The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. 2 Hear, heavens, and listen, earth; for the LORD has spoken: I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me. 3 The ox knows his owner, and the donkey his master's crib; but Israel doesn't know, my people do not understand. 4 Ah sinful nation, a people loaded with iniquity, offspring of evildoers, children who deal corruptly. They have forsaken the LORD. They have despised the Holy One of Israel. They are estranged and backward. 5 Why should you be beaten more, that you revolt more and more? The whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. 6 From the sole of the foot even to the head there is no soundness in it: wounds, welts, and open sores. They haven't been closed, neither bandaged, neither soothed with oil. 7 Your country is desolate. Your cities are burned with fire. Strangers devour your land in your presence, and it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers. 8 The daughter of Zion is left like a shelter in a vineyard, like a hut in a field of cucumbers, like a besieged city. 9 Unless the LORD of hosts had left us a few survivors, we would have been as Sodom. and we would have been like Gomorrah. 10 Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom. Listen to the law of our God, you people of Gomorrah. 11 "What are the multitude of your sacrifices to me?," says the LORD. "I have had enough of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed animals. I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of male goats. 12 When you come to appear before me, who has required this at your hand, to trample my courts? 13 Bring no more vain offerings. Incense is an abomination to me; new moons. Sabbaths, and convocations: I can't bear with evil assemblies. 14 My soul hates your New Moons and your appointed feasts. They are a burden to me. I am weary of bearing them. 15 When you spread forth your hands. I will hide my eyes from you. Yes, when you make many prayers, I will not hear. Your hands are full of blood. 16 Wash yourselves, make yourself clean. Put away the evil of your doings from before my eyes. Cease to do evil. 17 Learn to do well. Seek justice. Relieve the oppressed. Judge the fatherless. Plead for the widow." 18 "Come now, and let us reason together," says the LORD: "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow. Though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool. 19 If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; 20 but if you refuse and rebel, the sword shall devour you; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken it." 21 How the

faithful city has become a prostitute. She was full of justice; righteousness lodged in her, but now murderers. 22 Your silver has become dross, your wine mixed with water. 23 Your rulers are rebellious, companions of thieves. Everyone loves a bribe, chasing after payoffs. They do not judge the fatherless, neither does the cause of the widow come to them. 24 Therefore the LORD of hosts, the Mighty One of Israel, says: "Ah, I will get relief from my adversaries, and avenge myself of my enemies; 25 and I will turn my hand against you, and I will purge away your dross, and I will take away all your slag. 26 I will restore your judges as at the first, and your counselors as at the beginning. Afterward you shall be called 'The city of righteousness, a faithful town.' 27 Zion shall be redeemed with justice, and her converts with righteousness. 28 But the destruction of transgressors and sinners shall be together, and those who forsake the LORD shall be consumed. 29 For they shall be ashamed of the oaks which you have desired, and you shall be confounded for the gardens that you have chosen. 30 For you shall be as an oak whose leaf fades, and as a garden that has no water. 31 The strong will be like tinder, and his work like a spark. They will both burn together, and no one will guench them."

This is what Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. 2 It shall happen in the latter days, that the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it. 3 And many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let's go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths." For out of Zion the law shall go forth, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. 4 He will judge between the nations, and will decide concerning many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. 5 House of Jacob, come, and let us walk in the light of the LORD. 6 For you have forsaken your people, the house of Jacob, because they are filled from the east, with those who practice divination like the Philistines, and they clasp hands with the children of foreigners. 7 Their land is full of silver and gold, neither is there any end of their treasures. Their land also is full of horses, neither is there any end of their chariots. 8 Their land also is full of idols. They worship the work of their own hands, that which their own fingers have made. 9 So people bow down, people are low, therefore do not lift them up. 10 Enter into the rock, and hide in the dust, from before the terror of the LORD, and from the glory of his majesty. 11

The proud looks of humankind will be brought low, and err, and destroy the way of your paths, 13 The LORD haughtiness of men shall be brought low; and the LORD sores on the crown of the head of the women of Zion, utterly pass away. 19 Men shall go into the caves of the day the LORD will take away the beauty of their anklets, rocks, and into the holes of the earth, from before the the headbands, the crescent necklaces, 19 the earrings, nostrils; for of what account is he?

3 For look, the Lord, the LORD of hosts, takes away from Jerusalem and from Judah supply and support, the whole supply of bread, and the whole supply of water; 2 the mighty man, the man of war, the judge, the "You have clothing, you be our ruler, and let this ruin blood of Jerusalem from its midst, by the spirit of justice, their faces testify against them. They parade their sin from storm and from rain. like Sodom. They do not hide it. Woe to their soul. For they have brought disaster upon themselves. 10 Tell the righteous "Good." For they shall eat the fruit of their deeds. 11 Woe to the wicked. Disaster is upon them; for the work of his hands will be done to him. 12 As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. My people, those who lead you cause you to

the arrogance of people will be brought down; and the stands up to contend, and stands to judge his people. LORD alone will be exalted in that day. 12 For there will 14 The LORD will enter into judgment with the elders of be a day of the LORD of hosts for all that is proud and his people, and their leaders: "It is you who have eaten haughty, and for all that is lifted up and high; and it shall up the vineyard. The spoil of the poor is in your houses. be brought low: 13 For all the cedars of Lebanon, that 15 What do you mean that you crush my people, and are high and lifted up, for all the oaks of Bashan, 14 For grind the face of the poor?" says the LORD of hosts. all the high mountains, for all the hills that are lifted up, 16 Moreover the LORD said, "Because the daughters 15 For every lofty tower, for every fortified wall, 16 For of Zion are haughty, and walk with outstretched necks all the ships of Tarshish, and for all pleasant imagery. and flirting eyes, walking to trip as they go, jingling 17 The loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the ornaments on their feet; 17 therefore the LORD brings alone shall be exalted in that day. 18 The idols shall and the LORD will make their scalps bald." 18 In that terror of the LORD, and from the glory of his majesty, the bracelets, the veils, 20 the headdresses, the ankle when he arises to shake the earth mightily. 20 In that chains, the sashes, the perfume bottles, the charms, 21 day, people will cast away their idols of silver and their the signet rings, the nose rings, 22 the fine robes, the idols of gold to the rodents and to the bats, which have capes, the cloaks, the purses, 23 the hand mirrors, the been made for themselves to worship; 21 to go into the fine linen garments, the tiaras, and the shawls. 24 It caverns of the rocks, and into the clefts of the ragged shall happen that instead of sweet spices, there shall be rocks, from before the terror of the LORD, and from the rottenness; instead of a belt, a rope; instead of well set glory of his majesty, when he arises to shake the earth hair, baldness; instead of a robe, a girding of sackcloth; mightily. 22 Stop trusting in man, whose breath is in his and branding instead of beauty. 25 Your men shall fall by the sword, and your mighty in the war. 26 Her gates shall lament and mourn; and she shall be desolate and sit on the ground.

Seven women shall take hold of one man in that day, saying, "We will eat our own bread, and wear prophet, the diviner, the elder, 3 the captain of fifty, the our own clothing: only let us be called by your name. honorable man, the counselor, the skilled craftsman, Take away our reproach." 2 In that day, the LORD's and the clever enchanter. 4 And I will make youths to branch will be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of be their leaders, and capricious children shall rule over the land will be the beauty and glory of the survivors of them. 5 The people will be oppressed, everyone by Israel. 3 It will happen, that he who is left in Zion, and another, and everyone by his neighbor. The child will he who remains in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, even behave himself proudly against the old man, and the everyone who is written among the living in Jerusalem; base against the honorable. 6 Indeed a man shall take 4 when the LORD shall have washed away the filth hold of his brother in the house of his father, saying, of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the be under your control." 7 In that day he will cry out, and by the spirit of burning. 5 The LORD will create saying, I will not be a healer; for in my house is neither over the whole habitation of Mount Zion, and over her bread nor clothing. You shall not make me ruler of the assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining people. 8 For Jerusalem is ruined, and Judah is fallen; of a flaming fire by night; for over all the glory will be a because their tongue and their doings are against the canopy. 6 There will be a pavilion for a shade in the LORD, to provoke the eyes of his glory. 9 The look of daytime from the heat, and for a refuge and for a shelter

> 5 Let me sing for my well beloved a song of my beloved about his vineyard. My beloved had a vineyard on a very fruitful hill. 2 He dug it up, gathered out its stones, planted it with the choicest vine, built a tower in its midst, and also cut out a winepress in it. He looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. 3 "Now,

judge between me and my vineyard. 4 What could have of Israel. 25 Therefore the LORD's anger burns against been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in his people, and he has stretched out his hand against it? Why, when I looked for it to yield grapes, did it yield them, and has struck them. The mountains tremble, wild grapes? 5 Now I will tell you what I will do to my and their dead bodies are as refuse in the midst of vineyard. I will take away its hedge, and it will be eaten the streets. For all this, his anger is not turned away, up. I will break down its wall of it, and it will be trampled but his hand is still stretched out. 26 He will lift up a down. 6 I will lay it a wasteland. It won't be pruned banner to the nations from far, and he will whistle for nor hoed, but it will grow briers and thorns. I will also them from the far regions of the earth. Look, they will command the clouds that they rain no rain on it." 7 For come speedily and swiftly. 27 None shall be weary nor the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, stumble among them; none shall slumber nor sleep; and the men of Judah his pleasant plant: and he looked neither shall the belt of their waist be untied, nor the for justice, but, look, oppression; for righteousness, but, latchet of their shoes be broken: 28 whose arrows are look, a cry of distress. 8 Woe to those who join house sharp, and all their bows bent. Their horses' hoofs will to house, who lay field to field, until there is no room, be like flint, and their wheels like a whirlwind. 29 Their and you are made to dwell alone in the midst of the roaring will be like a lioness. They will roar like young land. 9 In my ears, the LORD of hosts says: "Surely lions. Yes, they shall roar, and seize their prey and carry many houses will be desolate, even great and beautiful, it off, and there will be no one to deliver. 30 They will unoccupied. 10 For ten acres of vineyard shall yield one roar against them in that day like the roaring of the sea. bath, and a homer of seed shall yield an ephah." 11 If one looks to the land look, darkness and distress. The Woe to those who rise up early in the morning, that they light is darkened in its clouds. may follow strong drink; who stay late into the night, until wine inflames them. 12 The harp, lyre, tambourine, and flute, with wine, are at their feasts; but they do not regard the work of the LORD, neither have they considered the operation of his hands. 13 Therefore my people go into captivity for lack of knowledge. Their honorable men are famished, and their multitudes are parched with thirst, 14 Therefore Sheol has enlarged its desire, and opened its mouth without measure; and their glory, their multitude, their pomp, and he who rejoices among them, descend into it. (Sheol h7585) 15 So man is brought low, humankind is humbled, and the eyes of the arrogant ones are humbled; 16 but the LORD of hosts is exalted in justice, and God the Holy One is sanctified in righteousness. 17 Then the lambs will graze as in their pasture, and kids will eat the ruins of the rich. 18 Woe to those who draw iniquity with cords of falsehood, and wickedness as with cart rope; 19 Who say, "Let him make speed, let him hasten his work, that we may see it; and let the counsel of the Holy One of Israel draw near and come, that we may know it." 20 Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter. 21 Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight. 22 Woe to those who are mighty to drink wine, and champions at mixing strong drink; 23 who acquit the guilty for a bribe, but deny justice for the innocent. 24 Therefore as the tongue of fire devours the stubble, and as the dry grass sinks down in the flame, so their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust; because they have rejected the law of the

inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, please LORD of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One

6 In the year that king Uzziah died, I also saw the LORD sitting on a throne, high and lifted up; and his train filled the temple. 2 Above him stood the seraphim. Each one had six wings. With two he covered his face. With two he covered his feet. With two he flew. 3 One called to another, and said, "Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts. The whole earth is full of his glory." 4 The foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. 5 Then I said, "Woe is me. For I am undone, because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts." 6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar. 7 He touched my mouth with it, and said, "Look, this has touched your lips; and your iniquity is taken away, and your sins forgiven." 8 I heard the LORD's voice, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am. Send me." 9 And he said, "Go, and tell this people, 'In hearing you hear, but do not understand; and seeing you see, but do not perceive.' 10 The heart of this people has grown dull, and their ears sluggish, and they have closed their eyes, otherwise they might see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and turn back, and I would heal them." 11 Then I said, "LORD, how long?" He answered, "Until cities are waste without inhabitant, and houses without man, and the land becomes utterly waste, 12 and the LORD has removed men far away, and the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land. 13 If there is a tenth left in it, that also will in turn be consumed: as a

they are felled. The holy seed is its stock."

7 It happened in the days of Ahaz the son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, that Rezin the king of Aram, and Pekah the son of Remaliah, king of Israel, went up to Jerusalem to war against it, but they could not prevail against it. 2 It was told the house of David, saying, "Aram is allied with Ephraim." His heart trembled, and the heart of his people, as the trees of the forest tremble with the wind. 3 Then the LORD said to Isaiah, "Go out now to meet Ahaz, you, and Shearjashub your son, at the end of the conduit of the upper pool, on the highway of the Launderers' Field. 4 Tell him, 'Be careful, and keep calm. Do not be afraid, neither let your heart be faint because of these two tails Aram, and of the son of Remaliah. 5 Because Aram, Ephraim, and the son of Remaliah, have plotted evil against you, saying, 6 "Let's go up against Judah, and up a king in its midst, even the son of Tabeel." 7 This is what the LORD says: "It shall not stand, neither shall it happen." 8 For the head of Aram is Damascus, and the head of Damascus is Rezin; and within sixty-five years Ephraim shall be broken in pieces, so that it shall not be a people; 9 and the head of Ephraim is Samaria, and the head of Samaria is Remaliah's son. If you will not believe, surely you shall not be established." 10 The LORD spoke again to Ahaz, saying, 11 "Ask a sign of the LORD your God; ask it either in the depth, or in the height above." (Sheol h7585) 12 But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, neither will I tempt the LORD." 13 He said, "Listen now, house of David: Is it not enough for you to try the patience of men, that you will try the patience of you a sign. Look, the virgin will conceive, and bear a son, and they will call his name Immanuel. **15** He will eat curds and honey when he knows to refuse the evil, and choose the good. 16 For before the child knows to refuse the evil, and choose the good, the land whose two kings you abhor shall be forsaken. 17 The LORD will bring on you, on your people, and on your father's Ephraim departed from Judah; even the king of Assyria. Egypt, and for the bee that is in the land of Assyria. 19 They shall come, and shall all rest in the desolate

terebinth, and as an oak, whose stock remains when shall happen in that day that a man shall keep alive a young cow, and two sheep; 22 and it shall happen, that because of the abundance of milk which they shall give he shall eat butter: for everyone will eat butter and honey that is left in the midst of the land. 23 It will happen in that day that every place where there were a thousand vines at a thousand silver shekels, shall be for briers and thorns. 24 People will go there with arrows and with bow, because all the land will be briers and thorns. 25 All the hills that were cultivated with the hoe, you shall not come there for fear of briers and thorns; but it shall be for the sending forth of oxen, and for the treading of sheep."

8 The LORD said to me, "Take a large tablet, and write on it with a man's pen, 'For Maher Shalal Hash Baz;' of smoking firebrands, for the fierce anger of Rezin and 2 and I will take for myself faithful witnesses to testify: Uriah the priest, and Zechariah the son of Berechiah." 3 I went to the prophetess, and she conceived, and bore a son. Then said the LORD to me, "Call his name tear it apart, and let's divide it among ourselves, and set 'Maher Shalal Hash Baz.' 4 For before the child knows how to say, 'My father,' and, 'My mother,' the riches of Damascus and the spoil of Samaria will be carried away by the king of Assyria." 5 The LORD spoke to me yet again, saying, 6 "Because this people have refused the waters of Shiloah that go softly, and rejoice in Rezin and Remaliah's son; 7 now therefore, look, the LORD brings upon them the mighty flood waters of the River: the king of Assyria and all his glory. It will come up over all its channels, and go over all its banks. 8 It will sweep onward into Judah. It will overflow and pass through; it will reach even to the neck; and the stretching out of its wings will fill the breadth of your land, Immanuel. 9 Make an uproar, you peoples, and be broken in pieces. Listen, all you from far countries. my God also? 14 Therefore the LORD himself will give Prepare for battle, and be shattered. 10 Take counsel together, and it will be brought to nothing; speak the word, and it will not stand: for God is with us." 11 For the LORD spoke thus to me with a strong hand, and instructed me not to walk in the way of this people, saving, 12 "Do not say, 'A conspiracy,' concerning all about which this people say, 'A conspiracy.' And do not fear what they fear, nor be in dread. 13 The LORD of house, days that have not come, from the day that hosts is who you must regard as holy. He is the one you must fear. He is the one you must dread. 14 And he 18 It will happen in that day that the LORD will whistle will be a sanctuary; but for a stone of stumbling and for the fly that is in the uttermost part of the rivers of for a rock that makes them fall to both the houses of Israel, for a trap and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. 15 Many will stumble over it, fall, be broken, vallevs, in the clefts of the rocks, on all thorn hedges, be snared, and be captured." 16 Wrap up the testimony. and on all pastures. 20 In that day the LORD will shave Seal the law among my disciples. 17 I will wait for the with a razor that is hired in the parts beyond the River, LORD, who hides his face from the house of Jacob, even with the king of Assyria, the head and the hair and I will trust in him. 18 Look, I and the children whom of the feet; and it shall also consume the beard. 21 It God has given me are for signs and wonders in Israel from the LORD of hosts, who dwells on Mount Zion, those who lead this people lead them astray; and those to the testimony. If they do not speak according to this speaks folly. For all this his anger is not turned away, distress, darkness, and the gloom of anguish. They will are the fuel for the fire. No one spares his brother. be driven into thick darkness.

Q But there shall be no more gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time, he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali; but in the latter time he has made it glorious, by the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. 2 The people sitting in darkness have seen a great light. Those living in the land and shadow of death, on them a light has shined. **3** You have multiplied the nation. You have increased his joy. They rejoice before you among my people of their rights, that widows may be according to the joy in harvest, as men rejoice when their spoil, and that they may make the fatherless their they divide the spoil. 4 For the yoke of his burden, prey. 3 What will you do in the day of visitation, and in and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, the desolation which will come from afar? To whom will you have broken as in the day of Midian. 5 For all the you flee for help? Where will you leave your wealth, 4 armor of the armed man in the noisy battle, and the so as not to kneel with the prisoners, or fall among the garments rolled in blood, will be for burning, fuel for slain? For all this his anger is not turned away, but his the fire. 6 For to us a child is born. To us a son is hand is stretched out still. 5 Alas Assyrian, the rod of given; and the government will be on his shoulders, and my anger, the staff in whose hand is my indignation. 6 I his name is called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, will send him against a profane nation, and against the Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase people who anger me will I give him a command to take of his government and of peace there shall be no end, the spoil and to take the prey, and to tread them down on the throne of David, and on his kingdom, to establish like the mire of the streets. 7 However he doesn't mean it, and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness so, neither does his heart think so; but it is in his heart from that time on, even forever. The zeal of the LORD to destroy, and to cut off not a few nations. 8 For he of hosts will perform this. 8 The LORD sent a word says, "Aren't all of my officials kings? 9 Isn't Calno like into Jacob, and it falls on Israel. 9 All the people will Carchemish? Isn't Hamath like Arpad? Isn't Samaria like know, including Ephraim and the inhabitants of Samaria, Damascus? 10 As my hand has found the kingdoms who say in pride and in arrogance of heart. 10 "The of the idols, whose engraved images exceeded those bricks have fallen, but we will build with cut stone. The of Jerusalem and of Samaria; 11 shall I not, as I have sycamore fig trees have been cut down, but we will put done to Samaria and her idols, so do to Jerusalem and cedars in their place." 11 Therefore the LORD will set up her idols?" 12 Therefore it will happen that, when the on high against him the adversaries of Rezin, and will LORD has performed his whole work on Mount Zion stir up his enemies, 12 The Arameans in front, and the and on Jerusalem, he will punish the fruit of the willful Philistines behind; and they will devour Israel with open proud heart of the king of Assyria, and the insolence of mouth. For all this, his anger is not turned away, but his his haughty looks. 13 For he has said, "By the strength hand is stretched out still. 13 Yet the people have not of my hand I have done it, and by my wisdom; for I have turned to him who struck them, neither have they sought understanding: and I have removed the boundaries of the LORD of hosts. 14 Therefore the LORD will cut off the peoples, and have robbed their treasures. Like a from Israel head and tail, palm branch and reed, in one valiant man I have brought down their rulers. 14 My day. 15 The elder and the honorable man is the head, hand has found the riches of the peoples like a nest, and the prophet who teaches lies is the tail. 16 For and like one gathers eggs that are abandoned, have I

19 When they tell you, "Consult with the spirits of the who are led by them are destroyed. 17 Therefore the dead and familiar spirits who chirp and who mutter. LORD will not rejoice over their young men, neither will Shouldn't a people consult with their gods, by consulting he have compassion on their fatherless and widows; for the dead on behalf of the living?" 20 Turn to the law and everyone is profane and an evildoer, and every mouth word, surely there is no morning for them. 21 They will but his hand is stretched out still. 18 For wickedness pass through it, greatly distressed and hungry; and it burns like a fire. It devours the briers and thorns; yes, it will happen that when they are hungry, they will worry, kindles in the thickets of the forest, and they roll upward and curse by their king and by their God. They will turn in a column of smoke. 19 Through the wrath of the their faces upward, 22 and look to the earth, and see LORD of hosts, the land is burnt up; and the people 20 One will devour on the right hand, and be hungry; and he will eat on the left hand, and they will not be satisfied. Everyone will eat the flesh of his own arm: 21 Manasseh, Ephraim; and Ephraim, Manasseh; and they together shall be against Judah. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

> 1 Noe to those who decree unrighteous decrees. and to the writers who write oppressive decrees; 2 to deprive the needy from justice, and to rob the poor

gathered all the earth. There was no one who moved understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit their wing, or that opened their mouth, or chirped." 15 of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD. 3 His delight Should an axe brag against him who chops with it? will be in the fear of the LORD. He will not judge by the Should a saw exalt itself above him who saws with sight of his eyes, neither decide by the hearing of his it? As if a rod should lift those who lift it up, or as if ears; 4 but with righteousness he will judge the poor, and a staff should lift up someone who is not wood. 16 decide with equity for the humble of the earth. He will Therefore the LORD of hosts, will send among his fat strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; and with the ones leanness; and under his glory a burning will be breath of his lips he will kill the wicked. 5 Righteousness kindled like the burning of fire. 17 The light of Israel will be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of will be for a fire, and his Holy One for a flame; and it his waist. 6 The wolf will live with the lamb, and the will burn and devour his thorns and his briers in one leopard will lie down with the young goat; The calf and day. 18 He will consume the glory of his forest, and of the young lion will graze together; and a little child will his fruitful field, both soul and body. It will be as when lead them. 7 The cow and the bear will graze. Their a standard bearer faints. 19 The remnant of the trees young ones will lie down together. The lion will eat straw of his forest shall be few, so that a child could write like the ox. 8 The nursing child will play near a cobra's their number. 20 It will come to pass in that day that hole, and the weaned child will put his hand on the the remnant of Israel, and those who have escaped viper's den. 9 They will not hurt nor destroy in all my from the house of Jacob will no more again lean on holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge him who struck them, but shall lean on the LORD, the of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea. 10 And in Holy One of Israel, in truth. 21 A remnant will return, that day there will be a root of Jesse, one who stands even the remnant of Jacob, to the mighty God. 22 For up to rule over the peoples; to him will the nations seek, though your people, Israel, are as the sand of the sea, a and his resting place will be glorious. 11 It will happen remnant will be kept safe. For he will fulfill the word and in that day that the LORD will set his hand again the decisively in righteousness; 23 because the LORD will second time to recover the remnant that is left of his carry out the word decisively in the midst of the earth. people from Assyria, from Egypt, from Pathros, from 24 Therefore the LORD of hosts says: "My people who Cush, from Elam, from Shinar, from Hamath, and from dwell in Zion, do not be afraid of the Assyrian, though the islands of the sea. 12 He will set up a banner for the he strike you with the rod, and lift up his staff against nations, and will assemble the outcasts of Israel, and you, as Egypt did. 25 For yet a very little while, and the gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four indignation against you will be accomplished, and my quarters of the earth. 13 The envy also of Ephraim will anger will be directed to his destruction." 26 The LORD depart, and those who persecute Judah will be cut off. of hosts will stir up a scourge against him, as in the Ephraim won't envy Judah, and Judah won't persecute slaughter of Midian at the rock of Oreb. His rod will be Ephraim. 14 They will fly down on the shoulders of the over the sea, and he will lift it up like he did against Philistines on the west. Together they will plunder the Egypt. 27 It will happen in that day, that his burden will people of the east. They will extend their power over depart from off your shoulder, and his yoke from off your Edom and Moab, and the people of Ammon will obey neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the them. 15 The LORD will utterly destroy the tongue of the anointing. 28 He has come to Aiath. He has passed Sea of Egypt; and with a mighty wind he will wave his through Migron. At Michmash he stores his baggage. hand over the River, and will split it into seven streams, 29 He went through the pass. He has lodged at Geba. and cause men to march over in sandals. 16 There will Ramah trembles. Gibeah of Saul has fled. 30 Cry aloud be a highway for the remnant that is left of his people with your voice, daughter of Gallim, Listen, Laishah, from Assyria, like there was for Israel in the day that he You poor Anathoth. 31 Madmenah is a fugitive. The came up out of the land of Egypt. inhabitants of Gebim flee for safety. 32 This very day he will halt at Nob. He shakes his hand at the mountain of the daughter of Zion, the hill of Jerusalem. 33 Look, the Lord, the LORD of hosts, will lop the boughs with terror. The tall will be cut down, and the lofty will be brought iron, and Lebanon will fall by the Mighty One.

11 A branch will come out of the stock of Jesse, and a shoot out of his roots will bear fruit. 2 The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him: the spirit of wisdom and

 $12\ \mbox{In that day you will say, "I will give thanks to you.}$ the LORD; for you were angry with me, but your anger has turned away and you comfort me. 2 Look, in the God of my salvation I will trust, and will not be low. 34 He will cut down the thickets of the forest with afraid. For the LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation." 3 Therefore with joy you will draw water out of the wells of salvation. 4 In that day you will say, "Give thanks to the LORD. Call on his name. Declare his doings among the peoples. Proclaim Holy One of Israel is great in the midst of you."

13 The burden of Babylon, which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw: 2 Set up a banner on the bare mountain. Lift up your voice to them. Wave your hand, that they may go into the gates of the nobles. 3 I have commanded my consecrated ones; I have also called own land. The foreigner will join himself with them, my mighty men to carry out my anger, my proudly and they will unite with the house of Jacob. 2 The exulting ones. 4 The noise of a multitude is in the peoples will take them, and bring them to their place. mountains, as of a great people; the noise of an uproar The house of Israel will possess them in the LORD's of the kingdoms of the nations gathered together. The land for servants and for handmaids. They will take LORD of hosts is mustering the army for the battle. 5 as captives those whose captives they were; and they They come from a far country, from the uttermost part shall rule over their oppressors. 3 It will happen in the of heaven, even the LORD, and the weapons of his day that the LORD will give you rest from your sorrow, indignation, to destroy the whole land. 6 Wail; for the from your trouble, and from the hard service in which day of the LORD is at hand. It will come as destruction you were made to serve, 4 that you will take up this from Shaddai. 7 Therefore all hands will be feeble, and parable against the king of Babylon, and say, "How the everyone's heart will melt. 8 They will be dismayed. oppressor has ceased. How the attacker has ceased." Pangs and sorrows will seize them. They will be in pain 5 The LORD has broken the staff of the wicked, the like a woman in labor. They will look in amazement one scepter of the rulers, 6 who struck the peoples in wrath at another. Their faces will be faces of flame. 9 Look, with a continual stroke, who ruled the nations in anger, the day of the LORD comes, cruel, with wrath and fierce with a persecution that none restrained. 7 The whole anger; to make the land a desolation, and to destroy earth is at rest, and is quiet. They break out song. 8 Yes, its sinners out of it. 10 For the stars of the sky and the fir trees rejoice with you, with the cedars of Lebanon, its constellations will not give their light. The sun will saying, "Since you are humbled, no lumberjack has be darkened in its going forth, and the moon will not come up against us." 9 Sheol from beneath has moved cause its light to shine. 11 I will punish the world for their for you to meet you at your coming. It stirs up the dead evil, and the wicked for their iniquity. I will cause the for you, even all the rulers of the earth. It has raised up arrogance of the proud to cease, and will humble the from their thrones all the kings of the nations. (Sheol haughtiness of the terrible. 12 I will make people more h7585) 10 They all will answer and ask you, "Have you rare than fine gold, even a person than the pure gold of also become as weak as we are? Have you become like Ophir. 13 Therefore I will make the heavens tremble, us?" 11 Your pomp is brought down to Sheol, with the and the earth will be shaken out of its place in the wrath sound of your stringed instruments. Maggots are spread of the LORD of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger. out under you, and worms cover you. (Sheol h7585) 12 14 It will happen that like a hunted gazelle, and like How you have fallen from heaven, morning star, son of sheep that no one gathers, they will each turn to their the dawn. How you are cut down to the ground, who own people, and will each flee to their own land. 15 laid the nations low. 13 You said in your heart, "I will Everyone who is found will be thrust through. Everyone ascend into heaven. I will exalt my throne above the who is captured will fall by the sword. 16 Their infants stars of God. I will sit on the mountain of assembly, in also will be dashed in pieces before their eyes. Their the far north. 14 I will ascend above the heights of the houses will be ransacked, and their wives raped. 17 clouds, I will make myself like the Most High," 15 Yet Look, I will stir up the Medes against them, who will you shall be brought down to Sheol, to the depths of the not value silver, and as for gold, they will not delight in Pit. (Sheol h7585) 16 Those who see you will stare at it. 18 Their bows will dash the young men in pieces; you. They will ponder you, saying, "Is this the man who and they shall have no pity on the fruit of the womb. made the earth to tremble, who shook kingdoms; 17 Their eyes will not spare children. 19 Babylon, the glory who made the world like a wilderness, and overthrew its of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldeans' pride, will cities; who did not release his prisoners to their home?" be like when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. 18 All the kings of the nations lie in splendor, everyone 20 It will never be inhabited, neither will it be lived in in his own house. 19 But you are cast away from your from generation to generation. The Arabian will not tomb like an abominable branch, clothed with the slain, pitch a tent there, neither will shepherds make their who are thrust through with the sword, who go down to

that his name is exalted. 5 Sing to the LORD, for he has flocks lie down there. 21 But wild animals of the desert done excellent things. Let this be known in all the earth. will lie there, and their houses will be full of jackals. 6 Cry aloud and shout, you inhabitant of Zion; for the Ostriches will dwell there, and wild goats will frolic there. 22 Wolves will cry in their fortresses, and jackals in the pleasant palaces. Her time is near to come, and her days will not be prolonged.

> **1** For the LORD will have compassion on Jacob. and will yet choose Israel, and set them in their

the stones of the pit; like a dead body trodden under they have gotten, and that which they have stored up, foot. 20 You will not join them in burial, because you over the Brook of the Willows. 8 For the cry has gone have destroyed your land. You have killed your people. around the borders of Moab; its wailing as far as Eglaim, The offspring of evildoers will not be mentioned forever. and its wailing as far as Beer Elim. 9 For the waters 21 Prepare for slaughter of his children because of the of Dibon are full of blood; for I will bring yet more on iniquity of their fathers, that they not rise up and possess Dibon, a lion on those of Moab who escape, and on the the earth, and fill the surface of the world with cities. 22 remnant of the land. "I will rise up against them," says the LORD of hosts, "and cut off from Babylon name and remnant, and son and son's son," says the LORD. 23 "I will also make it a possession for the porcupine, and pools of water. I will sweep it with the broom of destruction," says the LORD of hosts. 24 The LORD of hosts has sworn, saying, "Surely, as I have thought, so shall it happen; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand: 25 that I will break the Assyrian in my land, and tread him under foot on my mountains. Then his yoke will leave them, and his burden leave their shoulders. 26 This is the plan that is determined for the whole earth. This is the hand that is stretched out over all the nations. 27 For the LORD of hosts has planned, and who can stop it? His hand is stretched out, and who can turn it back?" 28 This burden was in the year that king Ahaz died. 29 Do not rejoice, O Philistia, all of you, because the rod that struck you is broken; for out of the serpent's root an adder will emerge, and his fruit will be a fiery flying serpent. 30 The firstborn of the poor will eat, and the needy will lie down in safety; and I will kill your root with famine, and your remnant will be killed. 31 Howl, gate. Cry, city. You are melted away, Philistia, all of you; for smoke comes out of the north, and there is no straggler in his ranks. 32 What then is one to answer the messengers of this nation? That the LORD has founded Zion, and in her the afflicted of his people will take refuge.

15 The burden of Moab: for in a night, Ar of Moab is laid waste, and brought to nothing; for in a night Kir of Moab is laid waste, and brought to nothing. 2 They have gone up to the temple, and to Dibon, to the high places to weep. Moab wails over Nebo and over Medeba. On every head is baldness. Every beard is cut off. 3 In their streets, they dress themselves in sackcloth; on their roofs and in their squares, everyone wails, weeping abundantly. 4 Heshbon cries out with Elealeh. Their voice is heard even to Jahaz. Therefore the armed men of Moab cry aloud. Their souls tremble within them. 5 My heart cries out for Moab. Her Nazirites flee to Zoar, to Eglath Shelishiyah; for they go up by the ascent of Luhith with weeping; for in the way of Horonaim, they raise up a cry of destruction. 6 For the waters of Nimrim will be desolate; for the grass has withered away, the tender grass fails, there is no green thing. 7 Therefore they will carry away the abundance

16 Send the lambs for the ruler of the land from Sela to the wilderness, to the mountain of the daughter of Zion. 2 For it will be that as wandering birds, as a scattered nest, so will the daughters of Moab be at the fords of the Arnon. 3 Give counsel. Execute justice. Make your shade like the night in the midst of the noonday. Hide the outcasts. Do not betray the fugitive. 4 Let my outcasts dwell with you. As for Moab, be a hiding place for him from the face of the destroyer. For the extortioner is brought to nothing. Destruction ceases. The oppressors are consumed out of the land. 5 A throne will be established in loving kindness. One will sit on it in truth, in the tent of David, judging, seeking justice, and swift to do righteousness. 6 We have heard of the pride of Moab, that he is very proud; even of his arrogance, his pride, and his wrath. His boastings are nothing. 7 Ah, let not Moab wail; let everyone wail for Moab. You will mourn for the raisin cakes of Kir Hareseth, utterly stricken. 8 For the fields of Heshbon languish with the vine of Sibmah. The lords of the nations have broken down its choice branches, which reached even to Jazer, which wandered into the wilderness. Its shoots were spread abroad. They passed over the sea. 9 Therefore I will weep with the weeping of Jazer for the vine of Sibmah. I will saturate you with my tears, Heshbon, and Elealeh: for on your summer fruits and on your harvest the battle shout has fallen. 10 Gladness is taken away, and joy out of the fruitful field; and in the vineyards there will be no singing and there will be no jubilant shouting. Nobody will tread out wine in the presses. I have made the shouting stop. 11 Therefore my heart sounds like a harp for Moab, and my inward parts for Kir Heres. 12 It will happen that when Moab presents himself, when he wearies himself on the high place, and comes to his sanctuary to pray, that he will not prevail. 13 This is the word that the LORD spoke concerning Moab in time past. 14 But now the LORD has spoken, saying, "Within three years, as a worker bound by contract would count them, the glory of Moab shall be brought into contempt, with all his great multitude; and the remnant will be very small and feeble."

7 The burden of Damascus: "Look, Damascus is taken away from being a city, and it will be a ruinous heap. 2 Her cities will be abandoned forever.

his arm reaps the grain. Yes, it will be like when one hosts, Mount Zion. gleans grain in the Valley of Rephaim. 6 Yet gleanings will be left there, like the shaking of an olive tree, two or three olives in the top of the uppermost bough, four or five in the outermost branches of a fruitful tree," says the LORD, the God of Israel. 7 In that day, people will look to their Maker, and their eyes will have respect for the Holy One of Israel. 8 They will not look to the altars. the work of their hands; neither shall they respect that which their fingers have made, either the Asherim, or the incense altars. 9 In that day, their strong cities will be like the forsaken places of the Hivites and the Amorites, which were forsaken from before the children of Israel; and it will be a desolation. 10 For you have forgotten the God of your salvation, and have not remembered the rock of your strength. Therefore you plant pleasant plants, and set out foreign seedlings. 11 In the day of your planting, you hedge it in. In the morning, you make your seed blossom, but the harvest flees away in the day of grief and of desperate sorrow. 12 Ah, the uproar of many peoples, who roar like the roaring of the seas; and the rushing of nations, that rush like the rushing of mighty waters. 13 The nations will rush like the rushing of many waters: but he will rebuke them, and they will flee far off, and will be chased like the chaff of the mountains before the wind, and like the whirling dust before the storm. 14 At evening, look, terror. Before the morning, they are no more. This is the portion of those who plunder us, and the lot of those who rob us.

They will be for flocks, which shall lie down, and none ravenous birds of the mountains, and for the animals of shall make them afraid. 3 The fortress shall cease the earth. The ravenous birds will summer on them, from Ephraim, and the kingdom from Damascus, and and all the animals of the earth will winter on them. the remnant of Aram. They will be as the glory of the 7 In that time, a present will be brought to the LORD children of Israel," says the LORD of hosts. 4 "It will of hosts from a people tall and smooth, even from a happen in that day that the glory of Jacob will be made people awesome from their beginning onward, a nation thin, and the fatness of his flesh will become lean, 5 It that measures out and treads down, whose land the will be like when the harvester gathers the wheat, and rivers divide, to the place of the name of the LORD of

19 The burden of Egypt: "Look, the LORD rides on a swift cloud, and comes to Egypt. The idols of Equpt will tremble at his presence; and the heart of Egypt will melt in its midst. 2 I will stir up the Egyptians against the Egyptians, and they will fight everyone against his brother, and everyone against his neighbor; city against city, and kingdom against kingdom. 3 The spirit of Egypt will fail in its midst. I will destroy its counsel. They will seek the idols, spirits of the dead, mediums, and spiritists. 4 I will give over the Egyptians into the hand of a cruel lord. A fierce king will rule over them." savs the LORD of hosts. 5 The waters will fail from the sea, and the river will be wasted and become dry. 6 The rivers will become foul. The streams of Egypt will be diminished and dried up. The reeds and flags will wither away. 7 The meadows by the Nile, by the brink of the Nile, and all the sown fields of the Nile, will become dry, be driven away, and be no more, a The fishermen will lament, and all those who fish in the Nile will mourn, and those who spread nets on the waters will languish. 9 Moreover those who work in combed flax, and those who weave white cloth, will be confounded. 10 The pillars will be broken in pieces. All those who work for hire will be grieved in soul. 11 The princes of Zoan are utterly foolish. The counsel of the wisest counselors of Pharaoh has become stupid. How do you say to Pharaoh, "I am the son of the wise, the son of ancient kings?" 12 Where then are your sages? 18 Ah, the land of the rustling of wings, which And let them tell you now; and let them know what the is beyond the rivers of Ethiopia; 2 that sends LORD of hosts has purposed concerning Egypt. 13 ambassadors by the sea, even in vessels of papyrus The princes of Zoan have become fools. The princes of on the waters, saying, "Go, you swift messengers, to Memphis are deceived. They have caused Egypt to go a nation tall and smooth, to a people feared near and astray, who are the cornerstone of her tribes. 14 The far, a nation strong and conquering, whose land the LORD has mixed a spirit of perverseness in the midst of rivers divide." 3 All you inhabitants of the world, and you her; and they have caused Egypt to go astray in all of dwellers on the earth, when a banner is lifted up on the its works, like a drunken man staggers in his vomit. 15 mountains, look. When the trumpet is blown, listen. 4 Neither shall there be for Egypt any work, which head or For the LORD said to me, "I will be still, and I will see tail, palm branch or rush, may do. 16 In that day the from my dwelling place, like the clear heat in sunshine, Egyptians will be like women. They will tremble and like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest." 5 For before fear because of the shaking of the hand of the LORD the harvest, when the blossom is over, and the flower of hosts, which he shakes over them. 17 The land of becomes a ripening grape, he will cut off the sprigs with Judah will become a terror to Egypt. Everyone to whom pruning hooks, and he will cut down and take away the mention is made of it will be afraid, because of the plans spreading branches. 6 They will be left together for the of the LORD of hosts, which he determines against it.

18 In that day, there will be five cities in the land of Egypt turned into trembling for me. 5 They prepare the table. that speak the language of Canaan, and swear loyalty They set the watch. They eat. They drink. Rise up, you to the LORD of hosts. One will be called the City of the princes, oil the shield. 6 For the LORD said to me, "Go, the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar to the LORD he sees chariots, horsemen in pairs, riders on donkeys, at its border. 20 It will be for a sign and for a witness to riders on camels, let him listen diligently, very diligently." the LORD of hosts in the land of Egypt; for they will 8 Then the lookout shouted: "Lord, I stand continually on Egyptians will know the LORD in that day. Yes, they will all the engraved images of her gods are broken to the to the LORD, and will perform them. 22 The LORD will floor." That which I have heard from the LORD of hosts, LORD, and he will listen to their pleas, and will heal of Dumah. One calls to me out of Seir, "Watchman, to Assyria, and the Assyrian shall come into Egypt, and The watchman said, "The morning comes, and also the with the Assyrians. 24 In that day, Israel will be the third The burden on Arabia. In the forest in Arabia you will the earth; 25 because the LORD of hosts has blessed water to him who was thirsty. The inhabitants of the land work of my hands, and Israel my inheritance."

20 In the year that Tartan came to Ashdod, when Sargon the king of Assyria sent him, and he fought against Ashdod and took it; 2 at that time the LORD spoke by Isaiah the son of Amoz, saying, "Go, and loosen the sackcloth from off your waist, and take your sandals off your feet." He did so, walking naked and barefoot. 3 The LORD said, "As my servant Isaiah has walked naked and barefoot three years for a sign and a wonder concerning Egypt and concerning Ethiopia, 4 so the king of Assyria will lead away the captives of Egypt and the exiles of Ethiopia, young and old, naked and barefoot, and with buttocks uncovered, to the shame of Egypt. 5 They will be dismayed and confounded, because of Ethiopia their expectation, and of Egypt their glory. 6 The inhabitants of this coast land will say in that day, 'Look, this is our expectation, where we fled for help to be delivered from the king of Assyria. And we, how will we escape?"

21 The oracle of the wilderness of the sea. As whirlwinds in the Negev sweep through, it comes from the wilderness, from an awesome land. 2 A grievous vision is declared to me. The treacherous man deals treacherously, and the destroyer destroys. Go up, Elam; attack. I have stopped all of Media's sighing. 3 Therefore my thighs are filled with anguish. Pains have taken hold on me, like the pains of a woman in labor. I am in so much pain that I can't hear. I so am dismayed that I can't see. 4 My heart flutters. Horror has frightened me. The twilight that I desired has been

Sun. 19 In that day, there will be an altar to the LORD in set a watchman. Let him declare what he sees. 7 When cry to the LORD because of oppressors, and he will the watchtower in the daytime, and every night I stay at send them a savior and a defender, and he will deliver my post. 9 Look, here comes a troop of men, horsemen them. 21 The LORD will be known to Egypt, and the in pairs." He answered, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon; and worship with sacrifice and offering, and will make vows ground. 10 You are my threshing, and the grain of my strike Egypt, striking and healing. They will return to the the God of Israel, I have declared to you. 11 The burden them. 23 In that day there will be a highway out of Egypt what of the night? Watchman, what of the night?" 12 the Egyptian into Assyria; and the Egyptians will worship night. If you will inquire, inquire. Come back again." 13 with Egypt and with Assyria, a blessing in the midst of lodge, you caravans of Dedanites. 14 They brought them, saying, "Blessed be Egypt my people, Assyria the of Tema met the fugitives with their bread. 15 For they fled away from the swords, from the drawn sword, from the bent bow, and from the heat of battle. 16 For the LORD said to me, "Within a year, as a worker bound by contract would count it, the glory of Kedar will fail, 17 and the residue of the number of the archers, the warriors of the people of Kedar, will be few; for the LORD, the God of Israel, has spoken it."

> 22 The burden of the Valley of Vision. What ails you now, that you have all gone up to the housetops? 2 You that are full of shouting, a tumultuous city, a joyous town; your slain are not slain with the sword, neither are they dead in battle. 3 All your rulers fled away together. They were bound by the archers. All who were found by you were bound together. They fled far away. 4 Therefore I said, "Look away from me. I will weep bitterly. Do not labor to comfort me for the destruction of the daughter of my people. 5 For it is a day of confusion, and of treading down, and of perplexity, from the LORD of hosts, in the Valley of

> Vision; a breaking down of the walls, and a crying to the mountains." 6 Elam carried his guiver, with chariots of men and horsemen; and Kir uncovered the shield. 7 It happened that your choicest valleys were full of chariots, and the horsemen set themselves in array at the gate. 8 He took away the covering of Judah; and you looked in that day to the armor in the house of the forest. 9 You saw the breaches of the City of David, that they were many; and you gathered together the waters of the lower pool. 10 You numbered the houses of Jerusalem, and you broke down the houses to fortify

the wall. 11 You also made a reservoir between the two is of ancient days, whose feet carried her far away to walls for the water of the old pool. But you did not look travel? 8 Who has planned this against Tyre, the giver of to him who had done this, neither did you have respect crowns, whose merchants are princes, whose traffickers for him who purposed it long ago. 12 In that day the are the honorable of the earth? 9 The LORD of hosts LORD of hosts called for weeping and for mourning, has planned it, to defile all the pride of glory, to shame for shaved heads, and for the wearing of sackcloth. all the honored of the earth. 10 Cultivate your land like 13 But look, joy and gladness, killing cattle and killing the Nile, daughter of Tarshish; there is no restraint any sheep, eating flesh and drinking wine: "Let us eat and more. 11 He has stretched out his hand over the sea. He drink, for tomorrow we will die." 14 The LORD of hosts has shaken the kingdoms. The LORD has ordered the revealed himself in my ears, "Surely this iniquity will destruction of Canaan's strongholds. 12 He said, "You not be forgiven you until you die," says the LORD of shall rejoice no more, you oppressed virgin daughter of hosts. 15 Thus says the LORD of hosts, "Come, go to Sidon. Arise, pass over to Kittim. Even there you will this steward, to Shebna, who is in charge of the house, have no rest." 13 Look, the land of the Chaldeans, these and say, 16 'What are you doing here, and whom have people who have become nothing. The Assyrians have you here, that you have dug out a tomb here?' Cutting made it a home for wild animals. They set up their siege himself out a tomb on high, chiseling a habitation for towers, they tore down her palaces, they made her a himself in the rock." 17 Look, the LORD will overcome ruin. 14 Howl, you ships of Tarshish, for your stronghold you and hurl you away violently. Yes, he will grasp you is laid waste. 15 It will come to pass in that day that Tyre firmly. 18 He will surely wind you around and around, will be forgotten seventy years, according to the days of and throw you like a ball into a large country. There one king. After the end of seventy years it will be to Tyre you will die, and there the chariots of your glory will like in the song of the prostitute. 16 Take a harp; go be, you shame of your lord's house. 19 I will thrust you about the city, you prostitute that has been forgotten. from your office. You will be pulled down from your Make sweet melody. Sing many songs, that you may be station. 20 It will happen in that day that I will call my remembered. 17 It will happen after the end of seventy servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, 21 and I will clothe years that the LORD will visit Tyre, and she shall return him with your robe, and strengthen him with your belt. I to her wages, and will play the prostitute with all the will commit your government into his hand; and he will kingdoms of the world on the surface of the earth. 18 be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the Her merchandise and her wages will be holiness to house of Judah. 22 I will lay the key of the house of the LORD. It will not be treasured nor laid up; for her David on his shoulder. He will open, and no one will merchandise will be for those who dwell before the shut. He will shut, and no one will open. 23 I will fasten LORD, to eat sufficiently, and for durable clothing. him like a nail in a sure place. He will be for a throne of glory to his father's house. 24 They will hang on him all the glory of his father's house, the offspring and the issue, every small vessel, from the cups even to all the pitchers. 25 "In that day," says the LORD of hosts, "the nail that was fastened in a sure place will give way. It will be cut down, and fall. The burden that was on it will be cut off, for the LORD has spoken it."

23 The burden of Tyre. Howl, you ships of Tarshish. For it is laid waste, so that there is no house, no entering in. From the land of Kittim it is revealed to them. 2 Be still, you inhabitants of the coast, you whom the merchants of Sidon, that pass over the sea, have replenished. 3 On great waters, the seed of the Shihor, the harvest of the Nile, was her revenue. She was the market of nations. 4 Be ashamed, Sidon; for the sea has spoken, the stronghold of the sea, saying, "I have not travailed, nor brought forth, neither have I nourished young men, nor brought up virgins." 5 When the report comes to Egypt, they will be in anguish at the report of Tyre. 6 Pass over to Tarshish. Wail, you inhabitants of the coast. 7 Is this your joyous city, whose antiquity

24 Look, the LORD makes the earth empty, makes it waste, turns it upside down, and scatters its inhabitants. 2 It will be as with the people, so with the priest; as with the servant, so with his master; as with the maid, so with her mistress; as with the buyer, so with the seller; as with the creditor, so with the debtor; as with the taker of interest, so with the giver of interest. 3 The earth will be utterly emptied and utterly laid waste; for the LORD has spoken this word. 4 The earth mourns and fades away. The world languishes and fades away. The lofty people of the earth languish. 5 The earth also is polluted under its inhabitants, because they have transgressed the law, violated the statute, and broken the everlasting covenant. 6 Therefore the curse has devoured the earth, and those who dwell in it are found guilty. Therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned. and few men left. 7 The new wine mourns. The vine languishes. All the merry-hearted sigh. 8 The mirth of tambourines ceases. The sound of those who rejoice ends. The joy of the harp ceases. 9 They will not drink wine with a song. Strong drink will be bitter to those who drink it. 10 The confused city is broken down.

Every house is shut up, that no man may come in. 11 covers all peoples, and the veil that is spread over all earth among the peoples, as the shaking of an olive that day, "Look, this is our God. We have waited for him, majesty of the LORD. They cry aloud from the sea. 15 For in this mountain the hand of the LORD will rest. heard songs. Glory to the righteous. But I said, "I pine hands to swim, but his pride will be humbled together dealt treacherously. Yes, the treacherous have dealt fortress of your walls down, laid low, and brought to the very treacherously. 17 Fear, the pit, and the snare, are ground, even to the dust. on you who inhabitant the earth. 18 It will happen that he who flees from the noise of the fear will fall into the pit; and he who comes up out of the midst of the pit will be taken in the snare; for the windows of heaven are opened, and the foundations of the earth tremble. 19 The earth is utterly broken. The earth is torn apart. The earth is shaken violently. 20 The earth will stagger like a drunken man, and will sway back and forth like a hammock. Its disobedience will be heavy on it, and it will fall and not rise again. 21 It shall happen in that day that the LORD will punish the army of the high ones on high, and the kings of the earth on the earth. 22 And they will be gathered, a gathering in a dungeon, and shall be shut up in the prison; and after many days shall they be visited. 23 Then the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed, for the LORD of hosts will reign on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, and before his elders will be glory.

25 The LORD, you are my God. I will exalt you. I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, things planned long ago, in complete faithfulness and truth. 2 For you have made a city into a heap, a fortified city into a ruin, a palace of the insolent is a city no more; it will never be rebuilt. 3 Therefore a strong people will glorify you. A city of awesome nations will fear you. 4 For you have been a stronghold to the poor, a stronghold to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shade from the heat, when the blast of the dreaded ones is like a storm against the wall. 5 As the heat in a dry place will you bring down the noise of strangers; as the heat by the shade of a cloud, the song of the dreaded ones will be brought low. 6 In this mountain, the LORD of hosts will make all peoples a feast of fat things, a feast of choice wines, of fat things full of marrow, of well refined choice wines. 7 He will

There is a crying in the streets because of the wine. nations. 8 He has swallowed up death in victory. The All joy is darkened. The mirth of the land is gone. 12 LORD will wipe away tears from off all faces. He will The city is left in desolation, and the gate is struck take the reproach of his people away from off all the with destruction. 13 For it will be so in the midst of the earth, for the LORD has spoken it. 9 It shall be said in tree, as the gleanings when the vintage is done. 14 and he will save us. This is the LORD. We have waited These shall lift up their voice. They will shout for the for him. We will be glad and rejoice in his salvation." 10 Therefore glorify the LORD in the east, even the name Moab will be trodden down in his place, even like straw of the LORD, the God of Israel, in the islands of the is trodden down in a dunghill. 11 He will spread out his sea. 16 From the uttermost part of the earth have we hands in its midst, like one who swims spreads out away. I pine away. Woe is me." The treacherous have with the craft of his hands. 12 He has brought the high

26 In that day, this song will be sung in the land of Judah: "We have a strong city. He appoints salvation for walls and ramparts. 2 Open the gates, that the righteous nation may enter: the one which keeps faith. 3 You will keep him in peace, in peace whose thoughts are fixed on you, because he trusts in you. 4 Trust in the LORD forever; for in YAH, the LORD, is an everlasting Rock. 5 For he has brought down those who dwell on high, the lofty city. He lays it low to the ground. He casts it to the dust. 6 The feet of the poor tramples it down, the footsteps of the needy." 7 The way of the righteous is level. O Just One, you make the path of the righteous smooth. 8 Yes, in the path of your judgments, O LORD, have we waited for you. Your name and your renown are the desire of our soul. 9 With my soul have I desired you in the night. Yes, my spirit within me will seek you early, for when your judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness. 10 Let favor be shown to the wicked, yet he will not learn righteousness. In the land of uprightness he will deal wrongfully, and will not see the LORD's majesty. 11 LORD, your hand is lifted up, yet they do not see; they see the zeal of the people, and are ashamed. Yes, fire will consume your adversaries. 12 LORD, you will ordain peace for us, for you have also worked all our works for us. 13 LORD our God, other lords besides you have had dominion over us, but by you only will we make mention of your name. 14 The dead shall not live, and the departed spirits shall not rise. Therefore have you visited and destroyed them, and caused all memory of them to perish. 15 You have increased the nation, O LORD. You have increased the nation. You are glorified. You have enlarged all the borders of the land. 16 LORD, in trouble they sought you. They poured out a prayer when your chastening destroy in this mountain the surface of the covering that was on them. 17 Like as a woman with child, who draws near the time of her delivery, is in pain and cries out in have been with child. We have been in pain. We gave will no longer cover her slain.

27 In that day, the LORD with his fierce and great and mighty sword will punish leviathan, the fleeing serpent, and leviathan the twisted serpent; and he will kill the serpent that is in the sea. 2 In that day, sing to her, "A pleasant vinevard, 3 I, the LORD, am its keeper. I will water it every moment. Lest anyone damage it, I will keep it night and day. 4 Wrath is not in me, but if I should find briers and thorns. I would do battle. I would march on them and I would burn them together. 5 Or else let him take hold of my strength, that he may make peace with me. Let him make peace with me." 6 In days to come, Jacob will take root, Israel will blossom and bud. They will fill the surface of the world with fruit. 7 Has he struck them as he struck those who struck them? Or have they been killed as their killers were killed? 8 In measure, when you send them away, you contend with them. He has removed them with his rough blast in the day of the east wind. 9 Therefore, by this the iniquity of Jacob will be forgiven, and this is all the fruit of taking away his sin: that he makes all the stones of the altar as chalk stones that are beaten in pieces, so that the Asherim and the incense altars shall rise no more. 10 For the fortified city is solitary, a habitation deserted and forsaken, like the wilderness. The calf will feed there, and there he will lie down, and consume its branches. 11 When its boughs are withered, they will be broken off. The women will come and set them on fire. for they are a people of no understanding. Therefore he who made them will not have compassion on them, and he who formed them will show them no favor. 12 It will happen in that day, that the LORD will thresh from the flowing stream of the Perath to the Wadi of Egypt; and you will be gathered one by one, children of Israel. 13 It will happen in that day that a great trumpet will be blown: and those who were ready to perish in the land of Assyria, and those who were outcasts in the land of Egypt, shall come; and they will worship the LORD in the holy mountain at Jerusalem.

her pangs; so we have been before you, LORD. 18 We 28 Woe to the crown of pride of the drunkards of Ephraim, and to the fading flower of his glorious birth, it seems, only to wind. We have not worked any beauty, which is on the head of the fertile valley of those deliverance in the earth; neither have the inhabitants of who are overcome with wine. 2 Look, the LORD has a the world fallen. 19 Your dead shall live; my dead bodies mighty and strong one. Like a storm of hail, a destroying shall rise. Awake and shout for joy, you who dwell in the storm, and like a storm of mighty waters overflowing, dust; for your dew is like the dew of the dawn, and the he will cast them down to the earth with his hand. 3 earth shall bring forth the departed spirits. 20 Come, my The crown of pride of the drunkards of Ephraim will be people, enter into your chambers, and shut your doors trodden under foot. 4 The fading flower of his glorious behind you. Hide yourself for a little moment, until the beauty, which is on the head of the fertile valley, shall be indignation is past. 21 For, look, the LORD comes forth like the first-ripe fig before the summer; which someone out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for picks and eats as soon as he sees it. 5 In that day. their iniquity. The earth also will disclose her blood, and the LORD of hosts will become a crown of glory, and a diadem of beauty, to the residue of his people; 6 and a spirit of justice to him who sits in judgment, and strength to those who turn back the battle at the gate. 7 They also reel with wine, and stagger with strong drink. The priest and the prophet reel with strong drink. They are swallowed up by wine. They stagger with strong drink. They err in vision. They stumble in judgment. 8 For all tables are completely full of filthy vomit and filthiness. 9 Whom will he teach knowledge? To whom will he explain the message? Those who are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts? 10 For it is precept on precept, precept on precept; line on line, line on line; here a little, there a little, 11 But he will speak to this nation with stammering lips and a strange language: 12 to whom he said, "This is the resting place. Give rest to weary;" and "This is the refreshing;" but they would not listen. 13 Therefore the word of the LORD will be to them precept on precept, precept on precept; line on line, line on line; here a little, there a little; that they may go, fall backward, be broken, be snared, and be taken. 14 Therefore hear the word of the LORD, you scoffers, that rule this people in Jerusalem: 15 Because you have said, 'We have made a covenant with death, and with Sheol are we in agreement. When the overflowing scourge passes through, it won't come to us; for we have made lies our refuge, and we have hidden ourselves under falsehood." (Sheol h7585) 16 Therefore thus says the LORD, "Look, I am laying in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation, and the one who believes in him will not be put to shame. 17 I will make justice the measuring line, and righteousness the plumb line. The hail will sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters will overflow the hiding place. 18 Your covenant with death shall be annulled, and your agreement with Sheol shall not stand. When the overflowing scourge passes through, then you will be trampled down by it. (Sheol h7585) 19 As often as it passes through, it will seize you; for morning by morning it will pass through, by day and by night; and it will be nothing but terror to

understand the message." 20 For the bed is too short to sleep, and has closed your eves (the prophets), and Perazim. He will be angry as in the Valley of Gibeon; sealed, which men deliver to one who is educated, do not be scoffers, lest your bonds be made strong; for I is not educated, saying, "Read this, please;" and he have heard a decree of destruction from the LORD of says, "I can't read." 13 And the LORD said, "Because hosts, on the whole earth. 23 Give ear, and hear my these people draw near with their mouth and honor me plows to sow plow continually? Does he keep turning the from me. And in vain do they worship me, teaching surface, doesn't he plant the dill, and scatter the cumin Therefore, look, I will again do a marvelous work among neither is a cart wheel turned over the cumin; but the dill works are in the dark, and who say, "Who sees us?" is beaten out with a stick, and the cumin with a rod. and "Who knows us?" 16 You turn things upside down. 28 Bread flour must be ground; so he will not always Should the potter be thought to be like clay; that the be threshing it. Although he drives the wheel of his thing made should say about him who made it, "He wonderful in counsel, and excellent in wisdom.

29 Woe to Ariel. Ariel, the city where David camped. Add year to year; let the feasts come around; 2 then I will distress Ariel, and there will be mourning and lamentation. She shall be to me as an altar hearth. 3 And I will camp in a circle around you, and will lay siege against you with posted troops. I will raise siege works against you. 4 You will be brought down, and will speak out of the ground. Your speech will mumble out of the dust. Your voice will be as of one who has a familiar spirit, out of the ground, and your speech will whisper out of the dust. 5 But the multitude of your arrogant will be like fine dust, and the multitude of the ruthless ones like chaff that blows away. Yes, it will be in an instant, suddenly. 6 She will be visited by the LORD of hosts with thunder, with earthquake, with great noise, with whirlwind and storm, and with the flame of a devouring fire. 7 The multitude of all the nations that fight against Ariel, even all who fight against her and her stronghold, and who distress her, will be like a dream, a vision of the night. 8 It will be like when a hungry man dreams, and look, he eats; but he awakes, and his hunger isn't

stretch out on, and the blanket is too narrow to wrap he has covered your heads (the seers). 11 All vision oneself in. 21 For the LORD will rise up as on Mount has become to you like the words of a book that is that he may do his work, his unusual work, and bring to saying, "Read this, please;" and he says, "I can't, for pass his act, his extraordinary act. 22 And as for you, it is sealed:" 12 and the book is delivered to one who voice. Listen, and hear my speech. 24 Does he who with their lips, but they have removed their heart far soil and breaking the clods? 25 When he has leveled its instructions that are the commandments of humans. 14 seed, and put in the wheat in rows, the barley in the this people, even a marvelous work and a wonder; and I appointed place, and emmer as its borders? 26 For his will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment God instructs him in right judgment, and teaches him. of the discerning I will nullify." 15 Woe to those who 27 For the dill are not threshed with a sharp instrument, deeply hide their counsel from the LORD, and whose threshing cart over it, his horses do not grind it. 29 did not make me;" or the thing formed say of him who This also comes forth from the LORD of hosts, who is formed it, "He has no understanding?" 17 Isn't it yet a very little while, and Lebanon will be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field will be regarded as a forest? 18 In that day, the deaf will hear the words of the scroll, and the eves of the blind will see out of obscurity and out of darkness. 19 The humble also will increase their joy in the LORD, and the poor among humankind will rejoice in the Holy One of Israel. 20 For the ruthless is brought to nothing, and the scoffer ceases, and all those who are alert to do evil are cut off- 21 who cause a person to be indicted by a word, and lay a snare for the arbiter in the gate, and who deprive the innocent of justice with false testimony. 22 Therefore thus says the LORD, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob: "Jacob shall no longer be ashamed, neither shall his face grow pale. 23 But when he sees his children, the work of my hands, in the midst of him, they will sanctify my name. Yes, they will sanctify the Holy One of Jacob, and will stand in awe of the God of Israel. 24 They also who err in spirit will come to understanding, and those who grumble will receive instruction."

30 "Woe to the rebellious children," says the LORD, "who take counsel, but not from me; and who satisfied; or like when a thirsty man dreams, and look, make an alliance, but not with my Spirit, that they may he drinks; but he awakes, and look, he is faint, and add sin to sin, 2 who set out to go down into Egypt, and he is still thirsty. The multitude of all the nations that have not asked my advice; to strengthen themselves fight against Mount Zion will be like that. 9 Pause and in the strength of Pharaoh, and to take refuge in the wonder. Blind yourselves and be blind. They are drunk, shadow of Egypt. 3 Therefore the strength of Pharaoh but not with wine; they stagger, but not with strong drink. will be your shame, and the refuge in the shadow of 10 For the LORD has poured out on you a spirit of deep Egypt your confusion. 4 For their princes are at Zoan, shall all be ashamed because of a people that can't the ground, and bread of the increase of the ground; profit them, that are not a help nor profit, but a shame, it will be rich and plentiful. In that day, your livestock and also a reproach." 6 The oracle of the animals of will feed in large pastures. 24 The oxen likewise and the Negev. Through the land of trouble and anguish, the young donkeys that till the ground will eat savory of the lioness and the lion, the viper and fiery flying provender, which has been winnowed with the shovel serpent, they carry their riches on the shoulders of and with the fork. 25 There shall be brooks and streams young donkeys, and their treasures on the humps of of water on every lofty mountain and on every high hill camels, to an unprofitable people. 7 For Egypt helps in the day of the great slaughter, when the towers fall. in vain, and to no purpose; therefore have I called her 26 Moreover the light of the moon will be like the light of Rahab who sits still. 8 Now go, write it before them on a the sun, and the light of the sun will be seven times tablet, and inscribe it in a book, that it may be for the brighter, like the light of seven days, in the day that the time to come forever and ever. 9 For it is a rebellious LORD binds up the fracture of his people, and heals the people, lying children, children who will not hear the law wound they were struck with. 27 Look, the name of the of the LORD; 10 who tell the seers, "Do not see for us," LORD comes from far away, burning with his anger, and to the prophets, "Do not prophesy to us right things. and in thick rising smoke. His lips are full of indignation, Tell us pleasant things. Prophesy deceits. 11 Get out of and his tongue is as a devouring fire. 28 His breath the way. Turn aside from the path. Cause the Holy One is as an overflowing stream that reaches even to the of Israel to cease from before us." 12 Therefore thus neck, to sift the nations with the sieve of destruction: says the Holy One of Israel, "Because you despise this and a bridle that leads to ruin will be in the jaws of the word, and trust in oppression and perverseness, and peoples. 29 You will have a song, as in the night when rely on it; 13 therefore this iniquity shall be to you like a a holy feast is kept; and gladness of heart, as when breach ready to fall, swelling out in a high wall, whose one goes with a flute to come to the LORD's mountain. breaking comes suddenly in an instant. 14 He will break to Israel's Rock. 30 The LORD will cause his glorious it as a potter's vessel is broken, breaking it in pieces voice to be heard, and will show the descent of his arm. without sparing, so that there won't be found among with the indignation of his anger, and the flame of a the broken piece a piece good enough to take fire from devouring fire, with a blast, storm, and hailstones. 31 the hearth, or to dip up water out of the cistern." 15 For through the voice of the LORD the Assyrian will For thus said the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, "You be dismayed. He will strike him with his rod. 32 And will be saved in returning and rest. Your strength will every stroke with his punishing club, which the LORD be in quietness and in confidence." You refused, 16 will lay on him, will be with the sound of tambourines but you said, "No, for we will flee on horses;" therefore and harps. He will fight with them in battles, brandishing you will flee; and, "We will ride on the swift;" therefore weapons. 33 For his burning place has long been ready. those who pursue you will be swift. 17 One thousand Yes, for the king it is made ready. He has made its pyre will flee at the threat of one. At the threat of five, you deep and large with fire and much wood. The LORD's will flee until you are left like a beacon on the top of a breath, like a stream of sulfur, kindles it. mountain, and like a banner on a hill. 18 Therefore the LORD will wait, that he may be gracious to you; and therefore he will be exalted, that he may have mercy on you, for the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all those who wait for him. 19 For the people will dwell in Zion at Jerusalem. You will weep no more. He will surely be gracious to you at the voice of your cry. When he hears you, he will answer you. 20 Though the LORD may give you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, yet your teachers won't be hidden anymore, but your eyes will see your teachers; 21 and when you turn to the right hand, and when you turn to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way. Walk in it." 22 You shall defile the overlaying of your engraved images of silver, and the plating of your molten images of gold. You shall cast them away as an unclean thing. You shall tell it, "Go away." 23 And he

and their ambassadors have come to Hanes. 5 They will give the rain for your seed, with which you will sow

31 Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help. and rely on horses, and trust in chariots because they are many, and in horsemen because they are very strong, but they do not look to the Holy One of Israel, and they do not seek the LORD. 2 Yet he also is wise, and will bring disaster, and will not call back his words, but will arise against the house of the evildoers, and against those who help evildoers. 3 Now the Egyptians are men, and not God; and their horses flesh, and not spirit. When the LORD stretches out his hand, both he who helps shall stumble, and he who is helped shall fall, and they all shall be consumed together. 4 For thus says the LORD to me, "As the lion and the young lion growling over his prey, if a multitude of shepherds is called together against him, will not be dismayed at their voice, nor abase himself for the noise of them, so

the LORD of hosts will come down to fight on Mount brought low in humiliation. 20 Blessed are you who sow Zion and on its heights. 5 As birds hovering, so the beside all waters, who set free the foot of the ox and the LORD of hosts will protect Jerusalem. He will protect donkey. and deliver it. He will pass over and preserve it." 6 Return to him from whom you have deeply revolted, children of Israel. 7 For in that day everyone shall cast your own hands have made for you. 8 "The Assyrian will fall by the sword, not of man; and the sword, not of humankind, shall devour him. He will flee from the sword, and his young men will become subject to forced labor. 9 His rock will pass away by reason of terror, and his officers will be afraid of the banner," says the LORD, whose fire is in Zion, and his furnace in Jerusalem.

32 Look, a king shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in justice. 2 A man shall be as a hiding place from the wind, and a shelter from the storm, as streams of water in a dry place, as the shade of a large rock in a weary land. 3 The eyes of those who see will not be dim, and the ears of those who hear will listen. 4 The heart of the rash will understand knowledge, and the tongue of the stammerers will be ready to speak plainly. 5 And they will no longer call a fool noble, nor the scoundrel be highly respected. 6 For the fool will speak folly, and his heart plans iniquity, to practice profanity, and to utter error against the LORD, To make empty the soul of the hungry, and to cause the drink of the thirsty to fail. 7 The ways of the scoundrel are evil. He devises wicked devices to destroy the humble with lying words, even when the needy speaks right. 8 But the noble devises noble things; and he will continue in noble things. 9 Rise up, you women who are at ease. Hear my voice. You careless daughters, give ear to my speech. 10 For days beyond a year you will be troubled, you careless women; for the vintage shall fail. The harvest won't come. 11 Tremble, you women who are at ease. Be troubled, you careless ones. Strip yourselves, make vourselves naked, and put sackcloth on your waist. 12 Beat your breasts for the pleasant fields, for the fruitful vine. 13 Thorns and briars will come up on my people's land; yes, on all the houses of joy in the joyous city. 14 For the palace will be forsaken. The populous city will be deserted. The hill and the watchtower will be for dens forever, a delight for wild donkeys, a pasture of flocks; 15 Until the Spirit is poured on us from on high, and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field, and the fruitful field is considered a forest. 16 Then justice will dwell in the wilderness; and righteousness will remain in the fruitful field. 17 The work of righteousness will be peace; and the effect of righteousness, quietness and confidence forever. 18 My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in safe dwellings, and in quiet resting places. 19 And it will hail when the forest comes down, and the wood is

33 Woe to you who destroy, but you weren't destroyed; and who betray, but nobody betrayed you. When away his idols of silver and his idols of gold-sin which you have finished destroying, you will be destroyed; and when you have made an end of betrayal, you will be betrayed. 2 LORD, be gracious to us. We have waited for you. Be our strength every morning, our salvation also in the time of trouble. 3 At the noise of the thunder, the peoples have fled. When you lift yourself up, the nations are scattered. 4 Your spoil will be gathered as the caterpillar gathers. Men will leap on it as locusts leap. 5 The LORD is exalted, for he dwells on high. He has filled Zion with justice and righteousness. 6 There will be stability in your times, abundance of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge. The fear of the LORD is your treasure. 7 Look, their valiant ones cry outside; the ambassadors of peace weep bitterly. 8 The highways are desolate, the traveler ceases. He has broken the covenant, he has despised the witnesses; he has no regard for man. 9 The land mourns and languishes. Lebanon is confounded and withers away. Sharon is like a desert, and Bashan and Carmel are stripped bare. 10 "Now I will arise," says the LORD; "Now I will lift myself up. Now I will be exalted. 11 You will conceive chaff. You will bring forth stubble. Your breath is a fire that will devour you. 12 The peoples will be like the burning of lime, like thorns that are cut down and burned in the fire. 13 Hear, you who are far off, what I have done; and, you who are near, acknowledge my might." 14 The sinners in Zion are afraid. Trembling has seized the godless ones. Who among us can live with the devouring fire? Who among us can live with everlasting burning? 15 He who walks righteously, and speaks blamelessly; He who despises the gain of oppressions, who gestures with his hands, refusing to take a bribe, who stops his ears from hearing of blood, and shuts his eyes from looking at evil— 16 he will dwell on high. His place of defense will be the fortress of rocks. His bread will be supplied. His waters will be sure. 17 Your eyes will see the king in his beauty. They will see a distant land. 18 Your heart will meditate on the terror. Where is he who counted? Where is he who weighed? Where is he who counted the towers? 19 You will no longer see the fierce people. a people of a deep speech that you can't comprehend, with a strange language that you can't understand. 20 Look at Zion, the city of our appointed festivals. Your eyes will see Jerusalem, a quiet habitation, a tent that won't be removed. Its stakes will never be plucked up, nor will any of its cords be broken. 21 But there the LORD will be with us in majesty, a place of broad rivers

and streams, in which no galley with oars will go, neither to them with a measuring line. They shall possess it will any gallant ship pass by there. 22 For the LORD forever. From generation to generation they will dwell in is our judge. The LORD is our lawgiver. The LORD is it. our king. He will save us. 23 Your rigging is untied. They couldn't strengthen the foot of their mast. They couldn't spread the sail. Then the prey of a great spoil was divided. The lame took the prey. 24 The inhabitant won't say, "I am sick." The people who dwell in it will be forgiven their iniquity.

peoples. Let the earth and all it contains hear; the world, and everything that comes from it. 2 For the LORD is enraged against all the nations, and angry with all their armies. He has utterly destroyed them. He has given them over for slaughter. 3 Their slain will also be cast out, and the stench of their dead bodies will come up; and the mountains will melt in their blood. 4 And all the host of heaven will rot away, and the heavens will be rolled up like a scroll. And all their host will wither, as a leaf withering from the vine, and as leaves withering from the fig tree. 5 For my sword has drunk its fill in the sky. Look, it will come down on Edom, and on the people of my curse, for judgment. 6 The LORD's sword is filled with blood. It is covered with fat, with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams; for the LORD has a sacrifice in Bozrah, And a great slaughter in the land of Edom. 7 The wild oxen will come down with them, and the young bulls with the mighty bulls; and their land will be soaked with blood, and their dust made greasy with fat. 8 For the LORD has a day of vengeance, a year of recompense for the cause of Zion. 9 Its streams will be turned into pitch, its dust into sulfur, And its land will become burning pitch. 10 It won't be quenched night nor day. Its smoke will go up forever. From generation to generation, it will lie waste. No one will pass through it forever and ever. 11 But the pelican and the porcupine will possess it. The owl and the raven will dwell in it. He will stretch the line of confusion over it, and the plumb line of emptiness. 12 They shall call its nobles to the kingdom, but none shall be there; and all its princes shall be nothing. 13 Thorns will come up in its palaces, nettles and thistles in its fortresses; and it will be a habitation of jackals, a court for ostriches. 14 of Assyria, "What confidence is this in which you trust? And the wildcats will meet with the hyenas, and the wild 5 Do you think that empty words are strategy and power goat will cry to his fellow. There too, nocturnal animals shall settle, and shall find themselves a place of rest. rebelled against me? 6 Look, you trust in the staff of 15 The owl will make her nest there, and lay, hatch, and gather under her shade. Yes, the vultures will be on it, it will go into his hand and pierce it. So is Pharaoh gathered there, every one with her mate. 16 Search in the scroll of the LORD, and read: not one of these will be missing. None will lack her mate. For my mouth has high places and whose altars Hezekiah has taken away. commanded, and his Spirit has gathered them. 17 He and has said to Judah and to Jerusalem, 'You shall has cast the lot for them, and his hand has divided it worship before this altar?" 8 Now therefore, please

35 The wilderness and the dry land will be glad. The desert will rejoice and blossom like the crocus. 2 It will blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing. Lebanon's glory Lebanon will be given to it, the excellence of Carmel and Sharon. They will see the LORD's glory, the excellence of our God. 3 Strengthen 34 Come near, you nations, to hear. Listen, you the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. 4 Tell those who have a fearful heart, "Be strong. Do not be afraid. Look, your God will come with vengeance, God's retribution. He will come and save you. 5 Then the eyes of the blind will be opened, and the ears of the deaf will be unstopped. 6 Then the lame man will leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute will sing; for waters will break out in the wilderness, and streams in the desert. 7 The burning sand will become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water. Grass with reeds and rushes will be in the habitation of jackals, where they lay. 8 And a highway will be there, and it will be called the Way of Holiness. The unclean shall not pass over it, but it will be for those who walk in the Way. Wicked fools will not go there. 9 No lion will be there, nor will any ravenous animal go up on it. They will not be found there; but the redeemed will walk there. 10 The LORD's ransomed ones will return, and come with singing to Zion; and everlasting joy will be on their heads. They will obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing will flee away."

> 36 Now it happened in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah, that Sennacherib king of Assyria attacked all of the fortified cities of Judah, and captured them. 2 The king of Assyria sent Rabshakeh from Lachish to Jerusalem to king Hezekiah with a large army. He stood by the aqueduct from the upper pool on the highway to the Launderers' Field. 3 Then Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah, the son of Asaph, the recorder came out to him. 4 Rabshakeh said to them, "Now tell Hezekiah, 'Thus says the great king, the king for war? Now in whom do you trust, that you have this bruised reed, even in Egypt, which if a man leans king of Egypt to all who trust in him. 7 But if you tell me, 'We trust in the LORD our God,' isn't that he whose

make a pledge to my master the king of Assyria, and I come to the birth, and there is no strength to bring forth. will give you two thousand horses, if you are able on 4 It may be the LORD your God will hear the words of your part to set riders on them. 9 How then can you turn Rabshakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master has away the face of one captain of the least of my master's sent to defy the living God, and will rebuke the words servants, and put your trust on Egypt for chariots and which the LORD your God has heard. Therefore lift for horsemen? 10 Have I come up now without the up your prayer for the remnant that is left." 5 So the LORD against this land to destroy it? The LORD said to servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah. 6 Isaiah said me, "Go up against this land, and destroy it."" 11 Then to them, "Tell your master, 'Thus says the LORD, "Do not Eliakim, Shebna and Joah said to Rabshakeh, "Please be afraid of the words that you have heard, with which speak to your servants in Aramaic, for we understand it; the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed and do not speak to us in the Jews' language in the me. 7 Look, I will put a spirit in him and he will hear hearing of the people who are on the wall." 12 But news, and will return to his own land. I will cause him to Rabshakeh said, "Has my master sent me only to your fall by the sword in his own land.""" 8 So Rabshakeh master and to you, to speak these words, and not to returned, and found the king of Assyria warring against the men who sit on the wall, who will eat their own Libnah, for he had heard that he was departed from dung and drink their own urine with you?" 13 Then Lachish. 9 He heard news concerning Tirhakah king Rabshakeh stood, and called out with a loud voice in of Ethiopia, "He has come out to fight against you." the Jews' language, and said, "Hear the words of the When he heard it, he returned and sent messengers to great king, the king of Assyria. 14 Thus says the king, Hezekiah, saying, 10 "Thus you shall speak to Hezekiah 'Do not let Hezekiah deceive you; for he will not be able king of Judah, saying, 'Do not let your God in whom you to deliver you. 15 Do not let Hezekiah make you trust in trust deceive you, saying, "Jerusalem won't be given the LORD, saying, "The LORD will surely deliver us. into the hand of the king of Assyria." 11 Look, you have This city won't be given into the hand of the king of heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands, Assyria." 16 Do not listen to Hezekiah, for thus says by destroying them utterly. Shall you be delivered? 12 the king of Assyria, 'Make your peace with me, and Have the gods of the nations delivered them, which my come out to me; and each of you eat from his vine, fathers have destroyed, Gozan, Haran, Rezeph, and and each one from his fig tree, and each one of you the people of Eden who were in Telassar? 13 Where drink the waters of his own cistern; 17 until I come and is the king of Hamath, and the king of Arpad, and the take you away to a land like your own land, a land of king of the city of Sepharvaim, of Hena, and Ivvah?" grain and new wine, a land of bread and vineyards. 14 Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the 18 Beware lest Hezekiah persuade you, saying, "The messengers and read it. Then Hezekiah went up to LORD will deliver us." Have any of the gods of the the LORD's house, and spread it before the LORD. nations delivered their lands from the hand of the king of 15 Hezekiah prayed to the LORD, saying, 16 "LORD Assyria? 19 Where are the gods of Hamath and Arpad? of hosts, the God of Israel, who is enthroned among Where are the gods of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Iwah? the cherubim, you are the God, even you alone, of all Have they delivered Samaria from my hand? 20 Who the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven are they among all the gods of these countries that and earth. 17 Turn your ear, LORD, and hear. Open have delivered their country out of my hand, that the your eyes, LORD, and look. Hear all of the words of LORD should deliver Jerusalem out of my hand?" 21 Sennacherib, who has sent to defy the living God. 18 But they remained silent, and said nothing in reply, for Truly, LORD, the kings of Assyria have destroyed all the the king's commandment was, "Do not answer him." countries and their land, 19 and have cast their gods into 22 Then Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who was over the the fire: for they were no gods, but the work of men's household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah, the son hands, wood and stone; therefore they have destroyed of Asaph, the recorder, came to Hezekiah with their them. 20 Now therefore, LORD our God, save us from clothes torn, and told him the words of Rabshakeh.

37 It happened, when king Hezekiah heard it, that he tore his clothes, covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the LORD's house. 2 He sent Eliakim, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz. 3 They said to him, "Thus says Hezekiah, 'This day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and of rejection; for the children have

his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that you are the LORD, even you only." 21 Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'Because you have prayed to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria, 22 this is the word which the LORD has spoken concerning him. The virgin daughter of Zion has despised you and ridiculed you. The daughter of Jerusalem has shaken her head at you. 23 Whom have you defied and blasphemed? cities, turning them into ruinous heaps. 27 Therefore spoken. 8 Look, I will cause the shadow on the steps, sitting down, your going out, your coming in, and your been sick, and had recovered of his sickness. 10 I said, me, and because your arrogance has come up into my deprived of the residue of my years." (Sheol h7585) 11 will eat this year that which grows of itself, and in the away from me like a shepherd's tent. I have rolled up, second year that which springs from the same; and in like a weaver, my life. He will cut me off from the loom. came, by the same he shall return, and he shall not and let me live. 17 Look, for peace I had great anguish. with the sword; and they escaped into the land of Ararat. take a cake of figs, and lay it for a poultice on the boil, Esarhaddon his son reigned in his place.

38 In those days was Hezekiah sick and near death. Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, came to him, and said to him, "Thus says the LORD, 'Set your house

Against whom have you exalted your voice and lifted up turned his face to the wall and prayed to the LORD. 3 your eyes on high? Against the Holy One of Israel. 24 and said, "Remember now, the LORD, I beg you, how By your messengers you have taunted the LORD, and I have walked before you in truth and with a perfect have said, "With the multitude of my chariots I have heart, and have done that which is good in your sight." come up to the height of the mountains, to the innermost Hezekiah wept bitterly. 4 Then the word of the LORD parts of Lebanon. I will cut down its tall cedars and its came to Isaiah, saying, 5 "Go, and tell Hezekiah, 'Thus choice fir trees. I will enter into its farthest height, the says the LORD, the God of David your father, "I have forest of its fruitful field. 25 I have dug and drunk water, heard your prayer. I have seen your tears. Look, I will and with the sole of my feet I will dry up all the rivers of add fifteen years to your life. 6 I will deliver you and this Egypt." 26 Have you not heard how I have done it long city out of the hand of the king of Assyria, and I will ago, and formed it in ancient times? Now I have brought defend this city. 7 This shall be the sign to you from it to pass, that it should be yours to destroy fortified the LORD, that the LORD will do this thing that he has their inhabitants had little power. They were dismayed which has gone down with the sun on the upper steps and confounded. They were like the grass of the field, of Ahaz, to go backward ten steps. So the sun returned and like the green herb, like the grass on the rooftops ten steps on the sundial on which it had gone down.""" 9 when it is scorched by the east wind. 28 But I know your The writing of Hezekiah king of Judah, when he had raging against me. 29 Because of your raging against "In the middle of my life I go into the gates of Sheol. I am ears, therefore I will put my hook in your nose and my said, "I won't see the LORD in the land of the living. I will bridle in your lips, and I will turn you back by the way by not look on humankind any longer with the inhabitants which you came. 30 This shall be the sign to you. You of the world. 12 My dwelling is removed, and is carried the third year sow and reap and plant vineyards, and From day even to night you will make an end of me. 13 eat their fruit. 31 The remnant that is escaped of the I waited patiently until morning. He breaks all my bones house of Judah will again take root downward, and bear like a lion. From day even to night you will make an end fruit upward. 32 For out of Jerusalem a remnant will of me. 14 I chip like a swallow or a thrush. I moan like a go forth, and survivors will escape from Mount Zion. dove. My eyes weaken looking upward. LORD, I am The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.' 33 oppressed. Be my security." 15 What will I say? He has Therefore thus says the LORD concerning the king both spoken to me, and himself has done it. I will walk of Assyria, 'He will not come to this city, nor shoot an carefully all my years because of the anguish of my arrow there, neither will he come before it with shield, soul. 16 The LORD is against them, but they live, and nor cast up a mound against it. 34 By the way that he all of them who live have his spirit. Restore me to health come to this city,' says the LORD. 35 'For I will defend but you have in love for my soul delivered it from the this city to save it, for my own sake, and for my servant pit of corruption; for you have cast all my sins behind David's sake." 36 The angel of the LORD went out your back. 18 For Sheol can't praise you. And death and struck one hundred and eighty-five thousand men can't celebrate you. And those who go down into the pit in the camp of the Assyrians. When men arose early can't hope for your truth. (Sheol h7585) 19 The living, the in the morning, look, these were all dead bodies. 37 living, he shall praise you, as I do this day. The father So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, went away, shall make known your truth to the children. 20 The returned to Nineveh, and stayed there. 38 It happened, LORD will save me. Therefore we will sing my songs as he was worshipping in the house of Nisroch his god, with stringed instruments all the days of our life in the that Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons struck him house of the LORD. 21 Now Isaiah had said, "Let them and he shall recover." 22 Hezekiah also had said, "What is the sign that I will go up to the house of the LORD?"

39 At that time, Marduk-Baladan the son of Baladan. king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to in order, for you will die, and not live." 2 Then Hezekiah Hezekiah; for he heard that he had been sick, and had recovered. 2 Hezekiah was pleased with them, and

showed them the house of his precious things, the silver, and the hills in a balance? 13 Who has known the and the gold, the spices, and the precious oil, and all mind of the LORD, or who has instructed him as his the house of his armor, and all that was found in his counselor? 14 From whom did he take counsel with, and treasures. There was nothing in his house, nor in all his who instructed him, and taught him in the path of justice, dominion, that Hezekiah did not show them. 3 Then and taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of Isaiah the prophet came to king Hezekiah, and asked understanding? Or who has first given to him, and it will him, "What did these men say? Where did they come be repaid to him again? 15 Look, the nations are like a from to you?" Hezekiah said, "They have come from a drop in a bucket, and are regarded as a speck of dust country far from me, even from Babylon." 4 Then he on a balance. Look, he lifts up the islands like a very asked, "What have they seen in your house?" Hezekiah little thing. 16 Lebanon is not sufficient to burn, nor its answered, "They have seen all that is in my house. animals sufficient for a burnt offering. 17 All the nations There is nothing among my treasures that I have not are like nothing before him. They are regarded by him as shown them." 5 Then said Isaiah to Hezekiah, "Hear less than nothing, and vanity. 18 To whom then will you the word of the LORD of hosts: 6 'Look, the days are liken God? Or what likeness will you compare to him? coming when all that is in your house, and that which 19 A workman has cast an image, and the goldsmith your fathers have stored up until this day, will be carried overlays it with gold, and casts silver chains for it. 20 He to Babylon. Nothing will be left,' says the LORD. 7 'They who is too impoverished for such an offering chooses will take away your descendants who will issue from a tree that will not rot. He seeks a skillful workman you, whom you shall father, and they will be eunuchs in to set up an engraved image for him that will not be the king of Babylon's palace." 8 Then Hezekiah said to moved. 21 Haven't you known? Haven't you heard, Isaiah, "The LORD's word which you have spoken is yet? Haven't you been told from the beginning? Haven't good." He said moreover, "For there will be peace and you understood from the foundations of the earth? 22 truth in my days."

20 "Comfort, comfort my people," says your God. 2 "Speak tenderly to Jerusalem; and call out to her that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received of the LORD's hand double for all her sins." 3 The voice of one who calls out in the wilderness, "Prepare the way of the LORD. Make his roads straight. 4 Every valley will be filled, and every mountain and hill will be made low, and the uneven will be made level, and the rough places a plain. 5 And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all humanity will see the salvation of God together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." 6 The voice of one saying, "Cry." And I said, "What shall I cry?" "All flesh is like grass, and all its glory is like the flower of the field. 7 The grass withers, the flower fades, because the LORD's breath blows on it. Surely the people are like grass. 8 The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of the LORD stands forever." 9 You who tell good news to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You who tell good news to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with strength. Lift it up. Do not be afraid. Say to the cities of Judah, "Look, your God." 10 Look, the LORD will come as a mighty one, and his arm will rule for him. Look, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. 11 He will feed his flock like a shepherd. He will gather the lambs in his arm, and carry them in his bosom. He will gently lead those who have their young. 12 Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and marked off the sky with his span, and calculated the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales,

It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them out like a tent to dwell in; 23 who brings princes to nothing; who makes the judges of the earth meaningless. 24 They are planted scarcely. They are sown scarcely. Their stock has scarcely taken root in the ground. He merely blows on them, and they wither, and the whirlwind takes them away as stubble. 25 "To whom then will you liken me? Who is my equal?" says the Holy One. 26 Lift up your eyes on high, and see who has created these, who brings out their host by number. He calls them all by name; by the greatness of his might, and because he is strong in power, not one is lacking. 27 Why do you say, Jacob, and why do you assert, Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and the justice due me is disregarded by my God?" 28 And now, haven't you known? Haven't you heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the farthest parts of the earth, doesn't faint. He isn't weary. His understanding is unsearchable. 29 He gives power to the weak. He increases the strength of him who has no might. 30 Even the youths faint and get weary, and the young men utterly fall; 31 But those who wait for the LORD will renew their strength. They will mount up with wings like eagles. They will run, and not be weary. They will walk, and not faint.

1 "Keep silent before me, islands, and let the peoples renew their strength. Let them come near, then let them speak. Let's meet together for judgment. 2 Who has raised up one from the east? Whom he called him, and makes him rule over kings. He gives them end of them; or show us things to come. 23 Declare the like the dust to his sword, like the driven stubble to his things that are to come hereafter, that we may know bow. 3 He pursues them, and passes by safely, Even that you are gods. Yes, do good, or do evil, that we may by a way that he had not gone with his feet. 4 Who has be dismayed, and see it together. 24 Look, you are of worked and done it, calling the generations from the nothing, and your work is of nothing. He who chooses beginning? I, the LORD, the first, and with the last, I you is an abomination. 25 "I have raised up one from am he." 5 The coastlands have seen, and fear. The the north, and he has come; from the rising of the sun, farthest parts of the earth tremble. They approach, and one who calls on my name; and he shall come on rulers come. 6 Everyone helps his neighbor. They say to their as on mortar, and as the potter treads clay. 26 Who has brothers, "Be strong." 7 So the carpenter encourages declared it from the beginning, that we may know? And the goldsmith. He who smoothes with the hammer before, that we may say, 'He is right?' Surely, there is no encourages him who strikes the anvil, saying of the one who declares. Surely, there is no one who shows. soldering, "It is good;" and he fastens it with nails, that it Surely, there is no one who hears your words. 27 I am might not totter. 8 "But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob the first to say to Zion, 'Look, look at them;' and I will whom I have chosen, the offspring of Abraham my give one who brings good news to Jerusalem, 28 When friend, 9 you whom I have taken hold of from places I look, there is no man; even among them there is no far away on the earth, and summoned from its border, counselor who, when I ask of them, can answer a word. and said to you, 'You are my servant, I have chosen 29 Look, all of them, their works are vanity and nothing. you and not rejected you.' 10 Do not be afraid, for I am Their molten images are wind and confusion. with you. Do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you. Yes, I will help you. Yes, I will uphold you with the right hand of my righteousness. 11 Look, all those who are incensed against you will be disappointed and confounded. Those who strive with you will be like nothing, and shall perish. 12 You will seek them, and won't find them, even those who contend with you. Those who war against you will be as nothing, as a non-existent thing. 13 For I, the LORD your God, will hold your right hand, saying to you, 'Do not be afraid. I will help you.' 14 Do not be afraid, you worm Jacob, and you men of Israel. I will help you," says the LORD, "and vour Redeemer is the Holv One of Israel. 15 Look. I have made you into a new sharp threshing instrument with teeth. You will thresh the mountains, and beat them small, and will make the hills like chaff. 16 You will winnow them, and the wind will carry them away, and the whirlwind will scatter them. You will rejoice in the LORD. You will glory in the Holy One of Israel. 17 The poor and needy seek water, and there is none. Their tongue fails for thirst, I, the LORD, will answer them, I, the God of Israel, will not forsake them, 18 | will open rivers on the bare heights, and springs in the midst of the valleys. I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water. 19 I will put cedar, acacia, myrtle, and oil trees in the wilderness. I will set fir trees, pine. and box trees together in the desert; 20 that they may see, know, consider, and understand together, that the hand of the LORD has done this, and the Holy One of Israel has created it. 21 Produce your cause." says the LORD. "Bring forth your strong reasons," says the King of Jacob. 22 "Let them come near and declare to us what shall happen. Declare the former things, what they

to his foot in righteousness? He hands over nations to are, that we may consider them, and know the latter

42 "Look, my servant I have chosen, my beloved in whom my soul delights. I have put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations. 2 He will not shout, nor raise his voice, nor cause it to be heard in the street. 3 He won't break a bruised reed. And he won't extinguish a dimly burning wick. He will faithfully bring justice. 4 He will not grow dim or be crushed, until he has established justice on the earth, and in his name the coastlands will hope." 5 Thus says God, the LORD. he who created the heavens and stretched them out, he who spread out the earth and that which comes out of it, he who gives breath to its people and spirit to those who walk in it. 6 "I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness, and will hold your hand, and will keep you, and make you a covenant for the people, as a light for the nations; 7 to open the blind eyes, to bring the prisoners out of the dungeon, and those who sit in darkness out of the prison. 8 "I am the LORD. That is my name. I will not give my glory to another, nor my praise to engraved images. 9 Look, the former things have happened, and I declare new things. I tell you about them before they come up." 10 Sing to the LORD a new song, and his praise from the remotest parts of the earth, you who go down to the sea, and all that is in it, the islands and their inhabitants. 11 Let the desert and its cities cry out, with the villages that Kedar inhabits. Let the inhabitants of Sela sing. Let them shout from the top of the mountains. 12 Let them give glory to the LORD, and declare his praise in the islands. 13 The LORD will go out like a mighty man. He will stir up zeal like a man of war. He will raise a war cry. Yes, he will shout aloud. He will triumph over his enemies. 14 "I have been silent a long time. I have

been quiet and restrained myself. Now I will cry out like peoples be assembled. Who among them can declare a travailing woman. I will both gasp and pant. 15 I will this, and show us former things? Let them bring their destroy mountains and hills, and dry up all their herbs. I witnesses, that they may be justified; or let them hear, will make the rivers islands, and will dry up the pools. and say, "That is true." 10 "You are my witnesses," says 16 I will bring the blind by a way that they do not know. I the LORD, "With my servant whom I have chosen; that will lead them in paths that they do not know. I will make you may know and believe me, and understand that I darkness light before them, and crooked places straight. am he. Before me there was no God formed, neither will I will do these things, and I will not forsake them. 17 there be after me. 11 I, I am the LORD; and besides me "Those who trust in engraved images, who tell molten there is no savior. 12 I have declared, I have saved, and images, 'You are our gods' will be turned back. They will I have shown; and there was no strange god among be utterly disappointed. 18 "Hear, you deaf, and look, you. Therefore you are my witnesses," says the LORD, you blind, that you may see. 19 Who is blind, but my "and I am God. 13 Yes, since the day was I am he; servant? Or who is as deaf as my messenger whom I and there is no one who can deliver out of my hand. I send? Who is as blind as he who is at peace, and as will work, and who can hinder it?" 14 Thus says the blind as the LORD's servant? 20 You see many things, LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "For but do not observe. His ears are open, but he doesn't your sake, I have sent to Babylon, and I will bring all listen. 21 It pleased the LORD, for his righteousness' of them down as fugitives, even the Chaldeans, in the sake, to magnify the law, and make it honorable. 22 ships of their rejoicing. 15 I am the LORD, your Holy But this is a robbed and plundered people. All of them One, the Creator of Israel, your King." 16 Thus says are snared in holes, and they are hidden in prisons. the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, and a path They have become a prey, and no one delivers; and in the mighty waters; 17 who brings forth the chariot a spoil, and no one says, 'Restore them.' 23 Who is and horse, the army and the mighty man (they lie down there among you who will give ear to this? Who will together, they shall not rise; they are extinct, they are listen and hear for the time to come? 24 Who gave guenched like a wick): 18 "Do not remember the former Jacob as plunder, and Israel to the robbers? Did not things, and do not consider the things of old. 19 Look, I the LORD, he against whom we have sinned? For they will do a new thing. It springs forth now. Do you not would not walk in his ways, and they disobeved his law, know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and 25 Therefore he poured the fierceness of his anger on rivers in the desert. 20 The animals of the field shall him, and the strength of battle; and it set him on fire all honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; because I give around, but he did not know; and it burned him, but he water in the wilderness and rivers in the desert, to give did not take it to heart."

13 But now thus says the LORD who created you, Jacob, and he who formed you, Israel: "Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by your name. You are mine. 2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they will not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned, and the flame will not scorch you. 3 For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I have given Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in your place. 4 Since you have been precious and honored in my sight, and I have loved you; therefore I will give people in your place, and nations instead of your life. 5 Do not be afraid; for I am with you. I will bring your descendants from the east, and gather you from the west. 6 I will tell the north, 'Give them up.' and tell the south, 'Do not hold them back. Bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the farthest parts of the earth- 7 everyone who is called by my name, and whom I have created for my glory, whom I have formed, ves, whom I have made."" 8 Bring out the blind people who have eyes, and the deaf who have ears. 9 Let all the nations be gathered together, and let the

drink to my people, my chosen, 21 the people which I formed for myself, that they might set forth my praise. 22 Yet you have not called on me, Jacob; but you have been weary of me, Israel. 23 You have not brought me of your sheep for burnt offerings; neither have you honored me with your sacrifices. I have not burdened you with offerings, nor wearied you with frankincense. 24 You have bought me no sweet cane with money, nor have you filled me with the fat of your sacrifices; but you have burdened me with your sins. You have wearied me with your iniquities. 25 I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake: and I will not remember your sins. 26 Put me in remembrance. Let us plead together. Set forth your case, that you may be justified. 27 Your first father sinned, and your teachers have transgressed against me. 28 Therefore I will profane the princes of the sanctuary; and I will make Jacob a curse, and Israel a reviling."

A Yet listen now, Jacob my servant, and Israel. whom I have chosen. 2 This is what the LORD who made you, and formed you from the womb, who will help you says: "Do not be afraid, Jacob my servant; pour water upon the thirsty, and streams on the dry A deceived heart has turned him aside; and he can't ground. I will pour my Spirit on your offspring, and my deliver his soul, nor say, "Isn't there a lie in my right blessing on your descendants: 4 and they will spring up hand?" 21 Remember these things, Jacob and Israel: among the grass, as willows by the watercourses. 5 for you are my servant. I have formed you. You are my One will say, 'I am the LORD's;' and another will be servant. Israel, you will not be forgotten by me. 22 I called by the name of Jacob: and another will write with have blotted out, as a thick cloud, your transgressions. his hand 'to the LORD,' and honor the name of Israel." and, as a cloud, your sins. Return to me, for I have 6 This is what the LORD, the King of Israel, and his redeemed you. 23 Sing, you heavens, for the LORD Redeemer, the LORD of hosts, says: "I am the first, has done it. Shout, you lower parts of the earth. Break and I am the last; and besides me there is no God. 7 out into singing, you mountains, O forest, all of your Who is like me? Who will call, and will declare it, and trees, for the LORD has redeemed Jacob, and will set it in order for me, since I established the ancient glorify himself in Israel. 24 Thus says the LORD, your people? Let them declare the things that are coming, Redeemer, and he who formed you from the womb: and that will happen. 8 Do not fear, neither be afraid. "I am the LORD, who makes all things; who alone Haven't I declared it to you long ago, and shown it? You stretches out the heavens; who spreads out the earth are my witnesses. Is there a God besides me? Indeed, by myself; 25 who foils the omens of the empty talkers, there is not. I do not know any other Rock," 9 Everyone and makes fools of diviners; who turns sages back. who makes an engraved image is vain. The things that and makes their knowledge foolish; 26 who confirms they delight in will not profit. Their own witnesses do the word of his servant, and performs the counsel of not see, nor know, that they may be disappointed. 10 his messengers; who says of Jerusalem, 'She will be Who has fashioned a god, or molds an image that is inhabited,' and of the cities of Judah, 'They will be built,' profitable for nothing? 11 Look, all his fellows will be and 'I will raise up its waste places;' 27 who says to the disappointed: and the workmen are mere men. Let deep, 'Be dry,' and 'I will dry up your rivers;' 28 Who them all be gathered together. Let them stand up. They says of Koresh, 'He is my shepherd, and shall perform will fear. They will be put to shame together. 12 The all my pleasure,' even saying of Jerusalem, 'She will be blacksmith takes an axe, works in the coals, fashions it built: and of the temple, 'Your foundation will be laid.'" with hammers, and works it with his strong arm. He is hungry, and his strength fails: he drinks no water, and is faint. 13 The carpenter stretches out a line. He marks it out with a pencil. He shapes it with planes. He marks it out with compasses, and shapes it like the figure of a man, with the beauty of a man, to reside in a house, 14 He cuts down cedars for himself, and takes the cypress and the oak, and strengthens for himself one among the trees of the forest. He plants a fir tree, and the rain nourishes it. 15 Then it will be for a man to burn; and he takes some of it, and warms himself. Yes, he burns it, and bakes bread. Yes, he makes a god, and worships it; he makes it an engraved image, and falls down to it. 16 He burns part of it in the fire. With part of it, he eats meat. He roasts a roast, and is satisfied. Yes, he warms himself, and says, "Aha. I am warm. I have seen the fire." 17 The rest of it he makes into a god, even his engraved image. He bows down to it and worships, and prays to it, and says, "Deliver me; for you are my god." 18 They do not know, neither do they consider: for he has shut their eyes, that they can't see; and their hearts, that they can't understand. 19 No one thinks, neither is there knowledge nor understanding to say. "I have burned part of it in the fire. Yes, I have also baked bread on its coals. I have roasted meat and eaten it. Shall I make the rest of it into an abomination? Shall

and you, Jeshurun, whom I have chosen. 3 For I will I bow down to a tree trunk?" 20 He feeds on ashes.

45 Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Koresh. whose right hand I have held, to subdue nations before him, and strip kings of their armor; to open the doors before him, and the gates shall not be shut: 2 "I will go before you, and make the mountains level. I will break the doors of bronze in pieces, and cut apart the bars of iron. 3 I will give you the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that you may know that it is I, the LORD, who call you by your name, even the God of Israel. 4 For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel my chosen. I have called you by your name. I have surnamed you, though you have not known me. 5 I am the LORD, and there is no other. Besides me, there is no God. I will strengthen you, though you have not known me; 6 that they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none besides me. I am the LORD, and there is no one else. 7 I form the light, and create darkness. I make peace, and create calamity. I am the LORD, who does all these things. 8 Distil, you heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness. Let the earth open, that it may bring forth salvation, and let it cause righteousness to spring up with it. I, the LORD, have created it. 9 Woe to him who strives with his Maker, a clay pot among the clay pots of the earth. Shall the clay ask him who fashions it, 'What are you making?' or your

father, 'What have you become the father of?' or to a could not deliver the burden, but they have gone into mother, 'To what have you given birth?" 11 Thus says captivity. 3 "Listen to me, house of Jacob, and all the the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker: "You remnant of the house of Israel, that have been borne ask me about the things that are to come, concerning from their birth, that have been carried from the womb; my sons, and you command me concerning the work of 4 and even to old age I am he, and even to gray hairs my hands. 12 I have made the earth, and created man will I carry you. I have made, and I will bear; yes, I will on it. I, even my hands, have stretched out the heavens; carry, and will deliver. 5 "To whom will you liken me, and and I have commanded all their army. 13 I have raised make me equal, and compare me, that we may be like? him up in righteousness, and I will make straight all his 6 Some pour out gold from the bag, and weigh silver in ways. He shall build my city, and he shall let my exiles the balance. They hire a goldsmith, and he makes it a go free, not for price nor reward," says the LORD of god. They fall down-yes, they worship. 7 They bear it hosts. 14 Thus says the LORD: "The labor of Egypt, and on the shoulder, they carry it, and set it in its place, and the merchandise of Ethiopia, and the Sabeans, men it stands, from its place it shall not move: yes, one may of stature, shall come over to you, and they shall be cry to it, yet it can not answer, nor save him out of his yours. They will go after you. They shall come over in trouble. 8 "Remember this, and show yourselves men; chains; and they will bow down to you. They will make bring it again to mind, you transgressors. 9 Remember petition to you: 'Surely God is in you; and there is no the former things of old: for I am God, and there is no other. There is no other god. 15 Most certainly you are a other; I am God, and there is none like me; 10 declaring God who hid yourself, God of Israel, the Savior." 16 the end from the beginning, and from ancient times They will be disappointed, yes, confounded, all of them. things that are not yet done; saying, My counsel shall Those who are makers of idols will go into confusion stand, and I will do all my pleasure; 11 calling a ravenous together. 17 Israel will be saved by the LORD with an bird from the east, the man of my counsel from a far everlasting salvation. You will not be disappointed nor country; yes, I have spoken, I will also bring it to pass; I confounded to ages everlasting. 18 For thus says the have purposed, I will also do it. 12 Listen to me, you LORD who created the heavens, the God who formed stubborn of heart, who are far from righteousness: 13 I the earth and made it, who established it and did not bring near my righteousness, it shall not be far off, and create it a waste, who formed it to be inhabited: "I am my salvation shall not wait; and I will place salvation in the LORD, and there is no other. 19 I have not spoken Zion for Israel my glory. in secret, in a place of the land of darkness. I did not say to the descendants of Jacob, 'Seek me in vain.' I, the LORD, speak righteousness. I declare things that are right. 20 Assemble yourselves and come. Draw near together, you who have escaped from the nations. Those have no knowledge who carry the wood of their engraved image, and pray to a god that can't save. 21 Declare and bring it forth. Yes, let them take counsel together. Who announced this from long ago, has told it from then? Was it not I, the LORD? And there is no other God besides me, a just God and a Savior; there is no one besides me. 22 Look to me, and be saved, every part of the earth: for I am God, and there is no other. 23 By myself have I sworn, the word is gone forth from my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, that to me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear to God. 24 Only in the LORD, it is said of me, is righteousness and strength; even to him shall men come; and all those who were incensed against him shall be disappointed. 25 In the LORD shall all the descendants of Israel be iustified, and shall glory.

16 Bel bows down, Nebo stoops; their idols are on the animals, and on the livestock: the things that you carried about are made a load, a burden to the

work, 'He has no hands?' 10 Woe to him who says to a weary. 2 They stoop, they bow down together; they

"Come down, and sit in the dust, virgin daughter 47 of Babylon; sit on the ground without a throne, daughter of the Chaldeans: for you shall no more be called tender and delicate. 2 Take the millstones, and grind meal; remove your veil, strip off the train, uncover the leg, pass through the rivers. 3 Your nakedness shall be uncovered, yes, your shame shall be seen: I will take vengeance, and will spare no man," 4 says our Redeemer; the LORD of hosts is his name, the Holy One of Israel. 5 "Sit in silence, and go into darkness, daughter of the Chaldeans; for you shall no more be called the mistress of kingdoms. 6 I was angry with my people, I profaned my inheritance, and gave them into your hand: you showed them no mercy; on the aged you have very heavily laid your yoke. 7 You said, 'I shall be a mistress forever;' so that you did not lay these things to your heart, nor did you remember the latter end of it. 8 "Now therefore hear this, you who are given to pleasures, who sit securely, who say in your heart, 'I am, and there is no other besides me; I shall not sit as a widow, neither shall I know the loss of children:' 9 but these two things shall come to you in a moment in one day, the loss of children, and widowhood; in their full measure shall they come on you, in spite of your many and Israel my called: I am he: I am the first, I also am guarter; there shall be none to save you.

1Q "Hear this, house of Jacob, you who are called by the name of Israel, and have come forth out of the waters of Judah; who swear by the name of the LORD, and make mention of the God of Israel, but not in truth, nor in righteousness 2 (for they call themselves of the holy city, and stay themselves on the God of Israel; the LORD of hosts is his name): 3 I have declared the former things from of old; yes, they went forth out of my mouth, and I caused them to hear it. Suddenly I did them, and they happened. 4 Because I knew that you are obstinate, and your neck is an iron sinew, and your brow bronze; 5 therefore I have declared it to you from of old; before it came to pass I showed it to you; lest you should say, 'My idol has done them, and my engraved image, and my molten image, has commanded them.' 6 You have heard it; see all this; and you, will you not declare it? "I have shown you new things from this time, even hidden things, which you have not known. 7 They are created now, and not from of old; and before this day you did not hear them; lest you should say, 'Look, I knew them.' 8 Yes, you did not hear; yes, you did not know; yes, from of old your ear was not opened: for I knew that you dealt very treacherously, and was called a transgressor from the womb. 9 For my name's sake will I defer my anger, and for my praise will I refrain for you, that I not cut you off. 10 Look, I have refined you, but not as silver: I have chosen you in the furnace of affliction. 11 For my own sake, for my own sake, will I do it; for how should my name be profaned? I will not give my glory to another. 12 "Listen to me, O Jacob,

sorceries and the potency of your spells. 10 For you the last. 13 Yes, my hand has laid the foundation of the have trusted in your wickedness; you have said, No earth, and my right hand has spread out the heavens: one sees me; your wisdom and your knowledge, it has when I call to them, they stand up together. 14 "Let perverted you, and you have said in your heart, 'I am, all of them assemble and hear; who among them has and there is no other besides me.' 11 Therefore disaster declared these things? He whom the LORD loves shall will come on you; you won't know when it dawns: and perform his pleasure on Babylon, and his arm shall be calamity will fall on you; you will not be able to put it on the Chaldeans. 15 I, even I, have spoken; yes, I away: and desolation shall come on you suddenly and have called him; I have brought him, and he shall make unexpectedly. 12 "Stand now with your enchantments, his way prosperous. 16 "Come near to me and hear and with the multitude of your sorceries, in which you this: "From the beginning I have not spoken in secret; have labored from your youth; if so be you shall be able from the time that it was, there am I." Now the LORD to profit, if so be you may prevail. 13 You are wearied in has sent me, with his Spirit. 17 Thus says the LORD, the multitude of your counsels; those who conjure the your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: I am the LORD heavens, the stargazers, the monthly prognosticators, your God, who teaches you to profit, who leads you stand up, and save you from the things that shall come by the way that you should go. 18 But would that you on you. 14 Look, they shall be as stubble; the fire shall had listened to my commandments. Then your peace burn them; they shall not deliver themselves from the would have been like a river, and your righteousness power of the flame: it shall not be a coal to warm at, nor like the waves of the sea. 19 Your descendants would a fire to sit before. 15 Thus shall the things be to you have been as the sand, and the offspring of your body in which you have labored: those who have trafficked like its grains; his name not be cut off nor destroyed with you from your youth shall wander everyone to his from before me. 20 Go forth from Babylon, flee from the Chaldeans; with a voice of singing declare, tell this, send it out throughout the earth. Say, 'The LORD has redeemed his servant Jacob.' 21 They did not thirst when he led them through the deserts; he caused the waters to flow out of the rock for them: he split the rock also, and the waters gushed out. 22 "There is no peace," says the LORD, "for the wicked."

> 19 Listen, islands, to me; and listen, you peoples. from far: the LORD has called me from the womb; from the body of my mother has he made mention of my name: 2 and he has made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand, he has hidden me; and he has made me a polished arrow, in his quiver has he kept me close: 3 and he said to me, "You are my servant; Israel, in whom I will be glorified." 4 But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely the justice due to me is with the LORD, and my reward with my God." 5 Now says the LORD who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob again to him, and that Israel be gathered to him; for I am honorable in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength. 6 And he says, "Is it too insignificant a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel? I will also give you as a light to the nations, that you may bring salvation to the farthest part of the earth." 7 Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel, and his Holy One, to the one who is despised, to those abhorred as a nation, the servant of rulers: "Kings shall see and arise;

who is faithful, even the Holy One of Israel, who has and the prey of the tyrant shall be delivered; for I will chosen you." 8 Thus says the LORD, "In an acceptable contend with him who contends with you, and I will save time I have answered you, and in a day of salvation I your children. 26 I will feed those who oppress you with have helped you; and I will preserve you, and give you their own flesh; and they shall be drunk with their own make them inherit the desolate heritage: 9 saving to 1, the LORD, am your Savior, and your Redeemer, the those who are bound, 'Come out.'; to those who are in Mighty One of Jacob." darkness, 'Show yourselves.' "They shall feed in the ways, and on all bare heights shall be their pasture. 10 They shall not hunger nor thirst; neither shall the heat nor sun strike them: for he who has mercy on them will lead them, even by springs of water he will guide them. 11 I will make all my mountains a way, and my highways shall be exalted. 12 Look, these shall come from far; and look, these from the north and from the west: and these from the land of Syene." 13 Sing, heavens; and be joyful, earth: and break forth into singing, mountains: for the LORD has comforted his people, and will have compassion on his afflicted. 14 But Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me, and my Lord has forgotten me." 15 "Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? Yes, these may forget, yet I will not forget you. 16 Look. I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me. 17 Your builders hurry; vour destrovers and those who devastated you shall depart from you. 18 Lift up your eyes all around, and see: all these gather themselves together, and come to you. As I live," says the LORD, "you shall surely clothe yourself with them all as with an ornament, and dress yourself with them, like a bride. 19 "For, as for your waste and your desolate places, and your land that has been destroyed, surely now you shall be too small for the inhabitants, and those who swallowed you up shall be far away. 20 The children of your bereavement shall yet say in your ears, The place is too small for me; give place to me that I may dwell. 21 Then you will say in your heart, 'Who has conceived these for me, since I have been bereaved of my children, and am solitary, an exile, and wandering back and forth? Who has brought up these? Look. I was left alone: these. where were they?" 22 Thus says the LORD, "Look, I will lift up my hand to the nations, and set up my banner to the peoples; and they shall bring your sons in their bosom, and your daughters shall be carried on their shoulders. 23 Kings shall be your nursing fathers, and their queens your nursing mothers: they shall bow down to you with their faces to the earth, and lick the dust of vour feet: and you shall know that I am the LORD: and those who wait for me shall not be disappointed." 24 Shall the prey be taken from the mighty, or the captives of a tyrant be delivered? 25 But thus says the LORD,

princes, and they shall worship; because of the LORD "Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away. as a covenant to the people, to raise up the land, to blood, as with sweet wine: and all flesh shall know that

> 50 Thus says the LORD, "Where is the bill of your mother's divorce, with which I have put her away? or which of my creditors is it to whom I have sold you? Look, for your iniquities were you sold, and for your transgressions was your mother put away. 2 Why, when came, was there no man? When I called, was there none to answer? Is my hand shortened at all, that it can't redeem? or have I no power to deliver? Look, at my rebuke I dry up the sea, I make the rivers a wilderness: their fish stink, because there is no water, and die for thirst. 3 I clothe the heavens with blackness, and I make sackcloth their covering." 4 The LORD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary: he wakens morning by morning, he wakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. 5 The LORD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, neither turned away backward. 6 I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who tore out my beard; I did not cover my face from insults and spitting. 7 But the LORD will help me; therefore I have not been confounded: therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be disappointed. 8 He is near who justifies me; who will bring charges against me? Let us stand up together: who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. 9 Look, the LORD will help me; who is he who shall condemn me? Look, all they shall wax old as a garment, the moth shall eat them up. 10 Who is among you who fears the LORD, who listens to the voice of his servant? He who walks in darkness, and has no light, let him trust in the name of the LORD, and rely on his God. 11 Look, all you who kindle a fire, who adorn yourselves with flaming arrows around yourselves; walk in the light of your fire, and among the flaming arrows that you have kindled. You shall have this of my hand; you shall lie down in sorrow.

> 51 "Listen to me, you who follow after righteousness, you who seek the LORD: look to the rock you were cut from, and to the hold of the pit you were dug from. 2 Look to Abraham your father, and to Sarah who bore you; for when he was but one I called him, and I blessed him, and made him many. 3 For the LORD has comforted Zion; he has comforted all her waste places, and has made her wilderness like Eden,

gladness shall be found in it, thanksgiving, and the voice full of the wrath of the LORD, the rebuke of your God. of melody. 4 "Attend to me, my people; and give ear to 21 Therefore hear now this, you afflicted, and drunk, but me, my nation: for a law shall go forth from me, and I not with wine: 22 Thus says your Lord, the LORD, your will establish my justice for a light of the peoples. 5 My God who pleads the cause of his people, "Look, I have righteousness is near, my salvation is gone forth, and taken out of your hand the cup of staggering, even the my arms shall judge the peoples; the islands shall wait bowl of the cup of my wrath; you shall no more drink it for me, and on my arm shall they trust. 6 Lift up your again: 23 and I will put it into the hand of those who eyes to the heavens, and look on the earth beneath; afflict you, who have said to your soul, 'Bow down, that for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the we may walk over you," and you have laid your back as earth shall wax old like a garment; and those who dwell the ground, and as the street, to those who walk over." in it shall die in the same way: but my salvation shall be forever, and my righteousness shall not be abolished. 7 "Listen to me, you who know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my law; do not fear the reproach of men, neither be dismaved at their insults. 8 For the moth shall eat them up like a garment, and the worm shall eat them like wool: but my righteousness shall be forever, and my salvation to all generations." 9 Awake, awake, put on strength, arm of the LORD; awake, as in the days of old, the generations of ancient times. Isn't it you who cut Rahab in pieces, who pierced the monster? 10 Isn't it you who dried up the sea, the waters of the great deep; who made the depths of the sea a way for the redeemed to pass over? 11 The ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come with singing to Zion; and everlasting joy shall be on their heads. They shall obtain gladness and joy. Sorrow and sighing shall flee away. 12 "I. even I. am he who comforts you: who are you. that you are afraid of man who shall die, and of the son of man who shall be made as grass; 13 and have forgotten the LORD your Maker, who stretched forth the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth; and fear continually all the day because of the fury of the oppressor, when he makes ready to destroy? and where is the fury of the oppressor? 14 The captive exile shall speedily be freed; and he shall not die and go down into the pit, neither shall his bread fail. 15 For I am the LORD your God, who stirs up the sea, so that its waves roar: the LORD of hosts is his name. 16 I have put my words in your mouth, and have covered you in the shadow of my hand, that I may plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth, and tell Zion, 'You are my people." 17 Awake, awake, stand up, Jerusalem. that have drunk at the hand of the LORD the cup of his wrath: you have drunk from the bowl, of the cup of staggering, and drained it. 18 There is none to guide her among all the sons whom she has brought forth; neither is there any who takes her by the hand among all the sons who she has brought up. 19 These two things have happened to you. Who will grieve for you? Desolation and destruction, and the famine and the sword. Who will console you? 20 Your sons have fainted, they lie at the

and her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and head of all the streets, as an antelope in a net; they are

52 Awake, awake, put on your strength, Zion; put on your beautiful garments, Jerusalem, the holy city, for there shall no more enter into you the uncircumcised and the unclean. 2 Shake yourself from the dust. Arise, sit up, Jerusalem. Release yourself from the bonds of your neck, captive daughter of Zion. 3 For thus says the LORD, "You were sold for nothing; and you shall be redeemed without money." 4 For thus says the LORD, "My people went down at the first into Egypt to live there, and the Assyrian oppressed them without cause. 5 "Now therefore, what do I do here," says the LORD. "seeing that my people are taken away for nothing? Those who rule over them mock," says the LORD. "Because of you, my name is continually all the day blasphemed among the nations. 6 Therefore my people shall know my name: in that day they will know that I am he who speaks; look, it is I." 7 How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news. who publishes peace, who brings good news of good things, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." 8 The voice of your watchmen. They lift up the voice, together do they sing; for they shall see eve to eye, when the LORD returns to Zion with compassion. 9 Break forth into joy, sing together, you waste places of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. 10 The LORD has made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and every part of the earth has seen the salvation of our God. 11 Depart, depart, go out from there, and touch no unclean thing. Go out from their midst, and be separate, you who bear the vessels of the LORD. 12 For you shall not depart in haste, nor shall you leave in flight; for the LORD will go before you, and the God of Israel will be your rear guard. 13 Look, my servant shall deal wisely, he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. 14 Just as many were astonished at you (his appearance was marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men), 15 so shall he sprinkle many nations: kings shall shut their mouths at him. For that which was not told about him, they will see, and what they have not heard, they will understand.

53 LORD, who has believed our message? And to name: and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer: the and as one from whom people hide their face. He was everlasting loving kindness will I have mercy on you," despised, and we did not value him. 4 Surely he bore says the LORD your Redeemer. 9 "For this is like the him stricken, and struck down by God, and afflicted. waters of Noah shall no more go over the earth, so have we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray. you, neither shall my covenant of peace be removed," Everyone has turned to his own way; and the LORD has says the LORD who has mercy on you. 11 "You afflicted, was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and like a lamb with sapphires. 12 I will make your pinnacles of rubies, before its shearer is silent, so he does not open his and your gates of sparkling jewels, and all your walls of Who will consider his generation? For his life was cut off by God; and great shall be the peace of your children. from the earth. For the transgression of my people he 14 In righteousness you shall be established: you shall the wicked, yet with the rich at his death, though he had from terror, for it shall not come near you. 15 Look, the suffering of his soul he will see light and be satisfied is formed against you will prosper; and you will condemn make many righteous, and he will bear their iniquities. is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their 12 Therefore I will divide him a portion with the great, righteousness which is of me," says the LORD. and he will divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out his soul to death, and he was numbered with transgressors; yet he bore the sins of many, and made intercession for their transgressions.

51 "Sing, barren, you who did not bear; break forth into singing, and cry aloud, you who did not travail with child: for more are the children of the desolate than of her that has a husband," says the LORD. 2 "Enlarge the place of your tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of your habitations; do not spare: lengthen your cords, and strengthen your stakes. 3 For you shall spread out on the right hand and on the left; and your descendants shall possess the nations, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited. 4 "Do not be afraid, for you will not be put to shame, nor will you be humiliated, for you will not be disgraced. For you will forget the shame of your youth, and the disgrace of your widowhood you will remember no more. 5 For your husband is your Creator; the LORD of hosts is his

whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? God of the whole earth shall he be called. 6 For the 2 For he grew up before him as a tender plant, and as a LORD has called you as a wife forsaken and grieved in root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty spirit, even a wife of youth, when she is cast off," says to attract us to him, nor special appearance that we your God. 7 "For a small moment have I forsaken you; should desire him. 3 He was despised, and rejected but with great mercies will I gather you. 8 In overflowing by people; a man of sorrows, and familiar with illness; wrath I hid my face from you for a moment; but with our diseases, and took our pains; yet we considered waters of Noah to me; for as I have sworn that the 5 But he was pierced for our transgressions, and he I sworn that I will not be angry with you, nor rebuke was crushed for our iniquities. The punishment that you. 10 For the mountains may depart, and the hills be brought our peace was on him; and by his wounds removed; but my loving kindness shall not depart from laid on him the iniquity of us all. 7 He was oppressed, tossed with storms, and not comforted, look, I will set yet when he was afflicted he did not open his mouth. He your stones in beautiful colors, and lay your foundations mouth. 8 In his oppression his justice was taken away. precious stones. 13 And all your children shall be taught was led to death. 9 And they assigned his grave with be far from oppression, for you shall not be afraid; and committed no sin, nor was deceit found in his mouth. 10 they may gather together, but not by me: whoever shall Yet the LORD was pleased to crush him and make him gather together against you shall fall because of you. 16 ill. Although his soul is made a reparation offering, he "Look, I have created the smith who blows the fire of will see his offspring, he will prolong his days, and the coals, and brings forth a weapon for his work; and I desire of the LORD will succeed by his hand. 11 After have created the waster to destroy. 17 No weapon that by his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, will every tongue that rises against you in judgment. This

> ${\bf 55}$ "Come, everyone who thirsts, to the waters. Come, he who has no money, buy, and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. 2 Why do you spend money for that which is not bread? and your labor for that which doesn't satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat you that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness. 3 Turn your ear, and come to me; hear, and your soul shall live: and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, the faithful kindnesses of David. 4 Look, I have given him for a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander to the peoples. 5 Look, you shall call a nation that you do not know; and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and for the Holy One of Israel; for he has glorified you." 6 Seek the LORD while he may be found; call you on him while he is near: 7 let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return to the

LORD, and he will have mercy on him: and to our God, we will fill ourselves with strong drink; and tomorrow for he will abundantly pardon. 8 "For my thoughts are shall be as this day, great beyond measure." not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," says the LORD. 9 "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. 10 For as the rain comes down and the snow from the sky, and doesn't return there, but waters the earth, and makes it bring forth and bud, and gives seed to the sower and bread to the eater; 11 so shall my word be that goes forth out of my mouth: it shall not return to me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing I sent it to do. 12 For you shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing; and all the trees of the fields shall clap their hands. 13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree; and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the LORD for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

56 Thus says the LORD, "Keep justice, and do righteousness; for my salvation is near to come, and my righteousness to be revealed. 2 Blessed is the man who does this, and the son of man who holds it fast: who keeps the Sabbath from profaning it, and keeps his hand from doing any evil." 3 Neither let the foreigner, who has joined himself to the LORD, speak, saying, "The LORD will surely separate me from his people"; neither let the eunuch say, "Look, I am a dry tree." 4 For thus says the LORD, "To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths, and choose the things that please me, and hold fast my covenant: 5 to them I will give in my house and within my walls a memorial and a name better than of sons and of daughters; I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off. 6 Also the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, and to love the name of the LORD, to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath from profaning it, and holds fast my covenant; 7 even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called a house of prayer for all peoples." 8 The LORD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, says, "Yet will I gather others to him, besides his own who are gathered." 9 All you animals of the field, come to devour, all you animals in the forest. 10 His watchmen are blind, they are all without knowledge; they are all mute dogs, they can't bark; dreaming, lying down, loving to slumber. 11 Yes, the dogs are greedy, they can never have enough; and these are shepherds who can't understand: they have all turned to their own way, each one to his gain, from

57 The righteous perishes, and no man lays it to heart; and merciful men are taken away, none considering that the righteous is taken away from the evil. 2 He enters into peace; they rest in their beds, each one who walks in his uprightness. 3 "But draw near here, you sons of the sorceress, offspring of an adulterer and a prostitute. 4 Against whom are you mocking? Against whom do you make a wide mouth, and stick out your tongue? Aren't you children of rebellion, offspring of liars, 5 you who inflame yourselves among the oaks, under every green tree; who kill the children in the vallevs, under the clefts of the rocks? 6 Among the smooth stones of the valley is your portion; they, they are your lot; you have even poured a drink offering to them. You have offered an offering. Shall I be appeased for these things? 7 On a high and lofty mountain you have set your bed; there also you went up to offer sacrifice. 8 Behind the doors and the posts you have set up your memorial: for you have uncovered to someone besides me, and have gone up; you have enlarged your bed, and made you a covenant with them: you loved their bed where you saw it. 9 You went to the king with oil, and increased your perfumes, and sent your ambassadors far off, and debased yourself even to Sheol. (Sheol h7585) 10 You were wearied with the length of your way; yet you did not say, 'It is in vain.' You found a reviving of your strength; therefore you weren't faint. 11 "Of whom have you been afraid and in fear, that you lie, and have not remembered me, nor laid it to your heart? Haven't I held my peace even of long time, and you do not fear me? 12 I will declare your righteousness; and as for your works, they shall not profit you. 13 When you cry. let those who you have gathered deliver you; but the wind shall take them, a breath shall carry them all away: but he who takes refuge in me shall possess the land, and shall inherit my holy mountain." 14 He will say, "Build up, build up, prepare the way, take up the stumbling-block out of the way of my people." 15 For thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also who is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite. 16 For I will not contend forever, neither will I be always angry; for the spirit would faint before me, and the souls who I have made. 17 For the iniquity of his covetousness was I angry, and struck him; I hid myself and was angry; and he went on backsliding in the way of his heart. 18 I have seen his ways, and will heal him: I will lead him also, and restore comforts to him and to his mourners. 19 I every quarter. 12 "Come," say they, "I will get wine, and create the fruit of the lips: Peace, peace, to him who is

will heal him." 20 But the wicked are like the troubled father:" for the mouth of the LORD has spoken it. sea; for it can't rest, and its waters cast up mire and dirt. 21 "There is no peace," says my God, "for the wicked."

disobedience, and to the house of Jacob their sins, 2 so that he will not hear. 3 For your hands are defiled Yet they seek me daily, and delight to know my ways: with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have as a nation that did righteousness, and did not forsake spoken lies, your tongue mutters wickedness. 4 None the ordinance of their God, they ask of me righteous sues in righteousness, and none pleads in truth: they judgments; they delight to draw near to God. 3 'Why trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, have we fasted,' say they, 'and you do not see? Why and bring forth iniquity. 5 They hatch adders' eggs, and have we afflicted our soul, and you take no knowledge?' weave the spider's web: he who eats of their eggs dies; "Look, in the day of your fast you find pleasure, and and that which is crushed breaks out into a viper. 6 exact all your labors. 4 Look, you fast for strife and Their webs shall not become garments, neither shall contention, and to strike with the fist of wickedness: you they cover themselves with their works: their works do not fast this day so as to make your voice to be heard are works of iniquity, and the act of violence is in their on high. 5 Is such the fast that I have chosen? the day hands. 7 Their feet run to evil, and they are swift to shed for a man to afflict his soul? Is it to bow down his head innocent blood. Their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; as a rush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under destruction and calamity are in their paths. 8 The way of him? Will you call this a fast, and an acceptable day to peace they do not know; and there is no justice in their the LORD? 6 "Isn't this the fast that I have chosen; to goings: they have made them crooked paths; whoever release the bonds of wickedness, to undo the bands of goes in it does not know peace. 9 Therefore is justice the yoke, and to let the oppressed go free, and that you far from us, neither does righteousness overtake us: we break every yoke? 7 Isn't it to distribute your bread to look for light, but, look, darkness; for brightness, but we the hungry, and that you bring the poor who are cast walk in obscurity. 10 We grope for the wall like the blind; out to your house? When you see the naked, that you yes, we grope as those who have no eyes: we stumble cover him; and that you not hide yourself from your at noonday as in the twilight; among those who are lusty own flesh? 8 Then your light shall break forth as the we are as dead men. 11 We roar all like bears, and morning, and your healing shall spring forth speedily; moan bitterly like doves: we look for justice, but there is and your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of none; for salvation, but it is far off from us. 12 For our the LORD shall be your rear guard. 9 Then you shall transgressions are multiplied before you, and our sins call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and he will testify against us; for our transgressions are with us, and say, 'Here I am.' "If you take away from the midst of you as for our iniquities, we know them: 13 transgressing the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking and denying the LORD, and turning away from following wickedly; 10 and if you draw out your soul to the hungry, our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and satisfy the afflicted soul: then your light shall rise in and uttering from the heart words of falsehood. 14 darkness, and your obscurity be as the noonday; 11 and Justice is turned away backward, and righteousness the LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your stands afar off; for truth is fallen in the street, and soul in dry places, and make strong your bones; and uprightness can't enter. 15 Yes, truth is lacking; and he you shall be like a watered garden, and like a spring of who departs from evil makes himself a prey. The LORD water, whose waters do not fail. 12 Those who shall be saw it, and it displeased him that there was no justice. of you shall build the old waste places; you shall raise 16 He saw that there was no man, and wondered that up the foundations of many generations; and you shall there was no intercessor: therefore his own arm brought be called The repairer of the breach, The restorer of salvation to him; and his righteousness, it upheld him. paths to dwell in. 13 "If you turn away your foot from the 17 He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a Sabbath, from doing your pleasure on my holy day; and helmet of salvation on his head; and he put on garments call the Sabbath a delight, and the holy of the LORD of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as honorable; and shall honor it, not doing your own ways, a mantle. 18 According to their deeds, accordingly he nor finding your own pleasure, nor speaking your own will repay, wrath to his adversaries, recompense to his words: 14 then you shall delight yourself in the LORD; enemies; to the islands he will repay recompense. 19 and I will make you to ride on the high places of the So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west,

far off and to him who is near." says the LORD: "and I earth: and I will feed you with the heritage of Jacob your

59 Look, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it can't save; neither his ear heavy, that it can't hear: 58 "Cry aloud, do not spare, lift up your voice 2 but your iniquities have separated between you and like a trumpet, and declare to my people their your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you, and his glory from the rising of the sun; for he will come

as a rushing stream, which the breath of the LORD drink the milk of the nations, and shall nurse from royal drives. 20 "A Redeemer will come from Zion, and he will breasts; and you shall know that I, the LORD, am your turn away transgression from Jacob," says the LORD. Savior, and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob. 21 "As for me, this is my covenant with them," says the 17 For bronze I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring LORD. "My Spirit who is on you, and my words which I silver, and for wood bronze, and for stones iron. I will have put in your mouth, shall not depart out of your also make your officers peace, and righteousness your mouth, nor out of the mouth of your children, nor out of ruler. 18 Violence shall no more be heard in your land, the mouth of your children's children," says the LORD, destruction nor calamity within your borders; but you "from now on and forever."

60 "Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. 2 For, look, darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise on you, and his glory shall be seen on you. 3 Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. 4 "Lift up your eyes all around, and see: they all gather themselves together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far, and your daughters shall be carried in the arms. 5 Then you shall see and be radiant, and your heart shall thrill and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. 6 The multitude of camels shall cover you, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all they from Sheba shall come; they shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praises of the LORD. 7 All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together to you, the rams of Nebajoth shall minister to you; they shall come up with acceptance on my altar; and I will glorify the house of my glory. 8 "Who are these who fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows? 9 Surely the islands shall wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring your sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, for the name of the LORD your God, and for the Holy One of Israel, because he has glorified you. 10 "Foreigners shall build up your walls, and their kings shall minister to you: for in my flocks, and foreigners shall be your plowmen and your wrath I struck you, but in my favor have I had mercy vinedressers. 6 But you shall be named the priests of on vou. 11 Your gates also shall be open continually; the LORD; men will call you the ministers of our God: they shall not be shut day nor night; that men may bring to you the wealth of the nations, and their kings led captive. 12 For that nation and kingdom that will not serve you shall perish; yes, those nations shall be utterly wasted. 13 "The glory of Lebanon shall come to you, the fir tree, the pine, and the box tree together, to beautify the place of my sanctuary; and I will make the place of my feet glorious. 14 The sons of those who afflicted you shall come bending to you; and all those who despised you shall bow themselves down at the soles of your feet; and they shall call you The city of the LORD, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel. 15 "Whereas you have been forsaken and hated, so that no man passed through you, I will make you an everlasting

shall call your walls Salvation, and your gates Praise. 19 The sun will no longer be your light by day, nor will the moon shine for illumination at night; but the LORD will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory. 20 Your sun shall no more go down, neither shall your moon withdraw itself; for the LORD will be your everlasting light, and the days of your mourning shall be ended. 21 Your people also shall be all righteous: they shall inherit the land forever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified. 22 The little one shall become a thousand, and the small one a strong nation; I, the LORD, will hasten it in its time."

61 The Spirit of the LORD is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and an opening of the eyes to the blind; 2 to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; 3 to appoint to those who mourn in Zion, to give to them a garland for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified. 4 They shall build the old wastes. they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations. 5 Strangers shall stand and feed your you will eat the wealth of the nations, and you will boast in their glory. 7 Instead of your shame you shall have double; and instead of dishonor they shall rejoice in their portion: therefore in their land they shall possess double; everlasting joy shall be to them. 8 "For I, the LORD, love justice, and I hate robbery with iniquity; and I will give them their recompense in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. 9 Their offspring shall be known among the nations, and their descendants among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge them, that they are the offspring which the LORD has blessed." 10 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me excellency, a joy of many generations. 16 You shall also with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself none to help: and I wondered that there was none to with her jewels. 11 For as the earth brings forth its bud, and as the garden causes the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the LORD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

62 For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her righteousness go forth as brightness, and her salvation as a lamp that burns. 2 The nations shall see your righteousness, and all kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name. 3 You shall also be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. 4 And you shall no more be termed Forsaken; neither shall your land any more be termed Desolate: but you shall be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. 5 For just as a young man marries a virgin, so your sons shall marry you; and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so your God will rejoice over you. 6 I have set watchmen on your walls, Jerusalem; they shall never be silent, day or night. You who call on the LORD, take no rest, 7 and give him no rest until he establishes and until he makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth. 8 The LORD has sworn by his right hand, and by the arm of his strength, "Surely I will no more give your grain to be food for your enemies: and foreigners shall not drink your new wine, for which you have labored: 9 but those who have garnered it shall eat it, and praise the LORD; and those who have gathered it shall drink it in the courts of my sanctuary." 10 Go through the gates, prepare the way of the people. Build up, build up the highway. Gather out the stones. Lift up a banner for the peoples. 11 Look, the LORD has proclaimed to the remotest part of earth, "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Look, your salvation comes. Look, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him." 12 They shall call them The holy people, The redeemed of the LORD: and you shall be called Sought out, A city not forsaken.

63 Who is this who comes from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this who is glorious in his clothing, marching in the greatness of his strength? "It is I who speak in righteousness, mighty to save." 2 Why are you red in your clothing, and your garments like him who treads in the wine vat? 3 "I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the peoples there was no man with me: yes, I trod them in my anger, and trampled of my redeemed has come. 5 I looked, and there was times no one has heard, and no ear has perceived. and

uphold: therefore my own arm brought salvation to me; and my wrath, it upheld me. 6 I trod down the peoples in my anger, and made them drunk in my wrath, and I poured out their lifeblood on the earth." 7 I will make mention of the loving kindnesses of the LORD and the praises of the LORD, according to all that the LORD has bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which he has bestowed on them according to his mercies, and according to the multitude of his loving kindnesses. 8 For he said, "Surely, they are my people, children who will not deal falsely:" so he was their Savior. 9 In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bore them, and carried them all the days of old. 10 But they rebelled. and grieved his holy Spirit: therefore he was turned to be their enemy, and he himself fought against them. 11 Then he remembered the days of old, Moses and his people, saying, Where is he who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherds of his flock? Where is he who put his holy Spirit in their midst? 12 who caused his glorious arm to go at the right hand of Moses? who divided the waters before them, to make himself an everlasting name? 13 who led them through the depths, as a horse in the wilderness, so that they did not stumble? 14 As the livestock that go down into the valley, the Spirit of the LORD caused them to rest; so you led your people, to make yourself a glorious name. 15 Look down from heaven, and see from the habitation of your holiness and of your glory: where are your zeal and your mighty acts? the yearning of your heart and your compassion is restrained toward me. 16 For you are our Father, though Abraham doesn't know us, and Israel does not acknowledge us: you, LORD, are our Father; our Redeemer from everlasting is your name. 17 O LORD, why do you make us to stray from your ways, and harden our heart from your fear? Return for your servants' sake, the tribes of your inheritance. 18 Your holy people possessed it but a little while: our adversaries have trodden down your sanctuary. 19 We have become as they over whom you never bear rule. as those who were not called by your name.

64 Oh that you would tear the heavens, that you would come down, that the mountains might guake at your presence, 2 as when fire kindles the brushwood, and the fire causes the waters to boil; to make your name known to your adversaries, that the nations may them in my wrath; and their lifeblood is sprinkled on tremble at your presence. 3 When you did awesome my garments, and I have stained all my clothing. 4 For things which we did not look for, you came down, the the day of vengeance was in my heart, and the year mountains quaked at your presence. 4 Since ancient

no eve has seen a God besides you, who works for him fill up mixed wine to Destiny: 12 | will destine you to who waits for him. 5 You meet him who rejoices and the sword, and you shall all bow down to the slaughter; works righteousness, those who remember you in your because when I called, you did not answer; when I have become a wilderness, Zion has become like a God of truth; because the former troubles are forgotten, wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation. 11 Our holy and and because they are hidden from my eyes. 17 "For, our beautiful house, where our fathers praised you, is look, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the burned with fire; and all our pleasant places are laid former things shall not be remembered, nor come into LORD? Will you hold your peace, and afflict us very which I create; for, look, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, severely?

65 "I have shown myself to those who did not ask for me. I was found by those who did not seek me. I said, 'Here I am. Here I am.' to a nation that did not call on my name. 2 All day long I have stretched out my hands to a disobedient and obstinate people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own thoughts; 3 a people who provoke me to my face continually as they sacrifice in gardens and burn incense on bricks; 4 who sit among the graves, and lodge in the secret places; who eat pig's flesh, and the broth of abominable things is in their vessels; 5 who say, 'Keep your distance, do not come near to me, for I am holier than you.' These are a smoke in my nose, a fire that burns all the day. 6 "Look, it is written before me: I will not keep silence, but will recompense, yes, I will recompense into their bosom, 7 your own iniquities, and the iniquities of your fathers together," says the LORD, "who have burned incense on the mountains, and blasphemed me on the hills; therefore I will first measure their work into their bosom." 8 Thus says the LORD, "As the new wine is found in the cluster, and one says, 'Do not destroy it, for a blessing is in it:' so will I do for my servants' sake, that I may not destroy them all. 9 And I will bring forth offspring from Jacob, and from Judah they shall inherit my mountains; and my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall dwell there. 10 Sharon shall be a fold of flocks, and the Valley of Achor a place for herds to lie down in, for my people who have sought me. 11 "But you who forsake the LORD, who forget my holy mountain, who prepare a table for Fortune, and who

ways. Look, you were angry, and we sinned. We have spoke, you did not listen; but you did that which was evil been in sin for a long time; and shall we be saved? 6 in my eyes, and chose that in which I did not delight." For we have all become as one who is unclean, and all 13 Therefore thus says the LORD, "Look, my servants our righteousness is as a polluted garment: and we all shall eat, but you shall be hungry; look, my servants fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, take shall drink, but you shall be thirsty; look, my servants us away. 7 There is none who calls on your name, shall rejoice, but you shall be disappointed; 14 look, my who stirs up himself to take hold of you; for you have servants shall sing in gladness of heart, but you shall hidden your face from us, and have consumed us by cry for sorrow of heart, and shall wail for anguish of means of our iniquities. 8 But now, LORD, you are our spirit. 15 You shall leave your name for a curse to my Father, and we are clay, and you are our potter; and we chosen; and the LORD will kill you; but he will call his all are the work of your hands. 9 Do not be furious, servants by another name: 16 so that he who blesses LORD, neither remember iniquity forever: see, look, we himself in the earth shall bless himself in the God of beg you, we are all your people. 10 Your holy cities truth: and he who swears in the earth shall swear by the waste. 12 Will you refrain yourself for these things, mind. 18 But be you glad and rejoice forever in that and her people a joy. 19 I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people; and there shall be heard in her no more the voice of weeping and the voice of crying. 20 "There shall be no more there an infant of days, nor an old man who has not filled his days: for the child shall die one hundred years old, and the sinner being one hundred years old shall be accursed. 21 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 shall be the days of my people, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. 23 They shall not labor in vain, nor bring forth for calamity; for they are the descendants of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them. 24 It shall happen that, before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear. 25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the ox; and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain." says the LORD.

> 66 Thus says the LORD, "Heaven is my throne, and earth is the footstool of my feet. Where then is the house you could build for me? And where then is the place of my rest? 2 For all these things has my hand made, and so all these things came to be," says the LORD: "but to this man will I look, to him who is humble and of a contrite spirit, and who trembles at my word. 3 He who slaughters an ox is like one who strikes down a man; he who sacrifices a lamb, as he who breaks a

dog's neck; he who offers an offering, as he who offers declare my glory among the nations. 20 They shall bring pig's blood; he who burns frankincense, as he who all your brothers out of all the nations for an offering to blesses an idol. Yes, they have chosen their own ways, the LORD, on horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and and their soul delights in their abominations: 4 l also on mules, and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain will choose their delusions, and will bring their fears Jerusalem, says the LORD, as the children of Israel on them; because when I called, no one answered; bring their offering in a clean vessel into the house of when I spoke, they did not listen; but they did that which the LORD. 21 And I will also take some of them for was evil in my eyes, and chose that in which I did not myself as priests and Levites," says the LORD. 22 "For delight." 5 Hear the word of the LORD, you who tremble as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will at his word: "Your brothers who hate you, who cast make, shall remain before me," says the LORD, "so you out for my name's sake, have said, 'Let the LORD your descendants and your name shall remain. 23 It be glorified, that we may see your joy;' but it is those shall happen, that from one new moon to another, and who shall be disappointed. 6 A voice of tumult from from one Sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to the city, a voice from the temple, a voice of the LORD worship before me," says the LORD. 24 "They shall go that renders recompense to his enemies. 7 "Before she forth, and look on the dead bodies of the men who have travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she transgressed against me: for their worm shall not die, delivered a son. 8 Who has heard such a thing? Who neither shall their fire be quenched; and they will be has seen such things? Shall a land be born in one day? loathsome to all humankind." Shall a nation be brought forth at once? For as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children. 9 Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring forth?" says the LORD: "shall I who cause to bring forth shut the womb?" says your God. 10 "Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her: rejoice for joy with her, all you who mourn over her; 11 that you may nurse and be satisfied at the comforting breasts; that you may drink deeply, and be delighted with the abundance of her glory." 12 For thus says the LORD, "Look, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream: and you will nurse. You will be carried on her side, and will be dandled on her knees. 13 As one whom his mother comforts, so will I comfort you; and you will be comforted in Jerusalem." 14 You will see it, and your heart shall rejoice, and your bones shall flourish like the tender grass: and the hand of the LORD shall be known toward his servants; and he will have indignation against his enemies. 15 For, look, the LORD will come with fire, and his chariots shall be like the whirlwind; to render his anger with fierceness, and his rebuke with flames of fire. 16 For by fire will the LORD execute judgment, and by his sword, on all flesh; and the slain of the LORD shall be many. 17 "Those who sanctify themselves and purify themselves to go to the gardens, behind one in the midst, eating pig's flesh, and the abomination, and the mouse, they shall come to an end together," says the LORD. 18 "For I know their works and their thoughts. I am coming to gather all nations and languages; and they will come and see my glory. 19 "I will set a sign among them, and I will send such as escape of them to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the islands afar off, who have not heard my fame, neither have seen my glory; and they shall

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1 The words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiah, of the priests who were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin: 2 to whom the word of the LORD came in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign. 3 It came also in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, to the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah, the son of Josiah, king of Judah, to the carrying away of Jerusalem captive in the fifth month. 4 Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, 5 "Before I formed you in the belly, I knew you. Before you came forth out of the womb, I sanctified you. I have appointed you a prophet to the nations." 6 Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD, Look, I do not know how to speak: for I am a child." 7 But the LORD said to me. "Do not say. 'I am a child:' for to whoever I shall send you, you shall go, and whatever I shall command you, you shall speak. 8 Do not be afraid because of them: for I am with vou to deliver vou." savs the LORD. 9 Then the LORD put forth his hand, and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, "Look, I have put my words in your mouth. 10 Look, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down and to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant." 11 Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saving, "Jeremiah, what do you see?" I said, "I see a branch of an almond tree." 12 Then the LORD said to me. "You have seen well: for I watch over my word to perform it." 13 The word of the LORD came to me the second time, saving, "What do you see?" I said, "I see a boiling caldron: and it is tipping away from the north." 14 Then the LORD said to me. "Out of the north evil will break out on all the inhabitants of the land. 15 For, look, I will call all the families of the kingdoms of the north." says the LORD; "and they shall come, and they shall each set his throne at the entrance of the gates of Jerusalem. and against all its walls all around, and against all the cities of Judah. 16 I will utter my judgments against them touching all their wickedness, in that they have forsaken me, and have burned incense to other gods. and worshiped the works of their own hands. 17 "You therefore put your belt on your waist, arise, and speak to them all that I command you. Do not be dismayed at them, lest I dismay you before them. 18 For, look, I have made you this day a fortified city, and an iron pillar. and bronze walls, against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, against its princes, against its priests, and against the people of the land. 19 They will fight against you; but they will not prevail against you; for I am with you," says the LORD, "to deliver you."

The word of the LORD came to me, saving, 2 "Go, and cry in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, 'Thus says the LORD. "I remember you, the devotion of your youth. the love of your weddings: how you went after me in the wilderness, in a land that was not sown. 3 Israel was holiness to the LORD, the first fruits of his increase. All who devour him shall be held guilty. Evil shall come on them," says the LORD." 4 Hear the word of the LORD. O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. 5 Thus says the LORD, "What unrighteousness have your fathers found in me, that they have gone far from me, and have walked after vanity, and are become vain? 6 Neither did they say, 'Where is the LORD who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, who led us through the wilderness, through a land of deserts and of pits, through a land of drought and of the shadow of death, through a land that none passed through, and where no man lived?' 7 I brought you into a plentiful land, to eat its fruit and its goodness; but when you entered, you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. 8 The priests did not say, 'Where is the LORD?' And those who handle the law did not know me. The rulers also transgressed against me, and the prophets prophesied by Baal, and walked after things that do not profit. 9 "Therefore I will yet contend with you," says the LORD, "and I will contend with your children's children. 10 For pass over to the islands of Kittim, and see; and send to Kedar, and consider diligently; and see if there has been such a thing. 11 Has a nation changed its gods, which really are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for that which does not profit. 12 "Be astonished, you heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid. Be very desolate," says the LORD. 13 "For my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the spring of living waters, and cut them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water. 14 Is Israel a servant? Is he a native-born slave? Why has he become a prey? 15 The young lions have roared at him, and yelled. They have made his land waste. His cities are burned up, without inhabitant. 16 The people of Memphis and Tahpanhes have also shaved the crown of your head. 17 "Haven't you brought this on yourself, in that you have forsaken the LORD your God, when he led you by the way? 18 Now what have you to do in the way to Egypt, to drink the waters of the Shihor? Or what have you to do in the way to Assyria, to drink the waters of the River? 19 "Your own wickedness shall correct you, and your backsliding shall reprove you. Know therefore and see that it is an evil thing and bitter that you have forsaken the LORD your God, and that my fear is not in you," says the LORD of hosts. 20 "For of old time I have broken your voke, and burst your bonds; and you said, 'I will not serve;' for on

every high hill and under every green tree you bowed to her again?' Wouldn't that land be greatly polluted? yourself, playing the prostitute. 21 Yet I had planted But you have played the prostitute with many lovers; yet you a noble vine, wholly a right seed. How then have return again to me," says the LORD. 2 "Lift up your you turned into the degenerate branches of a foreign eves to the bare heights, and see. Where have you not vine to me? 22 For though you wash yourself with lye, been lain with? You have sat for them by the ways, as and use much soap, yet your iniquity is marked before an Arabian in the wilderness. You have polluted the me," says the LORD. 23 "How can you say, 'I am not land with your prostitution and with your wickedness. 3 defiled. I have not gone after the Baals'? See your way Therefore the showers have been withheld, and there in the valley. Know what you have done. You are a swift has been no latter rain; yet you have a prostitute's dromedary traversing her ways; 24 a wild donkey used forehead, you refused to be ashamed. 4 Will you not to the wilderness, that snuffs up the wind in her desire. from this time cry to me, 'My Father, you are the guide When she is in heat, who can turn her away? All those of my youth?' 5 "Will he retain his anger forever? Will who seek her will not weary themselves. In her month, he keep it to the end?' Look, you have spoken and have they will find her. 25 "Withhold your foot from being done evil things, and have had your way." 6 Moreover, unshod, and your throat from thirst. But you said, 'It is in the LORD said to me in the days of Josiah the king, vain. No, for I have loved strangers, and I will go after "Have you seen that which backsliding Israel has done? them.' 26 As the thief is ashamed when he is found, She has gone up on every high mountain and under so is the house of Israel ashamed; they, their kings, every green tree, and there has played the prostitute. 7 I their officials, and their priests, and their prophets; 27 said after she had done all these things, 'She will return who tell wood, 'You are my father;' and a stone, 'You to me;' but she did not return; and her treacherous sister have brought me out:' for they have turned their back to Judah saw it. 8 She saw that for all the causes for which me, and not their face; but in the time of their trouble faithless Israel had committed adultery, I had put her they will say, 'Arise, and save us.' 28 "But where are away and given her a bill of divorce, yet treacherous your gods that you have made for yourselves? Let them Judah, her sister, did not fear; but she also went and arise, if they can save you in the time of your trouble. played the prostitute. 9 And it came to pass, through For according to the number of your cities are your her casual prostitution, that the land was polluted, and gods, Judah. And according to the number of the streets she committed adultery with stone and wood. 10 Yet for of Jerusalem they were sacrificing to Baal. 29 "Why all this her treacherous sister, Judah, has not returned will you contend with me? You all have transgressed to me with her whole heart, but only in pretense," says against me," says the LORD. 30 "I have struck your the LORD. 11 The LORD said to me, "Backsliding Israel children in vain. They received no correction. Your own has shown herself more righteous than treacherous sword has devoured your prophets, like a destroying Judah. 12 Go, and proclaim these words toward the lion. 31 Generation, consider the word of the LORD. north, and say, 'Return, you backsliding Israel,' says the Have I been a wilderness to Israel? Or a land of thick LORD; 'I will not look in anger on you; for I am merciful,' darkness? Why do my people say, 'We have broken says the LORD. 'I will not keep anger forever. 13 Only loose. We will come to you no more?' 32 "Can a virgin acknowledge your iniguity, that you have transgressed forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire? Yet my against the LORD your God, and have scattered your people have forgotten me for days without number. 33 ways to the strangers under every green tree, and How well you prepare your way to seek love. Therefore you have not obeyed my voice," says the LORD. 14 you have taught even the wicked women your ways. 34 "Return, backsliding children," says the LORD; "for I am Also the blood of the souls of the innocent poor is found a husband to you. I will take you one of a city, and two in your skirts. You did not find them breaking in: but it of a family, and I will bring you to Zion. 15 I will give you is because of all these things. 35 "Yet you said, 'I am shepherds according to my heart, who shall feed you innocent. Surely his anger has turned away from me.' with knowledge and understanding. 16 It shall come to "Look, I will judge you, because you say, 'I have not pass, when you are multiplied and increased in the land, sinned.' 36 Why do you go about so much to change in those days," says the LORD, "they shall say no more, your way? You will be ashamed of Egypt also, as you 'The ark of the covenant of the LORD.' neither shall it were ashamed of Assyria. 37 From there also you shall come to mind; neither shall they remember it; neither go forth, with your hands on your head; for the LORD shall they miss it; neither shall it be made any more. 17 has rejected those in whom you trust, and you shall not At that time they shall call Jerusalem 'The throne of the prosper with them.

3 "They say, 'If a man puts away his wife, and she goes from him, and become another man's, will he return

LORD;' and all the nations shall be gathered to it, to the name of the LORD, to Jerusalem. Neither shall they walk any more after the stubbornness of their evil heart. 18 In

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those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house you have greatly deceived this people and Jerusalem. God."

If you will return, Israel," says the LORD, "if you will return to me, and if you will put away your abominations out of my sight; then you shall not be removed; 2 and you shall swear, 'As the LORD lives,' in truth, in justice, and in righteousness. The nations shall bless themselves in him, and in him shall they glory." 3 For thus says the LORD to the men of Judah and to Jerusalem, "Break up your fallow ground, and do not sow among thorns. 4 Circumcise yourselves to the LORD, and take away the foreskins of your heart, you men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem; lest my wrath go forth like fire, and burn so that none can quench it, because of the evil of your doings. 5 Declare in Judah, and publish in Jerusalem; and say, 'Blow the trumpet in the land.' Cry aloud and say, 'Assemble yourselves. Let us go into the fortified cities.' 6 Set up a standard toward Zion. Flee for safety. Do not wait; for I will bring evil from the north, and a great destruction." 7 A lion is gone up from his thicket, and a destroyer of nations: he is on his way, he is gone forth from his place, to make your land desolate, that your cities be laid waste, without inhabitant. 8 For this clothe yourself with sackcloth, lament and wail; for the fierce anger of the LORD hasn't turned back from us. 9 "It shall happen at that day," says the LORD, "that the heart of the king shall perish, and the heart of the officials; and the priests shall be astonished, and the prophets shall wonder." 10 Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD. Surely

of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of saying, 'You shall have peace;' whereas the sword the north to the land that I gave for an inheritance to reaches to the heart." 11 At that time shall it be said your fathers. 19 "But I said, 'How I would put you among to this people and to Jerusalem, "A hot wind from the the children, and give you a pleasant land, the most bare heights in the wilderness toward the daughter of beautiful inheritance of all the nations.' and I said, 'You my people, not to winnow, nor to cleanse; 12 a full shall call me "My Father," and shall not turn away from wind from these shall come for me. Now I will also utter following me.' 20 "Surely as a wife treacherously departs judgments against them." 13 Look, he shall come up from her husband, so you have dealt treacherously with as clouds, and his chariots shall be as the whirlwind: me, house of Israel," says the LORD. 21 A voice is his horses are swifter than eagles. Woe to us. For heard on the bare heights, the weeping and the petitions we are ruined. 14 Jerusalem, wash your heart from of the children of Israel; because they have perverted wickedness, that you may be saved. How long shall your their way, they have forgotten the LORD their God. evil thoughts lodge within you? 15 For a voice declares 22 "Return, you backsliding children, I will heal your from Dan, and publishes evil from the hills of Ephraim: backsliding." "Look, we have come to you; for you are 16 "Tell the nations; look, publish against Jerusalem, the LORD our God. 23 Truly the hills are a delusion, the 'Besiegers come from a far country, and raise their tumult on the mountains. Truly the salvation of Israel is voice against the cities of Judah. 17 As keepers of in the LORD our God. 24 But the shameful thing has a field, they are against her all around, because she devoured the labor of our fathers from our youth, their has been rebellious against me." says the LORD. 18 flocks and their herds, their sons and their daughters. "Your way and your doings have brought these things 25 Let us lie down in our shame, and let our confusion to you. This is your wickedness; for it is bitter, for it cover us; for we have sinned against the LORD our reaches to your heart." 19 My anguish, my anguish. I God, we and our fathers, from our youth even to this am pained at my very heart; my heart is disquieted in day. We have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our me: I can't hold my peace: because you have heard. O my soul, the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war. 20 Destruction on destruction is proclaimed; for the whole land is laid waste: suddenly are my tents destroyed, and my curtains in a moment. 21 How long shall I see the standard, and hear the sound of the trumpet? 22 "For my people are foolish, they do not know me. They are foolish children, and they have no understanding. They are skillful in doing evil, but to do good they have no knowledge." 23 I saw the earth, and, look, it was waste and void; and the heavens, and they had no light. 24 I saw the mountains, and look, they trembled, and all the hills moved back and forth. 25 I saw, and look, there was no man, and all the birds of the sky had fled. 26 I saw, and look, the fruitful field was a wilderness, and all its cities were broken down at the presence of the LORD; before his fierce anger they were destroyed. 27 For thus says the LORD, "The whole land shall be a desolation: vet I will not make a full end. 28 For this the earth will mourn, and the heavens above be black: because I have spoken it. I have purposed it. and I have not relented, neither will I turn back from it." 29 Every city flees for the noise of the horsemen and archers; they go into caves, and they hide themselves in the thickets, and climb up on the rocks; every city is forsaken, and not a man dwells in it. 30 You, when you are made desolate, what will you do? Though you clothe yourself with scarlet, though you dress yourselves with ornaments of gold, though you enlarge your eyes with paint, in vain do you make yourself beautiful; your lovers

despise you, they seek your life. 31 For I have heard a your vines and your fig trees. They shall beat down your of Zion, who gasps for breath, who spreads her hands, saying, "Woe is me now. For my soul faints before the has the LORD our God done all these things to us?" murderers."

5 "Run back and forth through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek in the broad places of it, if you can find a man, if there are any who does justly, who seeks truth; and I will pardon her. 2 Though they say, 'As the LORD lives;' surely they swear falsely." 3 O LORD, do your eyes not look on truth? You have stricken them, but they were not grieved. You have consumed them, but they have refused to receive correction. They have made their faces harder than a rock. They have refused to return. 4 Then I said, "Surely these are poor. They are foolish; for they do not know the way of the LORD, nor the law of their God. 5 I will go to the great men, and will speak to them; for they know the way of the LORD, and the law of their God." But these with one accord have broken the voke, and burst the bonds. 6 Therefore a lion out of the forest shall kill them, a wolf of the evenings shall destroy them, a leopard shall watch against their cities; everyone who goes out there shall be torn in pieces; because their transgressions are many, and their backsliding is increased. 7 "How can I pardon you? Your children have forsaken me, and sworn by what are no gods. When I had fed them to the full, they committed adultery, and assembled themselves in troops at the prostitutes' houses. 8 They were as fed horses roaming at large: everyone neighed after his neighbor's wife. 9 Shouldn't I punish them for these things?" says the LORD; "and shouldn't my soul be avenged on such a nation as this? 10 "Go up on her walls, and destroy; but do not make a full end. Take away her branches; for they are not the LORD's. 11 For the house of Israel and the house of Judah have dealt very treacherously against me," says the LORD. 12 They have denied the LORD, and said, "It is not he; neither shall evil come on us; neither shall we see sword nor famine. 13 The prophets shall become wind, and the word is not in them. Thus shall it be done to them." 14 Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of hosts, "Because you speak this word, look, I will make my words in your mouth fire, and this people wood, and it shall devour them. 15 Look, I will bring a nation on you from far, house of Israel," says the LORD. "It is a mighty nation. It is an ancient nation, a nation whose language you do not know, neither understand what they say. 16 Their quiver is an open tomb, they are all mighty men. 17 They shall eat up your harvest, and your bread, which your sons and your daughters should eat. They shall eat up your flocks and your herds. They shall eat up

voice as of a woman in travail, the anguish as of her fortified cities, in which you trust, with the sword. 18 "But who brings forth her first child, the voice of the daughter even in those days," says the LORD, "I will not make a full end with you. 19 It will happen, when you say, 'Why Then you shall say to them, 'Thus says the LORD, Just like you have forsaken me, and served foreign gods in your land, so you shall serve strangers in a land that is not yours.' 20 "Declare this in the house of Jacob, and publish it in Judah, saying, 21 'Hear now this, foolish people, and without understanding; who have eyes, and do not see; who have ears, and do not hear: 22 Do you not fear me?' says the LORD 'Won't you tremble at my presence, who have placed the sand for the bound of the sea, by a perpetual decree, that it can't pass it? And though its waves toss themselves, yet they can't prevail; though they roar, yet they can't pass over it.' 23 "But this people has a revolting and a rebellious heart; they have revolted and gone. 24 Neither do they say in their heart, 'Let us now fear the LORD our God, who gives rain, both the former and the latter, in its season; who preserves to us the appointed weeks of the harvest.' 25 "Your iniquities have turned away these things, and your sins have withheld good from you. 26 For among my people are found wicked men. They watch, as fowlers lie in wait. They set a trap. They catch men. 27 As a cage is full of birds, so are their houses full of deceit. Therefore they have become great, and grew rich. 28 They have grown fat. They shine; yes, they excel in deeds of wickedness. They do not plead the cause, the cause of the fatherless, that they may prosper; and they do not judge the right of the needy. 29 "Shall I not punish for these things?" says the LORD. "Shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this? 30 "An astonishing and horrible thing has happened in the land. 31 The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests rule by their own authority; and my people love to have it so. What will you do in the end of it?

> "Flee for safety, you people of Benjamin, out of the 6 midst of Jerusalem, and blow the trumpet in Tekoa, and raise up a signal on Beth Haccherem; for evil looks forth from the north, and a great destruction. 2 The comely and delicate one, the daughter of Zion, will I cut off. 3 Shepherds with their flocks shall come to her; they shall pitch their tents against her all around; they shall feed everyone in his place." 4 "Prepare war against her; arise, and let us go up at noon. Woe to us. For the day declines, for the shadows of the evening are stretched out. 5 Arise, and let us go up by night, and let us destroy her palaces." 6 For the LORD of hosts said, "Cut down trees, and cast up a mound against Jerusalem. She is the city to be punished; she is full of oppression in the midst of her. 7 As a well casts

violence and destruction is heard in her; before me not go forth into the field, nor walk by the way; for the continually is sickness and wounds. 8 Be instructed, sword of the enemy and terror, are on every side." 26 Jerusalem, lest my soul be alienated from you; lest I "Daughter of my people, clothe yourself with sackcloth, make you a desolation, a land not inhabited." 9 Thus and wallow in ashes. Mourn, as for an only son, most says the LORD of hosts, "They shall thoroughly glean bitter lamentation; for the destroyer shall suddenly come the remnant of Israel like a vine. Pass your hand again on us." 27 "I have made you a tester of metals and a as a grape gatherer into the baskets." 10 To whom shall fortress among my people; that you may know and try I speak and testify, that they may hear? Look, their ear their way." 28 "They are all grievous rebels, going about is uncircumcised, and they can't listen. Look, the word with slanders; they are bronze and iron: they all of them of the LORD has become a reproach to them. They deal corruptly. 29 The bellows blow fiercely; the lead is have no delight in it. 11 Therefore I am full of the wrath consumed of the fire: in vain do they go on refining; for of the LORD. I am weary with holding in. "Pour it out the wicked are not plucked away. 30 Men will call them on the children in the street, and on the assembly of 'rejected silver,' because the LORD has rejected them." young men together; for even the husband with the wife shall be taken, the aged with him who is full of days. 12 Their houses shall be turned to others, their fields and their wives together: for I will stretch out my hand on the inhabitants of the land," says the LORD. 13 "For from their least even to their greatest, everyone is given to covetousness; and from the prophet even to the priest, everyone deals falsely. 14 They have healed also the hurt of my people superficially, saying, 'Peace, peace.' when there is no peace. 15 Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? No, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush. Therefore they shall fall among those who fall: at the time that I visit them, they shall be cast down," says the LORD. 16 Thus says the LORD, "Stand in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, 'Where is the good way?' and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls." But they said, "We will not walk in it." 17 "I set watchmen over vou, saving, 'Listen to the sound of the trumpet."' But they said, "We will not listen." 18 "Therefore hear, you nations, and know, congregation, what will happen to them. 19 Hear, earth. 'Look, I will bring disaster on this people, even the fruit of their thoughts, because they have not listened to my words; and as for my law, they have rejected it. 20 To what purpose comes there to me frankincense from Sheba, and the sweet cane from a far country? Your burnt offerings are not acceptable, nor your sacrifices pleasing to me.' 21 Therefore thus says the LORD, 'Look, I will lay stumbling blocks before this people. The fathers and the sons together shall stumble against them. The neighbor and his friend shall perish.' 22 "Thus says the LORD, 'Look, a people comes from the north country. A great nation shall be stirred up from the uttermost parts of the earth. 23 They take hold of bow and spear. They are cruel, and have no mercy. Their voice roars like the sea, and they ride on horses, everyone set in array, as a man to the battle, against you, daughter of Zion." 24 "We have heard its report; our hands become feeble: anguish has taken

forth its waters, so she casts forth her wickedness: hold of us, and pains as of a woman in labor. 25 Do

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD. saying, 2 "Stand in the gate of the LORD's house, and proclaim there this word, and say, 'Hear the word of the LORD, all you of Judah, who enter in at these gates to worship the LORD. 3 Thus says the LORD of hosts. the God of Israel, Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place. 4 Do not trust in lying words, saying, "The LORD's temple, The LORD's temple. The LORD's temple, are these," 5 For if you thoroughly amend your ways and your doings; if you thoroughly execute justice between a man and his neighbor; 6 if you do not oppress the foreigner, the fatherless, and the widow, and do not shed innocent blood in this place, neither walk after other gods to your own hurt: 7 then will I cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers, from of old even forevermore. 8 Look, you trust in lying words, that can't profit. 9 Will you steal, murder, and commit adultery. and swear falsely, and burn incense to Baal, and walk after other gods that you have not known, 10 and come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, "We are delivered"; that you may do all these abominations? 11 Is this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Look, I, even I, have seen it, says the LORD. 12 But go now to my place which was in Shiloh, where I caused my name to dwell at the first, and see what I did to it for the wickedness of my people Israel. 13 Now, because vou have done all these works, says the LORD, and I spoke to you, rising up early and speaking, but you did not hear; and I called you, but you did not answer: 14 therefore I will do to the house which is called by my name, in which you trust, and to the place which I gave to you and to your fathers, as I did to Shiloh. 15 I will cast you out of my sight, as I have cast out all your brothers, all the descendants of Ephraim. 16 Therefore do not pray for this people, neither lift up a cry nor prayer for them, neither make intercession to me; for I will not hear you. 17 Do you not see what they do

in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem? of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride; for the 18 The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the land shall become a waste." fire, and the women knead the dough, to make cakes to the gueen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings to other gods, that they may provoke me to anger. 19 Do they provoke me to anger?" says the LORD. "Do they not provoke themselves, to the confusion of their own faces?" 20 Therefore thus says the LORD: "Look, my anger and my wrath shall be poured out on this place, on man, and on animal, and on the trees of the field, and on the fruit of the ground; and it shall burn, and shall not be guenched." 21 Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: "Add your burnt offerings to your sacrifices, and eat meat. 22 For I did not speak to your fathers, nor command them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt offerings or sacrifices: 23 but this thing I commanded them, saying, 'Listen to my voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be my people; and walk in all the way that I command you, that it may be well with you.' 24 But they did not listen nor turn their ear, but walked in their own counsels and in the stubbornness of their evil heart, and went backward, and not forward. 25 Since the day that your fathers came forth out of the land of Egypt to this day. I have sent to you all my servants the prophets, daily rising up early and sending them: 26 yet they did not listen to me, nor inclined their ear, but made their neck stiff: they did worse than their fathers." 27 "You shall speak all these words to them; but they will not listen to you: you shall also call to them; but they will not answer you. 28 You shall tell them, 'This is the nation that has not listened to the voice of the LORD their God, nor received instruction: truth is perished, and is cut off from their mouth. 29 Cut off your hair, and throw it away, and take up a lamentation on the bare heights; for the LORD has rejected and forsaken the generation of his wrath."" 30 "For the people of Judah have done that which is evil in my sight," says the LORD: "they have set their abominations in the house which is called by my name, to defile it. 31 They have built the high places of Topheth, which is in the Valley of Ben Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire: which I did not command, nor did it come into my mind. 32 Therefore look, the days come," says the LORD, "that it shall no more be called Topheth, nor The Valley of Ben Hinnom, but The Valley of Slaughter: for they shall bury in Topheth, until there is no place to bury. 33 The dead bodies of this people shall be food for the birds of the sky, and for the animals of the earth; and none shall frighten them away. 34 Then will I cause to cease from the cities of Judah, and from the streets of Jerusalem, the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice

Q "At that time," says the LORD, "they shall bring out δ the bones of the kings of Judah, and the bones of his officials, and the bones of the priests, and the bones of the prophets, and the bones of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, out of their graves; 2 and they shall spread them before the sun, and the moon, and all the host of heaven, which they have loved, and which they have served, and after which they have walked, and which they have sought, and which they have worshiped: they shall not be gathered, nor be buried, they shall be for dung on the surface of the earth. 3 Death shall be chosen rather than life by all the residue that remain of this evil family, that remain in all the places where I have driven them," says the LORD of hosts. 4 "Moreover you shall tell them, 'Thus says the LORD: Shall men fall, and not rise up again? Shall one turn away, and not return? 5 Why then do these people of Jerusalem turn away in perpetual backsliding? They hold fast deceit; they refuse to return. 6 I listened and heard, but they did not speak what is right: no man repents him of his wickedness, saying, "What have I done?" Everyone turns to his course, as a horse that rushes headlong in the battle. 7 Yes, the stork in the sky knows her appointed times; and the turtledove and the swallow and the crane observe the time of their coming; but my people do not know the LORD's law. 8 How can you say, "We are wise, and the law of the LORD is with us?" But, look, the lying pen of the scribes has worked falsehood. 9 The wise men are disappointed, they are dismayed and taken: look, they have rejected the word of the LORD; and what kind of wisdom is in them? 10 therefore I will give their wives to others, and their fields to those who shall possess them: for everyone from the least even to the greatest is given to covetousness; from the prophet even to the priest every one deals falsely. 11 They have healed the hurt of the daughter of my people superficially, saying, "Peace, peace;" when there is no peace. 12 Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? No. They were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore shall they fall among those who fall; in the time of their visitation they shall be cast down, says the LORD. 13 I will utterly consume them, says the LORD: no grapes shall be on the vine, nor figs on the fig tree, and the leaf shall fade; and the things that I have given them shall pass away from them." 14 "Why do we sit still? Assemble yourselves, and let us enter into the fortified cities, and let us be silent there; for the LORD our God has put us to silence, and given us water of gall to drink, because we have sinned against the LORD. 15 We looked for peace, but no good came; and for a time of healing, and look, dismay. 16 The snorting of his horses is heard land perished and burned up like a wilderness, so that recovered?

Q Oh that my head were waters, and my eyes a spring of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people. 2 Oh that I had in the wilderness a lodging place of wayfaring men; that I might leave my people, and go from them. For they are all adulterers, an assembly of treacherous men." 3 "They bend their tongue as a bow. Falsehood and not truth has grown strong in the land; for they proceed from evil to evil, and they do not know me," says the LORD. 4 "Everyone be on guard against his neighbor, and do not trust any brother; for every brother is a deceiver, and every neighbor will go about with slanders. 5 Everyone deceives his neighbor, and does not speak the truth. They have taught their tongue to speak lies; they do evil, they do not cease so as to return. 6 Oppression upon oppression, and deceit upon deceit. They refuse to know me," says the LORD. 7 Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts, "Look, I will melt them, and try them; for how should I deal with the wickedness of the daughter of my people? 8 Their tongue is a deadly arrow; it speaks deceit: one speaks peaceably to his neighbor with his mouth, but in his heart he lies in wait for him. 9 Shall I not visit them for these things?" says the LORD; "shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?" 10 "For the mountains I will take up weeping and wailing, and for the pastures of the wilderness a lamentation, because they are laid waste so that no one passes through; nor can men hear the voice of the cattle. Both the birds of the sky and the animals have fled, they are gone." 11 "I will make Jerusalem heaps, a dwelling place of jackals; and I will make the cities of Judah a desolation, without inhabitant." 12 "Who is the wise man, that may understand this? Who is he to whom the mouth of the LORD has spoken, that he may declare it? Why is the

from Dan: at the sound of the neighing of his strong none passes through?" 13 The LORD says, "Because ones the whole land trembles; for they have come, and they have forsaken my law which I set before them, and have devoured the land and all that is in it; the city and have not obeyed my voice, neither walked in it, 14 but those who dwell in it. 17 For, look, I will send serpents, have walked after the stubbornness of their own heart, adders, among you, which will not be charmed; and and after the Baals, which their fathers taught them; they shall bite you," says the LORD. 18 "My joy for me 15 therefore thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of is sorrow. My heart is faint within me. 19 Look, the voice Israel, 'Look, I will feed them, even this people, with of the cry of the daughter of my people from a land that wormwood, and give them water of gall to drink. 16 l is very far off: 'Isn't the LORD in Zion? Isn't her King in will scatter them also among the nations, whom neither her?" "Why have they provoked me to anger with their they nor their fathers have known; and I will send the engraved images, and with foreign vanities?" 20 "The sword after them, until I have consumed them." 17 harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not Thus says the LORD of hosts, "Consider, and call for saved.' 21 For the hurt of the daughter of my people am the mourning women, that they may come; and send for I hurt: I mourn; dismay has taken hold on me. 22 Is the skillful women, that they may come:" 18 "and let there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? them make haste, and take up a wailing for us, that our Why then isn't the health of the daughter of my people eyes may run down with tears, and our eyelids gush out with waters. 19 For a voice of wailing is heard out of Zion, 'How are we ruined. We are greatly confounded, because we have forsaken the land, because they have cast down our dwellings." 20 "Yet hear the word of the LORD, you women, and let your ear receive the word of his mouth; and teach your daughters wailing, and everyone her neighbor lamentation. 21 'For death has come up into our windows, it is entered into our palaces; to cut off the children from outside, and the young men from the streets.' 22 Speak, 'Thus says the LORD, "The dead bodies of men shall fall as dung on the open field, and as the handful after the harvester: and none shall gather them."" 23 Thus says the LORD, "Do not let the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, do not let the rich man glory in his riches: 24 but let him who boasts boast in this, that he has understanding, and knows me, that I am the LORD who exercises loving kindness, justice, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight," says the LORD. 25 "Look, the days come," says the LORD, "that I will punish all those who are circumcised in uncircumcision: 26 Egypt, and Judah, and Edom, and the people of Ammon, and Moab, and all that have the corners of their hair cut off, who dwell in the wilderness; for all the nations are uncircumcised, and all the house of Israel are uncircumcised in heart."

> **10** Hear the word which the LORD speaks to you, house of Israel. 2 Thus says the LORD, "Do not learn the way of the nations, and do not be dismayed at the signs of the sky; for the nations are dismayed at them. 3 For the customs of the peoples are vanity: for one cuts a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman with the axe. 4 They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it not move. 5 They are like a palm tree,

because they can't go. Do not be afraid of them; for they have devoured him and consumed him, and have laid can't do evil. neither is it in them to do good." 6 "There waste his habitation." is none like you, LORD; you are great, and your name is great in might. 7 Who should not fear you, King of the nations? For it appertains to you; because among all the wise men of the nations, and in all their roval estate. there is none like you. 8 But they are together brutish and foolish, the instruction of idols. It is but wood. 9 There is silver beaten into plates, which is brought from Tarshish, and gold from Uphaz, the work of the artificer and of the hands of the goldsmith; blue and purple for their clothing; they are all the work of skillful men. 10 But the LORD is the true God; he is the living God, and an everlasting King: at his wrath the earth trembles, and the nations are not able to withstand his indignation. 11 You shall say this to them: 'The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth, these shall perish from the earth, and from under the heavens.' 12 He has made the earth by his power, he has established the world by his wisdom, and by his understanding has he stretched out the heavens: 13 when he utters his voice, there is a tumult of waters in the heavens, and he causes the vapors to ascend from the farthest parts of the earth; he makes lightnings for the rain, and brings forth the wind out of his treasuries. 14 Every man has become brutish and without knowledge: every goldsmith is disappointed by his engraved image; for his molten image is falsehood, and there is no breath in them. 15 They are vanity, a work of delusion: in the time of their visitation they shall perish. 16 The portion of Jacob is not like these; for he is the former of all things; and Israel is the tribe of his inheritance: the LORD of hosts is his name." 17 'Gather up your wares out of the land, you who live under siege. 18 For thus says the LORD, 'Look, I will sling out the inhabitants of the land at this time, and will distress them, that they may feel it.' 19 Woe is me because of my hurt. My wound is grievous: but I said, 'Truly this is my grief, and I must bear it.' 20 My tent is destroyed, and all my cords are broken: my children are gone forth from me, and they are no more: there is none to spread my tent any more, and to set up my curtains. 21 For the shepherds are become brutish, and have not inquired of the LORD: therefore they have not prospered, and all their flocks are scattered. 22 The voice of news, look, it comes, and a great commotion out of the north country, to make the cities of Judah a desolation, a dwelling place of jackals. 23 LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man who walks to direct his steps. 24 LORD, correct me. but in measure: not in your anger, lest you bring me to nothing. 25 Pour out your wrath on the nations that do not know you, and on the families that do not call on

of turned work, and do not speak; they must be carried, your name; for they have devoured Jacob, yes, they

1 The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD. 1 saying, 2 "Hear the words of this covenant, and speak to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem; 3 and say to them, 'Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: "Cursed is the man who doesn't hear the words of this covenant, 4 which I commanded your fathers in the day that I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the iron furnace, saying, "Obey my voice, and do them, according to all which I command you: so you shall be my people, and I will be your God; 5 that I may establish the oath which I swore to your fathers, to give them a land flowing with milk and honey," as at this day." Then I answered, and said, "Amen, LORD." 6 The LORD said to me, "Proclaim all these words in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, saving, 'Hear the words of this covenant, and do them. 7 For I earnestly protested to your fathers in the day that I brought them up out of the land of Egypt, even to this day, rising early and protesting, saying, Obey my voice. 8 Yet they did not obey, nor turn their ear, but walked everyone in the stubbornness of their evil heart: therefore I brought on them all the words of this covenant, which I commanded them to do, but they did not do them." 9 The LORD said to me, "A conspiracy is found among the men of Judah, and among the inhabitants of Jerusalem. 10 They are turned back to the iniquities of their forefathers, who refused to hear my words; and they are gone after other gods to serve them: the house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken my covenant which I made with their fathers. 11 Therefore thus says the LORD, 'Look, will bring disaster on them, which they shall not be I able to escape: and they shall cry to me, but I will not listen to them. 12 Then shall the cities of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem go and cry to the gods to which they offer incense: but they will not save them at all in the time of their trouble. 13 For according to the number of your cities are your gods, Judah; and according to the number of the streets of Jerusalem have you set up altars to the shameful thing, even altars to burn incense to Baal.' 14 Therefore do not pray for this people, neither lift up crv nor praver for them: for I will not hear them in the time that they cry to me at the time of their trouble." 15 "What has my beloved to do in my house, since she has done many vile deeds? Can holy meat avert your disaster so that you can rejoice?" 16 The LORD called your name, "A green olive tree, beautiful with goodly fruit." With the noise of a great tumult he has kindled fire on it, and its branches are broken. 17 For the LORD of you, because of the evil of the house of Israel and of the made it a desolation; it mourns to me, being desolate; house of Judah, which they have worked for themselves the whole land is made desolate, because no man lays in provoking me to anger by offering incense to Baal." it to heart. 12 Destroyers have come on all the bare 18 The LORD gave me knowledge of it, and I knew it: heights in the wilderness; for the sword of the LORD then you showed me their doings. 19 But I was like a devours from the one end of the land even to the other gentle lamb that is led to the slaughter; and I did not end of the land: no flesh has peace. 13 They have know that they had devised devices against me, saying, sown wheat, and have reaped thorns; they have put "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, and let us cut him themselves to pain, and profit nothing: and you shall off from the land of the living, that his name may be be ashamed of your fruits, because of the fierce anger no more remembered." 20 "But, the LORD of hosts, of the LORD. 14 Thus says the LORD against all my who judges righteously, who tests the heart and the evil neighbors, who touch the inheritance which I have mind, I shall see your vengeance on them; for to you caused my people Israel to inherit: 'look, I will pluck have I revealed my cause." 21 Therefore thus says the them up from off their land, and will pluck up the house LORD concerning the men of Anathoth, who seek my of Judah from among them. 15 It shall happen, after life, saying, "You shall not prophesy in the name of the that I have plucked them up, I will return and have LORD, that you not die by our hand;" 22 therefore thus compassion on them; and I will bring them again, every says the LORD of hosts, "Look, I will punish them: the man to his heritage, and every man to his land. 16 It young men shall die by the sword; their sons and their shall happen, if they will diligently learn the ways of my daughters shall die by famine; 23 and there shall be no people, to swear by my name, "As the LORD lives;" remnant to them: for I will bring disaster on the men of even as they taught my people to swear by Baal; then Anathoth, even the year of their visitation."

12 You are righteous, LORD, when I contend with you; yet I would reason the cause with you: why does the way of the wicked prosper? Why are they all at **1**,**2** Thus says the LORD to me, "Go, and buy yourself ease who deal very treacherously? 2 You have planted them, yes, they have taken root; they grow, yes, they their heart. 3 But you, LORD, know me; you see me, the LORD came to me the second time, saying, 4 "Take and try my heart toward you: pull them out like sheep for the belt that you have bought, which is on your waist, 4 How long shall the land be parched, and the grass of the rock." 5 So I went, and hid it by the Perath, as the every field wither? For the wickedness of those who LORD commanded me. 6 It happened after many days, dwell in it, the animals are consumed, and the birds; that the LORD said to me, "Arise, go to the Perath, and because they said, "He shall not see our latter end." 5 "If take the belt from there, which I commanded you to you have run with the footmen, and they have wearied hide there." 7 Then I went to the Perath, and dug, and you, then how can you contend with horses? And though took the belt from the place where I had hidden it; and in a land of peace you are secure, yet how will you do look, the belt was marred, it was profitable for nothing. you: do not believe them, though they speak beautiful people, who refuse to hear my words, who walk in the words to you. 7 I have forsaken my house, I have cast stubbornness of their heart, and are gone after other off my heritage; I have given the dearly beloved of my gods to serve them, and to worship them, shall even be soul into the hand of her enemies. 8 My heritage has as this belt, which is profitable for nothing. 11 For as the her voice against me, therefore I have hated her. 9 cling to me the whole house of Israel and the whole Is my heritage to me as a speckled bird of prey? Are house of Judah,' says the LORD; 'that they might be all the animals of the field, bring them to devour. 10 they would not listen. 12 Therefore you shall speak to Many shepherds have destroyed my vineyard, they them this word: 'Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, have trodden my portion under foot, they have made my "Every jar shall be filled with wine." And if they shall say

hosts, who planted you, has pronounced evil against pleasant portion a desolate wilderness. 11 They have shall they be built up in the midst of my people. 17 But if they will not hear, then will I pluck up that nation, plucking up and destroving it." says the LORD.

a linen belt, and put it on your waist, and do not put it in water." 2 So I bought a belt according to the bring forth fruit: you are near in their mouth, and far from word of the LORD, and put it on my waist. 3 The word of the slaughter, and prepare them for the day of slaughter. and arise, go to the Perath, and hide it there in a cleft of in the pride of the Jordan? 6 For even your brothers, 8 Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 9 and the house of your father, even they have dealt "Thus says the LORD. In this way I will mar the pride of treacherously with you; even they have cried aloud after Judah, and the great pride of Jerusalem. 10 This evil become to me as a lion in the forest: she has uttered belt clings to the waist of a man, so have I caused to the birds of prev against her all around? Go, assemble my people, for a name, for praise, and for glory. But to you, 'Do we not certainly know that every jar shall are disappointed, they cover their heads. 5 Yes, the be filled with wine?' 13 Then you shall tell them, 'Thus hind also in the field calves, and forsakes her young, says the LORD, "Look, I will fill all the inhabitants of because there is no grass. 6 The wild donkeys stand this land, even the kings who sit on David's throne, and on the bare heights, they pant for air like jackals; their the priests, and the prophets, and all the inhabitants eyes fail, because there is no herbage." 7 "Though our of Jerusalem, with drunkenness. 14 I will dash them iniquities testify against us, work for your name's sake, one against another, even the fathers and the sons LORD; for our backslidings are many; we have sinned together, says the LORD. I will not pity, nor spare, nor against you. 8 Hope of Israel, its Savior in the time of have compassion, that I should not destroy them."" 15 trouble, why should you be as a foreigner in the land, "Hear, and give ear; do not be proud; for the LORD has and as a wayfaring man who turns aside to stay for spoken. 16 Give glory to the LORD your God, before he a night? 9 Why should you be like a scared man, as causes darkness, and before your feet stumble on the a mighty man who can't save? Yet you, LORD, are in dark mountains, and, while you look for light, he turns it the midst of us, and we are called by your name; do into the shadow of death, and makes it gross darkness. not leave us." 10 Thus says the LORD to this people, 17 But if you will not hear it, my soul shall weep in secret "Even so have they loved to wander; they have not for your pride; and my eye shall weep bitterly, and run refrained their feet: therefore the LORD does not accept down with tears, because the LORD's flock is taken them; now he will remember their iniquity, and visit their captive." 18 "Say to the king and to the queen mother, sins." 11 The LORD said to me, "Do not pray for this Take a lowly seat, for your glorious crowns have come people for their good. 12 When they fast, I will not hear down from your heads. 19 The cities toward the Negev their cry; and when they offer burnt offering and meal are shut, and there is no one to open them: Judah is offering, I will not accept them; but I will consume them carried away into exile, all of it; it is wholly carried away by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence." into exile." 20 "Lift up your eyes, and see those who 13 Then I said, "Ah, LORD. Look, the prophets tell come from the north: where is the flock that was given them, 'You shall not see the sword, neither shall you you, your beautiful flock? 21 What will you say, when have famine; but I will give you assured peace in this he shall set over you as head those whom you have place." 14 Then the LORD said to me, "The prophets yourself taught to be friends to you? Shall not sorrows prophesy lies in my name; I did not send them, neither take hold of you, as of a woman in travail? 22 If you say have I commanded them, neither spoke I to them: they in your heart, 'Why are these things come on me?' for prophesy to you a lying vision, and divination, and a the greatness of your iniquity are your skirts uncovered, thing of nothing, and the deceit of their own heart. 15 and your heels suffer violence. 23 Can the Ethiopian Therefore thus says the LORD concerning the prophets change his skin, or the leopard his spots? Then may who prophesy in my name, and I did not send them, you also do good, who are accustomed to do evil. 24 yet they say, 'Sword and famine shall not be in this 'therefore I will scatter them, as the stubble that passes land:' 'By sword and famine shall those prophets be away, by the wind of the wilderness. 25 This is your consumed.' 16 The people to whom they prophesy shall lot, the portion measured to you from me,' says the be cast out in the streets of Jerusalem because of the LORD; 'because you have forgotten me, and trusted in famine and the sword; and they shall have none to falsehood. 26 therefore I will also uncover your skirts bury them-them, their wives, nor their sons, nor their on your face, and your shame shall appear. 27 I have daughters: for I will pour their wickedness on them." 17 seen your abominations, even your adulteries, and your "You shall say this word to them, 'Let my eyes run down neighing, the lewdness of your prostitution, on the hills with tears night and day, and let them not cease; for in the field. Woe to you, Jerusalem. You will not be the virgin daughter of my people is broken with a great made clean; how long shall it yet be?"

1 The word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah concerning the drought. 2 "Judah mourns, and its gates languish, they sit in black on the ground; and the cry of Jerusalem is gone up. 3 Their nobles send their little ones to the waters: they come to the cisterns, and find no water; they return with their vessels empty; they are disappointed and confounded, and cover their heads. 4 Because of the ground which is cracked, because no rain has been in the land, the plowmen

breach, with a very grievous wound. 18 If I go forth into the field, then, look, the slain with the sword. And if I enter into the city, then, look, those who are sick with famine. For both the prophet and the priest go about in the land, and have no knowledge." 19 "Have you utterly rejected Judah? Has your soul loathed Zion? Why have you struck us, and there is no healing for us? We looked for peace, but no good came; and for a time of healing, and look, dismay. 20 We acknowledge, LORD, our wickedness, and the iniquity of our fathers; for we have sinned against you. 21 Do not abhor us, for vour name's sake: do not disprace the throne of your Your words were found, and I ate them; and your words for you have made all these things."

15 Then the LORD said to me, "Though Moses and Samuel stood before me, yet my mind would not be toward this people: cast them out of my sight, and let them go forth. 2 It shall happen, when they tell you, 'Where shall we go forth?' Then you shall tell them, 'Thus says the LORD: "Such as are for death, to death; and such as are for the sword, to the sword; and such as are for the famine, to the famine; and such as are for captivity, to captivity. 3 I will appoint over them four kinds, says the LORD: the sword to kill, and the dogs to tear, and the birds of the sky, and the animals of the earth, to devour and to destroy. 4 I will cause them to be tossed back and forth among all the kingdoms of the earth, because of Manasseh, the son of Hezekiah, king of Judah, for that which he did in Jerusalem. 5 For who will have pity on you. Jerusalem? Or who will bemoan you? Or who will turn aside to ask of your welfare? 6 'You have rejected me,' says the LORD, 'you have gone backward:' therefore have I stretched out my hand against you, and destroyed you: I am weary with repenting. 7 I have winnowed them with a fan in the gates of the land: I have bereaved them of children. I have destroyed my people; they did not return from their ways. 8 Their widows are increased to me above the sand of the seas; I have brought on them against the mother of the young men a destroyer at noonday; I have made anguish and terror to fall on them suddenly. 9 She who has borne seven languishes; she has given up the spirit; her sun is gone down while it was yet day; she has been disappointed and confounded: and their residue will I deliver to the sword before their enemies." says the LORD. 10 "Woe is me, my mother, that you have borne me a man of strife and a man of contention to the whole earth. I have not lent, neither have men lent to me; yet everyone of them curses me." 11 The LORD said, "Most certainly I will strengthen you for good; most certainly I will cause the enemy to make petition to you in the time of evil and in the time of distress. 12 Can one break iron, even iron from the north, and bronze? 13 Your substance and your treasures will I give for a spoil without price, and that for all your sins, even in all your borders. 14 I will make you serve your enemies in a land which you do not know; for a fire is kindled in my anger, which shall burn on you." 15 "LORD, you know; remember me, and visit me, and avenge me of my persecutors; do not take me away in your longsuffering: know that for your sake I have suffered reproach. 16

glory: remember, do not break your covenant with us. were to me a joy and the rejoicing of my heart: for I 22 Are there any among the vanities of the nations that am called by your name, LORD, God of hosts. 17 I did can cause rain? Or can the sky give showers? Aren't not sit in the assembly of those who make merry, nor you he, LORD our God? Therefore we will wait for you; rejoiced; I sat alone because of your hand; for you have filled me with indignation. 18 Why is my pain perpetual. and my wound incurable, which refuses to be healed? Will you indeed be to me as a deceitful brook, as waters that fail?" 19 Therefore thus says the LORD, "If you return, then will I bring you again, that you may stand before me; and if you take forth the precious from the vile, you shall be as my mouth: they shall return to you, but you shall not return to them. 20 I will make you to this people a fortified bronze wall; and they shall fight against you, but they shall not prevail against you; for I am with you to save you and to deliver you," says the LORD. 21 "I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and I will redeem you out of the hand of the terrible."

> 16 The word of the LORD came also to me, saying, 2 "You shall not take a wife, neither shall you have sons or daughters, in this place, 3 For thus says the LORD concerning the sons and concerning the daughters who are born in this place, and concerning their mothers who bore them, and concerning their fathers who became their father in this land: 4 They shall die grievous deaths: they shall not be lamented. neither shall they be buried; they shall be as dung on the surface of the ground; and they shall be consumed by the sword, and by famine; and their dead bodies shall be food for the birds of the sky, and for the animals of the earth. 5 For thus says the LORD, 'Do not enter into the house of mourning, neither go to lament, neither bemoan them; for I have taken away my peace from this people, says the LORD, even loving kindness and tender mercies. 6 Both great and small shall die in this land: they shall not be buried, neither shall men lament for them, nor cut themselves, nor make themselves bald for them: 7 neither shall men break bread for them in mourning, to comfort them for the dead; neither shall men give them the cup of consolation to drink for their father or for their mother. 8 You shall not go into the house of feasting to sit with them, to eat and to drink. 9 For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Look, I will cause to cease out of this place, before your eyes and in your days, the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride. 10 It shall happen, when you shall show this people all these words, and they shall tell you, 'Why has the LORD pronounced all this great evil against us? Or what is our iniquity? Or what is our sin that we have committed against the LORD our God?' 11 Then you shall tell them, 'Because your fathers have

with their abominations." 19 "LORD, my strength, and but let not me be disappointed; let them be dismayed, might; and they shall know that my name is the LORD.

17 "The sin of Judah is written with a pen of iron, and with the point of a diamond: it is engraved on the tablet of their heart, and on the horns of your altars; 2 while their children remember their altars and their Asherim by the green trees on the high hills. 3 My mountain in the field, I will give your substance and all your treasures for a spoil, and your high places, because of sin, throughout all your borders. 4 You, even of yourself, shall discontinue from your heritage that I gave you; and I will cause you to serve your enemies in the land which you do not know: for you have kindled a fire in my anger which shall burn forever." 5 Thus says the LORD: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man, and makes flesh his arm, and whose heart departs from the LORD. 6 For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good comes, but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, a salt land and not inhabited. 7 Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD.

forsaken me, says the LORD, and have walked after and whose confidence is in the LORD. 8 For he shall be other gods, and have served them, and have worshiped as a tree planted by the waters, who spreads out its them, and have forsaken me, and have not kept my law; roots by the river, and shall not fear when heat comes, 12 and you have done evil more than your fathers; for, but its leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in look, you walk every one after the stubbornness of his the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding evil heart, so that you do not listen to me: 13 therefore fruit. 9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and it is I will cast you forth out of this land into the land that exceedingly corrupt: who can know it? 10 I, the LORD, you have not known, neither you nor your fathers; and search the mind. I try the heart, even to give every there you shall serve other gods day and night; for I man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his will show you no favor.' 14 Therefore look, the days doings. 11 As the partridge that sits on eggs which she come," says the LORD, "that it shall no more be said, has not laid, so is he who gets riches, and not by right; 'As the LORD lives, who brought up the children of in the midst of his days they shall leave him, and at his Israel out of the land of Egypt:' 15 but, 'As the LORD end he shall be a fool." 12 "A glorious throne, set on lives, who brought up the children of Israel from the land high from the beginning, is the place of our sanctuary. of the north, and from all the countries where he had 13 LORD, the hope of Israel, all who forsake you shall driven them.' I will bring them again into their land that be disappointed. Those who depart from me shall be I gave to their fathers. 16 Look, I will send for many written in the earth, because they have forsaken the fishermen," says the LORD, "and they shall fish them LORD, the spring of living waters. 14 Heal me, O LORD, up; and afterward I will send for many hunters, and they and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every for you are my praise. 15 Look, they tell me, 'Where hill, and out of the clefts of the rocks. 17 For my eyes is the word of the LORD? Let it come now.' 16 As for are on all their ways; they are not hidden from my face, me, I have not hurried from being a shepherd after you; neither is their iniquity concealed from my eyes. 18 First neither have I desired the woeful day; you know: that I will recompense their iniquity and their sin double, which came out of my lips was before your face. 17 Do because they have polluted my land with the carcasses not be a terror to me: you are my refuge in the day of of their detestable things, and have filled my inheritance evil. 18 Let them be disappointed who persecute me, my stronghold, and my refuge in the day of affliction, to but do not let me be dismayed; bring on them the day of you shall the nations come from the farthest parts of the disaster, and destroy them with double destruction." 19 earth, and shall say, 'Our fathers have inherited nothing Thus said the LORD to me: "Go, and stand in the gate but lies, vanity and things in which there is no profit. 20 of the children of the people, through which the kings of Shall a man make to himself gods, which yet are no Judah come in, and by which they go out, and in all the gods?" 21 "Therefore look, I will cause them to know, gates of Jerusalem; 20 and tell them, 'Hear the word this once will I cause them to know my hand and my of the LORD, you kings of Judah, and all Judah, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, that enter in by these gates: 21 Thus says the LORD, "Be careful, and bear no burden on the Sabbath day, nor bring it in by the gates of Jerusalem; 22 neither carry forth a burden out of your houses on the Sabbath day holy, neither do any work: but make the Sabbath day, as I commanded your fathers. 23 But they did not listen, neither turn their ear, but made their neck stiff, that they might not hear, and might not receive instruction. 24 It shall happen, if you diligently listen to me," says the LORD, "to bring in no burden through the gates of this city on the Sabbath day, but to make the Sabbath day holy, to do no work in it; 25 then shall there enter in by the gates of this city kings and princes sitting on the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, they, and their officials, the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and this city shall remain forever. 26 They shall come from the cities of Judah, and from the places around Jerusalem, and from the land of Benjamin, and from the lowland,

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and from the hill country, and from the Negey, bringing and let us strike him with the tongue, and let us not give be guenched."""

18 The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD. saying, 2 "Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause you to hear my words." 3 Then I went down to the potter's house, and look, he was making a work on the wheels. 4 When the vessel that he made of the clay was marred in the hand of the potter, he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it. 5 Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 6 "House of Israel, can't I do with you as this potter?' says the LORD. 'Look, as the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, house of Israel.' 7 At what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up and to break down and to destroy it; 8 if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turn from their evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I thought to do to them. 9 At what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it; 10 if they do that which is evil in my sight, that they not obey my voice, then I will repent of the good, with which I said I would benefit them. 11 Now therefore, speak to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying, 'Thus says the LORD: Look, I frame evil against you, and devise a device against you: return now everyone from his evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.' 12 But they say, 'It is in vain; for we will walk after our own devices, and we will do everyone after the stubbornness of his evil heart." 13 Therefore thus says the LORD: "Ask now among the nations, who has heard such things; the virgin of Israel has done a very horrible thing. 14 Shall the snow of Lebanon fail from the rock of the field? Shall the cold waters that flow down from afar be dried up? 15 For my people have forgotten me, they have burned incense to false gods; and they have been made to stumble in their ways, in the ancient paths, to walk in byways, in a way not built up; 16 to make their land an astonishment, and a perpetual hissing; everyone who passes thereby shall be astonished, and shake his head. 17 I will scatter them as with an east wind before the enemy; I will show them the back, and not the face, in the day of their calamity." 18 Then they said, "Come, and let us make plans against Jeremiah; for the law shall not perish from the priest, nor counsel from the wise, nor the word from the prophet. Come,

burnt offerings, and sacrifices, and meal offerings, and heed to any of his words." 19 "Give heed to me, LORD, frankincense, and bringing sacrifices of thanksgiving, to and listen to the voice of those who contend with me. 20 the house of the LORD. 27 But if you will not listen to Shall evil be recompensed for good? For they have dug me to make the Sabbath day holy, and not to bear a a pit for my soul. Remember how I stood before you to burden and enter in at the gates of Jerusalem on the speak good for them, to turn away your wrath from them. Sabbath day; then will I kindle a fire in its gates, and it 21 Therefore deliver up their children to the famine, and shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem, and it shall not give them over to the power of the sword; and let their wives become childless, and widows; and let their men be slain of death, and their young men struck of the sword in battle. 22 Let a cry be heard from their houses, when you shall bring a troop suddenly on them; for they have dug a pit to take me, and hid snares for my feet. 23 Yet, LORD, you know all their counsel against me to kill me; do not forgive their iniquity, neither blot out their sin from your sight; but let them be overthrown before you; deal you with them in the time of your anger."

> **19** Thus said the LORD, "Go, and buy a potter's earthen bottle, and take with you some of the elders of the people, and of the elders of the priests; 2 and go forth to the Valley of Ben Hinnom, which is by the entry of the Potsherd Gate, and proclaim there the words that I shall tell you; 3 and say, 'Hear the word of the LORD, kings of Judah, and inhabitants of Jerusalem: thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, "Look, I will bring evil on this place, which whoever hears, his ears shall tingle. 4 Because they have forsaken me, and have estranged this place, and have burned incense in it to other gods, that they did not know, they and their fathers and the kings of Judah; and have filled this place with the blood of innocents. 5 and have built the high places of Baal, to burn their sons in the fire for burnt offerings to Baal; which I did not command, nor spoke it, neither came it into my mind: 6 therefore, look, the days come," says the LORD, "that this place shall no more be called Topheth, nor The Valley of Ben Hinnom, but The Valley of Slaughter. 7 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 who seek their life: and their dead bodies will I give to be food for the birds of the sky, and for the animals of the earth. 8 I will make this city an astonishment, and a hissing; everyone who passes thereby shall be astonished and hiss because of all its plagues. 9 I will cause them to eat the flesh of their sons and the flesh of their daughters; and they shall eat everyone the flesh of his friend, in the siege and in the distress, with which their enemies, and those who seek their life, shall distress them." 10 Then you shall break the bottle in the sight of the men who go with you, 11 and shall tell them, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Even so will I break this people and this city, as one breaks a

potter's vessel, that can't be made whole again; and against him, and we shall take our revenge on him." 11 their neck stiff, that they may not hear my words."

20 Now Pashhur, the son of Immer the priest, who was chief officer in the house of the LORD, heard Jeremiah prophesying these things. 2 Then Pashhur struck 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 It happened on the next day, that Pashhur brought forth Jeremiah out of the **21** The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, stocks. Then Jeremiah said to him, "The LORD has not called your name 'Pashhur,' but 'Magor-Missabib.' 4 For thus says the LORD, 'Look, I will make you a terror to yourself, and to all your friends; and they shall fall by the sword of their enemies, and your eyes shall see it; and I will give all Judah into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall carry them captive to Babylon, and shall kill them with the sword. 5 Moreover I will give all the riches of this city, and all its gains, and all the precious things of it, yes, all the treasures of the kings of Judah will I give into the hand of their enemies; and they shall make them a prey, and take them, and carry them to Babylon. 6 You, Pashhur, and all who dwell in your house shall go into captivity; and you shall come to Babylon, and there you shall die, and there you shall be buried, you, and all your friends, to whom you have prophesied falsely." 7 LORD, you have persuaded me, and I was persuaded. You are stronger than I am, and have prevailed. I have become a laughing-stock all day long; everyone mocks me. 8 For as often as I speak, I cry out; I cry, "Violence and destruction." because the word of the LORD is made a reproach to me, and a derision, all the day. 9 If I say, "I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name," then there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with forbearing, and I can't contain it. 10 For I have heard the defaming of many, terror on every side. "Denounce, and we will denounce him," say all my familiar friends, those who watch for my fall; "perhaps he will be persuaded, and we shall prevail

they shall bury in Topheth, until there is no place to bury. But the LORD is with me as an awesome mighty one: 12 Thus will I do to this place," says the LORD, "and to therefore my persecutors shall stumble, and they shall its inhabitants, even making this city as Topheth: 13 and not prevail; they shall be utterly disappointed, because the houses of Jerusalem, and the houses of the kings they have not dealt wisely, even with an everlasting of Judah, which are defiled, shall be as the place of dishonor which shall never be forgotten. 12 But, the Topheth, even all the houses on whose roofs they have LORD of hosts, who tests the righteous, who sees the burned incense to all the host of heaven, and have heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance on poured out drink offerings to other gods."" 14 Then them; for to you have I revealed my cause. 13 Sing to came Jeremiah from Topheth, where the LORD had the LORD, praise the LORD; for he has delivered the sent him to prophesy; and he stood in the court of the soul of the needy from the hand of evildoers. 14 Cursed LORD's house, and said to all the people: 15 "Thus is the day in which I was born: do not let the day in says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, 'Look, I will which my mother bore me be blessed. 15 Cursed is bring on this city and on all its towns all the evil that I the man who brought news to my father, saying, A boy have pronounced against it; because they have made is born to you; making him very glad. 16 Let that man be as the cities which the LORD overthrew, and did not repent: and let him hear a cry in the morning, and shouting at noontime; 17 because he did not kill me from the womb; and so my mother would have been my grave, and her womb always great. 18 Why came I forth out of the womb to see labor and sorrow, that my days should be consumed with shame?

> when king Zedekiah sent to him Pashhur the son of Malchijah, and Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah, the priest, saying, 2 "Please inquire of the LORD for us; for Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon makes war against us: perhaps the LORD will deal with us according to all his wondrous works, that he may go up from us." 3 Then Jeremiah said to them, "You shall tell Zedekiah: 4 'Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, "Look, I will turn back the weapons of war that are in your hands, with which you fight against the king of Babylon, and against the Chaldeans who besiege you, without the walls; and I will gather them into the midst of this city. 5 I myself will fight against you with an outstretched hand and with a strong arm, even in anger, and in wrath, and in great indignation. 6 I will strike the inhabitants of this city, both man and animal: they shall die of a great pestilence. 7 Afterward," says the LORD, "I will deliver Zedekiah king of Judah, and his servants, and the people, even such as are left in this city from the pestilence, from the sword, and from the famine, into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those who seek their life: and he shall strike them with the edge of the sword; he shall not spare them, neither have pity, nor have mercy." 8 To this people you shall say, "Thus says the LORD: 'Look, I set before you the way of life and the way of death. 9 He who remains in this city shall die by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence; but he who goes out, and passes over to the

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Chaldeans who besiege you, he shall live, and his life unrighteousness, and his rooms by injustice; who uses shall be to him for a prey. 10 For I have set my face his neighbor's service without wages, and doesn't give on this city for evil, and not for good,' says the LORD: him his hire; 14 who says, "I will build me a wide house 'it shall be given into the hand of the king of Babylon, and spacious rooms," and cuts him out windows; and and he shall burn it with fire.' 11 Touching the house it is ceiling with cedar, and painted with vermilion. 15 of the king of Judah, hear the word of the LORD: 12 Shall you reign, because you strive to excel in cedar? 'House of David, thus says the LORD, "Execute justice Did not your father eat and drink, and do justice and in the morning, and deliver him who is robbed out of righteousness? Then it was well with him. 16 He judged the hand of the oppressor, lest my wrath go forth like the cause of the poor and needy; then it was well. fire, and burn so that none can quench it, because of Wasn't this to know me?' says the LORD. 17 "But your the evil of your doings. 13 Look, I am against you, O eyes and your heart are not but for your covetousness, inhabitant of the valley, and of the rock of the plain," and for shedding innocent blood, and for oppression, says the LORD; "you that say, "Who shall come down and for violence, to do it." 18 Therefore thus says the against us? Or who shall enter into our habitations?' 14 LORD concerning Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king I will punish you according to the fruit of your doings," of Judah: "they shall not lament for him, saying, 'Alas savs the LORD: "and I will kindle a fire in her forest, and my brother, or, Alas sister.' They shall not lament for it shall devour all that is around her.""

22 Thus said the LORD: "Go down to the house of the king of Judah, and speak there this word, 2 Say, 'Hear the word of the LORD, king of Judah, who sits on the throne of David, you, and your servants, and your people who enter in by these gates. 3 Thus says the LORD: "Execute justice and righteousness, and deliver him who is robbed out of the hand of the oppressor: and do no wrong, do no violence, to the foreigner, the fatherless, nor the widow; neither shed innocent blood in this place. 4 For if you do this thing indeed, then shall there enter in by the gates of this house kings sitting on the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, he, and his servants, and his people. 5 But if you will not hear these words, I swear by myself, says the LORD, that this house shall become a desolation." 6 For thus says the LORD concerning the house of the king of Judah: "You are Gilead to me, the head of Lebanon. Yet surely I will make you a wilderness, cities which are not inhabited. 7 I will prepare destroyers against you, everyone with his weapons; and they shall cut down your choice cedars, and cast them into the fire. 8 Many nations shall pass by this city, and they shall say every man to his neighbor, 'Why has the LORD done thus to this great city?' 9 Then they shall answer, 'Because they forsook the covenant of the LORD their God, and worshiped other gods, and served them.' 10 Do not weep for the dead, neither bemoan him; but weep bitterly for him who goes away; for he shall return no more, nor see his native country." 11 For thus says the LORD touching Shallum the son of Josiah, king of Judah, who reigned instead of Josiah his father, and who went forth out of this place: "He shall not return there any more. 12 But in the place where they have led

him, saying, 'Alas lord.' or, 'Alas his majesty.' 19 He shall be buried with the burial of a donkey, drawn and cast forth beyond the gates of Jerusalem. 20 Go up to Lebanon, and cry; and lift up your voice in Bashan, and cry from Abarim; for all your lovers are destroyed. 21 I spoke to you in your prosperity; but you said, 'I will not hear.' This has been your way from your youth, that you did not obey my voice. 22 The wind shall feed all your shepherds, and your lovers shall go into captivity: surely then you will be ashamed and confounded for all your wickedness. 23 Inhabitant of Lebanon, who makes your nest in the cedars, how greatly you will groan when pangs come on you, the pain as of a woman in travail. 24 As I live," says the LORD, "though Coniah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah were the signet on my right hand, yet would I pluck you there; 25 and I will give you into the hand of those who seek your life, and into the hand of them of whom you are afraid, even into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of the Chaldeans. 26 I will cast you out, and your mother who bore you, into another country, where you were not born; and there you will die. 27 But to the land whereunto their soul longs to return, there shall they not return." 28 Is this man Coniah a despised broken vessel? Is he a vessel in which none delights? Why are they cast out, he and his descendants, and cast into a land that they do not know? 29 O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the LORD. 30 Thus says the LORD, "Write this man down childless, a man who will not succeed in his days; for none of his descendants will succeed in sitting on the throne of David, and ruling in Judah.

who went forth out of this place: "He shall not return there any more. 12 But in the place where they have led him captive, there shall he die, and he shall see this land no more." 13 Woe to him who builds his house by scattered my flock, and driven them away, and have the council of the LORD, that he should perceive and not visited them; look, I will visit on you the evil of your hear his word? Who has marked my word, and heard doings," says the LORD. 3"I will gather the remnant of it? 19 Look, the storm of the LORD, his wrath, has my flock out of all the countries where I have driven gone forth. Yes, a whirling storm. It shall burst on the them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they head of the wicked. 20 The anger of the LORD shall shall be fruitful and multiply. 4 I will set up shepherds not return, until he has executed, and until he have over them, who shall feed them; and they shall fear no performed the intents of his heart: in the latter days more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be lacking," you shall understand it perfectly. 21 I sent not these says the LORD. 5 "Look, the days come," says the prophets, yet they ran: I did not speak to them, yet they LORD, "that I will raise to David a righteous Branch, prophesied. 22 But if they had stood in my council, then and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall had they caused my people to hear my words, and had execute justice and righteousness in the land. 6 In his turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely; doings. 23 Am I a God at hand,' says the LORD, 'and and this is his name by which he shall be called: 'The not a God afar off? 24 Can any hide himself in secret LORD our righteousness.' 7 Therefore look, the days places so that I shall not see him?' says the LORD. 'Do come," says the LORD, "that they shall no more say, 'As I not fill heaven and earth?' says the LORD. 25 'I have the LORD lives, who brought up the children of Israel heard what the prophets have said, who prophesy lies out of the land of Egypt'; 8 but, 'As the LORD lives, who in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed." brought up and who led the descendants of the house of 26 How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets Israel out of the north country, and from all the countries who prophesy lies, even the prophets of the deceit of where he had driven them.' They shall dwell in their own their own heart, 27 who think to cause my people to land." 9 Concerning the prophets: My heart within me is forget my name by their dreams which they tell every broken, all my bones shake; I am like a drunken man, man to his neighbor, as their fathers forgot my name for and like a man whom wine has overcome, because Baal. 28 The prophet who has a dream, let him tell a of the LORD, and because of his holy words. 10 For dream; and he who has my word, let him speak my the land is full of adulterers; for because of swearing word faithfully. What is the straw to the wheat?' says the land mourns; the pastures of the wilderness are the LORD. 29 'Isn't my word like fire?' says the LORD; dried up. "Their course is evil, and their might is not 'and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces? 30 right; 11 for both prophet and priest are profane; yes, Therefore look, I am against the prophets,' says the in my house have I found their wickedness," says the LORD, 'who steal my words everyone from his neighbor. LORD. 12 "Therefore their way shall be to them as 31 Look, I am against the prophets,' says the LORD, slippery places in the darkness: they shall be driven 'who use their tongues, and say, "He says." 32 Look, I on, and fall in it; for I will bring evil on them, even the am against the prophets who prophesy lying dreams,' year of their visitation," says the LORD. 13 "I have says the LORD, 'and do tell them, and cause my people seen folly in the prophets of Samaria; they prophesied to err by their lies, and by their vain boasting: yet I did by Baal, and caused my people Israel to err. 14 In not send them, nor commanded them; neither do they the prophets of Jerusalem also I have seen a horrible profit this people at all,' says the LORD. 33 'When this thing: they commit adultery, and walk in lies; and they people, or the prophet, or a priest, shall ask you, saying, strengthen the hands of evildoers, so that none does "What is the burden of the LORD?" Then you shall tell return from his wickedness: they are all of them become them, "You are the burden, and I will cast you off," says to me as Sodom, and its inhabitants as Gomorrah. 15 the LORD. 34 As for the prophet, and the priest, and the Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts concerning people, who shall say, "The burden of the LORD," I will the prophets: 'Look, I will feed them with wormwood, even punish that man and his house. 35 You shall say and make them drink the water of gall; for from the everyone to his neighbor, and everyone to his brother, prophets of Jerusalem is ungodliness gone forth into "What has the LORD answered?" and, "What has the all the land.' 16 Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'Do not LORD spoken?" 36 You shall mention the burden of the listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you: LORD no more: for every man's own word shall be his they teach you vanity; they speak a vision of their own burden; for you have perverted the words of the living heart, and not out of the mouth of the LORD. 17 They God, of the LORD of hosts our God. 37 You shall say to say continually to those who despise me, "The LORD the prophet, "What has the LORD answered you?" and, has said, 'You shall have peace'"; and to everyone who "What has the LORD spoken?" 38 But if you say, "The walks in the stubbornness of his own heart they say, burden of the LORD"; therefore thus says the LORD:

"No evil shall come on you." 18 For who has stood in Because you say this word, "The burden of the LORD,"

and I have sent to you, saving, "You shall not say, 'The way, and from the evil of your doings, and dwell in perpetual shame, which shall not be forgotten."

21 The LORD showed me, and look, two baskets of figs set before the LORD's temple, after that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had carried away captive Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, and the officials of Judah, with the craftsmen and smiths, from Jerusalem, and had brought them to Babylon. 2 One basket had very good figs, like the figs that are first-ripe; and the other basket had very bad figs, which could not be eaten, they were so bad. 3 Then the LORD said to me, "What do you see, Jeremiah?" I said, "Figs; the good figs, very good; and the bad, very bad, that can't be eaten, they are so bad." 4 The word of the LORD came to me, saying, 5 "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: 'Like these good figs, so will I regard the captives of Judah, whom I have sent out of this place into the land of the Chaldeans, for good. 6 For I will set my eyes on them for good, and I will bring them again to this land: and I will build them, and not pull them down; and I will plant them, and not pluck them up. 7 I will give them a heart to know me, that I am the LORD: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God; for they shall return to me with their whole heart.' 8 As the bad figs, which can't be eaten, they are so bad, surely thus says the LORD, 'So will I give up Zedekiah the king of Judah, and his officials, and the remnant of Jerusalem, who remain in this land, and those who dwell in the land of Egypt, 9 I will make them a horror, an evil thing, to all the kingdoms of the earth, as a reproach and a proverb, a taunt and a curse, in all places where I shall drive them. 10 I will send the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, among them, until they be consumed from off the land that I gave to them and to their fathers."

25 The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the people of Judah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah (the same was the first year of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon), 2 which Jeremiah the prophet spoke to all the people of Judah, and to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying: 3 "From the thirteenth year of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, even to this day, these twenty-three years, the word of the LORD has come to me, and I have spoken to you, rising up early and speaking; but you have not listened. 4 The LORD has sent to you all his servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them (but you have not listened, nor inclined your ear to hear) 5 saying, 'Return now everyone from his evil

burden of the LORD"; 39 therefore, look, I will surely lift the land that the LORD has given to you and to your you up and I will cast you off, and the city that I gave to fathers, from of old and even forevermore; 6 and do you and to your fathers, away from my presence: 40 not go after other gods to serve them or worship them. and I will bring an everlasting reproach on you, and a and do not provoke me to anger with the work of your hands; and I will do you no harm. 7 Yet you have not listened to me,' says the LORD; 'that you may provoke me to anger with the work of your hands to your own hurt.' 8 Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Because you have not heard my words, 9 look, I will send and take all the families of the north,' says the LORD, 'and I will send to Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and will bring them against this land, and against its inhabitants, and against all these nations around; and I will utterly destroy them, and make them an astonishment, and a hissing, and perpetual desolations. 10 Moreover I will take from them the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the sound of the millstones, and the light of the lamp. 11 This whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years. 12 It shall happen, when seventy years are accomplished, that I will punish the king of Babylon. and that nation, says the LORD, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans; and I will make it desolate forever. 13 I will bring on that land all my words which I have pronounced against it, even all that is written in this scroll, which Jeremiah has prophesied against all the nations. 14 For many nations and great kings shall make bondservants of them, even of them; and I will recompense them according to their deeds, and according to the work of their hands." 15 For thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, to me: "Take this cup of the wine of wrath at my hand, and cause all the nations, to whom I send you, to drink it. 16 They shall drink, and reel back and forth, and be mad, because of the sword that I will send among them." 17 Then took I the cup at the LORD's hand, and made all the nations to drink, to whom the LORD had sent me: 18 Jerusalem, and the cities of Judah, and its kings, and its officials, to make them a desolation, an astonishment, a hissing, and a curse, as it is this day; 19 Pharaoh king of Egypt, and his servants, and his officials, and all his people: 20 and all the mixed people, and all the kings of the land of the Uz, and all the kings of the Philistines, and Ashkelon, and Gaza, and Ekron, and the remnant of Ashdod; 21 Edom, and Moab, and the people of Ammon; 22 and all the kings of Tyre, and all the kings of Sidon, and the kings of the isle which is beyond the sea; 23 Dedan, and Tema, and Buz, and all who have the corners of their beard cut off; 24 and all the kings of Arabia, [and all the kings of the mixed people] who dwell in the wilderness;

25 and all the kings of Zimri, and all the kings of Elam, which I have set before you, 5 to listen to the words of oppressor, and because of his fierce anger."

26 In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, came this word from the LORD, saying, 2 "Thus says the LORD: Stand in the court of the LORD's house, and speak to all the cities of Judah, which come to worship in the LORD's house, all the words that I command you to speak to them; do not diminish a word. 3 It may be they will listen, and turn every man from his evil way; that I may relent of the evil which I purpose to do to them because of the evil of their doings. 4 You shall tell them, 'Thus says the LORD: If you will not listen to me, to walk in my law.

and all the kings of the Medes; 26 and all the kings of my servants the prophets, whom I send to you, even the north, far and near, one with another; and all the rising up early and sending them, but you have not kingdoms of the world, which are on the surface of the listened; 6 then will I make this house like Shiloh, and earth: and the king of Sheshach shall drink after them. will make this city a curse to all the nations of the earth." 27 "You shall tell them, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, 7 The priests and the prophets and all the people heard the God of Israel: "Drink, and be drunk, vomit, fall, and Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the rise no more, because of the sword which I will send LORD. 8 It happened, when Jeremiah had made an end among you." 28 It shall be, if they refuse to take the cup of speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to at your hand to drink, then you shall tell them, 'Thus speak to all the people, that the priests and the prophets says the LORD of hosts: "You shall surely drink. 29 and all the people laid hold on him, saying, "You shall For, look, I begin to work evil at the city which is called surely die. 9 Why have you prophesied in the name by my name; and should you be utterly unpunished? of the LORD, saying, 'This house shall be like Shiloh, You shall not be unpunished; for I will call for a sword and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant?" All on all the inhabitants of the earth," says the LORD the people were gathered to Jeremiah in the house of hosts. 30 Therefore prophesy you against them all of the LORD. 10 When the officials of Judah heard these words, and tell them, 'The LORD will roar from on these things, they came up from the king's house to high, and utter his voice from his holy habitation; he will the house of the LORD; and they sat in the entry of mightily roar against his fold; he will give a shout, as the New Gate of the LORD's house. 11 Then spoke those who tread grapes, against all the inhabitants of the priests and the prophets to the officials and to all the earth. 31 A noise shall come even to the remotest the people, saying, "This man is worthy of death; for parts of the earth; for the LORD brings charges against he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard the nations; he will enter into judgment with all flesh: as with your ears." 12 Then Jeremiah spoke to all the for the wicked, he will give them to the sword,' says the officials and to all the people, saying, "The LORD sent LORD. 32 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'Look, evil me to prophesy against this house and against this city shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great storm all the words that you have heard. 13 Now therefore shall be raised up from the uttermost parts of the earth.' amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice 33 The slain of the LORD shall be on that day from all of the LORD your God; and the LORD will relent of the areas of the earth. They shall not be lamented, neither disaster that he has pronounced against you. 14 But as gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung on the surface for me, look, I am in your hands; do with me as is good of the ground. 34 Wail, you shepherds, and cry; and and right in your eyes. 15 Only know for certain that, if wallow in dust, you principal of the flock; for the days of you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood on your slaughter and of your dispersions are fully come, yourselves, and on this city, and on its inhabitants; for and you shall fall like a goodly vessel. 35 The shepherds of a truth the LORD has sent me to you to speak all shall have no way to flee, nor the principal of the flock to these words in your ears." 16 Then the officials and escape. 36 A voice of the cry of the shepherds, and the all the people said to the priests and to the prophets: wailing of the principal of the flock. For the LORD lays "This man is not worthy of death; for he has spoken waste their pasture. 37 The peaceable folds are brought to us in the name of the LORD our God." 17 Then to silence because of the fierce anger of the LORD. rose up certain of the elders of the land, and spoke to 38 He has left his covert, as the lion; for their land has all the assembly of the people, saying, 18 "Micah the become an astonishment, because of the sword of the Morashtite prophesied in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah: and he spoke to all the people of Judah, saving.

'Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Zion shall be plowed as a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of a forest." 19 Did Hezekiah king of Judah and all Judah put him to death? Did he not fear the LORD, and seek the favor of the LORD, and the LORD relented of the disaster which he had pronounced against them? Thus should we commit great evil against our own souls. 20 "There was also a man who prophesied in the name of the LORD, Uriah the son of Shemaiah of Kiriath Jearim; and he prophesied against this city and against this land according to all the words of Jeremiah. 21 And when your people, by the sword, by the famine, and by the Jehoiakim the king, with all his mighty men, and all the pestilence, as the LORD has spoken concerning the to death; but when Uriah heard it, he was afraid, and not listen to the words of the prophets who speak to fled, and went into Egypt. 22 And Jehoiakim the king you, saying, 'You shall not serve the king of Babylon'; certain men with him, into Egypt; 23 and they fetched them,' says the LORD, 'but they prophesy falsely in forth Uriah out of Egypt, and brought him to Jehoiakim my name; that I may drive you out, and that you may the king, who killed him with the sword, and cast his perish, you, and the prophets who prophesy to you." dead body into the graves of the common people." 24 16 Also I spoke to the priests and to all this people, Jeremiah, that they should not give him into the hand of of your prophets who prophesy to you, saying, Look, the people to put him to death.

27 In the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah the son of Josiah, king of Judah, came this word to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, 2 "Thus says the LORD to me: Make bonds and bars, and put them on your neck; 3 and send them to the king of Edom, and to the king of Moab, and to the king of the people of Ammon, and to the king of Tyre, and to the king of Sidon, by the hand of the messengers who come to Jerusalem to Zedekiah king of Judah; 4 and give them a command to their masters, saying, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, You shall tell your masters: 5 "I have made the earth, the men and the animals that are on the surface of the earth, by my great power and by my outstretched arm; and I give it to whom it seems right to me. 6 Now have I given all these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my servant; and the animals of the field also have I given him to serve him. 7 All the nations shall serve him, and his son, and his son's son, until the time of his own land come: and then many nations and great kings shall make him their bondservant. 8 It shall happen, that the nation and the kingdom which will not serve the same Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and that will not put their neck under the yoke of the king of year, in the fifth month, that Hananiah the son of Azzur, Babylon, that nation will I punish, says the LORD, with the prophet, who was of Gibeon, spoke to me in the the sword, and with the famine, and with the pestilence, house of the LORD, in the presence of the priests and until I have consumed them by his hand. 9 But as for of all the people, saying, 2 "Thus speaks the LORD you, do not listen to your prophets, nor to your diviners, of hosts, the God of Israel, saying, 'I have broken the nor to your dreams, nor to your soothsayers, nor to yoke of the king of Babylon. 3 Within two full years will I your sorcerers, who speak to you, saying, 'You shall not bring again into this place all the vessels of the LORD's serve the king of Babylon': 10 for they prophesy a lie to house, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took away you, to remove you far from your land, and that I should from this place, and carried to Babylon: 4 and I will bring drive you out, and you should perish. 11 But the nation again to this place Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim, king that shall bring their neck under the yoke of the king of of Judah, with all the captives of Judah, who went to Babylon, and serve him, that nation will I let remain in Babylon,' says the LORD; 'for I will break the yoke of their own land, says the LORD; and they shall till it, the king of Babylon."" 5 Then the prophet Jeremiah said and dwell in it."" 12 I spoke to Zedekiah king of Judah to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests. according to all these words, saying, "Bring your necks and in the presence of all the people who stood in the under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him house of the LORD, 6 even the prophet Jeremiah said, and his people, and live. 13 Why will you die, you and

officials, heard his words, the king sought to put him nation that will not serve the king of Babylon? 14 Do sent men into Egypt, Elnathan the son of Achbor, and for they prophesy a lie to you. 15 'For I have not sent But the hand of Ahikam the son of Shaphan was with saying, "Thus says the LORD: 'Do not listen to the words the vessels of the LORD's house shall now shortly be brought again from Babylon; for they prophesy a lie to you. 17 Do not listen to them; serve the king of Babylon, and live: why should this city become a desolation?' 18 But if they are prophets and if the word of the LORD is with them, let them now make intercession with the LORD of hosts, that the vessels which are left in the house of the LORD, and in the house of the king of Judah and at Jerusalem may not go to Babylon. 19 For thus says the LORD of hosts concerning the pillars, and concerning the sea, and concerning the bases, and concerning the rest of the vessels that are left in this city, 20 which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon did not take, when he carried away captive Jeconiah the son of Jehojakim, king of Judah, from Jerusalem to Babylon. and all the nobles of Judah and Jerusalem; 21 yes, thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, concerning the vessels that are left in the house of the LORD, and in the house of the king of Judah, and at Jerusalem: 22 'They shall be carried to Babylon, and there shall they be, until the day that I visit them,' says the LORD; 'then will I bring them up, and restore them to this place."

> **28** It happened the same year, in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the fourth

"Amen: LORD do so; the LORD perform your words daughters; and multiply there, and do not be diminished. the prophet died the same year in the seventh month.

29 Now these are the words of the letter that Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem to the residue of the elders of the captivity, and to the priests, to the prophets, and to all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had carried away captive from Jerusalem to Babylon, 2 (after that Jeconiah the king, the queen mother, the eunuchs, the officials of Judah and Jerusalem, the craftsmen, and the metal workers, had departed from Jerusalem), 3 by the hand of Elasah the son of Shaphan, and Gemariah the son of Hilkiah, (whom Zedekiah king of Judah sent to Babylon to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon), saying, 4 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the captivity, whom I have caused to be carried away captive from Jerusalem to Babylon: 5 'Build houses, and dwell in them; and plant gardens, and eat their fruit. 6 Take wives, and father sons and daughters; and take wives for your sons, and give your daughters to husbands, that they may bear sons and

which you have prophesied, to bring back the vessels of 7 Seek the peace of the city where I have caused you to the LORD's house, and all them of the captivity, from be carried away captive, and pray to the LORD for it; Babylon to this place. 7 Nevertheless hear you now for in its peace you shall have peace.' 8 For thus says this word that I speak in your ears, and in the ears of the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: 'Do not let your all the people: 8 The prophets who have been before prophets who are in the midst of you, and your diviners, me and before you of old prophesied against many deceive you; neither listen to your dreams which you countries, and against great kingdoms, of war, and of cause to be dreamed. 9 For they prophesy falsely to evil, and of pestilence. 9 The prophet who prophesies you in my name: I have not sent them,' says the LORD. of peace, when the word of the prophet shall happen, 10 "For thus says the LORD, 'After seventy years are then shall the prophet be known, that the LORD has accomplished for Babylon, I will visit you, and perform truly sent him." 10 Then Hananiah the prophet took the my good word toward you, in causing you to return to bar from off the prophet Jeremiah's neck, and broke it. this place. 11 For I know the plans that I have for you,' 11 Hananiah spoke in the presence of all the people, says the LORD, 'plans for your welfare, and not for saying, "Thus says the LORD: 'Even so will I break calamity, to give you hope and a future. 12 You shall the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon within call on me, and you shall go and pray to me, and I two full years from off the neck of all the nations." The will listen to you. 13 You shall seek me, and find me, prophet Jeremiah went his way. 12 Then the word of when you shall search for me with all your heart. 14 I the LORD came to Jeremiah, after that Hananiah the will be found by you,' says the LORD, 'and I will turn prophet had broken the bar from off the neck of the again your captivity, and I will gather you from all the prophet Jeremiah, saying, 13 "Go, and tell Hananiah, nations, and from all the places where I have driven saying, 'Thus says the LORD: You have broken the you,' says the LORD; 'and I will bring you again to bars of wood; but you have made in their place bars of the place from where I caused you to be carried away iron. 14 For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of captive.' 15 "Because you have said, 'The LORD has Israel: "I have put a voke of iron on the neck of all these raised us up prophets in Babylon': 16 thus says the nations, that they may serve Nebuchadnezzar king of LORD concerning the king who sits on the throne of Babylon; and they shall serve him: and I have given David, and concerning all the people who dwell in this him the animals of the field also."" 15 Then the prophet city, your brothers who haven't gone forth with you into Jeremiah said to Hananiah the prophet, "Hear now, captivity; 17 thus says the LORD of hosts; 'Look, I will Hananiah: the LORD has not sent you; but you make send on them the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, this people to trust in a lie. 16 Therefore thus says the and will make them like vile figs, that can't be eaten, LORD, 'Look, I will send you away from off the surface they are so bad. 18 I will pursue after them with the of the earth: this year you shall die, because you have sword, with the famine, and with the pestilence, and will spoken rebellion against the LORD." 17 So Hananiah deliver them to be tossed back and forth among all the kingdoms of the earth, to be an object of horror, and an astonishment, and a hissing, and a reproach, among all the nations where I have driven them; 19 because they have not listened to my words,' says the LORD, 'with which I sent to them my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them; but you would not hear,' says the LORD. 20 'Hear therefore the word of the LORD, all you of the captivity, whom I have sent away from Jerusalem to Babylon.' 21 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, concerning Ahiab the son of Kolaiah, and concerning Zedekiah the son of Maaseiah, who prophesy a lie to you in my name: 'Look, I will deliver them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; and he shall kill them before your eyes; 22 and of them shall be taken up a curse by all the captives of Judah who are in Babylon, saying, "The LORD make you like Zedekiah and like Ahiab, whom the king of Babylon roasted in the fire"; 23 because they have worked folly in Israel, and have committed adultery with their neighbors' wives, and have spoken words in my for, look, I will save you from afar, and your descendants name falsely, which I did not command them; and I am from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, "Concerning Shemaiah the Nehelamite you shall speak, afraid. 11 For I am with you, says the LORD, to save saying, 25 'Thus speaks the LORD of hosts, the God of you: for I will make a full end of all the nations where Israel, saying, "Because you have sent letters in your I have scattered you, but I will not make a full end of own name to all the people who are at Jerusalem, and you; but I will correct you in measure, and will in no way to Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah, the priest, and to all leave you unpunished." 12 For thus says the LORD, the priests, saying, 26 'The LORD has made you priest "Your hurt is incurable, and your wound grievous. 13 in the place of Jehoiada the priest, that there may be There is none to plead your cause, that you may be officers in the house of the LORD, for every man who is bound up: you have no healing medicines. 14 All your mad, and makes himself a prophet, that you should put lovers have forgotten you; they do not seek you: for I him in the stocks and in shackles. 27 Now therefore, why have wounded you with the wound of an enemy, with have you not rebuked Jeremiah of Anathoth, who makes the chastisement of a cruel one, for the greatness of himself a prophet to you, 28 because he has sent to us your iniquity, because your sins were increased. 15 Why in Babylon, saying, "The captivity is long: build houses, do you cry for your hurt? Your pain is incurable: for and dwell in them; and plant gardens, and eat their the greatness of your iniquity, because your sins were fruit?"" 29 Zephaniah the priest read this letter in the increased, I have done these things to you. 16 Therefore ears of Jeremiah the prophet. 30 Then came the word of all those who devour you shall be devoured; and all your the LORD to Jeremiah, saying, 31 "Send to all them of adversaries, everyone of them, shall go into captivity; the captivity, saying, 'Thus says the LORD concerning and those who plunder you shall be plundered, and all Shemaiah the Nehelamite: "Because Shemaiah has who prey on you I will make a prey. 17 For I will restore prophesied to you, and I did not send him, and he has health to you, and I will heal you of your wounds," says caused you to trust in a lie; 32 therefore," thus says the the LORD; "because they have called you an outcast, LORD, "Look, I will punish Shemaiah the Nehelamite, saying, 'It is Zion, whom no man seeks after." 18 Thus and his offspring; he shall not have a man to dwell says the LORD: "Look, I will turn again the captivity of among this people, neither shall he see the good that I Jacob's tents, and have compassion on his dwelling will do to my people, says the LORD, because he has places; and the city shall be built on its own hill, and spoken rebellion against the LORD.""

30 The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD. saying, 2 "Thus speaks the LORD, the God of Israel, saying, 'Write all the words that I have spoken to you in a scroll. 3 For, look, the days come, says the LORD, that I will turn again the captivity of my people Israel and Judah,' says the LORD; 'and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it." 4 These are the words that the LORD spoke concerning Israel and concerning Judah. 5 For thus says the LORD: "We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace. 6 Ask now, and see whether a man does travail with child: why do I see every man with his hands on his waist, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness? 7 Alas, for that day is great, so that none is like it. It is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it. 8 It shall come to pass in that day," says the LORD of hosts, "that I will break his yoke from off your neck, and will burst your bonds; and strangers shall no more make him their bondservant; 9 but they shall serve the LORD their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up to them. 10 Therefore do not be afraid, O Jacob my servant, says the LORD; neither be dismayed, Israel:

he who knows, and am witness,' says the LORD." 24 and shall be guiet and at ease, and none shall make him the palace shall be inhabited in its own way. 19 Out of them shall proceed thanksgiving and the voice of those who make merry: and I will multiply them, and they shall not be few; I will also glorify them, and they shall not be small. 20 Their children also shall be as before. and their congregation shall be established before me; and I will punish all who oppress them. 21 Their prince shall be of themselves, and their ruler shall proceed from their midst; and I will cause him to draw near, and he shall approach to me: for who is he who has had boldness to approach to me? says the LORD. 22 You shall be my people, and I will be your God. 23 Look, the storm of the LORD, his wrath, has gone forth, a sweeping storm: it shall burst on the head of the wicked. 24 The fierce anger of the LORD will not return, until he has executed, and until he has performed the intentions of his heart. In the latter days you will understand it.

> "At that time," says the LORD, "will I be the God 31 of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people." 2 Thus says the LORD, "The people who were left of the sword found favor in the wilderness; even Israel, when I went to cause him to rest. 3 The LORD appeared to him from afar. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore with loving kindness have I drawn you. 4 Again will I build you, and you shall

be built, O virgin of Israel: again you shall be adorned against him, I do earnestly remember him still: therefore with your tambourines, and shall go forth in the dances my heart yearns for him; I will surely have mercy on of those who make merry. 5 Again you shall plant him," says the LORD. 21 "Set up road signs, make vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters guideposts; set your heart toward the highway, even the shall plant, and shall enjoy its fruit. 6 For there shall be way by which you went: turn again, virgin of Israel, turn a day, that the watchmen on the hills of Ephraim shall again to these your cities. 22 How long will you go here cry, "Arise, and let us go up to Zion to the LORD our and there, you backsliding daughter? For the LORD God."" 7 For thus says the LORD, "Sing with gladness has created a new thing in the earth: a woman shall for Jacob, and shout for the chief of the nations: publish, encompass a man." 23 Thus says the LORD of hosts, praise, and say, 'For the LORD has saved your people, the God of Israel, "Yet again shall they use this speech the remnant of Israel.' 8 'Look, I will bring them from in the land of Judah and in its cities, when I shall bring the north country, and gather them from the uttermost again their captivity: 'The LORD bless you, habitation of parts of the earth, along with the blind and the lame, righteousness, mountain of holiness.' 24 Judah and all the woman with child and her who travails with child its cities shall dwell in it together, the farmers, and those together: a great company shall they return here. 9 who go about with flocks. 25 For I have satisfied the They shall come with weeping; and with petitions will I weary soul, and I have filled every sorrowful soul." 26 lead them: I will cause them to walk by rivers of waters, On this I awakened, and saw; and my sleep was sweet in a straight way in which they shall not stumble; for I to me. 27 "Look, the days come," says the LORD, "that am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn." 10 I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah Hear the word of the LORD, you nations, and declare with the seed of man, and with the seed of animal. 28 It it in the islands afar off; and say, "He who scattered shall happen that, like as I have watched over them Israel will gather him, and keep him, as shepherd does to pluck up and to break down and to overthrow and his flock." 11 For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and to destroy and to afflict, so will I watch over them to redeemed him from the hand of him who was stronger build and to plant," says the LORD. 29 "In those days than he. 12 They shall come and sing in the height of they shall say no more, 'The fathers have eaten sour Zion, and they shall be radient over the goodness of grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge.' 30 But the LORD, to the grain, and to the new wine, and to everyone shall die for his own iniquity: every man who the oil, and to the young of the flock and of the herd: eats the sour grapes, his teeth shall be set on edge. and their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they 31 Look, the days come," says the LORD, "when I will shall not sorrow any more at all. 13 "Then shall the make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with virgin rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the house of Judah: 32 not according to the covenant the old together; for I will turn their mourning into joy, that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them and will comfort them, and make them rejoice from by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; their sorrow. 14 I will satiate the soul of the priests which my covenant they broke, and I disregarded them," with fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my says the LORD. 33 "But this is the covenant that I will goodness," says the LORD. 15 Thus says the LORD: make with the house of Israel after those days," says "A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and weeping the LORD: "I will put my law in their minds, and write it and great bitterness, Rachel weeping for her children; on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be she refuses to be comforted for her children, because my people: 34 and they shall teach no more every man they are no more." 16 Thus says the LORD: "Refrain his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears; for the LORD'; for they shall all know me, from their least to your work shall be rewarded," says the LORD; "and their greatest, for I will forgive their iniquity, and their they shall come again from the land of the enemy. 17 sins I will remember no more." 35 Thus says the LORD, There is hope for your latter end," says the LORD; "and who gives the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances your children shall come again to their own border. 18 I of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, who have surely heard Ephraim bemoaning himself thus, stirs up the sea, so that its waves roar; the LORD of 'You have chastised me, and I was chastised, as an hosts is his name: 36 "If this fixed order departs from untrained calf: turn me, and I shall be turned; for you are before me," says the LORD, "then the descendants of the LORD my God. 19 Surely after that I was turned, I Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me repented; and after that I was instructed, I struck on my forever." 37 Thus says the LORD: "If heaven above can thigh: I was ashamed, yes, even confounded, because be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched I bore the reproach of my youth.' 20 Is Ephraim my out beneath, then will I also cast off all the descendants dear son? Is he a darling child? For as often as I speak of Israel for all that they have done," says the LORD. 38

"Look, the days come," says the LORD, "that the city Israel: 'Houses and fields and vinevards shall vet again and of the ashes, and all the fields to the Kidron Valley, thrown down any more forever."

32 The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. 2 Now at that time the king of Babylon's army was besieging Jerusalem: and Jeremiah the prophet was shut up in the court of the guard, which was in the king of Judah's house. 3 For Zedekiah king of Judah had shut him up, saying, "Why do you prophesy, and say, 'Thus says the LORD, "Look, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it; 4 and Zedekiah king of Judah shall not escape out of the hand of the Chaldeans, but shall surely be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon, and shall speak with him mouth to mouth, and his eyes shall see his eyes; 5 and he shall bring Zedekiah to Babylon, and he shall be there until I visit him," says the LORD: "though you fight with the Chaldeans, you shall not prosper?"" 6 Jeremiah said, "The word of the LORD came to me, saving, 7 Look, Hanamel the son of Shallum your uncle shall come to you, saying, "Buy my field that is in Anathoth; for the right of redemption is yours to buy it."" 8 So Hanamel my uncle's son came to me in the court of the guard according to the word of the LORD, and said to me, "Please buy my field that is in Anathoth, which is in the land of Benjamin; for the right of inheritance is yours, and the redemption is yours: buy it for yourself.' Then I knew that this was the word of the LORD. 9 I bought the field that was in Anathoth of Hanamel my uncle's son, and weighed him the money, even seventeen shekels of silver. 10 I subscribed the deed, and sealed it, and called witnesses, and weighed him the money in the balances. 11 So I took the deed of the purchase, both that which was sealed, containing the terms and conditions, and that which was open; 12 and I delivered the deed of the purchase to Baruch the son of Neriah, the son of Mahseiah, in the presence of Hanamel my cousin, and in the presence of the witnesses who subscribed the deed of the purchase, before all the Jews who sat in the court of the guard. 13 I commanded Baruch before them, saying, 14 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: "Take these deeds, this deed of the purchase which is sealed, and this deed which is open, and put them in an earthen vessel; that they may continue many davs." 15 For thus savs the LORD of hosts, the God of

shall be built to the LORD from the Tower of Hananel to be bought in this land.' 16 Now after I had delivered the the Corner Gate. 39 The measuring line shall go out deed of the purchase to Baruch the son of Neriah, I further straight onward to the hill Gareb, and shall turn prayed to the LORD, saying, 17 'Ah, LORD. Look, you about to Goah. 40 The whole valley of the dead bodies have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm; there is nothing to the corner of the Horse Gate toward the east, shall too difficult for you, 18 who show loving kindness to be holy to the LORD; it shall not be plucked up, nor thousands, and recompense the iniquity of the fathers into the bosom of their children after them: the Great. the Mighty God, the LORD of hosts is his name; 19 great in counsel, and mighty in work; whose eyes are open on all the ways of human beings, to give to each person according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings. 20 You performed signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, and to this day in Israel and among all humankind, and have made a name for yourself to this day. 21 You brought forth your people Israel out of the land of Egypt with signs, and with wonders, and with a strong hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with great terror; 22 and gave them this land, which you swore to their fathers to give them, a land flowing with milk and honey; 23 and they came in, and possessed it, but they did not obey your voice, neither walked in your law: they have done nothing of all that you commanded them to do: therefore you have caused all this evil to come on them. 24 Look, the mounds, they have come to the city to take it: and the city is given into the hand of the Chaldeans who fight against it, because of the sword, and of the famine, and of the pestilence; and what you have spoken has happened; and look, you see it. 25 You have said to me, Lord GOD, "Buy the field for money, and call witnesses"; whereas the city is given into the hand of the Chaldeans." 26 Then came the word of the LORD to Jeremiah, saying, 27 "Look, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh: is there anything too difficult for me? 28 Therefore thus says the LORD: 'Look, I will give this city into the hand of the Chaldeans, and into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and he shall take it: 29 and the Chaldeans, who fight against this city, shall come and set this city on fire, and burn it, with the houses, on whose roofs they have offered incense to Baal, and poured out drink offerings to other gods, to provoke me to anger. 30 For the children of Israel and the people of Judah have done only that which was evil in my sight from their youth; for the children of Israel have only provoked me to anger with the work of their hands, says the LORD. 31 For this city has been to me a provocation of my anger and of my wrath from the day that they built it even to this day: that I should remove it from before my face, 32 because of all the evil of the children of Israel and of the people of Judah, which they have done to provoke me to anger, they, their kings, their officials,

their priests, and their prophets, and the men of Judah. whose wickedness I have hidden my face from this city: to me the back, and not the face: and though I taught them; and I will reveal to them abundance of peace them, rising up early and teaching them, yet they have and truth. 7 I will cause the captivity of Judah and the not listened to receive instruction. 34 But they set their captivity of Israel to return, and will build them, as at the are in the Valley of Ben Hinnom, to cause their sons and iniquities, by which they have sinned against me, and I did not command them, neither did it come into my city shall be to me for a name of joy, for a praise and mind, that they should do this abomination, to cause for a glory, before all the nations of the earth, which Judah to sin.' 36 "Now therefore thus says the LORD, shall hear all the good that I do to them, and shall fear the God of Israel, concerning this city, about which you and tremble for all the good and for all the peace that I 'Look, I will gather them out of all the countries, where I waste, without man and without animal," even in the me forever, for their good, and of their children after the LORD of hosts, for the LORD is good, for his loving them: 40 and I will make an everlasting covenant with kindness endures forever; who bring thanksgiving into that they may not depart from me. 41 Yes, I will rejoice Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Yet again shall there be bring on them all the good that I have promised them. of the Negev, and in the land of Benjamin, and in the 43 Fields shall be bought in this land, about which you places about Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, say, "It is desolate, without man or animal; it is given shall the flocks again pass under the hands of him and call witnesses, in the land of Benjamin, and in the good word which I have spoken concerning the house their captivity to return,' says the LORD."

33 Moreover the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the second time, while he was yet shut up in the court of the guard, saying, 2 "Thus says the LORD who made the earth, and who formed it to establish it; the LORD is his name: 3 'Call to me, and I will answer you, and will show you great and hidden things, which you do not know.' 4 For thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the houses of this city, and concerning the houses of the kings of Judah, which are broken down to make a defense against the mounds and against the sword; 5 while men come to fight with the Chaldeans, and to fill them with the dead bodies of men, whom I have killed in my anger and in my wrath, and for all

and the inhabitants of Jerusalem. 33 They have turned 6 'Look, I will bring it health and healing, and I will heal abominations in the house which is called by my name, first. 8 I will cleanse them from all their iniquity, by which to defile it. 35 They built the high places of Baal, which they have sinned against me; and I will pardon all their their daughters to pass through fire to Molech; which by which they have transgressed against me. 9 This say, 'It is given into the hand of the king of Babylon by procure to it.' 10 "Thus says the LORD: 'Yet again there the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence': 37 shall be heard in this place, about which you say, "It is have driven them in my anger, and in my wrath, and cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, that in great indignation; and I will bring them again to this are desolate, without man and without inhabitant and place, and I will cause them to dwell safely: 38 and they without animal, 11 the voice of joy and the voice of shall be my people, and I will be their God: 39 and I will gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of give them one heart and one way, that they may fear the bride, the voice of those who say, "Give thanks to them, that I will not turn away from following them, to the house of the LORD." For I will cause the captivity of do them good; and I will put my fear in their hearts, the land to return as at the first,' says the LORD. 12 over them to do them good, and I will plant them in in this place, which is waste, without man and without this land assuredly with my whole heart and with my animal, and in all its cities, a habitation of shepherds whole soul.' 42 "For thus says the LORD: 'Just as I have causing their flocks to lie down. 13 In the cities of the brought all this great disaster on this people, so will I hill country, in the cities of the lowland, and in the cities into the hand of the Chaldeans." 44 Men shall buy fields who numbers them,' says the LORD. 14 'Look, the for money, and subscribe the deeds, and seal them, days come,' says the LORD, 'that I will perform that places about Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, and of Israel and concerning the house of Judah. 15 In in the cities of the hill country, and in the cities of the those days, and at that time, will I cause a Branch of lowland, and in the cities of the Negev: for I will cause righteousness to grow up to David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 16 In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely; and this is the name by which she shall be called: "The LORD our righteousness." 17 For thus says the LORD: "David shall never want a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel; 18 neither shall the priests the Levites want a man before me to offer burnt offerings, and to burn meal offerings, and to do sacrifice continually."" 19 The word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying, 20 "Thus says the LORD: 'If you can break my covenant of the day, and my covenant of the night, so that there shall not be day and night in their season; 21 then may also my covenant be broken with David my servant, that he shall not have a son to reign on his throne; and with the Levites the priests, my ministers, 22 As the host turned, and caused the servants and the handmaids. captivity to return, and will have mercy on them."

? The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD. when Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and all his army, and all the kingdoms of the earth that were under his dominion, and all the peoples, were fighting against Jerusalem, and against all the cities of it, saying: 2 "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'Go, and speak to Zedekiah king of Judah, and tell him, "Thus says the LORD, 'Look, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire: 3 and you shall not escape out of his hand, but shall surely be taken, and delivered into his hand; and your eves shall see the eyes of the king of Babylon, and he shall speak with you mouth to mouth, and you shall go to Babylon." 4 Yet hear the word of the LORD. O Zedekiah king of Judah: thus says the LORD concerning you, 'You shall not die by the sword; 5 you shall die in peace; and with the burnings of your fathers, the former kings who were before you, so shall they make a burning for you; and they shall lament you, saying, "Ah Lord." for I have spoken the word,' says the LORD."" 6 Then Jeremiah the prophet spoke all these words to Zedekiah king of Judah in Jerusalem. 7 when the king of Babylon's army was fighting against Jerusalem, and against all the cities of Judah that were left, against Lachish and against Azekah; for these alone remained of the cities of Judah as fortified cities. 8 The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, after that the king Zedekiah had made a covenant with all the people who were at Jerusalem, to proclaim liberty to them; 9 that every man should let his male servant, and every man his female servant, who is a Hebrew man or a Hebrew woman, go free: that none should keep a fellow Judean in bondage. 10 And all the officials and all the people obeyed, who had entered into the covenant, that everyone should let his male servant, and everyone his female servant, go free, that none should make bondservants of them any more; they obeyed, and let them go: 11 but afterwards they and the whole house of the Rechabites. 4 And I brought

of heaven can't be numbered, neither the sand of the whom they had let go free, to return, and brought them sea measured; so will I multiply the offspring of David into subjection for servants and for handmaids. 12 my servant, and the Levites who minister to me." 23 Therefore the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah from The word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying, 24 the LORD, saying, 13 "Thus says the LORD, the God of "Do not consider what this people has spoken, saying, Israel: 'I made a covenant with your fathers in the day 'The two families which the LORD chose, he has cast that I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, out of them off?' Thus do they despise my people, that they the house of bondage, saying, 14 "At the end of seven should be no more a nation before them. 25 Thus says years you shall let go every man his brother who is a the LORD: 'If my covenant of day and night fails, if Hebrew, who has been sold to you, and has served I have not appointed the ordinances of heaven and you six years, you shall let him go free from you": but earth; 26 then will I also cast away the descendants of your fathers did not listen to me, neither inclined their Jacob, and of David my servant, so that I will not take ear. 15 You had now turned, and had done that which is of his descendants to be rulers over the descendants right in my eyes, in proclaiming liberty every man to of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob: for I will cause their his neighbor; and you had made a covenant before me in the house which is called by my name: 16 but you turned and profaned my name, and caused every man his servant, and every man his handmaid, whom you had let go free at their pleasure, to return; and you brought them into subjection, to be to you for servants and for handmaids. 17 Therefore thus says the LORD: "You have not listened to me, to proclaim liberty, every man to his brother, and every man to his neighbor: look, I proclaim to you a liberty, says the LORD, to the sword. to the pestilence, and to the famine; and I will make you to be tossed back and forth among all the kingdoms of the earth. 18 I will give the men who have transgressed my covenant, who have not performed the words of the covenant which they made before me, when they cut the calf in two and passed between its parts; 19 the officials of Judah, and the officials of Jerusalem, the eunuchs, and the priests, and all the people of the land, who passed between the parts of the calf: 20 I will even give them into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those who seek their life; and their dead bodies shall be for food to the birds of the sky, and to the animals of the earth. 21 And Zedekiah king of Judah and his officials will I give into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those who seek their life, and into the hand of the king of Babylon's army, who have gone away from you. 22 Look, I will command, says the LORD, and cause them to return to this city: and they shall fight against it, and take it, and burn it with fire: and I will make the cities of Judah a desolation. without inhabitant."""

> **35** The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, saying, 2 "Go to the house of the Rechabites, and speak to them, and bring them into the house of the LORD, into one of the rooms, and give them wine to drink." 3 Then I took Jaazaniah the son of Jeremiah, the son of Habazziniah, and his brothers, and all his sons,

sons of Hananiah son of Gedaliah, the man of God, hosts, the God of Israel: 'Jonadab the son of Rechab which was by the room of the officials, which was above shall not want a man to stand before me forever." the room of Maaseiah the son of Shallum, the keeper of the threshold. 5 I set before the sons of the house of the Rechabites bowls full of wine, and cups; and I said to them. "Drink wine." 6 But they said. "We will drink no wine; for Jonadab the son of Rechab, our father, commanded us, saying, 'You shall drink no wine, neither you, nor your sons, forever: 7 neither shall you build house, nor sow seed, nor plant vineyard, nor have any; but all your days you shall dwell in tents; that you may live many days in the land in which you live.' 8 We have obeyed the voice of Jonadab the son of Rechab, our father, in all that he commanded us, to drink no wine all our days, we, our wives, our sons, or our daughters: 9 nor to build houses for us to dwell in; neither have we vinevard, nor field, nor seed: 10 but we have lived in tents, and have obeyed, and done according to all that Jonadab our father commanded us. 11 But it happened, when Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up into the land, that we said, 'Come, and let us go to Jerusalem for fear of the army of the Chaldeans, and for fear of the army of the Arameans': so we dwell at Jerusalem." 12 Then came the word of the LORD to Jeremiah, saying, 13 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: 'Go, and tell the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, "Will you not receive instruction to listen to my words?" says the LORD. 14 "The words of Jonadab the son of Rechab, that he commanded his sons, not to drink wine, are performed; and to this day they drink none, for they obey their father's commandment: but I have spoken to you, rising up early and speaking; and you have not listened to me. 15 I have sent also to you all my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them, saying, 'Return now every man from his evil way, and amend your doings, and do not go after other gods to serve them, and you shall dwell in the land which I have given to you and to your fathers': but you have not inclined your ear, nor listened to me. 16 Because the sons of Jonadab the son of Rechab have performed the commandment of their father which he commanded them, but this people has not listened to me: 17 therefore thus says the LORD, the God of hosts. the God of Israel: 'Look, I will bring on Judah and on all the inhabitants of Jerusalem all the disaster that I have pronounced against them; because I have spoken to them, but they have not listened; and I have called to them, but they have not answered.""" 18 Jeremiah said to the house of the Rechabites, "Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: 'Because you have obeved the commandment of Jonadab your father, and kept all his precepts, and done according to all that he

them into the house of the LORD, into the room of the commanded you': 19 therefore thus says the LORD of

36 It happened in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, that this word came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, 2 "Take a scroll, and write on it all the words that I have spoken to you against Israel, and against Judah, and against all the nations, from the day I spoke to you, from the days of Josiah, even to this day. 3 It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the evil which I purpose to do to them; that they may return every man from his evil way; that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin." 4 Then Jeremiah called Baruch the son of Neriah; and Baruch wrote from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the LORD, which he had spoken to him, on a scroll. 5 Jeremiah commanded Baruch, saying, "I am shut up: I can't go into the house of the LORD: 6 therefore you go, and read from the scroll, which you have written from my mouth, the words of the LORD in the ears of the people in the LORD's house on the fast day; and also you shall read them in the ears of all Judah who come out of their cities. 7 It may be they will present their petition before the LORD, and will return everyone from his evil way; for great is the anger and the wrath that the LORD has pronounced against this people." 8 Baruch the son of Neriah did according to all that Jeremiah the prophet commanded him, reading from the scroll the words of the LORD in the LORD's house. 9 Now it happened in the fifth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, in the ninth month, that all the people in Jerusalem, and all the people who came from the cities of Judah to Jerusalem, proclaimed a fast before the LORD. 10 Then Baruch read from the scroll the words of Jeremiah in the house of the LORD, in the room of Gemariah the son of Shaphan, the scribe, in the upper court, at the entry of the New Gate of the LORD's house, in the ears of all the people. 11 When Micaiah the son of Gemariah, the son of Shaphan, had heard from the scroll all the words of the LORD, 12 he went down into the king's house, into the scribe's room: and look, all the officials were sitting there, Elishama the scribe, and Delaiah the son of Shemaiah, and Elnathan the son of Achbor, and Gemariah the son of Shaphan, and Zedekiah the son of Hananiah. and all the officials. 13 Then Micaiah declared to them all the words that he had heard, when Baruch read the scroll in the hearing of the people. 14 Therefore all the officials sent Jehudi the son of Nethaniah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Cushi, to Baruch, saying, "Take in your hand the scroll in which you have read in the ears of the people, and come." So Baruch the son of Neriah took the scroll in his hand, and came to them, 15 They said to him, "Sit the instruction of Jeremiah all the words of the scroll down now, and read it in our ears." So Baruch read it in which Jehoiakim king of Judah had burned in the fire: their ears. 16 Now it happened, when they had heard and there were added besides to them many like words. all the words, they turned in fear one toward another, and said to Baruch, "We will surely tell the king of all these words." 17 They asked Baruch, saying, "Tell us now. How did you write all these words at his mouth?" 18 Then Baruch answered them, "He pronounced all these words to me with his mouth, and I wrote them with ink on the scroll." 19 Then the officials said to Baruch, "Go, hide, you and Jeremiah; and let no man know where you are." 20 They went in to the king into the court; but they had put the scroll in the room of Elishama the scribe; and they told all the words in the ears of the king. 21 So the king sent Jehudi to get the scroll: and he took it out of the room of Elishama the scribe. Jehudi read it in the ears of the king, and in the ears of all the officials who stood beside the king. 22 Now the king was sitting in the winter house in the ninth month: and there was a fire in the brazier burning before him. 23 It happened, when Jehudi had read three or four columns, that the king cut it with a knife, and cast it into the fire that was in the brazier, until all the scroll was consumed in the fire that was in the brazier. 24 They were not afraid, nor tore their garments, neither the king, nor any of his servants who heard all these words. 25 Moreover Elnathan and Delaiah and Gemariah had made intercession to the king that he would not burn the scroll; but he would not hear them. 26 The king commanded Jerahmeel the king's son, and Seraiah the son of Azriel, and Shelemiah the son of Abdeel, to take Baruch the scribe and Jeremiah the prophet: but the LORD hid them. 27 Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, after that the king had burned the scroll, and the words which Baruch wrote at the mouth of Jeremiah, saying, 28 "Take again another scroll, and write on it all the former words that were in the first scroll, which Jehoiakim the king of Judah has burned. 29 Concerning Jehoiakim king of Judah you shall say, 'Thus says the LORD: "You have burned this scroll, saying, 'Why have you written in it, saying, "The king of Babylon shall certainly come and destroy this land, and shall cause to cease from there man and animal?"" 30 Therefore thus says the LORD concerning Jehoiakim king of Judah: "He shall have none to sit on the throne of David; and his dead body shall be cast out in the day to the heat, and in the night to the frost. 31 I will punish him and his seed and his servants for their iniquity; and I will bring on them, and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and on the men of Judah, all the evil that I have pronounced against them, but they did not listen.""" 32 Then Jeremiah took another scroll, and gave it to Baruch the scribe, the son of Neriah, who wrote on it at

37 Zedekiah the son of Josiah reigned as king, instead of Coniah the son of Jehoiakim, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon made king in the land of Judah. 2 But neither he, nor his servants, nor the people of the land, listened to the words of the LORD, which he spoke by the prophet Jeremiah. 3 Zedekiah the king sent Jehucal the son of Shelemiah. and Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah, the priest, to the prophet Jeremiah, saying, "Pray now to the LORD our God for us." 4 Now Jeremiah came in and went out among the people; for they had not put him into prison. 5 Pharaoh's army had come forth out of Egypt; and when the Chaldeans who were besieging Jerusalem heard news of them, they broke up from Jerusalem. 6 Then came the word of the LORD to the prophet Jeremiah, saying, 7 "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'You shall tell the king of Judah, who sent you to me to inquire of me: "Look, Pharaoh's army, which has come forth to help you, shall return to Egypt into their own land. 8 The Chaldeans shall come again, and fight against this city; and they shall take it, and burn it with fire." 9 Thus says the LORD, "Do not deceive yourselves, saying, 'The Chaldeans shall surely depart from us'; for they shall not depart. 10 For though you had struck the whole army of the Chaldeans who fight against you, and there remained but wounded men among them, yes would they rise up every man in his tent, and burn this city with fire."" 11 It happened that, when the army of the Chaldeans was broken up from Jerusalem for fear of Pharaoh's army, 12 then Jeremiah went forth out of Jerusalem to go into the land of Benjamin, to receive his portion there, in the midst of the people. 13 When he was in the Benjamin Gate, a captain of the guard was there, whose name was Irijah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Hananiah; and he laid hold on Jeremiah the prophet, saying, "You are falling away to the Chaldeans." 14 Then Jeremiah said, "It is false; I am not falling away to the Chaldeans." But he did not listen to him; so Irijah laid hold on Jeremiah, and brought him to the officials. 15 And the officials were angry with Jeremiah, and struck him, and put him in prison in the house of Jonathan the scribe: for they had made that the prison. 16 When Jeremiah had come into the dungeon house, and into the cells, and Jeremiah had remained there many days; 17 Then Zedekiah the king sent, and fetched him: and the king asked him secretly in his house, and said, "Is there any word from the LORD?" Jeremiah said, "There is." He said also, "You shall be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon."

18 Moreover Jeremiah said to king Zedekiah. "Wherein worn-out garments under your armpits under the cords." the guard.

38 Shephatiah the son of Mattan, and Gedaliah the son of Pashhur, and Jucal the son of Shelemiah, and Pashhur the son of Malchijah, heard the words that Jeremiah spoke to all the people, saying, 2 "Thus says the LORD, 'He who remains in this city shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence; but he who goes forth to the Chaldeans shall live, and his life shall be to him for a prey, and he shall live.' 3 Thus says the LORD, 'This city shall surely be given into the hand of the army of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it." Then the officials said to the king, "Please let this man be put to death: because he weakens the hands of the men of war who remain in this city, and the hands of all the people, in speaking such words to them: for this man doesn't seek the welfare of this people, but the hurt." 5 Zedekiah the king said, "Look, he is in your hand; for the king is not he who can do anything against vou." 6 Then took they Jeremiah, and cast him into the dungeon of Malchiah the king's son, that was in the court of the guard: and they let down Jeremiah with cords. In the dungeon there was no water, but mire; and Jeremiah sank in the mire. 7 Now when Ebedmelech the Ethiopian, a eunuch, who was in the king's house, heard that they had put Jeremiah in the dungeon (the king then sitting in the Benjamin Gate), 8 Ebedmelech went forth out of the king's house, and spoke to the king, saying, 9 "My lord the king, these men have done evil in all that they have done to Jeremiah the prophet. whom they have cast into the dungeon; and he is likely to die in the place where he is, because of the famine; for there is no more bread in the city." 10 Then the king commanded Ebedmelech the Ethiopian, saying, "Take from here thirty men with you, and take up Jeremiah the prophet out of the dungeon, before he dies." 11 So Ebedmelech took the men with him, and went into the house of the king under the treasury, and took there rags and worn-out garments, and let them down by cords into the dungeon to Jeremiah. 12 Ebedmelech the Ethiopian said to Jeremiah, "Put now these rags and

have I sinned against you, or against your servants, or Jeremiah did so. 13 So they drew up Jeremiah with against this people, that you have put me in prison? the cords, and took him up out of the dungeon: and 19 Where now are your prophets who prophesied to Jeremiah remained in the court of the guard. 14 Then you, saying, The king of Babylon shall not come against Zedekiah the king sent, and took Jeremiah the prophet you, nor against this land? 20 Now please hear, my to him into the third entry that is in the house of the lord the king: please let my petition be presented before LORD: and the king said to Jeremiah, "I will ask you you, that you not cause me to return to the house of something. Hide nothing from me." 15 Then Jeremiah Jonathan the scribe, lest I die there." 21 Then Zedekiah said to Zedekiah, "If I declare it to you, will you not the king commanded, and they committed Jeremiah into surely put me to death? And if I give you counsel, you the court of the guard; and they gave him daily a loaf of will not listen to me." 16 So Zedekiah the king swore bread out of the bakers' street, until all the bread in the secretly to Jeremiah, saying, "As the LORD lives, who city was spent. Thus Jeremiah remained in the court of made us this soul, I will not put you to death, neither will I give you into the hand of these men who seek your

life." 17 Then Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, "Thus says the LORD, the God of hosts, the God of Israel: 'If you will go forth to the king of Babylon's officers, then your soul shall live, and this city shall not be burned with fire; and you shall live, and your house. 18 But if you will not go forth to the king of Babylon's officers, then shall this city be given into the hand of the Chaldeans, and they shall burn it with fire, and you shall not escape out of their hand." 19 Zedekiah the king said to Jeremiah, "I am afraid of the Jews who are fallen away to the Chaldeans, lest they deliver me into their hand, and they mock me." 20 But Jeremiah said, "They shall not deliver you. Obey, I beg you, the voice of the LORD, in that which I speak to you: so it shall be well with you, and your soul shall live. 21 But if you refuse to go forth, this is the word that the LORD has shown me: 22 look, all the women who are left in the king of Judah's house shall be brought forth to the king of Babylon's officers, and those women shall say, 'Your familiar friends have set you on, and have prevailed over you. Your feet are sunk in the mire, they have turned away back.' 23 They shall bring out all your wives and your children to the Chaldeans; and you shall not escape out of their hand, but shall be taken by the hand of the king of Babylon: and you shall cause this city to be burned with fire." 24 Then Zedekiah said to Jeremiah, "Let no man know of these words, and you shall not die. 25 But if the officials hear that I have talked with you, and they come to you. and tell you, 'Declare to us now what you have said to the king; do not hide it from us, and we will not put you to death; also what the king said to you': 26 then you shall tell them, 'I presented my petition before the king, that he would not cause me to return to Jonathan's house, to die there." 27 Then all the officials came to Jeremiah, and asked him; and he told them according to all these words that the king had commanded. So they left off speaking with him; for the matter was not perceived. 28 So Jeremiah stayed in the court of the guard until the day that Jerusalem was taken.

39 It happened when Jerusalem was taken, (in the not fall by the sword, but your life will be given to you as month, came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and all the LORD." his army against Jerusalem, and besieged it; 2 in the eleventh year of Zedekiah, in the fourth month, the ninth day of the month, a breach was made in the city). 3 Then all the officials of the king of Babylon came in. and sat in the Middle Gate, Nergal-sar-ezer of Samgar, Nebu-sar-sekim the Rab-saris, Nergal-sar-ezer the Rabmag, with all the rest of the officers of the king of Babylon. 4 It happened that, when Zedekiah the king of Judah and all the men of war saw them, then they fled and went forth out of the city by night, by the way of the king's garden, through the gate between the two walls; and he went out toward the Arabah. 5 But the army of the Chaldeans pursued after them, and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho: and when they had taken him, they brought him up to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon to Riblah in the land of Hamath; and he gave judgment on him. 6 Then the king of Babylon killed the sons of Zedekiah in Riblah before his eyes: also the king of Babylon killed all the nobles of Judah. 7 Moreover he put out Zedekiah's eyes, and bound him in fetters, to carry him to Babylon. 8 The Chaldeans burned the king's house, and the houses of the people, with fire, and broke down the walls of Jerusalem. 9 Then Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive into Babylon the residue of the people who remained in the city, the deserters also who fell away to him, and the residue of the people who remained. 10 But Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard left of the poor of the people, who had nothing, in the land of Judah, and gave them vinevards and fields at the same time. 11 Now Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon commanded Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard concerning Jeremiah, saying, 12 "Take him, and look well to him, and do him no harm; but do to him even as he shall tell you." 13 So Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard sent, and Nebushazban the Rab-saris, Nergalsar-ezer the Rab-mag and all the chief officers of the king of Babylon; 14 they sent, and took Jeremiah out of the court of the guard, and committed him to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, that he should carry him home: so he lived among the people. 15 Now the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, while he was shut up in the court of the guard, saying, 16 "Go, and speak to Ebedmelech the Ethiopian, saving, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: "Look, I will bring my words on this city for disaster, and not for prosperity; and they shall be fulfilled before you in that day. 17 But I will deliver you in that day, says the LORD; and you shall not be given into the hand of the men of whom you are afraid. 18 For I will surely save you, and you shall

ninth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the tenth a reward; because you have put your trust in me," says

40 The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, after that Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard had let him go from Ramah, when he had taken him being bound in chains among all the captives of Jerusalem and Judah, who were carried away captive to Babylon. 2 The captain of the guard took Jeremiah. and said to him, "The LORD your God pronounced this evil on this place; 3 and the LORD has brought it, and done according as he spoke: because you have sinned against the LORD, and have not obeyed his voice, therefore this thing has come on you. 4 Now, look, I release you this day from the chains which are on your hand. If it seems good to you to come with me into Babylon, come, and I will take care of you; but if it seems bad to you to come with me into Babylon, do not: look, all the land is before you; where it seems good and right to you to go, there go." 5 Now while he had not yet gone back, "Go back then," he said, "to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, whom the king of Babylon has made governor over the cities of Judah, and dwell with him among the people; or go wherever it seems right to you to go." So the captain of the guard gave him food and a present, and let him go. 6 Then went Jeremiah to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam to Mizpah, and lived with him among the people who were left in the land. 7 Now when all the captains of the forces who were in the fields, even they and their men. heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam governor in the land, and had committed to him men, and women, and children, and of the poorest of the land, of those who were not carried away captive to Babylon; 8 then they came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan and Jonathan the sons of Kareah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth, and the sons of Ephai the Netophathite, and Jezaniah the son of the Maacathite, they and their men. 9 Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan swore to them and to their men, saying, "Do not be afraid to serve the Chaldeans: dwell in the land, and serve the king of Babylon, and it shall be well with you. 10 As for me, look, I will dwell at Mizpah, to stand before the Chaldeans who shall come to us: but you. gather wine and summer fruits and oil, and put them in your vessels, and dwell in your cities that you have taken." 11 Likewise when all the Jews who were in Moab, and among the people of Ammon, and in Edom, and who were in all the countries, heard that the king of Babylon had left a remnant of Judah, and that he had set over them Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son

of Shaphan: 12 then all the Jews returned out of all were in Mizpah, even the king's daughters, and all the Gedaliah the son of Ahikam said to Johanan the son away captive from Mizpah turned about and came back, falsely of Ishmael."

1 Now it happened in the seventh month, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama, of the royal family and one of the chief officers of the king, and ten men with him, came to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam to Mizpah; and there they ate bread together in Mizpah. 2 Then arose Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and the ten men who were with him, and struck Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan with the sword, and killed him, whom the king of Babylon had made governor over the land. 3 Ishmael also killed all the Jews who were with him, with Gedaliah, at Mizpah, and the Chaldeans who were found there, the men of war. 4 It happened the second day after he had killed Gedaliah, and no man knew it, 5 that there came men from Shechem, from Shiloh, and from Samaria, even eighty men, having their beards shaved and their clothes torn, and having cut themselves, with meal offerings and frankincense in their hand, to bring them to the house of the LORD. 6 Ishmael the son of Nethaniah went forth from Mizpah to meet them, weeping all along as he went: and it happened, as he met them, he said to them, "Come to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam." 7 It was so, when they came into the midst of the city, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah killed them, and cast them into the midst of the pit, he, and the men who were with him. 8 But ten men were found among those who said to Ishmael. "Do not kill us: for we have stores hidden in the field, of wheat, and of barley, and of oil, and of honey. So he stopped, and did not kill them among their brothers. 9 Now the pit in which Ishmael cast all the dead bodies of the men whom he had killed was a large one that King Asa had constructed in the encounter with Baasha king of Israel. Ishmael the son of Nethaniah filled it with those who were killed. 10 Then Ishmael carried away captive all the residue of the people who

places where they were driven, and came to the land of people who remained in Mizpah, whom Nebuzaradan Judah, to Gedaliah, to Mizpah, and gathered wine and the captain of the guard had committed to Gedaliah the summer fruits very much. 13 Moreover Johanan the son son of Ahikam; Ishmael the son of Nethaniah carried of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces who were them away captive, and departed to go over to the in the fields, came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, 14 and said people of Ammon. 11 But when Johanan the son of to him, "Do you know that Baalis the king of the people Kareah, and all the captains of the forces who were of Ammon has sent Ishmael the son of Nethaniah to with him, heard of all the evil that Ishmael the son of take your life?" But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam did Nethaniah had done, 12 then they took all the men, and not believe them. 15 Then Johanan the son of Kareah went to fight with Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and spoke to Gedaliah in Mizpah secretly, saying, "Please found him by the great waters that are in Gibeon. 13 let me go, and I will kill Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, Now it happened that, when all the people who were and no man shall know it: why should he take your life, with Ishmael saw Johanan the son of Kareah, and all that all the Jews who are gathered to you should be the captains of the forces who were with him, then they scattered, and the remnant of Judah perish?" 16 But were glad. 14 So all the people who Ishmael had carried of Kareah, "You shall not do this thing; for you speak and went to Johanan the son of Kareah. 15 But Ishmael the son of Nethaniah escaped from Johanan with eight men, and went to the people of Ammon. 16 Then took Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces who were with him, all the remnant of the people whom he had recovered from Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, from Mizpah, after that he had killed Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the men of war, and the women, and the children, and the eunuchs, whom he had brought back from Gibeon: 17 and they departed, and lived in Geruth Kimham, which is by Bethlehem, to go to enter into Egypt, 18 because of the Chaldeans; for they were afraid of them, because Ishmael the son of Nethaniah had killed Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, whom the king of Babylon made governor over the land.

> 17 Then all the captains of the forces, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and Jezaniah the son of Hoshaiah, and all the people from the least even to the greatest, came near, 2 and said to Jeremiah the prophet, "Please let our petition be presented before you, and pray for us to the LORD your God, even for all this remnant; for we are left but a few of many, as your eyes do see us: 3 that the LORD your God may show us the way in which we should walk, and the thing that we should do." 4 Then Jeremiah the prophet said to them, "I have heard you; look, I will pray to the LORD your God according to your words; and it shall happen that whatever thing the LORD shall answer you, I will declare it to you: I will keep nothing back from you." 5 Then they said to Jeremiah, "The LORD be a true and faithful witness among us, if we do not do according to all the word with which the LORD your God shall send you to us. 6 Whether it be good, or whether it be evil, we will obey the voice of the LORD our God, to whom we send you; that it may be well with us, when we obey the voice of the LORD our God." 7 It happened after ten days, that the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah. 8

Jeremiah

Then called he Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the Azariah the son of Hoshaiah, and Johanan the son of captains of the forces who were with him, and all the Kareah, and all the proud men, saying to Jeremiah, people from the least even to the greatest, 9 and said to "You speak falsely. The LORD our God has not sent them, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, to whom you to say, 'You shall not go into Egypt to live there'; 3 you sent me to present your petition before him: 10 'If but Baruch the son of Neriah sets you on against us, to you will still live in this land, then will I build you, and not deliver us into the hand of the Chaldeans, that they may pull you down, and I will plant you, and not pluck you put us to death, and carry us away captive to Babylon." up; for I grieve over the distress that I have brought 4 So Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of on you. 11 Do not be afraid of the king of Babylon, of the forces, and all the people, did not obey the voice of whom you are afraid; do not be afraid of him, says the the LORD, to dwell in the land of Judah. 5 But Johanan LORD: for I am with you to save you, and to deliver you the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces, from his hand. 12 I will grant you mercy, that he may took all the remnant of Judah, who were returned from have mercy on you, and cause you to return to your all the nations where they had been driven, to live in own land.' 13 But if you say, 'We will not dwell in this the land of Judah; 6 the men, and the women, and the land'; so that you do not obey the voice of the LORD children, and the king's daughters, and every person vour God. 14 saving, 'No: but we will go into the land of who Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard had left with Egypt, where we shall see no war, nor hear the sound Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan; and of the trumpet, nor have hunger of bread; and there Jeremiah the prophet, and Baruch the son of Neriah; will we dwell': 15 now therefore hear the word of the 7 and they came into the land of Egypt; for they did LORD, O remnant of Judah: Thus says the LORD of not obey the voice of the LORD: and they came to hosts, the God of Israel, 'If you indeed set your faces to Tahpanhes. 8 Then came the word of the LORD to enter into Egypt, and go to live there; 16 then it shall Jeremiah in Tahpanhes, saying, 9 "Take great stones in happen, that the sword, which you fear, shall overtake your hand, and hide them in mortar in the brick work, you there in the land of Egypt: and the famine, about which is at the entry of Pharaoh's house in Tahpanhes. which you are afraid, shall follow close behind you there in the sight of the men of Judah; 10 and tell them, 'Thus in Egypt; and there you shall die. 17 So shall it be with says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: "Look, I will all the men who set their faces to go into Egypt to live send and take Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my there: they shall die by the sword, by the famine, and servant, and will set his throne on these stones that by the pestilence; and none of them shall remain or I have hidden; and he shall spread his royal pavilion escape from the evil that I will bring on them.' 18 For over them. 11 He shall come, and shall strike the land thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: 'As of Egypt; such as are for death shall be put to death, my anger and my wrath has been poured forth on the and such as are for captivity to captivity, and such as inhabitants of Jerusalem, so shall my wrath be poured are for the sword to the sword. 12 I will kindle a fire forth on you, when you shall enter into Egypt; and you in the houses of the gods of Egypt; and he shall burn shall be an object of horror, and an astonishment, and them, and carry them away captive: and he shall array a curse, and a reproach; and you shall see this place himself with the land of Eqypt, as a shepherd puts on no more.' 19 The LORD has spoken concerning you, his garment; and he shall go forth from there in peace. remnant of Judah, 'Do not go into Egypt': know certainly 13 He shall also break the pillars of Beth Shemesh, that that I have testified to you this day. 20 For you have is in the land of Egypt; and the houses of the gods of dealt deceitfully against your own souls; for you sent Egypt shall he burn with fire."" me to the LORD your God, saying, 'Pray for us to the LORD our God: and according to all that the LORD our God shall say, so declare to us, and we will do it': 21 and I have this day declared it to you: but you have not obeyed the voice of the LORD your God in anything for which he has sent me to you. 22 Now therefore know certainly that you shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, in the place where you desire to go to live there."

sent him to them, even all these words, 2 then spoke prophets, rising up early and sending them, saving,

44 The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the Jews who lived in the land of Egypt, who lived at Migdol, and at Tahpanhes, and at Memphis, and in the country of Pathros, saying, 2 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: 'You have seen all the evil that I have brought on Jerusalem, and on all the cities of Judah; and look, this day they are a desolation, and no man dwells in them, 3 because of their wickedness which they have committed to provoke me to anger, in 12 It happened that, when Jeremiah had made an that they went to burn incense, to serve other gods, end of speaking to all the people all the words of that they did not know, neither they, nor you, nor your the LORD their God, with which the LORD their God had fathers. 4 However I sent to you all my servants the

'Oh, do not do this abominable thing that I hate.' 5 But incense to the gueen of heaven, and pouring out drink they did not listen, nor inclined their ear to turn from offerings to her, we have wanted all things, and have their wickedness, to burn no incense to other gods. 6 been consumed by the sword and by the famine." 19 Therefore my wrath and my anger was poured forth, And the women said, "When we burned incense to the and was kindled in the cities of Judah and in the streets queen of heaven, and poured out drink offerings to her, of Jerusalem; and they are wasted and desolate, as it is did we make her cakes to worship her, and pour out this day.' 7 Therefore now thus says the LORD, the God drink offerings to her, without our husbands?" 20 Then of hosts, the God of Israel: 'Why do you commit great Jeremiah said to all the people, to the men, and to the evil against your own souls, to cut off from yourselves women, even to all the people who had given him an man and woman, infant and nursing child out of the answer, saying, 21 "The incense that you burned in midst of Judah, to leave yourselves none remaining; 8 the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, in that you provoke me to anger with the works of your you and your fathers, your kings and your leaders, and hands, burning incense to other gods in the land of the people of the land. Did not the LORD remember Egypt, where you have gone to live; that you may be cut them, and did not it come into his mind, 22 so that the off, and that you may be a curse and a reproach among LORD could no longer bear because of the evil of your all the nations of the earth? 9 Have you forgotten the doings, and because of the abominations which you wickedness of your fathers, and the wickedness of the have committed? Therefore your land has become a kings of Judah, and the wickedness of their wives, and desolation, and an astonishment, and a curse, without your own wickedness, and the wickedness of your wives inhabitant, as it is this day. 23 Because you have burned which they committed in the land of Judah, and in the incense, and because you have sinned against the streets of Jerusalem? 10 They are not humbled even to LORD, and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD. this day, neither have they feared, nor walked in my law, nor walked in his law, nor in his statutes, nor in his nor in my statutes, that I set before you and before your testimonies; therefore this evil has happened to you, fathers.' 11 Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts, the as it is this day." 24 Moreover Jeremiah said to all the God of Israel: 'Look, I will set my face against you for people, and to all the women, "Hear the word of the evil, even to cut off all Judah. 12 I will take the remnant LORD, all Judah who are in the land of Egypt: 25 Thus of Judah, that have set their faces to go into the land of says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saying, 'You Egypt to live there, and they shall all be consumed; in and your wives have both spoken with your mouths, the land of Egypt shall they fall; they shall be consumed and with your hands have fulfilled it, saying, "We will by the sword and by the famine; they shall die, from surely perform our vows that we have vowed, to burn the least even to the greatest, by the sword and by incense to the gueen of heaven, and to pour out drink the famine; and they shall be an object of horror, an offerings to her": establish then your vows, and perform astonishment, and a curse, and a reproach. 13 For I will your vows.' 26 Therefore hear the word of the LORD, punish those who dwell in the land of Egypt, as I have all Judah who dwell in the land of Egypt: 'Look, I have punished Jerusalem, by the sword, by the famine, and sworn by my great name,' says the LORD, 'that my by the pestilence; 14 so that none of the remnant of name shall no more be named in the mouth of any man Judah, who have gone into the land of Egypt to live of Judah in all the land of Egypt, saying, "As the LORD there, shall escape or be left, to return into the land of lives." 27 Look, I watch over them for disaster, and not Judah, to which they have a desire to return to dwell for good; and all the men of Judah who are in the land there: for none shall return save such as shall escape." of Egypt shall be consumed by the sword and by the 15 Then all the men who knew that their wives burned famine, until they are all gone. 28 Those who escape incense to other gods, and all the women who stood the sword shall return out of the land of Egypt into the by, a great assembly, even all the people who lived land of Judah, few in number; and all the remnant of in the land of Egypt, in Pathros, answered Jeremiah, Judah, who have gone into the land of Egypt to live saying, 16 "As for the word that you have spoken to us there, shall know whose word shall stand, mine, or in the name of the LORD, we will not listen to you. 17 theirs. 29 This shall be the sign to you,' says the LORD, But we will certainly perform every word that is gone 'that I will punish you in this place, that you may know forth out of our mouth, to burn incense to the queen that my words shall surely stand against you for evil': 30 of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings to her, as Thus says the LORD, 'Look, I will give Pharaoh Hophra we have done, we and our fathers, our kings and our king of Egypt into the hand of his enemies, and into the leaders, in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of hand of those who seek his life; as I gave Zedekiah Jerusalem; for then had we plenty of food, and were king of Judah into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of well, and saw no evil. 18 But since we left off burning Babylon, who was his enemy, and sought his life."

15 The message that Jeremiah the prophet spoke and publish in Migdol, and publish in Memphis and in qo."""

46 The word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the prophet concerning the nations. 2 Of Egypt: concerning the army of Pharaoh Necoh king of Egypt, which was by the river Perath in Carchemish, which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon struck in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah. 3 "Prepare the buckler and shield, and draw near to battle. 4 Harness the horses, and get up, you horsemen, and stand forth with your helmets; furbish the spears, put on the coats of mail. 5 Why have I seen it? They are dismayed and are turned backward; and their mighty ones are beaten down, and have fled in haste, and do not look back: terror is on every side," says the LORD. 6 "Do not let the swift flee away, nor the mighty man escape; in the north by the river Perath have they stumbled and fallen. 7 Who is this who rises up like the Nile, whose waters toss themselves like the rivers? 8 Equpt rises up like the Nile, and his waters toss themselves like the rivers: and he says, 'I will rise up. I will cover the earth: I will destroy cities and its inhabitants.' 9 Go up, you horses; and rage, you chariots; and let the mighty men go forth: Cush and Put, who handle the shield; and the Ludim, who handle and bend the bow. 10 For that day is of the Lord, the LORD of hosts, a day of vengeance, that he may avenge him of his adversaries: and the sword shall devour and be satiate, and shall drink its fill of their blood; for the Lord, the LORD of hosts, has a sacrifice in the north country by the river Perath. 11 Go up into Gilead, and take balm, virgin daughter of Egypt: in vain do you use many medicines; there is no healing for you. 12 The nations have heard of your shame, and the earth is full of your cry; for the mighty man has stumbled against the mighty, they are fallen both of them together." 13 The word that the LORD spoke to Jeremiah the prophet, how that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon should come and strike the land of Egypt. 14 "Declare in Egypt,

to Baruch the son of Neriah, when he wrote these Tahpanhes: say, 'Stand forth, and prepare; for the sword words in a scroll at the mouth of Jeremiah, in the fourth has devoured around you.' 15 Why are your strong year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, ones swept away? They did not stand, because the saying, 2 "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, to LORD pushed them. 16 He made many to stumble, yes, you, Baruch: 3 'You said, "Woe is me now. For the they fell one on another: and they said, 'Arise, and let LORD has added sorrow to my pain; I am weary with us go again to our own people, and to the land of our my groaning, and I find no rest."" 4 "You shall tell him, birth, from the oppressing sword.' 17 They cried there, 'Thus says the LORD: "Look, that which I have built will 'Pharaoh king of Egypt is but a noise; he has let the I break down, and that which I have planted I will pluck appointed time pass by." 18 "As I live," says the King, up; and this in the whole land. 5 Do you seek great "whose name is the LORD of hosts, surely like Tabor things for yourself? Do not seek them; for, look, I will among the mountains, and like Carmel by the sea, so bring disaster on all flesh, says the LORD; but your life shall he come. 19 You daughter who dwells in Egypt, will I give to you for a reward in all places where you furnish yourself to go into captivity; for Memphis shall become a desolation, and shall be burnt up, without inhabitant. 20 Egypt is a very beautiful heifer; but a horsefly from the north is coming against her. 21 Also her hired men in the midst of her are like calves of the stall; for they also are turned back, they are fled away together, they did not stand: for the day of their calamity has come on them, the time of their visitation. 22 The sound of it shall go like the serpent; for they shall march with an army, and come against her with axes, as wood cutters. 23 They shall cut down her forest, says the LORD, though it can't be searched; because they are more than the locusts, and are innumerable. 24 The daughter of Egypt shall be disappointed; she shall be delivered into the hand of the people of the north." 25 "The LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, says: 'Look, I will punish Amon of No, and Pharaoh, and Egypt, with her gods, and her kings; even Pharaoh, and those who trust in him: 26 and I will deliver them into the hand of those who seek their lives, and into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of his servants; and afterwards it shall be inhabited, as in the days of old,' says the LORD. 27 'But do not be afraid, Jacob my servant, neither be dismayed, Israel: for, look, I will save you from afar, and your descendants from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and shall be quiet and at ease, and none shall make him afraid. 28 Do not be afraid, O Jacob my servant,' savs the LORD: 'for I am with you: for I will make a full end of all the nations where I have driven you; but I will not make a full end of you, but I will correct you in measure, and will in no way leave you unpunished."

> Δ7 The word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah the prophet concerning the Philistines, before that Pharaoh struck Gaza. 2 "Thus says the LORD: 'Look, waters rise up out of the north, and shall become an overflowing stream, and shall overflow the land and all that is in it, the city and those who dwell in it; and the men shall cry, and all the inhabitants of the land shall wail. 3 At the noise of the stamping of the hoofs of

his strong ones, at the rushing of his chariots, at the the LORD of hosts, 16 The calamity of Moab is near to he appointed it."

48 Of Moab. "Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: 'Woe to Nebo, because it is about to be destroyed: Kiriathaim will be put to shame, it will be taken captive. The fortress is put to shame and broken down. 2 The praise of Moab is no more; in Heshbon they have devised evil against her: "Come, and let us cut her off from being a nation." You also, Madmen, shall be brought to silence: the sword shall pursue you. 3 The sound of a cry from Horonaim, "destruction and great calamity." 4 Moab is destroyed; her little ones have caused a cry to be heard. 5 For by the ascent of Luhith with continual weeping shall they go up; for at the descent of Horonaim they have heard the distress of the cry of destruction. 6 "Flee, save your lives, and be like a shrub in the wilderness." 7 For, because you have trusted in your works and in your treasures, you also shall be taken: and Chemosh shall go forth into captivity, his priests and his officials together. 8 The destroyer shall come on every city, and no city shall escape; the valley also shall perish, and the plain shall be destroyed; as the LORD has spoken. 9 Give wings to Moab, that she may fly and get her away: and her cities shall become a desolation, without any to dwell in them.' 10 Cursed is he who does the work of the LORD negligently; and cursed is he who keeps back his sword from blood. 11 'Moab has been at ease from his youth, and he has settled on his lees, and has not been emptied from vessel to vessel, neither has he gone into captivity: therefore his taste remains in him, and his scent is not changed. 12 Therefore look, the days come,' says the LORD, 'that I will send to him those who pour off, and they shall pour him off; and they shall empty his vessels, and break their bottles in pieces. 13 Moab shall be ashamed of Chemosh, as the house of Israel was ashamed of Bethel their confidence. 14 How can you say, "We are mighty men, and valiant men for the war?" 15 Moab is laid waste, and they are gone up into his cities, and his chosen young men are gone down to the slaughter,' says the King, whose name is

rumbling of his wheels, the fathers do not look back to come, and his affliction hurries fast. 17 All you who are their children for feebleness of hands; 4 because of around him, bemoan him, and all you who know his the day that comes to destroy all the Philistines, to cut name; say, "How is the strong staff broken, the beautiful off from Tyre and Sidon every helper who remains: for rod." 18 You daughter who dwells in Dibon, come down the LORD will destroy the Philistines, the remnant of from your glory, and sit in thirst; for the destroyer of the isle of Caphtor. 5 Baldness has come on Gaza; Moab has come up against you, he has destroyed your Ashkelon is brought to nothing, the remnant of their strongholds. 19 Inhabitant of Aroer, stand by the way, valley: how long will you cut yourself? 6 You sword of and watch: ask him who flees, and her who escapes; the LORD, "how long will it be before you be quiet? Put say, "What has been done?" 20 "Moab is disappointed; yourself into your sheath; rest, and be still." 7 How can for it is broken down: wail and cry; tell it by the Arnon, it be quiet, since the LORD has given you a command? that Moab is laid waste." 21 Judgment has come on Against Ashkelon, and against the seashore, there has the plain country, on Holon, and on Jahzah, and on Mephaath, 22 and on Dibon, and on Nebo, and on Beth Diblathaim, 23 and on Kiriathaim, and on Beth Gamul, and on Beth Meon. 24 and on Kerioth. and on Bozrah. and on all the cities of the land of Moab, far or near. 25 The horn of Moab is cut off, and his arm is broken,' says the LORD. 26 'Make him drunk; for he magnified himself against the LORD: and Moab shall wallow in his vomit, and he also shall be in derision. 27 For wasn't Israel a derision to you? Was he found among thieves? For as often as you speak of him, you shake your head. 28 You inhabitants of Moab. leave the cities, and dwell in the rock; and be like the dove that makes her nest over the mouth of the abyss. 29 We have heard of the pride of Moab--he is very proud--of his pride, and his vanity. and his arrogance, and the haughtiness of his heart. 30 I know his wrath,' says the LORD, 'that it is nothing; his boastings have worked nothing. 31 therefore I will wail for Moab; yes, I will cry out for all Moab; I will mourn for the men of Kir Heres. 32 With more than the weeping of Jazer will I weep for you, vine of Sibmah: your branches passed over the sea, they reached even to Jazer; on your summer fruits and on your vintage the destroyer is fallen. 33 Gladness and joy is taken away from the fruitful field and from the land of Moab; and I have caused wine to cease from the wine presses: none shall tread with shouting; the shouting shall be no shouting. 34 From the cry of Heshbon even to Elealeh, even to Jahaz have they uttered their voice, from Zoar even to Horonaim, to Eglath Shelishivah; for the waters of Nimrim also shall become desolate. 35 And I will cause to cease in Moab.' says the LORD. 'the one who offers sacrifice upon the high place, and the one who burns incense to his gods. 36 Therefore my heart sounds for Moab like pipes, and my heart sounds like pipes for the men of Kir Heres: therefore the abundance that he has gotten is perished. 37 For every head is bald, and every beard clipped: on all the hands are cuttings, and on the waist sackcloth. 38 On all the housetops of Moab and in its streets there is lamentation every where; for I have broken Moab like a vessel in which none delights,' says the LORD. 39 How it is broken had enough? 10 But I have made Esau bare. I have the LORD. Thus far is the judgment of Moab."

1O Of the people of Ammon. "Thus says the LORD: 'Has Israel no sons? Has he no heir? Why then does Milcom possess Gad, and his people dwell in its cities? 2 Therefore look, the days come,' says the LORD, 'that I will cause an alarm of war to be heard against Rabbah of the people of Ammon; and it shall become a desolate heap, and her daughters shall be burned with fire: then shall Israel possess those who possessed him,' says the LORD. 3 'Wail, Heshbon, for Ai is laid waste; cry, you daughters of Rabbah, clothe yourself in sackcloth: lament, and run back and forth among the fences; for Milcom shall go into captivity, his priests and his officials together. 4 Why do you glory in the valleys, your flowing valley, backsliding daughter? You who trusted in her treasures, saying, "Who shall come to me?" 5 Look, I will bring a fear on you,' says the LORD of hosts, 'from all who are around you; and you shall be driven out every man right forth, and there shall be none to gather together the fugitives. 6 But afterward I will bring back the captivity of the people of Ammon,' says the LORD." 7 Of Edom. "Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Is wisdom no more in Teman? Is counsel perished from the prudent? Is their wisdom vanished? 8 Flee, turn back, dwell in the depths, inhabitants of Dedan; for I will bring the calamity of Esau on him, the time that I shall visit him. 9 If grape gatherers came to you, would they not leave some gleaning grapes? If thieves by night, wouldn't they destroy until they

down. How they wail. How Moab has turned the back uncovered his secret places, and he shall not be able to with shame. So shall Moab become a derision and a hide himself: his seed is destroyed, and his brothers, terror to all who are around him.' 40 For thus says the and his neighbors; and he is no more. 11 Leave your LORD: 'Look, he shall fly as an eagle, and shall spread fatherless children, I will preserve them alive; and let out his wings against Moab. 41 Kerioth is taken, and the your widows trust in me.' 12 For thus says the LORD: strongholds are seized, and the heart of the mighty men 'Look, they to whom it did not pertain to drink of the cup of Moab at that day shall be as the heart of a woman in shall certainly drink; and are you he who shall altogether her pangs. 42 Moab shall be destroyed from being a go unpunished? You shall not go unpunished, but you people, because he has magnified himself against the shall surely drink. 13 For I have sworn by myself,' says LORD. 43 Fear, and the pit, and the snare, are on you, the LORD, 'that Bozrah shall become an astonishment, inhabitant of Moab, says the LORD. 44 He who flees a reproach, a waste, and a curse; and all its cities shall from the fear shall fall into the pit; and he who gets up be perpetual wastes." 14 I have heard news from the out of the pit shall be taken in the snare: for I will bring LORD, and an ambassador is sent among the nations, on him, even on Moab, the year of their visitation,' says saying, "Gather yourselves together, and come against the LORD. 45 'Those who fled stand without strength her, and rise up to the battle." 15 "For, look, I have made under the shadow of Heshbon; for a fire has gone forth you small among the nations, and despised among out of Heshbon, and a flame from the city of Sihon, and men. 16 As for your terror, the pride of your heart has it has destroyed the forehead of Moab, and the crown of deceived you, O you who dwell in the clefts of the rock, the sons of tumult. 46 Woe to you, O Moab. The people who hold the height of the hill: though you should make of Chemosh is undone; for your sons are taken away your nest as high as the eagle, I will bring you down captive, and your daughters into captivity. 47 Yet will I from there," says the LORD. 17 "Edom shall become bring back the captivity of Moab in the latter days,' says an astonishment: everyone who passes by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss at all its plaques. 18 As in the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah and the neighbor cities of it," says the LORD, "no man shall dwell there, neither shall any son of man live in it. 19 Look, he shall come up like a lion from the pride of the Jordan against the strong habitation: for I will suddenly make them run away from it; and whoever is chosen, him will I appoint over it: for who is like me? And who will appoint me a time? And who is the shepherd who will stand before me? 20 Therefore hear the counsel of the LORD, that he has taken against Edom; and his purposes, that he has purposed against the inhabitants of Teman: Surely they shall drag them away, the little ones of the flock; surely he shall make their habitation desolate over them. 21 The earth trembles at the noise of their fall; there is a cry, the noise which is heard in the Red Sea. 22 Look, he shall come up and fly as the eagle, and spread out his wings against Bozrah: and the heart of the mighty men of Edom at that day shall be as the heart of a woman in her pangs." 23 Of Damascus. "Hamath is confounded, and Arpad: for they have heard evil news. they are melted away: there is sorrow on the sea; it can't be guiet. 24 Damascus has grown feeble, she turns herself to flee, and trembling has seized on her: anguish and sorrows have taken hold of her, as of a woman in travail. 25 How is the city of praise not forsaken, the city of my joy? 26 Therefore her young men shall fall in her streets, and all the men of war shall be brought to silence in that day," says the LORD of hosts. 27 "I will kindle a fire in the wall of Damascus, and it shall

devour the palaces of Ben Hadad." 28 Of Kedar, and of covenant that shall not be forgotten. 6 My people the kingdoms of Hazor, which Nebuchadnezzar king have been lost sheep: their shepherds have caused of Babylon struck. "Thus says the LORD: 'Arise, go them to go astray; they have turned them away on the up to Kedar, and destroy the people of the east.' 29 mountains; they have gone from mountain to hill; they Their tents and their flocks shall they take; they shall have forgotten their resting place. 7 All who found them carry away for themselves their curtains, and all their have devoured them; and their adversaries said, "We vessels, and their camels; and they shall cry to them, are not guilty, because they have sinned against the 'Terror on every side.' 30 Flee, wander far off, dwell in LORD, the habitation of righteousness, even the LORD, the depths, you inhabitants of Hazor," says the LORD; the hope of their fathers." 8 Flee out of the midst of "for Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon has taken counsel Babylon, and go forth out of the land of the Chaldeans, against you, and has conceived a purpose against you." and be as the male goats before the flocks. 9 For, look, 31 "Arise, go up to a nation that is at ease, that dwells I will stir up and cause to come up against Babylon a without care, says the LORD; that have neither gates company of great nations from the north country; and nor bars, that dwell alone. 32 Their camels shall be a they shall set themselves in array against her; from booty, and the multitude of their livestock a spoil: and I there she shall be taken. Their arrows shall be like a will scatter to all winds those who have the corners of skilled warrior who does not return empty-handed. 10 their beards cut off; and I will bring their calamity from Chaldea shall be a prey: all who prey on her shall be every side of them," says the LORD. 33 "Hazor shall be satisfied,' says the LORD.' 11 Because you are glad, a dwelling place of jackals, a desolation forever: no man because you rejoice. O you who plunder my heritage, shall dwell there, neither shall any son of man live in because you are wanton as a heifer that treads out it." 34 The word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah the grain, and neigh as strong horses; 12 your mother the prophet concerning Elam, in the beginning of the shall be utterly disappointed; she who bore you shall be reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, saying, 35 "Thus says confounded: look, she shall be the least of the nations, the LORD of hosts: 'Look, I will break the bow of Elam, a wilderness, a dry land, and a desert. 13 Because the chief of their might. **36** On Elam will I bring the of the wrath of the LORD she shall not be inhabited, four winds from the four quarters of the sky, and will but she shall be wholly desolate: everyone who goes scatter them toward all those winds; and there shall be by Babylon shall be astonished, and hiss at all her no nation where the outcasts of Elam shall not come. 37 plaques. 14 "Set yourselves in array against Babylon all I will cause Elam to be dismayed before their enemies, around, all you who bend the bow; shoot at her, spare and before those who seek their life; and I will bring evil no arrows: for she has sinned against the LORD. 15 on them, even my fierce anger,' says the LORD; 'and I Shout against her all around: she has submitted herself; will send the sword after them, until I have consumed her towers are fallen, her walls are thrown down; for them; 38 and I will set my throne in Elam, and will it is the vengeance of the LORD: take vengeance on destroy from there king and officials,' says the LORD. her; as she has done, do to her. 16 Cut off the sower 39 'But it shall happen in the latter days, that I will bring from Babylon, and him who handles the sickle in the back the captivity of Elam,' says the LORD."

50 The word that the LORD spoke concerning Babylon, concerning the land of the Chaldeans, by Jeremiah the prophet. 2 "Declare among the nations and publish, and set up a standard; publish, and do not conceal: say, 'Babylon is taken, Bel is disappointed, Marduk is dismayed; her images are disappointed, her idols are dismayed. 3 For out of the north there comes up a nation against her, which shall make her land desolate, and none shall dwell in it: they are fled, they are gone, both man and animal. 4 In those days, and in that time,' says the LORD, 'the children of Israel shall come, they and the people of Judah together; they shall go on their way weeping, and shall seek the LORD their God. 5 They shall inquire concerning Zion with their faces turned toward it. They will come and join themselves to the LORD in an everlasting

time of harvest: for fear of the oppressing sword they shall turn everyone to his people, and they shall flee everyone to his own land." 17 'Israel is a hunted sheep; the lions have driven him away: first, the king of Assyria devoured him; and now at last Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon has broken his bones. 18 Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: "Look, I will punish the king of Babylon and his land, as I have punished the king of Assyria. 19 I will bring Israel again to his pasture. and he shall feed on Carmel and Bashan, and his soul shall be satisfied on the hills of Ephraim and in Gilead. 20 In those days, and in that time, says the LORD, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and there shall be none; and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found: for I will pardon them whom I leave as a remnant."" 21 "Go up against the land of Merathaim, even against it, and against the inhabitants of Pekod: kill and utterly destroy after them," says the LORD, "and

sound of battle is in the land, and of great destruction. shall any son of man live in it." 41 "Look, a people 23 How is the hammer of the whole earth cut apart and comes from the north; and a great nation and many broken. How is Babylon become a desolation among the kings shall be stirred up from the uttermost parts of the nations. 24 I have laid a snare for you, and you are also earth. 42 They lay hold on bow and spear; they are taken, Babylon, and you weren't aware: you are found, cruel, and have no mercy; their voice roars like the sea; and also caught, because you have striven against the and they ride on horses, everyone set in array, as a LORD. 25 The LORD has opened his armory, and has man to the battle, against you, daughter of Babylon. 43 brought forth the weapons of his indignation; for the The king of Babylon has heard the news of them, and Lord, the LORD of hosts, has a work to do in the land of his hands wax feeble: anguish has taken hold of him, the Chaldeans. 26 Come against her from the utmost pains as of a woman in labor. 44 Look, the enemy shall border; open her storehouses; cast her up as heaps, come up like a lion from the pride of the Jordan against and destroy her utterly; let nothing of her be left. 27 Kill the strong habitation: for I will suddenly make them run all her bulls; let them go down to the slaughter. Woe to away from it; and whoever is chosen, him will I appoint them, their day has come, the time of their visitation." over it: for who is like me? And who will appoint me a 28 The voice of those who flee and escape out of the time? And who is the shepherd who can stand before land of Babylon, to declare in Zion the vengeance of the me?" 45 Therefore hear the counsel of the LORD, that LORD our God, the vengeance of his temple, 29 "Call he has taken against Babylon; and his purposes, that he together the archers against Babylon, all those who has purposed against the land of the Chaldeans: "Surely bend the bow; camp against her all around; let none they shall drag them away, even the little ones of the of it escape: recompense her according to her work; flock; surely he shall make their habitation desolate over according to all that she has done, do to her; for she them. 46 At the noise of the taking of Babylon the earth has been proud against the LORD, against the Holy trembles, and the cry is heard among the nations." One of Israel. 30 Therefore her young men will fall in her streets, and all her men of war will be brought to silence in that day," says the LORD. 31 "Look, I am against you, you proud one," says the LORD of hosts; for your day has come, the time that I will visit you. 32 The proud one shall stumble and fall, and none shall raise him up; and I will kindle a fire in his cities, and it shall devour all who are around him." 33 Thus says the LORD of hosts: "The children of Israel and the people of Judah are oppressed together: and all who took them captive hold them fast; they refuse to let them go. 34 Their Redeemer is strong; the LORD of hosts is his name: he will thoroughly plead their cause, that he may give rest to the earth, and disguiet the inhabitants of Babylon. 35 A sword is on the Chaldeans," says the LORD, "and on the inhabitants of Babylon, and on her officials, and on her wise men. 36 A sword is on the boasters, and they shall become fools: a sword is on her mighty men, and they shall be dismayed. 37 A sword is on their horses, and on their chariots, and on all the mixed people who are in the midst of her: and they shall become as women: a sword is on her treasures, and they shall be robbed. 38 A drought is on her waters, and they shall be dried up; for it is a land of engraved images, and they glory over idols. 39 Therefore the wild animals of the desert with the wolves shall dwell there. and the ostriches shall dwell in it: and it shall be no more inhabited forever; neither shall it be lived in from generation to generation. 40 As when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah and the neighbor cities of it,"

do according to all that I have commanded you. 22 A says the LORD. "so shall no man dwell there, neither

51 Thus says the LORD: "Look, I will raise up against Babylon, and against those who dwell in Lebkamai, a destroying wind. 2 I will send to Babylon foreigners who shall winnow her; and they shall empty her land: for in the day of trouble they shall be against her around. 3 Do not let him who bends the bow bend it: nor not let him rise up in his armor. And do not spare her young men; utterly destroy all her army. 4 They shall fall down slain in the land of the Chaldeans, and thrust through in her streets. 5 "For Israel is not forsaken, nor Judah, of his God, of the LORD of hosts; though their land is full of guilt against the Holy One of Israel. 6 Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and save every man his life; do not be cut off in her iniquity: for it is the time of the LORD's vengeance; he will render to her a recompense. 7 Babylon has been a golden cup in the LORD's hand, who made all the earth drunk: the nations have drunk of her wine: therefore the nations are mad. 8 Babylon is suddenly fallen and destroyed: wail for her; take balm for her pain, if so be she may be healed. 9 'We would have healed Babylon, but she is not healed: forsake her, and let us go everyone into his own country; for her judgment reaches to heaven, and is lifted up even to the skies.' 10 'The LORD has brought forth our righteousness: come, and let us declare in Zion the work of the LORD our God.' 11 Make sharp the arrows: hold firm the shields: the LORD has stirred up the spirit of the kings of the Medes; because his purpose is against Babylon, to destroy it: for it is the vengeance of the LORD, the vengeance of his temple. 12 Set up a

standard against the walls of Babylon, make the watch inhabitant. 30 The mighty men of Babylon have forborne strong, set the watchmen, prepare the ambushes; for to fight, they remain in their strongholds; their might has the LORD has both purposed and done that which he failed; they are become as women: her dwelling places spoke concerning the inhabitants of Babylon. 13 You are set on fire; her bars are broken. 31 One runner who dwell on many waters, abundant in treasures, your will run to meet another, and one messenger to meet end has come, the measure of your covetousness. another, to show the king of Babylon that his city is 14 The LORD of hosts has sworn by himself, saying, taken on every quarter: 32 and the passages are seized, "Surely I will fill you with men, as with the canker worm; and the reeds they have burned with fire, and the men and they shall lift up a shout against you." 15 He has of war are frightened. 33 For thus says the LORD of made the earth by his power, he has established the hosts, the God of Israel: "The daughter of Babylon is world by his wisdom, and by his understanding has like a threshing floor at the time when it is trodden; yet a he stretched out the heavens. 16 When he utters his little while, and the time of harvest shall come for her. voice, there is a tumult of waters in the heavens, and he 34 'Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon has devoured causes the vapors to ascend from the farthest parts of me, he has crushed me, he has made me an empty the earth; he makes lightning for the rain, and brings vessel, he has, like a monster, swallowed me up, he forth the wind out of his treasuries. 17 Every man has has filled his maw with my delicacies; he has cast me become brutish without knowledge. Every goldsmith out. 35 The violence done to me and to my flesh be on is disappointed by his image; for his molten image is Babylon,' shall the inhabitant of Zion say; and, 'My blood falsehood, and there is no breath in them. 18 They are be on the inhabitants of Chaldea,' shall Jerusalem say. vanity, a work of delusion: in the time of their visitation 36 Therefore thus says the LORD: "Look, I will plead they shall perish. 19 The portion of Jacob is not like your cause, and take vengeance for you; and I will dry these, for he is the maker of all things; and Israel is the up her sea, and make her fountain dry. 37 Babylon tribe of his inheritance; the LORD of hosts is his name. shall become heaps, a dwelling place for jackals, an 20 "You are my battle axe and weapons of war: and astonishment, and a hissing, without inhabitant. 38 They with you will I break in pieces the nations; and with you shall roar together like young lions; they shall growl will I destroy kingdoms; 21 and with you will I break in as lions' cubs. 39 When they are heated, I will make pieces the horse and his rider; and with you will I break their feast, and I will make them drunk, that they may in pieces the chariot and its rider. 22 And with you will I rejoice, and sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake," break in pieces man and woman; and with you will I says the LORD. 40 "I will bring them down like lambs break in pieces the old man and the youth; and with to the slaughter, like rams with male goats. 41 How you will I break in pieces the young man and the virgin; is Sheshach taken, and the praise of the whole earth 23 and with you will I break in pieces the shepherd seized. How is Babylon become a desolation among the and his flock; and with you will I break in pieces the nations. 42 The sea has come up on Babylon; she is farmer and his yoke; and with you will I break in pieces covered with the multitude of its waves. 43 Her cities are governors and deputies. 24 I will render to Babylon and become a desolation, a dry land, and a desert, a land in to all the inhabitants of Chaldea all their evil that they which no man dwells, neither does any son of man pass have done in Zion in your sight," says the LORD. 25 thereby. 44 I will execute judgment on Bel in Babylon, "Look, I am against you, destroying mountain," says the and I will bring forth out of his mouth that which he has LORD, "which destroys all the earth; and I will stretch swallowed up; and the nations shall not flow any more to out my hand on you, and roll you down from the rocks, him: yes, the wall of Babylon shall fall." 45 "My people, and will make you a burnt mountain. 26 They shall go away from the midst of her, and save yourselves not take of you a stone for a corner, nor a stone for every man from the fierce anger of the LORD, 46 Do not foundations; but you shall be desolate for ever," says let your heart faint, neither fear for the news that shall the LORD. 27 Set up a standard in the land, blow the be heard in the land; for news shall come one year, trumpet among the nations, prepare the nations against and after that in another year shall come news, and her, call together against her the kingdoms of Ararat, violence in the land, ruler against ruler. 47 Therefore Minni, and Ashkenaz: appoint a marshal against her; look, the days come, that I will execute judgment on cause the horses to come up as the rough canker worm. the engraved images of Babylon; and her whole land 28 Prepare against her the nations, the kings of the shall be confounded; and all her slain shall fall in the Medes, its governors, and all its deputies, and all the midst of her. 48 Then the heavens and the earth, and all land of their dominion. 29 The land trembles and is in that is in them, shall sing for joy over Babylon; for the pain; for the purposes of the LORD against Babylon do destroyers shall come to her from the north," says the

stand, to make the land of Babylon a desolation, without LORD. 49 As Babylon has caused the slain of Israel to

fall, so at Babylon shall fall the slain of all the land. 50 had cast them out from his presence. Zedekiah rebelled You who have escaped the sword, go, do not stand against the king of Babylon. 4 It happened in the ninth still; remember the LORD from afar, and let Jerusalem year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of come into your mind. 51 "We are confounded, because the month, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came. we have heard reproach; confusion has covered our he and all his army, against Jerusalem, and camped faces: for strangers have come into the sanctuaries against it; and they built forts against it round about. 5 of the LORD's house." 52 "Therefore look, the days So the city was besieged to the eleventh year of king come," says the LORD, "that I will execute judgment Zedekiah. 6 In the fourth month, in the ninth day of wounded shall groan. 53 Though Babylon should mount there was no bread for the people of the land. 7 Then a up to the sky, and though she should fortify the height breach was made in the city, and all the men of war of her strength, yet from me shall destroyers come fled, and went forth out of the city by night by the way to her," says the LORD. 54 "The sound of a cry from of the gate between the two walls, which was by the Babylon, and of great destruction from the land of the king's garden; (now the Chaldeans were against the destroys out of her the great voice; and their waves roar But the army of the Chaldeans pursued after the king, like many waters; the noise of their voice is uttered: 56 and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho; and all and her mighty men are taken, their bows are broken in the king, and carried him up to the king of Babylon to pieces; for the LORD is a God of recompenses, he will Riblah in the land of Hamath; and he gave judgment on surely requite. 57 "I will make drunk her officials and him. 10 The king of Babylon killed the sons of Zedekiah her wise men, her governors and her deputies, and her before his eyes: he killed also all the officials of Judah mighty men; and they shall sleep a perpetual sleep, and in Riblah. 11 He put out the eyes of Zedekiah; and not wake up," says the King, whose name is the LORD the king of Babylon bound him in fetters, and carried of hosts. 58 Thus says the LORD of hosts: "The broad him to Babylon, and put him in prison until the day of walls of Babylon shall be utterly overthrown, and her his death. 12 Now in the fifth month, in the tenth day high gates shall be burned with fire; and the peoples of the month, which was the nineteenth year of king shall labor for vanity, and the nations for the fire; and Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, came Nebuzaradan they shall be weary." 59 The word which Jeremiah the the captain of the guard, who stood before the king of prophet commanded Seraiah the son of Neriah, the son Babylon, into Jerusalem: 13 and he burned the house of of Mahseiah, when he went with Zedekiah the king of the LORD, and the king's house; and all the houses Judah to Babylon in the fourth year of his reign. Now of Jerusalem, even every great house, burned he with Seraiah was chief guartermaster. 60 Jeremiah wrote in fire. 14 All the army of the Chaldeans, who were with a scroll all the evil that should come on Babylon, even the captain of the guard, broke down all the walls of all these words that are written concerning Babylon. 61 Jerusalem all around. 15 Then Nebuzaradan the captain Jeremiah said to Seraiah, "When you come to Babylon, of the guard carried away captive of the poorest of the then see that you read all these words, 62 and say, people, and the residue of the people who were left in 'LORD, you have spoken concerning this place, to cut it the city, and those who fell away, who fell to the king but that it shall be desolate forever.' 63 It shall be, when Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard left of the poorest you have made an end of reading this scroll, that you of the land to be vineyard keepers and farmers. 17 shall bind a stone to it, and cast it into the midst of the The Chaldeans broke the pillars of bronze that were in Perath: 64 and you shall say, 'Thus shall Babylon sink, the house of the LORD, and the bases and the bronze and shall not rise again because of the evil that I will sea that were in the house of the LORD in pieces, and bring on her; and they shall be weary." Thus far are the carried all their bronze to Babylon. 18 They also took words of Jeremiah.

52 Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he began to reign; and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah. 2 He did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that Jehoiakim had done. 3 For through the anger of the LORD it happened in Jerusalem and Judah, until he

on her engraved images; and through all her land the the month, the famine was severe in the city, so that Chaldeans." 55 For the LORD lays Babylon waste, and city all around;) and they went toward the Arabah. 8 for the destroyer has come on her, even on Babylon, his army was scattered from him. 9 Then they took off, that none shall dwell in it, neither man nor animal, of Babylon, and the residue of the multitude. 16 But away the pots, the shovels, the snuffers, the basins, the spoons, and all the vessels of bronze with which they ministered. 19 The captain of the guard took away the cups, the fire pans, the basins, the pots, the lampstands, the spoons, and the bowls; that which was of gold, in gold, and that which was of silver, in silver. 20 They took the two pillars, the one sea, and the twelve bronze bulls that were under the sea, and the stands which

king Solomon had made for the house of the LORD. The bronze of all these vessels was without weight. 21 As for the pillars, the height of the one pillar was eight feet seven inches; and a line of twenty feet eight inches encircled it: and its thickness was almost three inches. It was hollow. 22 A capital of bronze was on it; and the height of the one capital was eight feet seven inches, with network and pomegranates on the capital all around, all of bronze: and the second pillar also had like these, and pomegranates. 23 There were ninetysix pomegranates on the sides; all the pomegranates were one hundred on the network all around. 24 The captain of the guard took Seraiah the chief priest, and Zephaniah the second priest, and the three keepers of the threshold: 25 and out of the city he took an officer who was set over the men of war: and seven men of those who saw the king's face, who were found in the city; and the scribe of the captain of the army, who mustered the people of the land; and sixty men of the people of the land, who were found in the midst of the city. 26 Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard took them, and brought them to the king of Babylon to Riblah. 27 The king of Babylon struck them, and put them to death at Riblah in the land of Hamath. So Judah was carried away captive out of his land. 28 This is the people whom Nebuchadnezzar carried away captive: in the seventh year three thousand twenty-three Jews; 29 in the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar he carried away captive from Jerusalem eight hundred thirty-two persons; 30 in the three and twentieth year of Nebuchadnezzar Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive of the Jews seven hundred fortyfive persons: all the persons were four thousand and six hundred. 31 It happened in the seven and thirtieth year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, in the five and twentieth day of the month, that Awil-Marduk king of Babylon, in the first year of his reign, lifted up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah, and brought him forth out of prison; 32 and he spoke kindly to him, and set his throne above the throne of the kings who were with him in Babylon, 33 and changed his prison garments. Jehojachin ate bread before him continually all the days of his life: 34 and for his allowance, there was a continual allowance given him by the king of Babylon, every day a portion until the day of his death, all the days of his life.

Lamentations

1 How the city sits solitary, that was full of people. She has become as a widow, who was great among the nations. She who was a princess among the provinces has become a forced laborer. 2 She weeps bitterly in the night, and her tears are on her cheeks; among all her lovers she has none to comfort her. All her friends have dealt treacherously with her: they have become her enemies. 3 Judah has gone into exile because of affliction and harsh servitude: she dwells among the nations, she finds no rest: all her persecutors overtook her in the midst of her distress. 4 The roads to Zion mourn, because no one comes to the solemn assembly; all her gates are desolate, her priests groan: her virgins are afflicted, and she herself is in bitterness. 5 Her adversaries have become the head, her enemies prosper; for the LORD has afflicted her for the multitude of her transgressions: her young children have gone into captivity before the adversary. 6 All majesty has departed from the daughter of Zion: her leaders have become like deer that find no pasture, they fled exhausted before the pursuer. 7 Jerusalem remembers in the days of her affliction and wandering all her precious things that were from the days of old: when her people fell into the hand of the adversary, and no one helped her. The adversaries saw her, they mocked at her desolations. 8 Jerusalem has grievously sinned: therefore she has become as an unclean thing: all who honored her despise her, because they have seen her nakedness: yes, she groans, and turns away. 9 Her filthiness was in her skirts; she did not remember her latter end; therefore her fall was astonishing; she has no comforter. "Look, LORD, on my affliction, for the enemy has magnified himself." 10 The adversary has spread out his hand on all her precious things: for she has seen that the nations have entered into her sanctuary, concerning whom you commanded that they should not enter into your assembly. 11 All her people sigh, they seek bread; they have given their precious things for food to refresh the soul. "Look, LORD, and see, for I am despised." 12 Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Look, and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow, which is brought on me, with which the LORD has afflicted me in the day of his fierce anger. 13 From on high he has sent fire into my bones, and it overcame them. He has spread a net for my feet, he has turned me back. He has made me desolate and faint all the day. 14 My transgressions are bound into a yoke; by his hand they are fastened together, they are set upon my neck; he has made my strength to fail. The LORD has delivered me into their hands.

rejected all my mighty men in my midst: he has called a solemn assembly against me to crush my young men. The LORD has trodden as in a winepress the virgin daughter of Judah. 16 For these things I weep: my eyes flow with tears; because the comforter who should refresh my soul is far from me. My children are desolate, because the enemy has prevailed. 17 Zion spreads forth her hands; there is none to comfort her. The LORD has commanded concerning Jacob, that those who are around him should be his adversaries. Jerusalem is among them as an unclean thing. 18 The LORD is righteous, for I have rebelled against his commandment. Please listen all you people, and see my suffering. My virgins and my young men have gone into captivity. 19 I called for my lovers, but they deceived me. My priests and my elders perished in the city, while they searched for food to refresh their souls. 20 See, LORD, for I am in distress: my stomach churns: my heart is turned within me; for I have grievously rebelled. Outside the sword bereaves, in the house it is like death. 21 They have heard that I groan; there is none to comfort me. All my enemies have heard of my trouble; they are glad that you have done it. Bring the day that you have proclaimed, so that they shall end up like me. 22 Let all their wickedness come before you. Do to them, as you have done to me for all my transgressions. For my groans are many, and my heart is faint.

 ${f 2}$ How the LORD covered the daughter of Zion with a cloud in his anger. He has cast down from heaven to the earth the splendor of Israel, and hasn't remembered his footstool in the day of his anger. 2 The LORD has swallowed up all the habitations of Jacob, and has not pitied. He has thrown down in his wrath the strongholds of the daughter of Judah. He has brought them down to the ground; he has humiliated the kingdom and its rulers. 3 He has cut off in fierce anger all the strength of Israel. He has drawn back his right hand before the enemy. He has blazed in Jacob like a flaming fire, which devours all around. 4 He has bent his bow like an enemy: his right hand he has positioned like an adversary. He killed all that were pleasant to the eye. In the tent of the daughter of Zion he has poured out his wrath like fire. 5 The LORD has become as an enemy: he has swallowed up Israel; he has swallowed up all her palaces and has destroyed its strongholds. He has multiplied in the daughter of Judah mourning and lamentation. 6 He has done violence to his temple, as if it were a vineyard; he has destroyed his place of assembly. The LORD has caused solemn assembly and Sabbath to be forgotten in Zion, and he has spurned in his fierce anger king and priest and prince. 7 The LORD has rejected his altar, he has disowned his sanctuary, and has given up into the against whom I am not able to stand. 15 The LORD has hand of the enemy the walls of her palaces. They have

of a solemn assembly. 8 The LORD has determined slaughtered, without pity. 22 You have called, as in the to destroy the wall of the daughter of Zion. He has day of a solemn assembly, my terrors on every side. stretched out the line, he has not withdrawn his hand There was none that escaped or remained in the day of from destroying. He has made the rampart and wall to the LORD's anger. Those that I have borne and brought lament; they languish together. 9 Her gates are sunk up has my enemy destroyed. into the ground; he has destroyed and broken her bars. Her king and her princes are among the nations where the law is no more, and her prophets find no vision from the LORD. 10 The elders of the daughter of Zion sit on the ground in silence. They have cast up dust on their heads; they have clothed themselves with sackcloth. The virgins of Jerusalem hang down their heads to the ground. 11 My eyes are worn out from weeping, my stomach is churning. My heart is poured on the earth, because of the destruction of the daughter of my people. because the young children and the infants faint in the streets of the city. 12 They tell their mothers, "Where is grain and wine?" When they faint as the wounded in the streets of the city, as their lives fade away in their mothers' bosom. 13 What shall I testify of you? What shall I liken to you, daughter of Jerusalem? What shall I compare to you, that I may comfort you, virgin daughter of Zion? For your ruin is great like the sea. Who can heal you? 14 Your prophets have seen for you false and deceptive visions. They have not uncovered your iniquity, to bring back your captivity, but have seen for you false and misleading oracles. 15 All that pass by clap their hands at you, they hiss and wag their head at the daughter of Jerusalem, saying, "Is this the city that men called 'The perfection of beauty,' 'The joy of the whole earth'?" 16 All your enemies have opened wide their mouth against you. They hiss and gnash the teeth; they say, "We have swallowed her up. Certainly this is the day that we looked for; we have found, we have seen it." 17 The LORD has done that which he purposed, he has fulfilled his word that he commanded in the days of old. He has thrown down, and has not pitied. He has caused the enemy to gloat over you and exalted the horn of your adversaries. 18 Their heart cried to the LORD. O wall of the daughter of Zion, let tears run down like a river day and night. Give vourself no respite; do not let your tears cease. 19 Arise, cry out in the night, at the beginning of the watches. Pour out your heart like water before the face of the LORD. Lift up your hands toward him for the life of your young children, that faint for hunger at the head of every street. 20 Look, LORD, and see to whom you have done like this. Shall the women eat their fruit, the children that are dandled in the hands? Shall the priest and the prophet be killed in the sanctuary of the LORD? 21 The youth and the old man lie on the ground in the streets; my virgins and my young men have fallen by the sword.

made a shout in the house of the LORD, as in the day You have killed them in the day of your anger; you have

3 I am the man that has seen affliction by the rod of his wrath. 2 He has led me and caused me to walk in darkness, and not in light. 3 Surely against me he turns his hand again and again all the day. 4 My flesh and my skin he has made old; he has broken my bones. 5 He has built against me, and surrounded me with bitterness and hardship. 6 He has made me to dwell in dark places, like those that have been long dead. 7 He has walled me in, so I can't escape; he has made my chains heavy. 8 Yes, when I cry, and call for help, he shuts out my prayer. 9 He has walled up my ways with cut stone; he has made my paths crooked. 10 He is to me as a bear lying in wait, as a lion in hiding. 11 He has obstructed my path, and torn me in pieces; he has made me desolate. 12 He has bent his bow, and set me as a mark for the arrow. 13 He has caused the arrows of his guiver to pierce my inward parts. 14 I have become a laughingstock to all peoples, and their song all the day. 15 He has filled me with bitterness, he has given me in full measure wormwood. 16 He has also broken my teeth with gravel; he has pressed me down in the dust. 17 You have removed my soul far away from peace; I have forgotten what prosperity is. 18 And I said, "My strength and my hope has perished from the LORD." 19 Remember my affliction and my misery, the wormwood and the gall. 20 My soul considers them, and is depressed. 21 But this I call to my mind; therefore I have hope: 22 The LORD's faithful love does not cease; his compassion does not fail. 23 They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. 24 "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." 25 The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. 26 It is good that a man should hope and guietly wait for the salvation of the LORD. 27 It is good for a man that he bear the yoke while he is young. 28 Let him sit alone and keep silence when he is disciplining him. 29 Let him put his mouth to the dust. there may yet be hope. 30 Let him give his cheek to him who strikes him: let him be filled with insults. 31 For the LORD will not reject forever. 32 For though he may cause grief, yet he will have compassion according to the abundance of his loving kindness. 33 For he is not predisposed to bring affliction or suffering to human beings. 34 To crush under foot all the prisoners of the earth; 35 to deprive a man of justice before the face of the Most High, 36 to subvert a man in his cause, the LORD does not approve. 37 Who can speak a thing and have it come to pass, unless the LORD has commanded my people is greater than the sin of Sodom, which was it? 38 Doesn't both calamity and good come out of the overthrown in an instant, and no hands were laid on her. mouth of the Most High? 39 Why does a living man 7 Her consecrated ones were purer than snow, whiter complain, a man for the punishment of his sins? 40 than milk; their bodies more ruddy than rubies, their Let us examine and search our ways, and return to appearance was like lapis lazuli. 8 They appear darker the LORD. 41 Let us lift up our heart with our hands than soot; they are not known in the streets. Their skin to God in the heavens. 42 We have transgressed and cleaves to their bones; it is withered and has become as have rebelled, and you have not forgiven. 43 You have dry as a stick. 9 Those who are killed with the sword covered yourself with anger and pursued us; you killed are better than those who are killed with hunger; those without sparing. 44 You have covered yourself with who waste away, pierced through, for lack of the fruits a cloud, so that no prayer can pass through. 45 You of the field. 10 The hands of the compassionate women have made us rubbish and refuse in the midst of the have cooked their own children; they were their food in wide against us. 47 Fear and the pit have come on us, LORD has accomplished his wrath, he has poured out devastation and destruction. 48 Streams of tears run his fierce anger; he has kindled a fire in Zion, which daughter of my people. 49 My tears flow and do not did not believe, neither all the inhabitants of the world, cease, without respite, 50 until the LORD looks down that the adversary or the enemy would enter into the and sees from heaven. 51 My eyes bring my soul grief, gates of Jerusalem. 13 It is because of the sins of her because of all the daughters of my city. 52 They have prophets, and the iniquities of her priests, that have chased me relentlessly like a bird, those who are my shed the blood of the just in the midst of her. 14 They enemies without cause. 53 They have cut off my life in a wander as blind men in the streets, they are polluted pit, and have cast a stone on me. 54 Waters flowed with blood, so that men can't touch their garments. 15 over my head; I said, 'I am finished.' 55 I called on your "Go away." they cried to them, "Unclean. Away, away. name, LORD, out of the depths of the pit. 56 You heard Do not touch." When they fled away and wandered. my voice; do not hide your ear at my sighs, to my cry. men said among the nations, "They shall not live here 57 You drew near in the day that I called on you; you anymore." 16 The LORD himself has scattered them; said, "Do not be afraid." 58 LORD, you have taken up he will no more regard them. They did not respect the You have seen, LORD, the wrong done to me; judge fail, looking in vain for our help. In our watching we have their plots against me. 61 You have heard their insults, our steps, so that we can't go in our streets. Our end is LORD, and all their plots against me. 62 The lips of near, our days are fulfilled; for our end has come. 19 Our those that rose up against me, and their plots against pursuers were swifter than the eagles of the sky. They rising up; I am their mocking song. 64 You will render to wilderness. 20 The breath of our nostrils, the anointed them what they deserve, LORD, according to the work of the LORD, was taken in their pits; of whom we said, of their hands. 65 You will give them hardness of heart "Under his shadow we can live among the nations." as your curse to them. 66 You will pursue them in anger, 21 Rejoice and be glad, daughter of Edom, that dwell and destroy them from under the heavens of the LORD.

A How the gold has become dim. How the most pure gold has changed. The stones of the sanctuary are poured out at the head of every street. 2 The precious sons of Zion, comparable to fine gold, How they are regarded as clay jars, the work of the hands of the potter. 3 Even the jackals offer the breast, they nurse their young ones, but the daughter of my people has embrace ash heaps. 6 For the iniquity of the daughter of Assyrians, to get enough bread. 7 Our fathers sinned,

peoples. 46 All our enemies have opened their mouth the destruction of the daughter of my people. 11 The down from my eyes because of the destruction of the has devoured its foundations. 12 The kings of the earth the case for my soul; you have redeemed my life. 59 priests, they did not favor the elders. 17 Our eyes still my case. 60 You have seen all their vengeance and all watched for a nation that could not save. 18 They hunt me all day long. 63 Look their sitting down, and their chased us on the mountains, they lay in wait for us in the in the land of Uz. The cup shall pass through to you also; you will get drunk, and shall make yourself naked. 22 The punishment of your iniquity is accomplished. daughter of Zion; he will no more carry you away into captivity. He will visit your iniquity, daughter of Edom; he will uncover your sins.

5 Remember, LORD, what has come on us. Look, and see our disgrace. 2 Our inheritance is turned over to become cruel, like the ostriches in the wilderness. 4 The strangers, our houses to foreigners. 3 We are orphans nursing infant's tongue sticks to the roof of his mouth and fatherless. Our mothers are like widows. 4 We have for thirst. The young children ask for bread, but no one to pay for a drink of water; our wood is sold to us. 5 Our gives to them. 5 Those who ate delicacies are destitute pursuers are on our necks; we are weary, and have no in the streets. Those who were brought up in purple rest. 6 We have submitted to the Egyptians and to the

and are no more: but we have borne their iniquities. 8 Servants rule over us: There is none to deliver us out of their hand. 9 We get our bread at the peril of our lives. because of the sword in the wilderness. 10 Our skin is hot like an oven, because of the burning heat of famine. 11 They raped the women in Zion, the virgins in the cities of Judah. 12 Princes were hung by their hands; elders were shown no respect. 13 The young men grind at the mill; the boys stagger under loads of wood. 14 The elders have gone from the gate, the young men from their music. 15 The joy of our heart has ceased; our dancing is turned into mourning. 16 The crown is fallen from our head; woe to us, for we have sinned. 17 For this our heart is faint; for these things our eyes grow dim. 18 For the mountain of Zion, which is desolate; the foxes walk on it. 19 But you, LORD, abide forever; your throne is from generation to generation. 20 Why do you keep on forgetting us? Why do you forsake us so long? 21 Restore us to you, LORD, and we shall be restored; renew our days as in former times, 22 unless you have completely rejected us and are angry with us beyond measure.

Ezekie

1 Now it happened in the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, in the fifth of the month, as I was among the captives by the river Chebar, that the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God. 2 In the fifth of the month, which was the fifth year of king Jehoiachin's captivity, 3 the word of the LORD came to Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar; and the hand of the LORD came upon him, 4 l looked, and look, a stormy wind came out of the north, a great cloud, with flashing lightning, and a brightness around it, and out of its midst as it were alowing metal, out of the midst of the fire. 5 Out of its midst came the likeness of four living creatures. This was their appearance: they had the likeness of a man. 6 And each one had four faces, and each one of them had four wings. 7 Their legs were straight. and the sole of their feet was like the sole of a calf's foot: and they sparkled like burnished bronze. 8 They had the hands of a man under their wings on their four sides: and the four of them had their faces and their wings thus: 9 their wings were joined one to another; they didn't turn when they went; each one went straight forward. 10 As for the likeness of their faces, they had the face of a man: and the four of them had the face of a lion on the right side; and the four of them had the face of an ox on the left side; the four of them also had the face of an eagle. 11 Such were their faces. Their wings were spread out above. Two wings of each one touched another, and two covered their bodies. 12 Each one went straight forward: where the spirit would go, they went: they didn't turn when they went. 13 And in when he spoke to me, and set me on my feet; and I the midst of the living creatures was an appearance of heard him who spoke to me. 3 He said to me, "Son of burning coals of fire. like the appearance of torches. The fire went up and down among the living creatures; and the fire was bright, and out of the fire went forth fathers have transgressed against me even to this very lightning. 14 The living creatures darted back and forth, like the appearance of a flash of lightning. 15 Now as 1 saw the living creatures, look, there was a wheel on the the LORD.' 5 They, whether they will hear, or whether ground beside each living creature with its four faces. they will forbear, (for they are a rebellious house), yet 16 And the appearance of the wheels and their work shall know that there has been a prophet among them. was like a beryl: and the four of them had the same 6 You, son of man, do not be afraid of them, neither likeness: and their appearance and their work was as be afraid of their words, though briers and thorns are it were a wheel within a wheel. 17 When they went, with you, and you do dwell among scorpions: do not be they went in their four directions: they didn't turn when afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, they went. 18 As for their rims, they were high and though they are a rebellious house. 7 You shall speak awesome: and the four of them had their rims full of my words to them, whether they will hear, or whether eves all around. 19 When the living creatures went, the they will forbear; for they are most rebellious. 8 But you, wheels went beside them; and when the living creatures son of man, hear what I tell you; do not be rebellious rose from the ground, the wheels also rose. 20 They like that rebellious house: open your mouth, and eat went in whichever direction the spirit would go, and the that which I give you." 9 When I looked, look, a hand wheels rose alongside them because the spirit of the was put forth to me; and, look, a written scroll was in it.

living creatures was in the wheels. 21 When those Ithe living creatures] moved, these [the wheels] moved; and when those [the living creatures] stood still, and when those [the living creatures] rose from the ground, the wheels rose alongside them because the spirit of the living creatures was in the wheels. 22 And over the heads of the living creatures there was the likeness of an expanse, like glittering ice, it was awesome to look upon, stretched out over their heads above. 23 Under the expanse their wings were straight, the one toward the other. And each one had two which covered its body. 24 When they went, I heard the noise of their wings like the noise of great waters, like the voice of Shaddai, a noise of tumult like the noise of an army: when they stood, they let down their wings. 25 There was a voice above the expanse that was over their heads. 26 Above the expanse that was over their heads was the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire stone; and on the likeness of the throne was a likeness as the appearance of a man on it above. 27 I saw as it were glowing metal, as the appearance of fire within it all around, from the appearance of his waist and upward; and from the appearance of his waist and downward I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and there was brightness around him. 28 As the appearance of the rainbow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness all around. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. When I saw it, I fell on my face, and I heard a voice speaking.

2 He said to me, "Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you." 2 The Spirit entered into me man, I send you to the house of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me. They and their day. 4 The children are obstinate and hardhearted. I am sending you to them, and you shall tell them, 'Thus says 10 He spread it before me: and it was written within and and I lay a stumbling block before him, he shall die: mourning, and woe.

? He said to me, "Son of man, eat that which you find. Eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel." 2 So I opened my mouth, and he caused me to eat the scroll. 3 He said to me, "Son of man, cause your belly to eat, and fill your belly with this scroll that I give you." Then I ate it; and it was as sweet as honey in my mouth. 4 He said to me, "Son of man, go to the house of Israel, and speak my words to them. 5 For you are not sent to a people of a strange speech and of a hard language, but to the house of Israel; 6 not to many peoples of a strange speech and of a hard language, whose words you can not understand. Surely, if I sent you to them, they would listen to you. 7 But the house of Israel will not listen to you; for they will not listen to me: for all the house of Israel are obstinate and hard-hearted. 8 Look, I have made your face hard against their faces, and your forehead hard against their foreheads. 9 As an adamant harder than flint have I made your forehead. Do not be afraid of them, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they are a rebellious house." 10 Moreover he said to me, "Son of man, all my words that I shall speak to you receive in your heart, and hear with your ears. 11 👖 "You also, son of man, take a tile, and lay it before And go to the exiles, to the children of your people, and speak to them, and tell them, 'Thus says the LORD'; whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear. 12 cast up a mound against it; set camps also against it, Then the Spirit lifted me up, and I heard behind me the and plant battering rams against it all around. 3 Take for voice of a great rushing, saying, "Blessed be the glory yourself an iron pan, and set it for a wall of iron between of the LORD from his place." 13 I heard the noise of you and the city: and set your face toward it, and it shall the wings of the living creatures as they touched one be besieged, and you shall lay siege against it. This another, and the noise of the wheels beside them, even shall be a sign to the house of Israel. 4 "Moreover lie the noise of a great rushing. 14 So the Spirit lifted me on your left side, and lay the iniquity of the house of up, and took me away; and I went in bitterness, in the Israel on it; according to the number of the days that anger of my spirit; and the hand of the LORD was strong you shall lie on it, you shall bear their iniquity. 5 For I on me. 15 Then I came to them of the exiles at Tel Aviv, have appointed the years of their iniquity to be to you that lived by the river Chebar, and to where they lived; a number of days, even three hundred ninety days: and I sat there overwhelmed among them seven days. so you shall bear the iniquity of the house of Israel. 6 16 It happened at the end of seven days, that the word "Again, when you have accomplished these, you shall of the LORD came to me, saying, 17 "Son of man, I lie on your right side, and shall bear the iniquity of the have made you a watchman to the house of Israel: house of Judah: forty days, each day for a year, have I therefore hear the word from my mouth, and give them appointed it to you. 7 You shall set your face toward the warning from me. 18 When I tell the wicked, 'You shall siege of Jerusalem, with your arm uncovered; and you surely die'; and you give him no warning, nor speak to shall prophesy against it. 8 Look, I lay bands on you, warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; and you shall not turn you from one side to the other, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood until you have accomplished the days of your siege. 9 will I require at your hand. 19 Yet if you warn the wicked, "Take for yourself also wheat, and barley, and beans, and he doesn't turn from his wickedness, nor from his and lentils, and millet, and spelt, and put them in one wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have vessel, and make bread of it; according to the number delivered your soul. 20 "Again, when a righteous man of the days that you shall lie on your side, even three does turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, hundred ninety days, you shall eat of it. 10 Your food

without; and there were written in it lamentations, and because you have not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteous deeds which he has done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at your hand. 21 Nevertheless if you warn the righteous man, that the righteous not sin, and he does not sin, he shall surely live, because he took warning; and you have delivered your soul." 22 The hand of the LORD was there on me; and he said to me, "Arise, go forth into the plain, and I will there talk with you." 23 Then I arose, and went forth into the plain: and look, the glory of the LORD stood there, as the glory which I saw by the river Chebar; and I fell on my face. 24 Then the Spirit entered into me, and set me on my feet; and he spoke with me, and said to me, "Go, shut yourself inside your house. 25 But you, son of man, look, they shall lay bands on you, and shall bind you with them, and you shall not go out among them: 26 and I will make your tongue stick to the roof of your mouth, that you shall be mute, and shall not be to them a reprover; for they are a rebellious house. 27 But when I speak with you, I will open your mouth, and you shall tell them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD': He who hears, let him hear; and he who forbears, let him forbear: for they are a rebellious house.

> yourself, and portray on it a city, even Jerusalem: 2 and lay siege against it, and build forts against it, and

which you shall eat shall be by weight, twenty shekels a you have defiled my sanctuary with all your detestable out of man." 13 The LORD said, "Even thus shall the in the midst of you; and a third part shall fall by the children of Israel eat their bread unclean, among the sword around you; and a third part I will scatter to all the from my youth up even until now have I not eaten of wrath toward them to rest, and I shall be comforted; and drink water by measure, and in dismay: 17 that they on you in anger and in wrath, and in wrathful rebukes; another, and pine away in their iniquity.

5 "You, son of man, take a sharp sword; You shall take it as a barber's razor to you, and shall cause it to pass on your head and on your beard: then take balances to weigh, and divide the hair. 2 A third part you shall burn in the fire in the midst of the city, when the days of the siege are fulfilled; and you shall take a third part, and strike with the sword around it; and a third part you shall scatter to the wind, and I will draw out a sword after them. 3 You shall take of it a few in number, and bind them in your skirts. 4 Of these again you shall take, and cast them into the midst of the fire, and burn them in the fire: from it shall a fire come forth into all the house of Israel." 5 "Thus says the LORD: 'This is Jerusalem; I have placed her at the center of the nations, and countries are around her. 6 She has rebelled against my ordinances in doing wickedness more than the nations, and against my statutes more than the countries that are around her: for they have rejected my ordinances. and as for my statutes, they have not walked in them." 7 "Therefore thus savs the LORD: 'Because you are turbulent more than the nations that are around you. and have not walked in my statutes, neither have kept my ordinances, neither have done after the ordinances of the nations that are around you'; 8 therefore thus says the LORD: 'Look, I, even I, am against you; and will execute judgments in the midst of you in the sight of the nations. 9 I will do in you that which I have not done, and whereunto I will not do any more the like, because of all your abominations. 10 Therefore the fathers shall eat the sons in the midst of you, and the sons shall eat their fathers; and I will execute judgments on you; and the whole remnant of you will I scatter to all the winds.' 11 "Therefore as I live,' says the LORD, 'surely, because

day: from time to time you shall eat it. 11 You shall drink things, and with all your abominations, therefore I will water by measure, the sixth part of a hin: from time to also diminish you; neither shall my eye spare, and I also time you shall drink. 12 You shall eat it as barley cakes, will have no pity. 12 A third part of you shall die with the and you shall bake it in their sight with dung that comes pestilence, and with famine shall they be consumed nations where I will drive them." 14 Then I said, "Ah winds, and will draw out a sword after them. 13 Thus Lord GOD. Look, my soul has not been polluted; for shall my anger be accomplished, and I will cause my that which dies of itself, or is torn of animals; neither they shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken in my came there abominable flesh into my mouth." 15 Then zeal, when I have accomplished my wrath on them. 14 he said to me, "Look, I have given you cow's dung for Moreover I will make you a desolation and a reproach man's dung, and you shall prepare your bread thereon." among the nations that are around you, in the sight of 16 Moreover he said to me, "Son of man, look, I will all that pass by. 15 And you shall be a reproach and a break the staff of bread in Jerusalem: and they shall eat taunt, an instruction and an astonishment, to the nations bread by weight, and with fearfulness; and they shall that are around you, when I shall execute judgments may want bread and water, and be dismayed one with I, the LORD, have spoken; 16 when I shall send on them the evil arrows of famine, that are for destruction, which I will send to destroy you: and I will increase the famine on you, and will break your staff of bread; 17 and I will send on you famine and evil animals, and they shall bereave you: and pestilence and blood shall pass through you; and I will bring the sword on you: I, the LORD, have spoken it."

> 6 The word of the LORD came to me, saying, 2 "Son of man, set your face toward the mountains of Israel, and prophesy to them, 3 and say, 'You mountains of Israel, hear the word of the LORD: Thus says the LORD to the mountains and to the hills, to the watercourses and to the valleys: "Look, I, even I, will bring a sword on you, and I will destroy your high places. 4 Your altars shall become desolate, and your incense altars shall be broken; and I will cast down your slain men before your idols. 5 I will lay the dead bodies of the children of Israel before their idols; and I will scatter your bones around your altars. 6 In all your dwelling places the cities shall be laid waste, and the high places shall be desolate; that your altars may be laid waste and made desolate. and your idols may be broken and cease, and your incense altars may be cut down, and your works may be abolished. 7 The slain shall fall in the midst of you, and you shall know that I am the LORD. 8 ""Yet will I leave a remnant, in that you shall have some that escape the sword among the nations, when you shall be scattered through the countries. 9 Those of you that escape shall remember me among the nations where they shall be carried captive, how that I have been broken with their lewd heart, which has departed from me, and with their eyes, which play the prostitute after their idols: and they shall loathe themselves in their own sight for the evils which they have committed in all their abominations. 10

They shall know that I am the LORD: I have not said outside, and the pestilence and the famine within: he who is far off shall die of the pestilence; and he who is shall be feeble, and all knees shall be weak as water. near shall fall by the sword; and he who remains and is 18 They shall also clothe themselves with sackcloth, besieged shall die by the famine: thus will I accomplish and horror shall cover them; and shame shall be on all LORD, when their slain men shall be among their idols cast their silver in the streets, and their gold shall be around their altars, on every high hill, on all the tops as an unclean thing; their silver and their gold shall of the mountains, and under every green tree, and not be able to deliver them in the day of the wrath of under every thick oak, the places where they offered the LORD: they shall not satisfy their souls, neither fill hand on them, and make the land desolate and waste, of their iniquity. 20 As for the beauty of his ornament, from the wilderness toward Riblah, throughout all their he set it in majesty; but they made the images of their habitations: and they shall know that I am the LORD."""

7 Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 2 "You, son of man, say, 'Thus says the LORD to the land of Israel: An end has come. The end has come on the four guarters of the land. 3 Now is the end on you, and I will send my anger on you, and will judge you according to your ways; and I will bring on you all your abominations. 4 My eye shall not spare you, neither will I have pity; but I will bring your ways on you, and your abominations shall be in the midst of you: and you shall know that I am the LORD." 5 "Thus says the LORD: 'A disaster, a unique disaster; look, it comes. 6 An end has come, the end has come; it awakes against you; look, it comes. 7 Your doom has come to you, inhabitant of the land: the time has come, the day is near, a day of tumult, and not of joyful shouting, on the mountains. 8 Now will I shortly pour out my wrath on you, and accomplish my anger against you, and will judge you according to your ways; and I will bring on you all your abominations. 9 My eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: I will bring on you according to your ways; and your abominations shall be in the midst of you; and you shall know that I, the LORD, do strike. 10 Look, the day, look, it comes: your doom is gone forth; the rod has blossomed, pride has budded.' 11 "Violence has risen up into a rod of wickedness. None of them shall remain, nor of their multitude, nor of their wealth. There shall be nothing of value among them. 12 The time has come. the day draws near: do not let the buyer rejoice, nor the seller mourn; for wrath is on all its multitude. 13 For the buyer shall not return to the seller while they live. For the vision is touching the whole multitude of it, none shall return; neither shall any strengthen himself in the iniquity of his life. 14 They have blown the trumpet, and have made all ready; but none goes to the battle; for my wrath is on all its multitude. 15 The sword is God of Israel was there, according to the appearance

in vain that I would bring this disaster on them."" 11 who is in the field shall die with the sword: and he who "Thus says the LORD: 'Strike with your hand, and stamp is in the city, famine and pestilence shall devour him. 16 with your foot, and say, "Alas." because of all the evil But those of those who escape shall escape, and shall abominations of the house of Israel; for they shall fall by be on the mountains like doves of the valleys, all of the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence. 12 He them moaning, every one in his iniquity. 17 All hands my wrath on them. 13 You shall know that I am the faces, and baldness on all their heads. 19 They shall pleasant aroma to all their idols. 14 I will stretch out my their bowels; because it has been the stumbling block abominations and their detestable things. Therefore I will render it an unclean thing to them. 21 I will give it into the hands of the strangers for a prey, and to the wicked of the earth for a spoil; and they shall profane it. 22 My face will I turn also from them, and they shall profane my secret place; and robbers shall enter into it, and profane it. 23 "Make the chain; for the land is full of bloody crimes, and the city is full of violence. 24 Therefore I will bring the worst of the nations, and they shall possess their houses: I will also make the pride of the strong to cease; and their holy places shall be profaned. 25 Destruction comes; and they shall seek peace, and there shall be none. 26 Disaster shall come upon disaster, and rumor shall follow rumor; and they shall seek a vision from a prophet; but the law shall perish from the priest, and counsel from the elders. 27 The king shall mourn, and the prince shall be clothed with desolation, and the hands of the people of the land shall be troubled: I will do to them after their way, and according to their own judgments will I judge them; and they shall know that I am the LORD."

> ${f 8}$ It happened in the sixth year, in the sixth month. in the fifth day of the month, as I sat in my house, and the elders of Judah sat before me, that the hand of the LORD fell there on me. 2 Then I saw, and look, a likeness as the appearance of a man; from the appearance of his waist and downward, fire; and from his waist and upward, as the appearance of brightness, as it were glowing metal. 3 He put forth the form of a hand, and took me by a lock of my head; and the Spirit lifted me up between earth and the sky, and brought me in the visions of God to Jerusalem, to the door of the gate of the inner court that looks toward the north; where there was the seat of the image of jealousy, which provokes to jealousy. 4 Look, the glory of the

that I saw in the plain. 5 Then he said to me. "Son of The glory of the God of Israel was gone up from the man, lift up your eyes now the way toward the north." cherub, whereupon it was, to the threshold of the house: see, northward of the gate of the altar this image of writer's inkhorn by his side. 4 The LORD said to him, and when I had dug in the wall, look, a door. 9 He said children and women; but do not come near any man on to me, "Go in, and see the wicked abominations that whom is the mark: and begin at my sanctuary." Then they do here." 10 So I went in and saw; and see, every they began at the old men that were before the house. on the wall. 11 There stood before them seventy men the city. 8 It happened, while they were smiting, and of the elders of the house of Israel; and in their midst I was left, that I fell on my face, and cried, and said, stood Jaazaniah the son of Shaphan, every man with "Ah, LORD. Will you destroy all the residue of Israel in incense went up. 12 Then he said to me, "Son of man, he said to me, "The iniquity of the house of Israel and have you seen what the elders of the house of Israel do Judah is exceedingly great, and the land is full of blood, in the dark, every man in his rooms of imagery? For and the city full of perversion: for they say, 'The LORD forsaken the land." 13 He said also to me, "You shall As for me also, my eye shall not spare, neither will I LORD's house which was toward the north; and see, his side, reported the matter, saving, "I have done as there sat the women weeping for Tammuz. 15 Then he you have commanded me." said to me, "Have you seen this, son of man? You shall again see yet greater abominations than these." 16 He brought me into the inner court of the LORD's house; and see, at the door of the LORD's temple, between the porch and the altar, were about twenty-five men, with their backs toward the LORD's temple, and their faces toward the east; and they were worshipping the sun toward the east. 17 Then he said to me, "Have you seen this, son of man? Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here? For they have filled the land with violence, and have turned again to provoke me to anger: and look, they put the branch to their nose. 18 therefore I will also deal in wrath; my eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: and though they cry in my ears with a loud voice. yet will I not hear them."

Q Then he cried in my ears with a loud voice, saying, "Cause those who are in charge of the city to draw near, every man with his destroying weapon in his hand." 2 Look, six men came from the way of the Upper Gate, which lies toward the north, every man with his slaughter weapon in his hand; and one man in their midst clothed in linen, with a writer's inkhorn by his side. They went in, and stood beside the bronze altar. 3

So I lifted up my eyes the way toward the north, and and he called to the man clothed in linen, who had the jealousy in the entry. 6 He said to me, "Son of man, do "Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of you see what they do? Even the great abominations Jerusalem, and set a mark on the foreheads of the men that the house of Israel do commit here, that I should go that sigh and that cry over all the abominations that far off from my sanctuary? But you shall again see yet are done in its midst." 5 To the others he said in my other great abominations." 7 He brought me to the door hearing, "Go through the city after him, and strike: do of the court; and when I looked, look, a hole in the wall. not let your eye spare, neither have pity; 6 kill utterly 8 Then he said to me, "Son of man, dig now in the wall": the old man, the young man and the virgin, and little form of crawling creatures, and abominable animals, 7 He said to them, "Defile the house, and fill the courts and all the idols of the house of Israel, portrayed around with the slain. Go forth." They went forth, and struck in his censer in his hand; and the odor of the cloud of your pouring out of your wrath on Jerusalem?" 9 Then they say, 'The LORD doesn't see us. The LORD has has forsaken the land, and the LORD doesn't see,' 10 again see yet other great abominations which they do." have pity, but I will bring their way on their head." 11 14 Then he brought me to the door of the gate of the Look, the man clothed in linen, who had the inkhorn by

> 10 Then I looked, and saw, in the expanse that was over the head of the cherubim there appeared above them as it were a sapphire stone, as the appearance of the likeness of a throne. 2 He spoke to the man clothed in linen, and said, "Go in between the whirling wheels, even under the cherubim, and fill both your hands with coals of fire from between the cherubim, and scatter them over the city." He went in as I watched. 3 Now the cherubim stood on the right side of the house, when the man went in; and the cloud filled the inner court. 4 The glory of the LORD mounted up from the cherub, and stood over the threshold of the house; and the house was filled with the cloud, and the court was full of the brightness of the LORD's glory. 5 The sound of the wings of the cherubim was heard even to the outer court, as the voice of El Shaddai when he speaks. 6 It came to pass, when he commanded the man clothed in linen, saying, "Take fire from between the whirling wheels, from between the cherubim," that he went in, and stood beside a wheel. 7 The cherub stretched forth his hand from between the cherubim to the fire that was between the cherubim, and took of it, and put it into the hands of him who was clothed in

linen, who took it and went out. 8 There appeared in the city, and you have filled its streets with the slain.' 7 cherubim the form of a man's hand under their wings. 9 Therefore thus says the LORD: 'Your slain whom you I looked, and look, four wheels beside the cherubim, have laid in its midst, they are the meat, and this is one wheel beside each cherub, and the appearance the caldron; but I will bring you out of it. 8 You have of the wheels was like a beryl stone. 10 As for their feared the sword; and I will bring the sword on you,' appearance, the four of them had the same likeness, says the LORD. 9 'I will bring you forth out of its midst, like a wheel within a wheel. 11 When they went, they and deliver you into the hands of strangers, and will went in their four directions: they didn't turn as they execute judgments among you. 10 You shall fall by went, but to the place where the head looked they the sword; I will judge you in the border of Israel; and followed it; they didn't turn as they went. 12 Their whole you shall know that I am the LORD. 11 This shall not body, and their backs, and their hands, and their wings, be your caldron, neither shall you be the meat in its and the wheels, were full of eyes all around, even the midst; I will judge you in the border of Israel; 12 and wheels that the four of them had. 13 As for the wheels, you shall know that I am the LORD: for you have not they were called in my hearing, "the whirling wheels." walked in my statutes, neither have you executed my 14 Every one had four faces: the first face was the face ordinances, but have done after the ordinances of the of the cherub, and the second face was the face of a nations that are around you." 13 It happened, when I man, and the third face the face of a lion, and the fourth prophesied, that Pelatiah the son of Benaiah died. Then the face of an eagle. 15 The cherubim mounted up: this I fell down on my face, and cried with a loud voice, is the living creature that I saw by the river Chebar. 16 and said, "Ah, LORD. Will you make a full end of the When the cherubim went, the wheels went beside them; remnant of Israel?" 14 The word of the LORD came to and when the cherubim lifted up their wings to mount up me, saying, 15 "Son of man, your brothers, the men of from the earth, the wheels also didn't turn from beside your relatives, and all the house of Israel, all of them, them. 17 When they stood, these stood; and when they to whom the inhabitants of Jerusalem have said, 'Go mounted up, these mounted up with them: for the spirit far away from the LORD. This land has been given to of the living creature was in them. 18 The glory of the us for a possession.' 16 Therefore say, 'Thus says the LORD went forth from over the threshold of the house, LORD: "Whereas I have removed them far off among and stood over the cherubim. 19 The cherubim lifted up the nations, and whereas I have scattered them among their wings, and mounted up from the earth in my sight the countries, yet will I be to them a sanctuary for a when they went forth, and the wheels beside them: and little while in the countries where they have come." they stood at the door of the east gate of the LORD's 17 Therefore say, 'Thus says the LORD: "I will gather house; and the glory of the God of Israel was over them you from the peoples, and assemble you out of the above. 20 These were the living creatures that I saw countries where you have been scattered, and I will under the God of Israel by the river Chebar; and I knew give you the land of Israel." 18 They shall come there, that they were cherubim. 21 Every one had four faces, and they shall take away all the detestable things of it and every one four wings; and the likeness of the hands and all its abominations from there. 19 I will give them of a man was under their wings. 22 As for the likeness one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and of their faces, they were the faces which I saw by the I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will river Chebar, their appearances and themselves; they give them a heart of flesh; 20 that they may walk in my went every one straight forward.

11 Moreover the Spirit lifted me up, and brought me to the east gate of the LORD's house, which looks eastward: and see, at the door of the gate twenty-five men; and I saw in their midst Jaazaniah the son of Azzur, and Pelatiah the son of Benaiah, officials of the people. 2 He said to me, "Son of man, these are the men who devise iniquity, and who give wicked counsel in this city; 3 who say, 'The time is not near to build houses: this is the caldron, and we are the meat.' 4 Therefore prophesy against them, prophesy, son of man." 5 The Spirit of the LORD fell on me, and he said to me, "Speak, Thus says the LORD: 'Thus you have said, house of Israel; for I know the things that come into your mind. 6 You have multiplied your slain in this

statutes, and keep my ordinances, and do them: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God. 21 But as for them whose heart walks after the heart of their detestable things and their abominations, I will bring their way on their own heads,' says the LORD." 22 Then the cherubim lifted up their wings, and the wheels were beside them; and the glory of the God of Israel was over them above. 23 The glory of the LORD went up from the midst of the city, and stood on the mountain which is on the east side of the city. 24 The Spirit lifted me up, and brought me in the vision by the Spirit of God into Chaldea, to them of the captivity. So the vision that I had seen went up from me. 25 Then I spoke to them of the captivity all the things that the LORD had shown me.

rebellious house, who have eyes to see, and do not LORD came to me, saying, 22 "Son of man, what is this see, who have ears to hear, and do not hear; for they proverb that you have in the land of Israel, saving, 'The are a rebellious house. 3 Therefore, you son of man, days are prolonged, and every vision fails?' 23 Tell them prepare your stuff for moving, and move by day in their therefore, 'Thus says the LORD: I will make this proverb sight; and you shall move from your place to another to cease, and they shall no more use it as a proverb in place in their sight: it may be they will consider, though Israel'; but tell them, 'The days are at hand, and the they are a rebellious house. 4 You shall bring forth your fulfillment of every vision. 24 For there shall be no more baggage by day in their sight, as baggage for exile; and any false vision nor flattering divination within the house you shall go forth yourself at even in their sight, as when of Israel. 25 For I am the LORD; I will speak, and the men go forth into exile. 5 Dig through the wall in their word that I shall speak shall be performed; it shall be no sight, and carry your stuff out that way. 6 In their sight more deferred: for in your days, rebellious house, will I you shall bear it on your shoulder, and carry it forth in speak the word, and will perform it,' says the LORD." 26 the dark; you shall cover your face, so that you do not Again the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 27 see the land; for I have set you for a sign to the house "Son of man, look, they of the house of Israel say, 'The of Israel." 7 I did so as I was commanded: I brought vision that he sees is for many day to come, and he forth my stuff by day, as stuff for removing, and in the prophesies of times that are far off.' 28 Therefore tell even I dug through the wall with my hand; I brought it them, 'Thus says the LORD: None of my words shall be forth in the dark, and bore it on my shoulder in their deferred any more, but the word which I shall speak sight. 8 In the morning came the word of the LORD to shall be performed, says the LORD." me, saying, 9 "Son of man, has not the house of Israel, the rebellious house, said to you, 'What are you doing?' 10 Sav to them. 'Thus save the LORD: This burden concerns the prince in Jerusalem, and all the house of Israel among whom they are.' 11 Say, 'I am your sign: like as I have done, so shall it be done to them; they shall go into exile, into captivity.' 12 "The prince who is among them shall bear on his shoulder in the dark, and shall go forth. He shall dig through the wall and carry it through: he shall cover his face, because he shall not see the land with his eyes. 13 My net also will I spread on him, and he shall be taken in my snare; and I will bring him to Babylon to the land of the Chaldeans; yet shall he not see it, though he shall die there. 14 I will scatter toward every wind all who are around him to help him, and all his bands; and I will draw out the sword after them. 15 They shall know that I am the LORD. when I shall disperse them among the nations, and scatter them through the countries. 16 But I will leave a few men of them from the sword, from the famine, and from the pestilence: that they may declare all their abominations among the nations where they come; and they shall know that I am the LORD." 17 Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 18 "Son of man, eat your bread with guaking, and drink your water with trembling and with fearfulness; 19 and tell the people of the land, 'Thus says the LORD concerning the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the land of Israel: They shall eat their bread with fearfulness, and drink their water in dismay, that her land may be desolate, and all that is in it, because of the violence of all those who dwell in it. 20 The cities that are inhabited shall be

The word of the LORD also came to me, saying, laid waste, and the land shall be a desolation; and you 2 "Son of man, you dwell in the midst of the shall know that I am the LORD." 21 The word of the

> **13** The word of the LORD came to me, saying, 2 "Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel who prophesy, and say to those who prophesy out of their own heart, 'Hear the word of the LORD: 3 Thus says the LORD, "Woe to the foolish prophets, who follow their own spirit, and have seen nothing. 4 Israel, your prophets have been like foxes in the waste places. 5 You have not gone up into the breaches, neither built up the wall for the house of Israel, to stand in the battle in the day of the LORD." 6 They have seen falsehood and lying divination, who say, "The LORD says"; but the LORD has not sent them: and they have made men to hope that the word would be confirmed. 7 "Haven't you seen a false vision, and haven't you spoken a lying divination, in that you say, "The LORD says"; but I have not spoken? 8 Therefore thus says the LORD: Because you have spoken falsehood, and seen lies, therefore, look, I am against you, says the LORD. 9 My hand shall be against the prophets who see false visions, and who divine lies: they shall not be in the council of my people, neither shall they be written in the writing of the house of Israel, neither shall they enter into the land of Israel; and you shall know that I am the LORD. 10 Because, even because they have seduced my people, saying, 'Peace'; and there is no peace; and when one builds up a wall, look, they plaster it with whitewash: 11 tell those who plaster it with whitewash, that it shall fall: there shall be an overflowing shower; and you, great hailstones, shall fall; and a stormy wind break out. 12 Look, when the wall has fallen, shall it not be said to you, 'Where is the plaster with which you have plastered it?' 13 ""Therefore thus says the LORD: I will even tear

wit, the prophets of Israel who prophesy concerning ""If the prophet is deceived and speaks a word, I, the Jerusalem, and who see visions of peace for her, and LORD, have deceived that prophet, and I will stretch out there is no peace,"" says the LORD." 17 "You, son of my hand on him, and will destroy him from the midst of man, set your face against the daughters of your people, my people Israel. 10 They shall bear their iniquity: the who prophesy out of their own heart; and prophesy iniquity of the prophet shall be even as the iniquity of against them, 18 and say, 'Thus says the LORD: "Woe him who seeks him; 11 that the house of Israel may go to the women who sew pillows on all elbows, and make no more astray from me, neither defile themselves any kerchiefs for the head of persons of every stature to more with all their transgressions; but that they may be hunt souls. Will you hunt the souls of my people, and my people, and I may be their God," says the LORD." save souls alive for yourselves? 19 You have profaned 12 The word of the LORD came to me, saying, 13 "Son me among my people for handfuls of barley and for of man, when a land sins against me by committing a pieces of bread, to kill the souls who should not die, trespass, and I stretch out my hand on it, and break and to save the souls alive who should not live, by your the staff of its bread, and send famine on it, and cut off lying to my people who listen to lies." 20 "Therefore from it man and animal; 14 though these three men, thus says the LORD: "Look, I am against your pillows, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they should deliver with which you there hunt the souls to make them fly, but their own souls by their righteousness, says the and I will tear them from your arms; and I will let the LORD." 15 "If I cause evil animals to pass through the souls go, even the souls whom you hunt to make them land, and they ravage it, and it be made desolate, so fly. 21 Your kerchiefs also will I tear, and deliver my that no man may pass through because of the animals; people out of your hand, and they shall be no more in 16 though these three men were in it, as I live," says the your hand to be hunted; and you shall know that I am LORD, "they should deliver neither sons nor daughters; the LORD. 22 Because with lies you have grieved the they only should be delivered, but the land should be heart of the righteous, whom I have not made sad; and desolate. 17 "Or if I bring a sword on that land, and say, strengthened the hands of the wicked, that he should 'Sword, go through the land'; so that I cut off from it not return from his wicked way, and be saved alive: man and animal; 18 though these three men were in it, 23 Therefore you shall no more see false visions, nor as I live, says the LORD, they should deliver neither practice divination. I will deliver my people out of your sons nor daughters, but they only should be delivered hand; and you shall know that I am the LORD."""

1 1 Then came certain of the elders of Israel to me. and sat before me. 2 The word of the LORD came to me, saying, 3 "Son of man, these men have taken their idols into their heart, and put the stumbling block of their iniquity before their face: should I be inquired of at all by them? 4 Therefore speak to them, and tell them. 'Thus savs the LORD: "Every man of the house of Israel who takes his idols into his heart, and puts the stumbling block of his iniquity before his face, and comes to the prophet; I the LORD will answer him in it according to the multitude of his idols; 5 that I may take the house of Israel in their own heart, because they are all estranged from me through their idols." 6 "Therefore tell the house of Israel, 'Thus says the LORD: "Return, and turn yourselves from your idols;

it with a stormy wind in my wrath: and there shall be an and turn away your faces from all your abominations. 7 overflowing shower in my anger, and great hailstones in For everyone of the house of Israel, or of the strangers wrath to consume it. 14 So will I break down the wall that who live in Israel, who separates himself from me, and you have plastered with whitewash, and bring it down to takes his idols into his heart, and puts the stumbling the ground, so that its foundation shall be uncovered; block of his iniquity before his face, and comes to the and it shall fall, and you shall be consumed in its midst: prophet to inquire for himself of me; I the LORD will and you shall know that I am the LORD. 15 Thus will I answer him by myself: 8 and I will set my face against accomplish my wrath on the wall, and on those who that man, and will make him an astonishment, for a sign have plastered it with whitewash; and I will tell you, 'The and a proverb, and I will cut him off from the midst of wall is no more, neither those who plastered it; 16 to my people; and you shall know that I am the LORD. 9

> themselves. 19 "Or if I send a pestilence into that land, and pour out my wrath on it in blood, to cut off from it man and animal; 20 though Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, as I live, says the LORD, they could not save either son nor daughter: they would save only their own souls by their righteousness. 21 "For thus says the LORD: 'How much more when I send my four severe judgments on Jerusalem, the sword, and the famine, and the evil animals, and the pestilence, to cut off from it man and animal. 22 Yet, look, there shall be left a remnant that shall be carried forth, both sons and daughters: look, they shall come forth to you, and you shall see their way and their doings; and you shall be comforted concerning the evil that I have brought on Jerusalem, even concerning all that I have brought on it. 23 They shall comfort you, when you see their way

and their doings; and you shall know that I have not and silver; and your clothing was of fine linen, and silk. LORD."

15 The word of the LORD came to me, saying, 2 "Son of man, what is the vine tree more than any tree, the vine-branch which is among the trees of the forest? 3 Shall wood be taken of it to make any work? Or will men take a pin of it to hang any vessel thereon? 4 Look, it is cast into the fire for fuel; the fire has devoured both its ends, and its midst is burned; is it profitable for any work? 5 Look, when it was whole, it was meet for no work: how much less, when the fire has devoured it, and it is burned, shall it yet be meet for any work. 6 "Therefore thus says the LORD: 'As the vine tree among the trees of the forest, which I have given to the fire for fuel, so will I give the inhabitants of Jerusalem. 7 I will set my face against them; they shall go forth from the fire, but the fire shall devour them; and you shall know that I am the LORD, when I set my face against them. 8 I will make the land desolate, because they have committed a trespass,' says the LORD."

16 Again the word of the LORD came to me, saying. 2 "Son of man, cause Jerusalem to know her abominations; 3 and say, 'Thus says the LORD to Jerusalem: Your birth and your birth is of the land of the Canaanite; the Amorite was your father, and your mother was a Hethite. 4 As for your birth, in the day vou were born vour navel was not cut, neither were vou washed in water to cleanse you; you weren't salted at all, nor swaddled at all. 5 No eye pitied you, to do any of these things to you, to have compassion on you; but you were cast out in the open field, for that your person was abhorred, in the day that you were born. 6 "And I passed by you and saw you wallowing in your blood. and I said to you in your blood: 'Live.' 7 I caused you to multiply as that which grows in the field, and you increased and grew great, and you attained to excellent ornament; your breasts were fashioned, and your hair was grown; yet you were naked and bare. 8 "Now when I passed by you, and looked at you, look, your time was the time of love; and I spread my skirt over you, and covered your nakedness: yes, I swore to you, and entered into a covenant with you,' says the LORD, 'and you became mine. 9 "Then I washed you with water; yes, I thoroughly washed away your blood from you, and I anointed you with oil. 10 I clothed you also with embroidered work, and shod you with sealskin, and I dressed you about with fine linen, and covered you with silk. 11 I decked you with ornaments, and I put bracelets on your hands, and a chain on your neck. 12 I put a ring on your nose, and earrings in your ears, and a beautiful crown on your head. 13 Thus you were decked with gold

done without cause all that I have done in it,' says the and embroidered work; you ate fine flour, and honey, and oil; and you were exceeding beautiful, and you prospered to royal estate. 14 Your renown went forth among the nations for your beauty; for it was perfect, through my majesty which I had put on you,' says the LORD. 15 "But you trusted in your beauty, and played the prostitute because of your renown, and poured out your prostitution on everyone who passed by; his it was. 16 You took of your garments, and made for yourselves high places decked with various colors, and played the prostitute on them: the like things shall not come, neither shall it be so. 17 You also took your beautiful jewels of my gold and of my silver, which I had given you, and made for yourself images of men, and played the prostitute with them: 18 and you took your embroidered garments, and covered them, and set my oil and my incense before them. 19 My bread also which I gave you, fine flour, and oil, and honey, with which I fed you, you even set it before them for a pleasant aroma; and thus it was,' says the LORD. 20 "Moreover you have taken your sons and your daughters, whom you have borne to me, and you have sacrificed these to them to be devoured. Was your prostitution a small matter, 21 that you have slain my children, and delivered them up, in causing them to pass through the fire to them? 22 In all your abominations and your prostitution you have not remembered the days of your youth, when you were naked and bare, and were wallowing in your blood. 23 "It has happened after all your wickedness, ("Woe, woe to you." says the LORD), 24 that you have built for yourselves a vaulted place, and have made yourselves a lofty place in every street. 25 You have built your lofty place at the head of every way, and have made your beauty an abomination, and have opened your feet to everyone who passed by, and multiplied your prostitution. 26 You have also committed sexual immorality with the Egyptians, your neighbors, great of flesh; and have multiplied your prostitution, to provoke me to anger. 27 See therefore, I have stretched out my hand over you, and have diminished your ordinary food, and delivered you to the will of those who hate you, the daughters of the Philistines, who are ashamed of your lewd way. 28 You have played the prostitute also with the Assyrians, because you were insatiable; yes, you have played the prostitute with them, and yet you weren't satisfied. 29 You have moreover multiplied your prostitution to the land of merchants, to Chaldea: and yet you weren't satisfied with this. 30 "How weak is your heart, says the LORD, since you do all these things, the work of an impudent prostitute; 31 in that you build your vaulted place at the head of every way, and make your lofty place in every street, and have

wife who commits adultery, who takes strangers instead your daughters. 49 "Look, this was the iniquity of your of her husband. 33 They give gifts to all prostitutes; sister Sodom: pride, fullness of bread, and prosperous but you give your gifts to all your lovers, and bribe ease was in her and in her daughters; neither did she them, that they may come to you on every side for your strengthen the hand of the poor and needy. 50 They prostitution. 34 You are different from other women in were haughty, and committed abomination before me. your prostitution, in that no one follows you to play the So I took them away, as you have seen. 51 Neither prostitute; and whereas you give hire, and no hire is has Samaria committed half of your sins; but you have given to you, therefore you are different.' 35 "Therefore, multiplied your abominations more than they, and have prostitute, hear the word of the LORD: 36 Thus says the justified your sisters by all your abominations which you LORD, 'Because your filthiness was poured out, and have done. 52 You also, bear you your own shame, in your nakedness uncovered through your prostitution that you have given judgment for your sisters; through with your lovers; and because of all the idols of your your sins that you have committed more abominable abominations, and for the blood of your children, that than they, they are more righteous that you: yes, be also you gave to them; 37 therefore see, I will gather all your confounded, and bear your shame, in that you have lovers, with whom you have taken pleasure, and all justified your sisters. 53 "I will turn again their captivity, those who you have loved, with all those who you have the captivity of Sodom and her daughters, and the hated; I will even gather them against you on every captivity of Samaria and her daughters, and the captivity side, and will uncover your nakedness to them, that of your captives in their midst; 54 that you may bear they may see all your nakedness. 38 I will judge you, as your own shame, and may be ashamed because of all women who break wedlock and shed blood are judged; that you have done, in that you are a comfort to them. and I will bring on you the blood of wrath and jealousy. 55 Your sisters, Sodom and her daughters, shall return 39 I will also give you into their hand, and they shall to their former estate; and Samaria and her daughters throw down your vaulted place, and break down your shall return to their former estate; and you and your lofty places; and they shall strip you of your clothes, daughters shall return to your former estate. 56 For and take your beautiful jewels; and they shall leave you your sister Sodom was not mentioned by your mouth naked and bare. 40 They shall also bring up a company in the day of your pride, 57 before your wickedness against you, and they shall stone you with stones, and was uncovered, as at the time of the reproach of the thrust you through with their swords. 41 They shall burn daughters of Aram, and of all who are around her, the your houses with fire, and execute judgments on you in daughters of the Philistines, who do despite to you all the sight of many women; and I will cause you to cease around. 58 You have borne your lewdness and your from playing the prostitute, and you shall also give no abominations, says the LORD.' 59 "For thus says the hire any more. 42 So will I cause my wrath toward you LORD: 'I will also deal with you as you have done, who to rest, and my jealousy shall depart from you, and I have despised the oath in breaking the covenant. 60 will be quiet, and will be no more angry. 43 "Because Nevertheless I will remember my covenant with you you have not remembered the days of your youth, but in the days of your youth, and I will establish to you have raged against me in all these things; therefore, an everlasting covenant. 61 Then you shall remember look, I also will bring your way on your head,' says the your ways, and be ashamed, when you receive your LORD: 'and you shall not commit this lewdness with older and your younger sisters; and I will give them to all your abominations. 44 "Look, everyone who uses you as daughters, but not by your covenant. 62 I will proverbs shall use this proverb against you, saying, establish my covenant with you; and you shall know "As is the mother, so is her daughter." 45 You are the that I am the LORD: 63 that you may remember, and daughter of your mother, who loathes her husband and be confounded, and never open your mouth any more, her children; and you are the sister of your sisters, who because of your shame, when I have forgiven you all loathed their husbands and their children: your mother that you have done, says the LORD."" was a Hethite, and your father an Amorite. 46 Your elder sister is Samaria, who dwells at your left hand, she and her daughters; and your younger sister, who dwells at your right hand, is Sodom and her daughters. 47 Yet have you not walked in their ways, nor done after their abominations; but, as if that were a very little thing, you were more corrupt than they in all your ways. 48 As I live,' says the LORD, 'Sodom your sister has not done,

not been as a prostitute, in that you scorn pay. 32 "A she nor her daughters, as you have done, you and

The word of the LORD came to me, saying, 2 "Son of man, put forth a riddle, and speak a parable to the house of Israel; 3 and say, 'Thus says the LORD: "A great eagle with great wings and long feathers, full of feathers, which had various colors, came to Lebanon, and took the top of the cedar: 4 he cropped off the topmost of the young twigs of it, and carried it to a land of traffic; he set it in a city of merchants. 5 He

fruitful soil; he placed it beside many waters; he set it as off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, a willow tree. 6 It grew, and became a spreading vine of and I will plant it on a high and lofty mountain: 23 in low stature, whose branches turned toward him, and its the mountain of the height of Israel will I plant it; and it roots were under him: so it became a vine, and brought shall bring forth boughs, and bear fruit, and be a goodly forth branches, and shot forth sprigs. 7 "There was cedar: and under it shall dwell all birds of every wing; in also another great eagle with great wings and many the shade of its branches shall they dwell. 24 All the feathers: and look, this vine bent its roots toward him, trees of the field shall know that I, the LORD, have and shot forth its branches toward him, from the beds of brought down the high tree, have exalted the low tree, its plantation, that he might water it. 8 It was planted in have dried up the green tree, and have made the dry a good soil by many waters, that it might bring forth tree to flourish; I, the LORD, have spoken and have branches, and that it might bear fruit, that it might be done it." a goodly vine."" 9 "Say, 'Thus says the LORD: "Shall it prosper? Shall he not pull up its roots, and cut off its fruit, that it may wither; that all its fresh springing leaves may wither? And not by a strong arm or many people can it be raised from its roots. 10 Yes, look, being planted, shall it prosper? Shall it not utterly wither, when the east wind touches it? It shall wither in the beds where it grew."" 11 Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 12 "Say now to the rebellious house, 'Do you not know what these things mean?' Tell them, 'Look, the king of Babylon came to Jerusalem, and took its king, and its princes, and brought them to him to Babylon: 13 and he took of the royal family, and made a covenant with him; he also brought him under an oath, and took away the mighty of the land; 14 that the kingdom might be base, that it might not lift itself up, but that by keeping his covenant it might stand. 15 But he rebelled against him in sending his ambassadors into Eqypt, that they might give him horses and many people. Shall he prosper? Shall he escape who does such things? Shall he break the covenant, and yet escape? 16 "As I live,' says the LORD, 'surely in the place where the king dwells who made him king, whose oath he despised, and whose covenant he broke, even with him in the midst of Babylon he shall die. 17 Neither shall Pharaoh with his mighty army and great company help him in the war, when they cast up mounds and build forts, to cut off many persons. 18 For he has despised the oath by breaking the covenant; and look, he had given his hand, and vet has done all these things; he shall not escape.' 19 "Therefore thus says the LORD: 'As I live, surely my oath that he has despised. and my covenant that he has broken, I will even bring it on his own head. 20 I will spread my net on him, and he shall be taken in my snare, and I will bring him to Babylon, and will enter into judgment with him there for his trespass that he has trespassed against me. 21 All the choice men among all his troups will fall by the sword, and those who remain shall be scattered toward every wind: and you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken it.' 22 "Thus says the LORD: 'I will also take

took also of the seed of the land, and planted it in a of the lofty top of the cedar, and will set it. I will crop

18 The word of the LORD came to me again, saying, 2 "What do you mean, that you use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying, 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge?' 3 As I live, says the LORD, you shall not have occasion any more to use this proverb in Israel. 4 Look, all souls are mine: as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins, he shall die. 5 "But if a man is just, and does that which is lawful and right, 6 and has not eaten on the mountains, neither has lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, neither has defiled his neighbor's wife, neither has come near to a woman in her impurity. 7 and has not wronged any, but has restored to the debtor his pledge, has taken nothing by robbery, has given his bread to the hungry, and has covered the naked with a garment: 8 he who has not given forth on interest, neither has taken any increase, who has withdrawn his hand from iniquity, has executed true justice between man and man, 9 has walked in my statutes, and has kept my ordinances, to deal truly; he is just, he shall surely live," says the LORD. 10 "If he fathers a son who is a robber, a shedder of blood, and who does any one of these things, 11 and who does not any of those duties, but even has eaten on the mountains, and defiled his neighbor's wife, 12 has wronged the poor and needy, has taken by robbery, has not restored the pledge, and has lifted up his eves to the idols, has committed abomination, 13 has given forth on interest, and has taken increase; shall he then live? He shall not live: he has done all these abominations; he shall surely die; his blood shall be on him. 14 "Now, look, if he fathers a son, who sees all his father's sins, which he has done, and fears, and does not such like; 15 who has not eaten on the mountains, neither has lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, has not defiled his neighbor's wife, 16 neither has wronged any, has not taken anything to pledge, neither has taken by robbery, but has given his bread to the hungry, and has covered the naked with a garment; 17 who has withdrawn his hand from the poor, who has not received interest nor increase, has executed my ordinances, has walked in my statutes: he shall not die for the iniquity up one of her cubs: he became a young lion, and he of his father, he shall surely live. 18 As for his father, learned to catch the prey; he devoured men. 4 The because he cruelly oppressed, robbed his brother, and nations also heard of him; he was taken in their pit; did that which is not good among his people, look, he and they brought him with hooks to the land of Eqypt. shall die in his iniquity. 19 "Yet you say, 'Why doesn't the 5 "Now when she saw that she had waited, and her son bear the iniquity of the father?' When the son has hope was lost, then she took another of her cubs, and done that which is lawful and right, and has kept all my made him a young lion. 6 He went up and down among statutes, and has done them, he shall surely live. 20 the lions; he became a young lion, and he learned to The soul who sins, he shall die: the son shall not bear catch the prey; he devoured men. 7 He devastated their the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the strongholds, and destroyed their cities; and the land iniquity of the son; the righteousness of the righteous was desolate, and its fullness, because of the noise of shall be on him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall his roaring. 8 Then the nations set against him on every be on him. 21 "But if the wicked turn from all his sins side from the provinces; and they spread their net over that he has committed, and keep all my statutes, and him; he was taken in their pit. 9 They put him in a cage do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, with hooks, and brought him to the king of Babylon; he shall not die. 22 None of his transgressions that he they brought him into strongholds, that his voice should has committed shall be remembered against him: in his no more be heard on the mountains of Israel. 10 "Your righteousness that he has done he shall live. 23 Have mother was like a vine in your vineyard, planted by the I any pleasure in the death of the wicked?" says the waters: it was fruitful and full of branches by reason LORD; "and not rather that he should return from his of many waters. 11 It had strong rods for the scepters way, and live? 24 But when the righteous turns away of those who bore rule, and their stature was exalted from his righteousness, and commits iniquity, and does among the thick boughs, and they were seen in their according to all the abominations that the wicked man height with the multitude of their branches. 12 But it does, shall he live? None of his righteous deeds that he was plucked up in fury, it was cast down to the ground, has done shall be remembered: in his trespass that he and the east wind dried up its fruit: its strong rods were has trespassed, and in his sin that he has sinned, in broken off and withered; the fire consumed them. 13 them shall he die. 25 "Yet you say, "The way of the Now it is planted in the wilderness, in a dry and thirsty LORD is not just." Hear now, house of Israel: "Is my land. 14 Fire is gone out of the rods of its branches, it way not just? Aren't your ways unjust?" 26 When the has devoured its fruit, so that there is in it no strong rod righteous man turns away from his righteousness, and to be a scepter to rule.' This is a lamentation, and shall commits iniquity, and dies in it; in his iniquity that he has be for a lamentation." done shall he die. 27 Again, when the wicked man turns away from his wickedness that he has committed, and does that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive. 28 Because he considers, and turns away from all his transgressions that he has committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die. 29 Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the LORD is not just." "House of Israel, aren't my ways just? Aren't your ways unjust?" 30 "Therefore I will judge you, house of Israel, everyone according to his ways,' says the LORD. 'Return, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin. 31 Cast away from you all your transgressions, in which you have transgressed; and make yourself a new heart and a new spirit: for why will you die, house of Israel? 32 For I have no pleasure in the death of him who dies,' says the LORD: 'therefore turn yourselves, and live."

1 O "Moreover, take up a lamentation for the princes of Israel, 2 and say, 'What was your mother? A lioness: she couched among lions, in the midst of the young lions she nourished her cubs. 3 She brought

20 It happened in the seventh year, in the fifth month, the tenth day of the month, that certain of the elders of Israel came to inquire of the LORD, and sat before me. 2 The word of the LORD came to me, saying, 3 "Son of man, speak to the elders of Israel, and tell them, 'Thus says the LORD: "Is it to inquire of me that you have come? As I live, says the LORD, I will not be inquired of by you." 4 Will you judge them, son of man, will you judge them? Cause them to know the abominations of their fathers; 5 and tell them, 'Thus says the LORD: "In the day when I chose Israel, and swore to the offspring of the house of Jacob, and made myself known to them in the land of Egypt, when I swore to them, saving, 'I am the LORD your God': 6 in that day I swore to them, to bring them forth out of the land of Egypt into a land that I had searched out for them, flowing with milk and honey, which is the glory of all lands. 7 I said to them, 'Cast away every man the abominations of his eyes, and do not defile yourselves with the idols of Egypt; I am the LORD your God.' 8 But they rebelled against me, and would not listen to me; they each didn't throw away the abominations of their eves, neither did they forsake the idols of Egypt. Then I gifts, in that they caused to pass through the fire all that said I would pour out my wrath on them, to accomplish opens the womb, that I might make them desolate, to my anger against them in the midst of the land of Egypt. the end that they might know that I am the LORD." 27 9 But I worked for my name's sake, that it should not be "Therefore, son of man, speak to the house of Israel, profaned in the sight of the nations, among which they and tell them, 'Thus says the LORD: "In this moreover were, in whose sight I made myself known to them, in have your fathers blasphemed me, in that they have bringing them forth out of the land of Egypt. 10 ""So I committed a trespass against me. 28 For when I had caused them to go forth out of the land of Egypt, and brought them into the land, which I swore to give to statutes, and showed them my ordinances, which if a tree, and they offered there their sacrifices, and there man does, he shall live in them. 12 Moreover also I they presented the provocation of their offering; there gave them my Sabbaths, to be a sign between me and also they made their pleasant aroma, and they poured them, that they might know that I am the LORD who out there their drink offerings. 29 Then I said to them, sanctifies them. 13 But the house of Israel rebelled 'What does the high place where you go mean?' So against me in the wilderness: they didn't walk in my its name is called Bamah to this day." 30 "Therefore statutes, and they rejected my ordinances, which if tell the house of Israel, 'Thus says the LORD: "Do vou a man keep, he shall live in them; and my Sabbaths pollute yourselves in the way of your fathers? And do they greatly profaned. Then I said I would pour out my you play the prostitute after their abominations? 31 And wrath on them in the wilderness, to consume them. 14 when you offer your gifts, when you make your sons to profaned in the sight of the nations, in whose sight I your idols to this day? And shall I be inquired of by you, brought them out. 15 ""Moreover also I swore to them in house of Israel? As I live, says the LORD, I will not be the wilderness, that I would not bring them into the land inquired of by you; 32 and that which comes into your which I had given to them, flowing with milk and honey, mind shall not be at all, in that you say, 'We will be as which is the most beautiful of all lands; 16 because they the nations, as the families of the countries, to serve rejected my ordinances, and didn't walk in my statutes, wood and stone.' 33 As I live," says the LORD, "surely and profaned my Sabbaths: for their heart went after with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and their idols. 17 Nevertheless my eye spared them, and I with wrath poured out, will I be king over you: 34 and didn't destroy them, neither did I make a full end of them I will bring you out from the peoples, and will gather in the wilderness. 18 ""I said to their children in the you out of the countries in which you are scattered, wilderness, 'Do not walk in the statutes of your fathers, with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and neither observe their ordinances, nor defile yourselves with wrath poured out; 35 and I will bring you into the with their idols. 19 I am the LORD your God: walk in wilderness of the peoples, and there will I enter into my statutes, and keep my ordinances, and do them; judgment with you face to face. 36 Like as I entered into 20 and make my Sabbaths holy; and they shall be a judgment with your fathers in the wilderness of the land sign between me and you, that you may know that I of Egypt, so will I enter into judgment with you," says the am the LORD your God.' 21 But the children rebelled LORD. 37 "I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I against me; they didn't walk in my statutes, neither will bring you into the bond of the covenant; 38 and I will kept my ordinances to do them, which if a man do, purge out from among you the rebels, and those who he shall live in them; and they profaned my Sabbaths. disobey against me; I will bring them forth out of the land 22 Nevertheless I withdrew my hand, and worked for for you, house of Israel, thus says the Lord GOD: "Go, my name's sake, that it should not be profaned in the serve everyone his idols, and hereafter also, if you will sight of the nations, in whose sight I brought them forth. not listen to me; but my holy name you shall no more 23 Moreover I swore to them in the wilderness, that I profane with your gifts, and with your idols. 40 For in my would scatter them among the nations, and disperse holy mountain, in the mountain of the height of Israel," executed my ordinances, but had rejected my statutes, them, serve me in the land: there will I accept them, and statutes that were not good, and ordinances in which aroma will I accept you, when I bring you out from the

brought them into the wilderness. 11 I gave them my them, then they saw every high hill, and every thick But I worked for my name's sake, that it should not be pass through the fire, do you pollute yourselves with all Then I said I would pour out my wrath on them, to where they live, but they shall not enter into the land of accomplish my anger against them in the wilderness. Israel: and you shall know that I am the LORD." 39 "As them through the countries; 24 because they had not says the LORD, "there shall all the house of Israel, all of and had profaned my Sabbaths, and their eyes were there will I require your offerings, and the first fruits of after their fathers' idols. 25 Moreover also I gave them your offerings, with all your holy things. 41 As a pleasant they should not live; 26 and I polluted them in their own peoples, and gather you out of the countries in which

you have been scattered; and I will be sanctified in you people; strike therefore on your thigh. 13 For there is a in the sight of the nations. 42 You shall know that I am trial; and what if even the rod that condemns shall be the LORD, when I shall bring you into the land of Israel, no more?" says the LORD. 14 "You therefore, son of into the country which I swore to give to your fathers. man, prophesy, and strike your hands together; and 43 There you shall remember your ways, and all your let the sword be doubled the third time, the sword of doings, in which you have polluted yourselves; and you the deadly wounded: it is the sword of the great one shall loathe yourselves in your own sight for all your who is deadly wounded, which enters into their rooms. evils that you have committed. 44 You shall know that | 15 | have set the threatening sword against all their am the LORD, when I have dealt with you for my name's gates, that their heart may melt, and their stumblings sake, not according to your evil ways, nor according be multiplied: Ah. It is made as lightning, it is pointed to your corrupt doings, you house of Israel," says the for slaughter. 16 'Gather yourselves together, go to the LORD." 45 The word of the LORD came to me, saying, right, set yourselves in array, go to the left, wherever 46 "Son of man, set your face toward the south, and your face is set.' 17 I will also strike my hands together, drop your word toward the south, and prophesy against and I will cause my wrath to rest: I, the LORD, have the forest of the field in the South; 47 and tell the forest spoken it." 18 The word of the LORD came to me again, of the South, 'Hear the word of the LORD: Thus says saying, 19 "Also, you son of man, appoint two ways that the LORD, "Look, I will kindle a fire in you, and it shall the sword of the king of Babylon may come; they both devour every green tree in you, and every dry tree: the shall come forth out of one land: and mark out a place, flaming flame shall not be guenched, and all faces from mark it out at the head of the way to the city. 20 You the south to the north shall be burnt thereby. 48 All flesh shall appoint a way for the sword to come to Rabbah shall see that I, the LORD, have kindled it; it shall not of the people of Ammon, and to Judah in Jerusalem, be guenched."" 49 Then I said, "Ah, LORD. They say of the fortified. 21 For the king of Babylon stood at the me, 'Isn't he a speaker of parables?""

21 The word of the LORD came to me, saying, 2"Son of man, set your face toward Jerusalem, and speak against the sanctuaries, and prophesy against the land of Israel; 3 and tell the land of Israel, 'Thus says the LORD: "Look, I am against you, and will draw forth my sword out of its sheath, and will cut off from you the righteous and the wicked. 4 Seeing then that I will cut off from you the righteous and the wicked, therefore shall my sword go forth out of its sheath against all flesh from the Negev to the north: 5 and all flesh shall know that I, the LORD, have drawn forth my sword out of its sheath; it shall not return any more." 6 "Sigh therefore, you son of man; with the breaking of your thighs and with bitterness you will sigh before their eyes. 7 It shall be, when they tell you, 'Why do you sigh?' that you shall say, 'Because of the news, for it comes; and every heart shall melt, and all hands shall be feeble, and every spirit shall faint, and all knees shall be weak as water: look, it comes, and it shall be done, says the LORD." 8 The word of the LORD came to me, saying, 9 "Son of man, prophesy, and say, 'Thus says the LORD: Say, "A sword, a sword, it is sharpened, and also furbished; 10 it is sharpened that it may make a slaughter; it is furbished that it may be as lightning: shall we then make mirth? The rod of my son, it condemns every tree. 11 It is given to be furbished, that it may be handled: the sword, it is sharpened, yes, it is furbished, to give it into the hand of the killer." 12 Cry and wail, son of man; for it is on my people, it is on all the princes of Israel: they are delivered over to the sword with my

parting of the way, at the head of the two ways, to use divination: he shook the arrows back and forth, he

consulted the teraphim, he looked in the liver. 22 In his right hand was the divination for Jerusalem, to set battering rams, to open the mouth in the slaughter, to lift up the voice with shouting, to set battering rams against the gates, to cast up mounds, to build forts. 23 It shall be to them as a false divination in their sight, who have sworn oaths to them; but he brings iniquity to memory, that they may be taken. 24 "Therefore thus says the LORD: 'Because you have made your iniquity to be remembered, in that your transgressions are uncovered, so that in all your doings your sins appear; because you have come to memory, you shall be taken with the hand. 25 "You, deadly wounded wicked one, the prince of Israel, whose day has come, in the time of the iniquity of the end, 26 thus says the LORD: "Remove the turban, and take off the crown; this shall be no more the same; exalt that which is low, and abase that which is high." 27 I will overturn, overturn, overturn it: this also shall be no more, until he come whose right it is; and I will give it him.' 28 "You, son of man, prophesy, and say, 'Thus says the LORD concerning the people of Ammon, and concerning their reproach; and say, "A sword, a sword is drawn, for the slaughter it is furbished, to cause it to devour, that it may be as lightning; 29 while they see for you false visions, while they divine lies to you, to lay you on the necks of the wicked who are deadly wounded, whose day has come in the time of the iniquity of the end. 30 Cause it to return into its sheath. In the place where you were created, in the land of your birth, will I judge you, 31 | will pour out my indignation on you; I will midst of Jerusalem, 20 As they gather silver and bronze You shall be for fuel to the fire; your blood shall be in the I, the LORD, have spoken it.""

22 Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 2 "You, son of man, will you judge, will you judge the bloody city? Then cause her to know all her abominations. 3 You shall say, 'Thus says the LORD: "Woe to the city that sheds blood in the midst of her, so that her time may come, and that makes idols against herself to defile her. 4 You have become guilty in your blood that you have shed, and are defiled in your idols which you have made; and you have caused your days to draw near, and have come even to your years: therefore have I made you a reproach to the nations, and a mocking to all the countries. 5 Those who are near, and those who are far from you, shall mock you, you infamous one and full of tumult. 6 ""Look, the princes of Israel, everyone according to his power, have been in you to shed blood. 7 In you have they set light by father and mother; in the midst of you have they dealt by oppression with the foreigner; in you have they wronged the fatherless and the widow. 8 You have despised my holy things, and have profaned my Sabbaths. 9 Slanderous men have been in you to shed blood; and in you they have eaten on the mountains: in the midst of you they have committed lewdness. 10 In you have they uncovered their fathers' nakedness; in you have they humbled her who was unclean in her impurity. 11 One has committed abomination with his neighbor's wife; and another has lewdly defiled his daughter-in-law; and another in you has humbled his sister, his father's daughter. 12 In you have they taken bribes to shed blood; you have taken interest and increase, and you have greedily gained of your neighbors by oppression. and have forgotten me,' says the LORD. 13 ""Look, therefore, I have struck my hand at your dishonest gain which you have made, and at your blood which has been in the midst of you. 14 Can your heart endure, or can your hands be strong, in the days that I shall deal with you? I, the LORD, have spoken it, and will do it. 15 I will scatter you among the nations, and disperse you through the countries; and I will consume your filthiness out of you. 16 You shall be profaned in yourself, in the sight of the nations; and you shall know that I am the LORD."" 17 The word of the LORD came to me, saving. 18 "Son of man, the house of Israel has become dross to me: all of them are bronze and tin and iron and lead, in the midst of the furnace; they are the dross of silver. 19 Therefore thus says the LORD: 'Because you have all become dross, therefore, look, I will gather you into the for in her youth they lay with her, and they handled

blow on you with the fire of my wrath; and I will deliver and iron and lead and tin into the midst of the furnace, you into the hand of brutish men, skillful to destroy. 32 to blow the fire on it, to melt it; so will I gather you in my anger and in my wrath, and I will lay you there, and melt midst of the land; you shall be remembered no more: for you. 21 Yes, I will gather you, and blow on you with the fire of my wrath, and you shall be melted in its midst. 22 As silver is melted in the midst of the furnace, so you will be melted in its midst; and you will know that I, the LORD, have poured out my wrath on you." 23 The word of the LORD came to me, saying, 24 "Son of man, tell her, 'You are a land that is not cleansed, nor rained on in the day of indignation,' 25 whose princes within her are like a roaring lion tearing its prey: they have devoured souls; they take treasure and precious things; they have made her widows many in its midst. 26 Her priests have done violence to my law, and have profaned my holy things: they have made no distinction between the holy and the common, neither have they caused men to discern between the unclean and the clean, and have hidden their eyes from my Sabbaths, and I am profaned among them. 27 Her officials in its midst are like wolves ravening the prey, to shed blood, and to destroy souls, that they may get dishonest gain. 28 Her prophets have plastered for them with whitewash, seeing false visions. and divining lies to them, saying, 'Thus says the LORD,' when the LORD has not spoken. 29 The people of the land have used oppression, and exercised robbery; yes, they have troubled the poor and needy, and have oppressed the foreigner wrongfully. 30 "And I searched for a man among them who would build up the wall, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found none. 31 Therefore have I poured out my indignation on them: I have consumed them with the fire of my wrath: their own way have I brought on their heads, says the LORD."

> 23 The word of the LORD came again to me. saying, 2 "Son of man, there were two women, the daughters of one mother: 3 and they played the prostitute in Egypt; they played the prostitute in their youth; there were their breasts pressed, and there was handled the bosom of their virginity. 4 Their names were Oholah the elder, and Oholibah her sister: and they became mine, and they bore sons and daughters. As for their names, Samaria is Oholah, and Jerusalem Oholibah. 5 "Oholah played the prostitute when she was mine; and she doted on her lovers, on the Assyrians her neighbors. 6 who were clothed with blue, governors and rulers, all of them desirable young men, horsemen riding on horses. 7 She bestowed her prostitution on them, the choicest men of Assyria all of them; and on whoever she doted, with all their idols she defiled herself. 8 Neither has she left her prostitution since the days of Egypt;

the bosom of her virginity; and they poured out their cease from you, and your prostitution brought from the prostitution on her. 9 Therefore I delivered her into the land of Eqypt; so that you shall not lift up your eyes hand of her lovers, into the hand of the Assyrians, on to them, nor remember Egypt any more. 28 "For thus whom she doted. 10 These uncovered her nakedness; says the LORD: Look, I will deliver you into the hand of they took her sons and her daughters; and her they them whom you hate, into the hand of them from whom killed with the sword: and she became a byword among your soul is alienated; 29 and they shall deal with you in women; for they executed judgments on her. 11 "Her hatred, and shall take away all your labor, and shall sister Oholibah saw this, yet was she more corrupt in leave you naked and bare; and the nakedness of your her doting than she, and in her prostitution which were prostitution shall be uncovered, both your lewdness more than the prostitution of her sister. 12 She doted and your prostitution. 30 These things shall be done on the Assyrians, governors and rulers, her neighbors, to you, because you have played the prostitute after clothed most gorgeously, horsemen riding on horses, all the nations, and because you are polluted with their of them desirable young men. 13 I saw that she was idols. 31 You have walked in the way of your sister; defiled; they both took one way. 14 She increased her therefore I will give her cup into your hand.' 32 "Thus prostitution; for she saw men portrayed on the wall, the says the LORD: 'You will drink of your sister's cup, images of the Chaldeans portrayed with vermilion, 15 which is deep and large; you will be ridiculed and held wearing belts on their waists, with flowing turbans on in derision; it contains much. 33 You shall be filled with their heads, all of them looking like officers, after the drunkenness and sorrow, with the cup of astonishment likeness of the Babylonians in Chaldea, the land of their and desolation, with the cup of your sister Samaria. 34 birth. 16 As soon as she saw them she doted on them, You shall even drink it and drain it out, and you shall and sent messengers to them into Chaldea. 17 The gnaw the broken pieces of it, and shall tear your breasts; Babylonians came to her into the bed of love, and they for I have spoken it,' says the LORD. 35 "Therefore thus defiled her with their prostitution, and she was polluted says the LORD: 'Because you have forgotten me, and with them, and her soul was alienated from them. 18 cast me behind your back, therefore you also bear your So she uncovered her prostitution, and uncovered her lewdness and your prostitution." 36 The LORD said nakedness: then my soul was alienated from her, like moreover to me: "Son of man, will you judge Oholah as my soul was alienated from her sister. 19 Yet she and Oholibah? Then declare to them their abominations. multiplied her prostitution, remembering the days of her 37 For they have committed adultery, and blood is in youth, in which she had played the prostitute in the their hands; and with their idols have they committed land of Egypt. 20 She doted on their paramours, whose adultery; and they have also caused their sons, whom flesh is as the flesh of donkeys, and whose issue is they bore to me, to pass through the fire to them to be like the issue of horses. 21 Thus you called to memory devoured. 38 Moreover this they have done to me: they the lewdness of your youth, in the handling of your have defiled my sanctuary in the same day, and have bosom by the Egyptians for the breasts of your youth. profaned my Sabbaths. 39 For when they had slain their 22 "Therefore, Oholibah, thus says the LORD: 'Look, I children to their idols, then they came the same day will raise up your lovers against you, from whom your into my sanctuary to profane it; and look, thus have soul is alienated, and I will bring them against you on they done in the midst of my house. 40 "Furthermore every side: 23 the Babylonians and all the Chaldeans, you have sent for men who come from far, to whom a Pekod and Shoa and Koa, and all the Assyrians with messenger was sent, and look, they came; for whom them; desirable young men, all of them governors and you did wash yourself, paint your eyes, and decorate officials, officers and men of renown, all of them riding yourself with ornaments, 41 and sit on a stately bed, on horses. 24 And they shall come against you armed with a table prepared before it, whereupon you set my with chariots, and wagons, and with a huge army; they incense and my oil.' 42 The voice of a multitude being shall come against you on every side with large shields at ease was with her: and with men of the common sort and small shields and helmet; and I will commit the were brought drunkards from the wilderness; and they judgment to them, and they will judge you by their own put bracelets on their hands twain, and beautiful crowns standards. 25 I will set my jealousy against you, and on their heads. 43 Then I said of her who was old in they shall deal with you in fury; they shall take away adulteries, 'Now will they play the prostitute with her, your nose and your ears; and your residue shall fall by and she with them.' 44 They went in to her, as they the sword: they shall take your sons and your daughters; go in to a prostitute: so went they in to Oholah and to and your residue shall be devoured by the fire. 26 They Oholibah, the lewd women. 45 Righteous men, they shall also strip you of your clothes, and take away your shall judge them with the judgment of adulteresses, and

beautiful jewels. 27 Thus will I make your lewdness to with the judgment of women who shed blood; because

they are adulteresses, and blood is in their hands, 46 lips, and do not eat men's bread." 18 So I spoke to with stones, and dispatch them with their swords; they are to us, that you do so?" 20 Then I said to them, your idols; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

21 Again, in the ninth year, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 2 "Son of man, write the name of the day, even of this same day: the king of Babylon drew close to Jerusalem this same day. 3 Utter a parable to the rebellious house, and tell them, 'Thus says the LORD, "Set on the caldron, set it on, and also pour water into it: 4 gather its pieces into it, even every good piece, the thigh, and the shoulder; fill it with the choice bones. 5 Take the choice of the flock, and also a pile of wood for the bones under the caldron; make it boil well; yes, let its bones be boiled in its midst." 6 "Therefore thus says the LORD: 'Woe to the bloody city, to the caldron whose rust is in it, and whose rust is not gone out of it. Take out of it piece after piece; No lot is fallen on it. 7 For her blood is in the midst of her: she set it on the bare rock; she didn't pour it on the ground, to cover it with dust. 8 That it may cause wrath to come up to take vengeance. I have set her blood on the bare rock, that it should not be covered.' 9 "Therefore thus says the LORD: 'Woe to the bloody city. I also will make Thus says the LORD, "Because you said, 'Aha,' against the pile great. 10 Pile on the wood, make the fire hot, my sanctuary, when it was profaned; and against the boil the meat well, and mix in the spices, and let the land of Israel, when it was made desolate; and against bones be burned up. 11 Then set it empty on its coals, the house of Judah, when they went into captivity: 4 that it may be hot, and its bronze may burn, and that therefore, look, I will deliver you to the people of the east its filthiness may be molten in it, that its rust may be for a possession, and they shall set their encampments consumed. 12 She has wearied herself with toil; yet her in you, and make their dwellings in you; they shall eat great rust doesn't go forth out of her; her rust doesn't go your fruit, and they shall drink your milk. 5 I will make forth by fire. 13 In your filthiness is lewdness: because I Rabbah a stable for camels, and the people of Ammon have cleansed you and you weren't cleansed, you shall a resting place for flocks: and you shall know that I am not be cleansed from your filthiness any more, until I the LORD." 6 For thus says the LORD: "Because you have caused my wrath toward you to rest. 14 l, the have clapped your hands, and stamped with the feet, LORD, have spoken it: it shall happen, and I will do it: I and rejoiced with all the despite of your soul against the will not go back, neither will I spare, neither will I repent; land of Israel; 7 therefore, look, I have stretched out according to your ways and according to your deeds I my hand on you, and will deliver you for a spoil to the will judge you,' says the LORD." 15 Also the word of nations; and I will cut you off from the peoples, and I will the LORD came to me, saying, 16 "Son of man, look, I cause you to perish out of the countries: I will destroy will take away from you the desire of your eyes with a you; and you shall know that I am the LORD."" 8 "Thus stroke: yet you shall neither mourn nor weep, neither says the LORD: 'Because Moab and Seir say, "Look, the shall your tears run down. 17 Sigh, but not aloud, make house of Judah is like all the nations"; 9 therefore, look, no mourning for the dead; bind your headdress on you, I will open the side of Moab from the cities, from his

"For thus says the LORD: 'I will bring up a company the people in the morning; and at even my wife died; against them, and will give them to be tossed back and and I did in the morning as I was commanded. 19 The forth and robbed. 47 The company shall stone them people said to me, "Won't you tell us what these things shall kill their sons and their daughters, and burn up "The word of the LORD came to me, saying, 21 'Speak their houses with fire. 48 'Thus will I cause lewdness to to the house of Israel, "Thus says the LORD: Look, I cease out of the land, that all women may be taught not will profane my sanctuary, the pride of your power, the to do after your lewdness. 49 They shall recompense desire of your eyes, and that which your soul pities; your lewdness on you, and you shall bear the sins of and your sons and your daughters whom you have left behind shall fall by the sword. 22 You shall do as I have done: you shall not cover your lips, nor eat the bread of men. 23 Your turbans shall be on your heads, and your shoes on your feet: you shall not mourn nor weep; but you shall pine away in your iniguities, and moan one toward another. 24 Thus Ezekiel shall be a sign to you: according to all that he has done, you will do. When this comes, then you will know that I am the LORD."" 25 "You, son of man, shall it not be in the day when I take from them their strength, the joy of their glory, the desire of their eyes, and that whereupon they set their heart, their sons and their daughters, 26 that in that day he who escapes shall come to you, to cause you to hear it with your ears? 27 In that day your mouth will be opened to him who has escaped, and you shall speak, and be no more mute: so you will be a sign to them; and they shall know that I am the LORD."

25 The word of the LORD came to me, saying, 2 "Son of man, set your face toward the people of Ammon, and prophesy against them: 3 and tell the people of Ammon, 'Hear the word of the LORD: and put your shoes on your feet, and do not cover your cities which are on his frontiers, the glory of the country,

Beth Jeshimoth. Baal Meon, and Kiriathaim. 10 to the as men enter into a city in which is made a breach. 11 people of the east, to go against the people of Ammon; With the hoofs of his horses shall he tread down all your and I will give them for a possession, that the people of streets; he shall kill your people with the sword; and the and I will execute judgments on Moab; and they shall They shall make a spoil of your riches, and make a prey know that I am the LORD." 12 "Thus says the LORD: of your merchandise; and they shall break down your 'Because Edom has dealt against the house of Judah walls, and destroy your pleasant houses; and they shall by taking vengeance, and has greatly offended, and lay your stones and your timber and your dust in the revenged himself on them'; 13 therefore thus says the midst of the waters. 13 I will cause the noise of your LORD, 'I will stretch out my hand on Edom, and will cut songs to cease; and the sound of your harps shall be off man and animal from it; and I will make it desolate no more heard. 14 I will make you a bare rock; you shall from Teman; even to Dedan shall they fall by the sword. be a place for the spreading of nets; you shall be built 14 I will lay my vengeance on Edom by the hand of no more: for I have spoken it,' says the LORD. 15 "Thus my people Israel; and they shall do in Edom according says the LORD to Tyre: 'Shall not the islands shake at to my anger and according to my wrath; and they the sound of your fall, when the wounded groan, when shall know my vengeance, says the LORD." 15 "Thus the slaughter is made in the midst of you? 16 Then says the LORD: 'Because the Philistines have dealt by all the princes of the sea shall come down from their revenge, and have taken vengeance with despite of thrones, and lay aside their robes, and strip off their soul to destroy with perpetual enmity; 16 therefore thus embroidered garments: they shall clothe themselves says the LORD, Look, I will stretch out my hand on the with trembling; they shall sit on the ground, and shall Philistines, and I will cut off the Cherethites, and destroy tremble every moment, and be astonished at you. 17 the remnant of the sea coast. 17 I will execute great They shall take up a lamentation over you, and tell you, vengeance on them with wrathful rebukes; and they "How you are destroyed, you have vanished from the shall know that I am the LORD, when I shall lav my seas, the renowned city, who was strong in the sea, she vengeance on them."

26 It happened in the eleventh year, in the first dav of the month, that the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 2 "Son of man, because Tyre has said against Jerusalem, 'Aha, she is broken: the gate of the peoples; she is turned to me; I shall be replenished, now that she is laid waste': 3 therefore thus says the LORD, 'Look, I am against you, Tyre, and will cause many nations to come up against you, as the sea causes its waves to come up.' 4 They shall destroy the walls of Tyre, and break down her towers: I will also scrape her dust from her, and make her a bare rock. 5 She shall be a place for the spreading of nets in the midst of the sea; for I have spoken it," says the LORD; "and she shall become a spoil to the nations. 6 Her daughters who are in the field shall be slain with the sword: and they shall know that I am the LORD. 7 "For thus says the of Babylon, king of kings, from the north, with horses. and of the chariots, when he shall enter into your gates, that it might be to you for a banner; blue and purple

Ammon may not be remembered among the nations. 11 pillars of your strength shall go down to the ground. 12 and her inhabitants, who caused their terror to be on all who lived there. 18 Now shall the islands tremble in the day of your fall; yes, the islands that are in the sea shall be dismayed at your departure." 19 "For thus says the LORD: 'When I shall make you a desolate city, like the cities that are not inhabited; when I shall bring up the deep on you, and the great waters shall cover you; 20 then will I bring you down with those who descend into the pit, to the people of old time, and will make you to dwell in the lower parts of the earth, in the places that are desolate of old, with those who go down to the pit, that you be not inhabited; and I will set glory in the land of the living: 21 I will make you a terror, and you shall no more have any being; though you are sought for, yet you will never be found again,' says the LORD."

27 The word of the LORD came again to me, saying, 2 "You, son of man, take up a lamentation over LORD: 'Look, I will bring on Tyre Nebuchadnezzar king Tyre; 3 and tell Tyre, 'You who dwell at the entry of the sea, who are the merchant of the peoples to many and with chariots, and with horsemen, and a company, islands, thus says the LORD: "You, Tyre, have said, 'I and many people. 8 He shall kill your daughters in the am perfect in beauty.' 4 Your borders are in the heart of field with the sword; and he shall make forts against the seas; your builders have perfected your beauty. 5 you, and cast up a mound against you, and raise up the They have made all your planks of fir trees from Senir; buckler against you. 9 He shall set his battering engines they have taken a cedar from Lebanon to make a mast against your walls, and with his axes he shall break for you. 6 Of the oaks of Bashan have they made your down your towers. 10 By reason of the abundance of oars; they have made your deck with cypress wood his horses their dust shall cover you: your walls shall inlaid with ivory, from the islands of Kittim. 7 Of fine shake at the noise of the horsemen, and of the wagons, linen with embroidered work from Egypt was your sail, inhabitants of Sidon and Arvad were your rowers: your you, shall fall into the heart of the seas in the day of wise men, Tyre, were in you, they were your pilots. your ruin. 28 At the sound of the cry of your pilots the 9 The old men of Gebal and the wise men of it were suburbs shall shake. 29 All who handled the oar, the in you your repairers of ship seams: all the ships of mariners, and all the pilots of the sea, shall come down the sea with their mariners were in you to deal in your from their ships; they shall stand on the land, 30 and merchandise. 10 Persia and Lud and Put were in your shall cause their voice to be heard over you, and shall army, your men of war: they hanged the shield and cry bitterly, and shall cast up dust on their heads, they helmet in you; they set forth your comeliness. 11 The shall wallow themselves in the ashes: 31 and they shall men of Arvad with your army were on your walls all make themselves bald for you, and clothe them with around, and valorous men were in your towers; they sackcloth, and they shall weep for you in bitterness of hanged their shields on your walls all around; they have soul with bitter mourning. 32 In their wailing they shall perfected your beauty. 12 Tarshish was your merchant take up a lamentation for you, and lament over you, by reason of the multitude of all kinds of riches; with saying, 'Who is there like Tyre, like her who is brought silver, iron, tin, and lead, they traded for your wares. 13 to silence in the midst of the sea?' 33 When your wares Javan, Tubal, and Meshech, they were your traffickers; went forth out of the seas, you filled many peoples; you they traded the persons of men and vessels of bronze enriched the kings of the earth with the multitude of for your merchandise. 14 They of the house of Togarmah your riches and of your merchandise. 34 In the time traded for your wares with horses and war horses and that you were broken by the seas in the depths of the mules. 15 The men of Dedan were your traffickers; many waters, your merchandise and all your company fell islands were the market of your hand: they brought in your midst. 35 All the inhabitants of the islands are you in exchange horns of ivory and ebony. 16 Aram astonished at you, and their kings are horribly afraid; was your merchant by reason of the multitude of your they are troubled in their face. 36 The merchants among handiworks: they traded for your wares with emeralds, the peoples hiss at you; you are become a terror, and purple, and embroidered work, and fine linen, and coral, you shall nevermore have any being."" and rubies. 17 Judah, and the land of Israel, they were vour traffickers: they traded for your merchandise wheat of Minnith, and confections, and honey, and oil, and balm. 18 Damascus was your merchant for the multitude of your handiworks, by reason of the multitude of all kinds of riches, with the wine of Helbon, and white wool. 19 Vedan and Javan traded with yarn for your wares: bright iron, cassia, and calamus, were among your merchandise. 20 Dedan was your trafficker in precious cloths for riding. 21 Arabia, and all the princes of Kedar, they were the merchants of your hand; in lambs, and rams, and goats, in these were they your merchants. 22 The traffickers of Sheba and Raamah, they were your traffickers; they traded for your wares with the chief of all spices, and with all precious stones, and gold. 23 Haran and Canneh and Eden, the traffickers of Sheba, Asshur and Chilmad, were your traffickers. 24 These were your traffickers in choice wares, in wrappings of blue and embroidered work, and in chests of rich clothing, bound with cords and made of cedar, among your merchandise. 25 The ships of Tarshish were your caravans for your merchandise: and you were replenished, and made very glorious in the heart of the seas. 26 ""Your rowers have brought you into great waters: the east wind has broken you in the heart of the seas. 27 Your riches, and your wares, your merchandise, your mariners, and your pilots, your repairers of ship seams, and the dealers in your merchandise, and all your men of war, who are

from the islands of Elishah was your awning. 8 The in you, with all your company which is in the midst of

28 The word of the LORD came again to me, saying, 2 "Son of man, tell the prince of Tyre, 'Thus says the LORD: "Because your heart is lifted up, and you have said, 'I am a god, I sit in the seat of God, in the midst of the seas'; yet you are man, and not God, though you set your heart as the heart of God- 3 look, you are wiser than Daniel; there is no secret that is hidden from you; 4 by your wisdom and by your understanding you have gotten yourself riches, and have gotten gold and silver into your treasures; 5 by your great wisdom and by your traffic you have increased your riches, and your heart is lifted up because of your riches"-6 therefore thus says the LORD: "Because you have set your heart as the heart of God. 7 therefore, look. I will bring strangers on you, the terrible of the nations; and they shall draw their swords against the beauty of your wisdom, and they shall defile your brightness. 8 They shall bring you down to the pit: and you shall die the death of those who are slain, in the heart of the seas. 9 Will you yet say before him who kills you. 'I am a god'? But you are a man, and not a god, in the hand of him who wounds you. 10 You shall die the death of the uncircumcised by the hand of strangers: for I have spoken it," says the LORD." 11 Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 12 "Son of man, take up a lamentation over the king of Tyre. and tell him, 'Thus says the LORD: "You seal up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. 13 You

were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone against all Egypt. 3 Speak and say, 'Thus says the adorned you: ruby, topaz, emerald, chrysolite, onyx, LORD: "Look, I am against you, Pharaoh king of Egypt, jasper, sapphire, turguoise, and beryl. Gold work of the great monster that lies in the midst of his rivers, tambourines and of pipes was in you. In the day that that has said, 'My river is my own, and I have made it you were created they were prepared. 14 You were the for myself.' 4 I will put hooks in your jaws, and I will anointed cherub who covers: and I set you, so that you make the fish of your rivers stick to your scales; and I were on the holy mountain of God; you have walked will bring you up out of the midst of your rivers, with all up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. 15 You the fish of your rivers which stick to your scales. 5 I'll were perfect in your ways from the day that you were cast you forth into the wilderness, you and all the fish created, until unrighteousness was found in you. 16 of your rivers. You'll fall on the open field. You won't By the abundance of your traffic they filled the midst be brought together, nor gathered. I have given you of you with violence, and you have sinned: therefore I for food to the animals of the earth and to the birds of have cast you as profane out of the mountain of God; the sky. 6 All the inhabitants of Egypt will know that and I have destroyed you, covering cherub, from the I am the LORD, because they have been a staff of midst of the stones of fire. 17 Your heart was lifted reed to the house of Israel. 7 When they took hold of up because of your beauty; you have corrupted your you with their hand, you splintered and dislocated their wisdom by reason of your brightness: I have cast you to shoulders; and when they leaned on you, you shattered the ground; I have laid you before kings, that they may and caused their legs to be unsteady." 8 "Therefore see you. 18 By the multitude of your iniguities, in the thus says the LORD: "Look, I will bring a sword on you, unrighteousness of your traffic, you have profaned your and will cut off man and animal from you. 9 The land of sanctuaries; therefore have I brought forth a fire from Egypt shall be a desolation and a waste; and they shall the midst of you; it has devoured you, and I have turned know that I am the LORD. Because he has said, 'The you to ashes on the earth in the sight of all those who river is mine, and I have made it;' 10 therefore, look, I see you. 19 All those who know you among the peoples am against you, and against your rivers, and I will make shall be astonished at you: you have become a terror, the land of Egypt an utter waste and desolation, from and you shall nevermore have any being."" 20 The the tower of Syene even to the border of Ethiopia. 11 word of the LORD came to me, saying, 21 "Son of man, No foot of man shall pass through it, nor foot of animal set your face toward Sidon, and prophesy against it, 22 shall pass through it, neither shall it be inhabited forty and say, 'Thus says the LORD: "Look, I am against you, years. 12 I will make the land of Egypt a desolation in Sidon; and I will be glorified in the midst of you;" and the midst of the countries that are desolate; and her they shall know that I am the LORD, when I shall have cities among the cities that are laid waste shall be a executed judgments in her, and shall be sanctified in desolation forty years; and I will scatter the Egyptians her. 23 For I will send pestilence into her, and blood into among the nations, and will disperse them through the her streets; and the wounded shall fall in the midst of countries." 13 "For thus says the LORD: "At the end of her, with the sword on her on every side; and they shall forty years will I gather the Egyptians from the peoples know that I am the LORD. 24 "There shall be no more a where they were scattered; 14 and I will bring back the pricking brier to the house of Israel, nor a hurting thorn captivity of Egypt, and will cause them to return into the of any that are around them, that scorned them; and land of Pathros, into the land of their birth; and they shall they shall know that I am the LORD.' 25 "Thus says the be there a base kingdom. 15 It shall be the base of the LORD: 'When I shall have gathered the house of Israel kingdoms; neither shall it any more lift itself up above from the peoples among whom they are scattered, and the nations: and I will diminish them, that they shall no shall be sanctified in them in the sight of the nations, more rule over the nations, 16 It shall be no more the then shall they dwell in their own land which I gave to confidence of the house of Israel, bringing iniguity to my servant Jacob. 26 They shall dwell securely in it; memory, when they turn to look after them: and they yes, they shall build houses, and plant vineyards, and shall know that I am the LORD."" 17 It came to pass shall dwell securely, when I have executed judgments in the seven and twentieth year, in the first month, in on all those who do them despite all around them; and the first day of the month, the word of the LORD came they shall know that I am the LORD their God."

70 In the tenth year, in the tenth month, on the twelfth day of the month, the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 2 "Son of man, set your face against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and prophesy against him and

to me, saying, 18 "Son of man, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon caused his army to serve a great service against Tyre: every head was made bald, and every shoulder was worn; yet had he no wages, nor his army, from Tyre, for the service that he had served against it. 19 Therefore thus says the LORD: 'Look, I will give the land of Egypt to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; and shall break there the vokes of Egypt, and the pride of her the LORD. 21 'In that day will I cause a horn to bud forth year, in the first month, in the seventh day of the month, the mouth in their midst; and they shall know that I am "Son of man, I have broken the arm of Pharaoh king the LORD.""

30 The word of the LORD came again to me, saying, 2 "Son of man, prophesy, and say, 'Thus says the LORD: "Wail. 'Alas for the day.' 3 For the day is near. even the day of the LORD is near; it shall be a day of clouds, a time of the nations. 4 A sword shall come on Egypt, and anguish shall be in Ethiopia, when the slain shall fall in Egypt; and they shall take away her multitude, and her foundations shall be broken down. 5 Ethiopia, and Put, and Lud, and all the mixed people, and Cub, and the children of the land that is allied with them, shall fall with them by the sword." 6 "Thus says the LORD: 'They also who uphold Egypt shall fall; and the pride of her power shall come down: from the tower of Syene shall they fall in it by the sword," says the LORD. 7 'They shall be desolate in the midst of the countries that are desolate; and her cities shall be in the midst of the cities that are wasted. 8 They shall know that I am the LORD, when I have set a fire in Egypt, and all her helpers are destroyed. 9 In that day shall messengers go forth from before me in ships to make the careless Ethiopians afraid; and there shall be anguish on them, as in the day of Egypt; for, look, it comes.' 10 "Thus says the LORD: 'I will also make the multitude of Egypt to cease, by the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon. 11 He and his people with him, the terrible of the nations, shall be brought in to destroy the land; and they shall draw their swords against Egypt, and fill the land with the slain. 12 I will make the rivers dry, and will sell the land into the hand of evil men; and I will make the land desolate, and all that is in it, by the hand of strangers: I, the LORD, have spoken it.' 13 "Thus says the LORD: 'I will also destroy the idols, and I will cause the images to cease from Memphis; and there shall be no more a prince from the land of Egypt: and I will put a fear in the land of Egypt. 14 I will make Pathros desolate, and will set a fire in Zoan, and will execute judgments on No. 15 I will pour my wrath on Sin, the stronghold of Egypt; and I will cut off the multitude of No. 16 I will set a fire in Egypt: Sin shall be in great anguish, and No shall be broken up; and Memphis shall have adversaries in the daytime. 17 The young men of On and of Pi-beseth shall fall by the sword; and these cities shall go into captivity. 18 At in the garden of God, envied it.' 10 "Therefore thus

he shall carry off her multitude, and take her spoil, and power shall cease in her: as for her, a cloud shall cover take her prey; and it shall be the wages for his army. 20 her, and her daughters shall go into captivity. 19 Thus I have given him the land of Egypt as his recompense will I execute judgments on Egypt; and they shall know for which he served, because they worked for me,' says that I am the LORD." 20 It happened in the eleventh to the house of Israel, and I will give you the opening of that the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 21 of Egypt; and look, it has not been bound up, to apply healing medicines, to put a bandage to bind it, that it be strong to hold the sword. 22 Therefore thus says the LORD: 'Look, I am against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and will break his arms, the strong arm, and that which was broken; and I will cause the sword to fall out of his hand. 23 I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and will disperse them through the countries. 24 I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, and put my sword in his hand: but I will break the arms of Pharaoh, and he shall groan before him with the groanings of a deadly wounded man. 25 I will hold up the arms of the king of Babylon; and the arms of Pharaoh shall fall down; and they shall know that I am the LORD, when I shall put my sword into the hand of the king of Babylon. and he shall stretch it out on the land of Eqvpt. 26 I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and disperse them through the countries: and they shall know that I am the LORD.""

31 It happened in the eleventh year, in the third month, in the first day of the month, that the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 2 "Son of man, tell Pharaoh king of Egypt, and to his multitude: 'Whom are you like in your greatness? 3 Look, the Assyrian was a cedar in Lebanon with beautiful branches, and with a forest-like shade, and of high stature; and its top was among the thick boughs. 4 The waters nourished it, the deep made it to grow: its rivers ran all around its plantation; and it sent out its channels to all the trees of the field. 5 Therefore its stature was exalted above all the trees of the field; and its boughs were multiplied, and its branches became long by reason of many waters, when it shot them forth. 6 All the birds of the sky made their nests in its boughs; and under its branches all the animals of the field brought forth their young; and all great nations lived under its shadow. 7 Thus was it beautiful in its greatness, in the length of its branches; for its root was by many waters. 8 The cedars in the garden of God could not hide it; the fir trees were not like its boughs, and the plane trees were not as its branches; nor was any tree in the garden of God like it in its beauty. 9 I made it beautiful by the multitude of its branches, so that all the trees of Eden, that were Tehaphnehes also the day shall withdraw itself, when I said the LORD: 'Because you are exalted in stature,

and he has set his top among the thick boughs, and mountains; and the watercourses shall be full of you. 7 his heart is lifted up in his height; 11 I will even deliver When I shall extinguish you, I will cover the heavens, him into the hand of the mighty one of the nations; he and make its stars dark; I will cover the sun with a shall surely deal with him; I have driven him out for his cloud, and the moon shall not give its light. 8 All the have cut him off, and have left him: on the mountains darkness on your land, says the LORD. 9 I will also and in all the valleys his branches are fallen, and his trouble the hearts of many peoples, when I shall bring boughs are broken by all the watercourses of the land; your destruction among the nations, into the countries and all the peoples of the earth are gone down from his which you have not known. 10 Yes, I will make many shadow, and have left him. 13 On his ruin all the birds peoples amazed at you, and their kings shall be horribly of the sky shall dwell, and all the animals of the field afraid for you, when I shall brandish my sword before shall be on his branches; 14 to the end that none of all them; and they shall tremble at every moment, every the trees by the waters exalt themselves in their stature, man for his own life, in the day of your fall.' 11 "For thus neither set their top among the thick boughs, nor that says the LORD: 'The sword of the king of Babylon shall their mighty ones stand up on their height, even all who come on you. 12 By the swords of the mighty will I drink water: for they are all delivered to death, to the cause your multitude to fall; the terrible of the nations lower parts of the earth, among human beings who go are they all: and they shall bring to nothing the pride of down to the pit.' 15 "Thus says the LORD: 'In the day Egypt, and all its multitude shall be destroyed. 13 I will when he went down to Sheol I caused a mourning: I destroy also all its animals from beside many waters; covered the deep for him, and I restrained its rivers; and neither shall the foot of man trouble them any more, nor the great waters were stayed; and I caused Lebanon the hoofs of animals trouble them. 14 Then will I make to mourn for him, and all the trees of the field fainted their waters clear, and cause their rivers to run like oil, for him. (Sheol h7585) 16 I made the nations to shake at says the LORD. 15 'When I shall make the land of Egypt the sound of his fall, when I cast him down to Sheol desolate and waste, a land destitute of that of which it with those who descend into the pit; and all the trees of was full, when I shall strike all those who dwell in it, Eden, the choice and best of Lebanon, all that drink then shall they know that I am the LORD. 16 This is the water, were comforted in the lower parts of the earth. lamentation with which they shall lament; the daughters (Sheol h7585) 17 They also went down into Sheol with of the nations shall lament therewith; over Egypt, and him to those who are slain by the sword; yes, those who over all her multitude, shall they lament therewith,' says were his arm, that lived under his shadow in the midst of the LORD." 17 It happened also in the twelfth year. the nations. (Sheol h7585) 18 To whom are you thus like in the fifteenth day of the month, that the word of the in glory and in greatness among the trees of Eden? Yet LORD came to me, saying, 18 "Son of man, wail for the you will be brought down with the trees of Eden to the multitude of Egypt, and cast them down, even her, and lower parts of the earth: you shall lie in the midst of the the daughters of the famous nations, to the lower parts uncircumcised, with those who are slain by the sword. of the earth, with those who go down into the pit. 19 This is Pharaoh and all his multitude,' says the LORD."

32 It happened in the twelfth year, in the twelfth month, in the first day of the month, that the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 2 "Son of man, take up a lamentation over Pharaoh king of Egypt, and tell him, 'You were likened to a young lion of the nations: vet you are as a monster in the seas; and you broke out with your rivers, and troubled the waters with your feet, and fouled their rivers.' 3 "Thus says the LORD: 'I will spread out my net on you with a company of many peoples; and they shall bring you up in my net. 4 I will leave you on the land, I will cast you forth on the open field, and will cause all the birds of the sky to settle on you, and I will satisfy the animals of the whole earth with you. 5 I will lay your flesh on the mountains, and fill the valleys with your height. 6 I will also water with your blood the land in which you swim, even to the

wickedness. 12 Strangers, the terrible of the nations, bright lights of the sky will I make dark over you, and set 'Whom do you pass in beauty? Go down, and be laid with the uncircumcised.' 20 They shall fall in the midst of those who are slain by the sword: she is delivered to the sword; draw her away and all her multitudes. 21 The strong among the mighty shall speak to him out of the midst of Sheol with those who help him: 'They are gone down, they lie still, even the uncircumcised, slain by the sword.' (Sheol h7585) 22 "Asshur is there and all her company; her graves are all around her; all of them slain, fallen by the sword; 23 whose graves are set in the uttermost parts of the pit, and her company is around her grave; all of them slain, fallen by the sword, who caused terror in the land of the living. 24 "There is Elam and all her multitude around her grave; all of them slain, fallen by the sword, who are gone down uncircumcised into the lower parts of the earth, who caused their terror in the land of the living, and have borne their shame with those who go down to the pit. 25 They have set her a bed in the midst of the slain warn the wicked from his way: that wicked man shall die are laid with those who are slain by the sword: they shall 13 When I say to the righteous "He shall surely live," lie with the uncircumcised, and with those who go down but he trusts in his righteousness and commits iniquity, them, and all the Sidonians, who are gone down with he shall die because of the iniquity he has committed. even Pharaoh and all his multitude," says the LORD.

33 The word of the LORD came to me, saying, 2 "Son of man, speak to the children of your people, and tell them, 'When I bring the sword on a land, and the people of the land take a man from among them, and set him for their watchman: 3 if, when he sees the sword come on the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people; 4 then whoever hears the sound of the trumpet, and doesn't take warning, if the sword come, and take him away, his blood shall be on his own head. 5 He heard the sound of the trumpet, and didn't take warning: his blood shall be on him: whereas if he had taken warning, he would have delivered his soul. 6 But if the watchman sees the sword come, and doesn't blow the trumpet, and the people aren't warned, and the sword comes, and take any person from among them; he is taken away in his iniquity, but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand.' 7 "So you, son of man, I have set you a watchman to the house of Israel; therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me. 8 When I tell the wicked, 'O wicked man, you shall surely die,' and you do not speak to

with all her multitude; her graves are around her; all in his iniguity, but his blood will I require at your hand. of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword; for their 9 Nevertheless, if you warn the wicked of his way to terror was caused in the land of the living, and they turn from it, and he doesn't turn from his way; he shall have borne their shame with those who go down to die in his iniquity, but you have delivered your soul. 10 the pit: he is put in the midst of those who are slain. "You, son of man, tell the house of Israel: 'Thus you 26 "There is Meshech, Tubal, and all their multitude speak, saying, "Our transgressions and our sins are around her grave; all of them uncircumcised, slain by on us, and we pine away in them; how then can we the sword; for they caused their terror in the land of the live?" 11 Tell them, 'As I live,' says the LORD, 'I have living. 27 And they are not buried with the fallen warriors no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the of ancient times, who went down to Sheol with their wicked turn from his way and live: turn, turn from your weapons of war, and having their swords placed under evil ways; for why will you die, house of Israel?' 12 their heads, but the punishment for their iniquity rested "You, son of man, tell the children of your people, 'The on their bones; for they were the terror of the mighty righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him in in the land of the living. (Sheol h7585) 28 "But you shall the day of his disobedience; and as for the wickedness be broken in the midst of the uncircumcised, and shall of the wicked, he shall not fall thereby in the day that lie with those who are slain by the sword. 29 "There is he turns from his wickedness; neither shall he who is Edom, her kings and all her princes, who in their might righteous be able to live thereby in the day that he sins. to the pit. 30 "There are the princes of the north, all of none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered; but the slain; in the terror which they caused by their might 14 Again, when I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely they are put to shame; and they lie uncircumcised with die'; if he turn from his sin, and do that which is lawful those who are slain by the sword, and bear their shame and right; 15 if the wicked restore the pledge, give again with those who go down to the pit. 31 "Pharaoh shall that which he had taken by robbery, walk in the statutes see them, and shall be comforted over all his multitude, of life, committing no iniquity; he shall surely live, he even Pharaoh and all his army, slain by the sword," shall not die. 16 None of his sins that he has committed says the LORD. 32 "For I have put his terror in the land shall be remembered against him: he has done that of the living; and he shall be laid in the midst of the which is lawful and right; he shall surely live. 17 "Yet the uncircumcised, with those who are slain by the sword, children of your people say, 'The way of the LORD is not just': but as for them, their way is not just. 18 When the righteous turns from his righteousness, and commits iniquity, he shall even die in it. 19 When the wicked turns from his wickedness, and does that which is lawful and right, he shall live thereby. 20 Yet you say, 'The way of the LORD is not just.' House of Israel, I will judge every one of you after his ways." 21 It happened in the twelfth year of our captivity, in the tenth month, in the fifth day of the month, that one who had escaped out of Jerusalem came to me, saying, "The city has been struck." 22 Now the hand of the LORD had been on me in the evening, before he who was escaped came; and he had opened my mouth, until he came to me in the morning; and my mouth was opened, and I was no more mute. 23 The word of the LORD came to me, saying, 24 "Son of man, they who inhabit those waste places in the land of Israel speak, saying, 'Abraham was one, and he inherited the land: but we are many; the land is given us for inheritance.' 25 Therefore tell them, 'Thus says the LORD: "You eat with the blood, and lift up your eyes to your idols, and shed blood: and shall you possess the land? 26 You stand on your sword,

you work abomination, and every one of you defiles word of the LORD: 10 Thus says the LORD: 'Look, I his neighbor's wife: and shall you possess the land?" am against the shepherds; and I will require my sheep 27 "You shall tell them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "As at their hand, and cause them to cease from feeding I live, surely those who are in the waste places shall the sheep; neither shall the shepherds feed themselves fall by the sword; and him who is in the open field will any more; and I will deliver my sheep from their mouth, I give to the animals to be devoured; and those who that they may not be food for them." 11 "For thus says are in the strongholds and in the caves shall die of the LORD: "Look, I myself, even I, will search for my the pestilence. 28 I will make the land a desolation sheep, and will seek them out. 12 As a shepherd seeks and an astonishment; and the pride of her power shall out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep cease; and the mountains of Israel shall be desolate, that are scattered abroad, so will I seek out my sheep; so that none shall pass through. 29 Then shall they and I will deliver them out of all places where they know that I am the LORD, when I have made the land a have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day. 13 I desolation and an astonishment, because of all their will bring them out from the peoples, and gather them abominations which they have committed." 30 "As for from the countries, and will bring them into their own you, son of man, the children of your people talk of you land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the walls and in the doors of the houses, and speak by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited places of one to another, everyone to his brother, saying, 'Please the country. 14 I will feed them with good pasture; and come and hear what is the word that comes forth from on the mountains of the height of Israel shall their fold the LORD.' 31 They come to you as the people come, be: there shall they lie down in a good fold; and on fat and they sit before you as my people, and they hear pasture shall they feed on the mountains of Israel. 15 your words, but do not do them; for with their mouth I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will they show much love, but their heart goes after their cause them to lie down," says the LORD. 16 "I will seek gain. 32 Look, you are to them as a very lovely song of that which was lost, and will bring back that which was one who has a pleasant voice, and can play well on an driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, instrument; for they hear your words, but they do not do and will strengthen that which was sick: but the fat and them. 33 When this comes to pass, (look, it comes), the strong I will destroy; I will feed them in justice." 17 then shall they know that a prophet has been among "As for you, O my flock, thus says the LORD: "Look, them."

34 The word of the LORD came to me, saying, 2 "Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy, and tell them, even to the shepherds, 'Thus says the LORD: "Woe to the shepherds of Israel who feed themselves. Shouldn't the shepherds feed the sheep? 3 You eat the fat, and you clothe yourself with the wool, you kill the fatlings; but you do not feed the sheep. 4 You haven't strengthened the diseased, neither have you healed that which was sick, neither have you bound up that which was broken, neither have you brought back that which was driven away, neither have you sought that which was lost; but with force and with rigor you have ruled over them. 5 They were scattered, because there was no shepherd; and they became food to all the animals of the field. 6 My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and on every high hill: yes, my sheep were scattered on all the surface of the earth; and there was none who searched or sought." 7 ""Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: 8 'As I live,' says the LORD, 'surely because my sheep became a prey, and my sheep became food to all the animals of the field, because there was no shepherd, neither did my shepherds search for my sheep, but the shepherds fed themselves, and didn't feed my sheep'; 9 therefore, you shepherds, hear the

I judge between sheep and sheep, the rams and the male goats. 18 Does it seem a small thing to you to have fed on the good pasture, but you must tread down with your feet the residue of your pasture? And to have drunk of the clear waters, but you must foul the residue with your feet? 19 As for my sheep, they eat that which you have trodden with your feet, and they drink that which you have fouled with your feet." 20 "Therefore thus says the LORD to them: "Look, I, even I, will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. 21 Because you thrust with side and with shoulder, and push all the diseased with your horns, until you have scattered them abroad; 22 therefore I will save my flock, and they shall no more be a prey; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. 23 I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, even my servant David; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd. 24 I, the LORD. will be their God, and my servant David prince among them;" I, the LORD, have spoken it. 25 "I will make with them a covenant of peace, and will cause evil animals to cease out of the land; and they shall dwell securely in the wilderness, and sleep in the woods. 26 I will make them and the places around my hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in its season; there shall be showers of blessing. 27 The tree of the field shall yield its fruit, and the earth shall yield its increase, and they shall be secure in their land; and they shall desolate. Mount Seir, and all Edom, even all of it; and know that I am the LORD, when I have broken the bars they shall know that I am the LORD.""" of their yoke, and have delivered them out of the hand of those who made slaves of them. 28 They shall no more be a prey to the nations, neither shall the animals of the earth devour them; but they shall dwell securely, and none shall make them afraid. 29 I will raise up to them a plantation for renown, and they shall be no more consumed with famine in the land, neither bear the shame of the nations any more. 30 They shall know that I, the LORD, their God am with them, and that they, the house of Israel, are my people," says the LORD. 31 "You my sheep, the sheep of my pasture, are men, and I am your God," says the LORD."

35 Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, mountains and to the hills, to the watercourses and to Mount Seir, and prophesy against it, 3 and tell it, 'Thus are forsaken, which are become a prev and derision says the LORD: "Look, I am against you, Mount Seir, to the residue of the nations that are all around: 5 and I will stretch out my hand against you, and I will therefore thus says the LORD: 'Surely in the fire of make you a desolation and an astonishment. 4 I will my jealousy have I spoken against the residue of the lay your cities waste, and you shall be desolate; and nations, and against all Edom, that have appointed my you shall know that I am the LORD. 5 ""Because you land to themselves for a possession with the joy of all have had a perpetual enmity, and have given over the their heart, with despite of soul, to cast it out for a prey."" children of Israel to the power of the sword in the time 6 "Therefore prophesy concerning the land of Israel, and of their calamity, in the time of the iniquity of the end; 6 tell the mountains and to the hills, to the watercourses therefore, as I live," says the LORD, "I will prepare you and to the valleys, 'Thus says the LORD: "Look, I have for blood, and blood shall pursue you: since you have spoken in my jealousy and in my wrath, because you not hated blood, therefore blood shall pursue you. 7 have borne the shame of the nations: 7 therefore thus Thus will I make Mount Seir an astonishment and a says the Lord GOD: 'I have sworn, saying, "Surely desolation; and I will cut off from it him who passes the nations that are around you, they shall bear their through and him who returns. 8 I will fill its mountains shame." 8 """But you, mountains of Israel, you shall with its slain: in your hills and in your valleys and in shoot forth your branches, and yield your fruit to my all your watercourses shall they fall who are slain with people Israel; for they are at hand to come. 9 For, look, the sword. 9 I will make you a perpetual desolation, I am for you, and I will turn into you, and you shall be and your cities shall not be inhabited; and you shall tilled and sown; 10 and I will multiply men on you, all know that I am the LORD. 10 ""Because you have the house of Israel, even all of it; and the cities shall said, 'These two nations and these two countries shall be inhabited, and the waste places shall be built; 11 be mine, and we will possess it'; whereas the LORD and I will multiply on you man and animal; and they was there: 11 therefore, as I live," says the LORD, shall increase and be fruitful; and I will cause you to be "I will do according to your anger, and according to inhabited after your former estate, and will do better to your envy which you have shown out of your hatred you than at your beginnings: and you shall know that against them; and I will make myself known among I am the LORD. 12 Yes, I will cause men to walk on them, when I shall judge you. 12 You shall know that I, you, even my people Israel; and they shall possess you, the LORD, have heard all your insults which you have and you shall be their inheritance, and you shall no spoken against the mountains of Israel, saying, They more henceforth bereave them of children." 13 "Thus are laid desolate, they have been given us to devour. 13 says the LORD: "Because they say to you, 'You are a You have magnified yourselves against me with your devourer of men, and have been a bereaver of your mouth, and have multiplied your words against me: I nation'; 14 therefore you shall devour men no more, have heard it." 14 Thus says the LORD: "When the neither bereave your nation any more," says the LORD: whole earth rejoices, I will make you desolate. 15 As 15 "neither will I let you hear any more the shame of you rejoiced over the inheritance of the house of Israel, the nations, neither shall you bear the reproach of the because it was desolate, so will I do to you: you shall be peoples any more, neither shall you cause your nation

36 "You, son of man, prophesy to the mountains of Israel, and say, 'You mountains of Israel, hear the word of the LORD. 2 Thus says the LORD: "Because the enemy has said against you, 'Aha.' and, 'The ancient high places are ours in possession""; 3 therefore prophesy, and say, 'Thus says the LORD: "Because, even because they have made you desolate, and swallowed you up on every side, that you might be a possession to the residue of the nations, and you are taken up in the lips of talkers, and the evil report of the people"; 4 therefore, you mountains of Israel, hear the word of the LORD: "Thus says the LORD to the saying, 2 "Son of man, set your face against the valleys, to the desolate wastes and to the cities that to stumble any more," says the LORD." 16 Moreover

man, when the house of Israel lived in their own land, you shall know that I, the LORD, have built the ruined they defiled it by their way and by their doings: their places, and planted that which was desolate: I, the way before me was as the uncleanness of a woman LORD, have spoken it, and I will do it." 37 "Thus says in her impurity. 18 Therefore I poured out my wrath the LORD: 'For this, moreover, will I be inquired of by on them for the blood which they had poured out on the house of Israel, to do it for them: I will increase them the land, and because they had defiled it with their with men like a flock. 38 As the flock for sacrifice, as the idols; 19 and I scattered them among the nations, and flock of Jerusalem in her appointed feasts, so shall the they were dispersed through the countries: according waste cities be filled with flocks of men; and they shall to their way and according to their doings I judged know that I am the LORD." them. 20 When they came to the nations, where they went, they profaned my holy name; in that men said of them, 'These are the people of the LORD, and are gone forth out of his land.' 21 But I had respect for my holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the nations, where they went, 22 "Therefore tell the house of Israel, 'Thus says the LORD: "I do not do this for your sake, house of Israel, but for my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations, where you went. 23 I will sanctify my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in their midst; and the nations shall know that I am the LORD when I magnify myself among you before their eves. 24 For I will take you from among the nations. and gather you out of all the countries, and will bring you into your own land. 25 I will sprinkle clean water on vou, and vou shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. 26 And I will also give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit within you. And I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh. 27 I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and you shall keep my ordinances, and do them. 28 You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God. 29 I will save you from all your uncleanness: and I will call for the grain, and will multiply it, and lay no famine on you. 30 I will multiply the fruit of the tree, and the increase of the field, that you may receive no more the reproach of famine among the nations. 31 Then you shall remember your evil ways, and your doings that were not good: and you shall loathe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and for your abominations. 32 Nor for your sake do I this," says the LORD, "be it known to you: be ashamed and confounded for your ways, house of Israel." 33 "Thus says the LORD: 'In the day that I cleanse you from all your iniguities, I will cause the cities to be inhabited, and the waste places shall be built. 34 The land that was desolate shall be tilled, whereas it was a desolation in the sight of all who passed by. 35 They shall say, "This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are fortified and

the word of the LORD came to me, saving, 17 "Son of inhabited." 36 Then the nations that are left around

The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he 37 brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley; and it was full of bones. 2 And he led me walk all around among them. And look, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and look, they were very dry. 3 And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "LORD, you know." 4 Then he said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and tell them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.' 5 Thus says the LORD to these bones: 'Look, I will cause breath to enter into you, and you will live. 6 And I will put tendons on you. and make flesh grow on you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you will live. Then you will know that I am the LORD." 7 So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a sound, and look, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to bone. 8 And I watched, and look, there were tendons on them, and flesh grew and skin covered them. But there was no breath in them. 9 Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, son of man, and tell the breath, 'Thus says the LORD: Come from the four winds, breath, and breathe on these corpses, that they may live." 10 So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood up on their feet, an exceedingly great army. 11 Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Look, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are completely cut off.' 12 Therefore prophesy, and tell them, 'Thus says the LORD: Look, I will open your graves and will raise you from your graves, my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. 13 And you will know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves and raise you up out of your graves, my people. 14 And I will put my breath in you and you will live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you will know that I am the LORD; I have spoken it and I will do it,' says the LORD." 15 And the word of the LORD came again to me, saying, 16 "And you, son of man, take one stick and write on it, 'For Judah, and the people of Israel associated with him.' Then take another stick and write on it, 'For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim and all the house of Israel associated to you, and be a guard to them. 8 After many days with him.' 17 Then join them one to another for yourself you shall be summoned: in the latter years you shall into one stick, that they may become one in your hand. come to a land that is restored from war, a gathering 18 And when your people ask you, saying, 'Will you not from many peoples on the mountains of Israel, that had tell us what these things mean?' 19 tell them, 'Thus long been in ruins. Its people were brought out from the says the LORD: "Look, I will take the stick of Joseph, peoples, and all of them now live securely. 9 You shall which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel advance, coming like a storm. You will be like a cloud associated with him, and I will put them on it, that is, covering the land, you, all your troops, and the many on the stick of Judah, and make them into one stick, other peoples with you." 10 "Thus says the LORD: "It and they will be one in my hand." 20 And the sticks on shall happen on that day, that thoughts shall come into which you write on will be in your hand in front of them. your mind, and you shall devise an an evil scheme: 11 21 "Then say to them, 'Thus says the LORD: Look, I and you shall say, 'I will go up to the land of unwalled am going to take the people of Israel from among the villages; I will go to those who who dwell securely, all of all around, and bring them into their own land. 22 And I nor gates; 12 to seize spoil and carry off plunder; to will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains turn my hand against the waste places that are now of Israel, and one king will rule over them, and they inhabited, acquired livestock and goods, who live at will no longer be two nations, and no longer be divided the center of the earth.' 13 Sheba, and Dedan, and into two kingdoms. 23 And they will no longer defile the merchants of Tarshish, with all its young warriors themselves with their idols, or with their detestable will say to you, 'Have you assembled your armies to things, or with any of their transgressions. But I will carry off plunder, to carry away silver and gold, to take save them from all their unfaithfulness in which they away cattle and goods, to to seize great spoil?"" 14 have sinned, and will cleanse them. And will they be my "Therefore, son of man, prophesy, and tell Gog, 'Thus people, and I will be their God. 24 ""And my servant says the LORD: "On that day when my people Israel David will be king over them; and they will all have one are dwelling securely, you will take notice? 15 You shall shepherd. And they will walk in my ordinances, and come from your place out of the uttermost parts of the observe my statutes, and do them. 25 And they will live north, you and many peoples with you, all of them riding in the land that I gave to Jacob my servant, in which on horses, a great company and a mighty army; 16 and your fathers lived; and they and their children and their you shall come up against my people Israel, as a cloud children's children will live there forever, and David my covering the land. But when this happens in future days, servant will be their prince forever. 26 And I will make a I will bring you against my land, so that the nations may covenant of peace with them; it will be an everlasting know me, Gog, when through you I show my holiness in covenant with them. And I will give to them and increase their sight." 17 "Thus says the LORD: "Are you the one their numbers, and will set my sanctuary in their midst of whom I spoke in former days by my servants the forever. 27 And my dwelling place will be with them; and prophets of Israel, who in those days prophesied for I will be their God, and they will be my people. 28 Then years that I would bring you against them?" 18 But it the nations will know that I am the LORD who sanctifies shall happen on that day, when Gog shall come against Israel, when my sanctuary is in their midst forever.""

38 The word of the LORD came to me, saying, 2 "Son of man, set your face toward Gog, of the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him, 3 and say, 'Thus says the LORD: "Look, I am against you, Gog, chief prince of Meshech and Tubal: 4 and I will turn you around, and put hooks into your jaws, and I will bring you out, with all your army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed in full armor, a great company with buckler and shield, all of them armed with swords; 5 Persia, Ethiopia, and Put with them, all of them with shield and helmet; 6 Gomer, and all his troops: the house of Togarmah in the uttermost parts of the north, and all his hordes; even many peoples with you. 7 ""Be ready and stay ready, you and all your companies who are assembled

nations where they are gone, and will gather them from them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars the land of Israel,' says the LORD, 'that my hot anger will be aroused. 19 For in my zeal, in the fire of my fury, I declare that on that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel; 20 so that the fish of the sea, and the birds of the sky, and the animals of the field, and all crawling creatures who crawl on the land, and all people who are on the face of the earth, shall shake at my presence. And the mountains shall be thrown down, and the cliffs shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground. 21 I will call for a sword against him on all my mountains,' says the LORD: 'every man's sword shall be against his brother. 22 With pestilence and with bloodshed I will enter into judgment with him: and I will rain on him, and on his troops, and on the many peoples who are with him, torrential rains and hailstones, fire, and brimstone. 23 I will show my greatness and my

many nations. Then they will know that I am the LORD.'

39 "You, son of man, prophesy against Gog, and sav. 'Thus says the LORD: "Look, I am against you, Gog, chief prince of Meshech and Tubal: 2 and I will turn you around, drag you along, and bring you up from the remotest parts of the north, and bring you against the mountains of Israel. 3 Then I will strike your bow out of your left hand, and will make your arrows fall from your right hand. 4 You will fall on the mountains of Israel, you and all your troops and the people who are with you. I will give you to birds of prey of every king and to the beasts of the field to be devoured. 5 You will fall in the open field; for I have spoken," says the LORD. 6 And I will send a fire on Magog and on those who dwell securely in the coastlands; then they will know that I am the LORD. 7 "And I will make my holy name known in the midst of my people Israel, and I will not allow my holy name to be profaned anymore. And the nations shall know that I am the LORD, the Holy One in Israel. 8 Look, it is coming and it will happen, says the LORD. This is the day I have spoken about. 9 "Then those who dwell in the cities of Israel shall go out and make fires of the weapons and burn them, both the shields and bucklers, bows and the arrows, war clubs and spears, and they shall make fires of them for seven years, 10 so that they shall no need to take wood out of the field or gather firewood from the forests, because they shall make fires of the weapons: and they will take the spoil from those who despoiled them, and plunder those who plundered them, says the LORD. 11 "And it shall happen on that day that I will give to Gog a place for burial in Israel, the Valley of the Travelers east of the sea; and it shall block the way of the travelers. So they shall bury Gog and all his multitude: and they shall call it The Valley of Hamon Gog. 12 For seven months the house of Israel will be burying them, in order to cleanse the land. 13 Yes, all the people of the land shall bury them, and it shall be a memorial for them on the day that I show my glory, says the LORD. 14 And they shall designate men to travel through the land regularly, burying those who remain on the face of the land, in order to cleanse it. At the end of seven months they shall make a search. 15 As they go through the land and anyone sees a human bone, he will put a marker next to it until the gravediggers have buried it in the Valley of Hamon Gog. 16 Moreover, Hamonah will be the name of a city. Thus they shall cleanse the land.' 17 "And as for you, son of man, thus says the LORD: Speak to every kind of bird and to all the wild animals, 'Assemble and come, gather from all around to my sacrifice which I am going to sacrifice for you, a great sacrifice on the mountains of Israel, that you

holiness, and I will make myself known in the sight of may eat flesh and drink blood. 18 You shall eat the flesh of the mighty, and drink the blood of the princes of the earth, of rams, of lambs, and of goats, of bulls, all of them fattened animals of Bashan. 19 And you shall eat fat until you are full, and drink blood until you are drunk, at my sacrifice which I have sacrificed for you. 20 And you shall be filled at my table with horses and charioteers, with warriors and with all the soldiers,' says the LORD. 21 "And I will set my glory among the nations, and all the nations shall see my judgment when I have executed it and my hand when I lay it on them. 22 So the house of Israel shall know that I am the LORD their God, from that day on. 23 And the nations shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity, because they were unfaithful to me, so I hid my face from them, and I gave them into the hand of their adversaries, and all of them fell by the sword. 24 I dealt with them according to their uncleanness and according to their transgressions, and I hid my face from them.' 25 "Therefore thus says the LORD: 'Now will I restore the fortunes of Jacob and have mercy on the whole house of Israel, and I will be jealous for my holy name. 26 And they shall feel remorse for their disgrace and all the unfaithfulness they committed against me, when they dwell securely in their land with none to make them afraid. 27 When I have brought them back from the peoples and gathered them out of their enemies' lands. then I will be sanctified through them in the sight of the many nations. 28 Then they will know that I am the LORD their God, because I sent them into exile among the nations, and then gathered them into their own land; and I will leave none of them there any more. 29 And I will no longer hide my face from them, when I pour out my Spirit on the house of Israel,' says the LORD."

> An In the five and twentieth year of our captivity, in the beginning of the year, in the tenth day of the month, in the fourteenth year after that the city was struck, in the same day, the hand of the LORD was on me, and he brought me there. 2 In the visions of God brought he me into the land of Israel, and set me down on a very high mountain, whereon was as it were the frame of a city on the south. 3 He brought me there; and, look, there was a man, whose appearance was like the appearance of bronze, with a line of flax in his hand, and a measuring reed; and he stood in the gate. 4 The man said to me, "Son of man, see with your eyes, and hear with your ears, and set your heart on all that I shall show you; for, to the intent that I may show them to you, you are brought here: declare all that you see to the house of Israel." 5 Look, a wall on the outside of the house all around, and in the man's hand a measuring reed ten feet four inches (based on a standard eighteen

inches plus three inches). So he measured the thickness was a gate to the inner court across the gate to the of the building ten feet four inches, and the height ten north and the east; and he measured from gate to gate feet four inches. 6 Then came he to the gate which one hundred seventy-two feet three inches. 24 He led looks toward the east, and went up its steps: and he me toward the south; and look, a gate toward the south. measured the threshold of the gate, ten feet four inches And he measured its jambs and its porches; they were broad; and the other threshold, ten feet four inches the same size as the others. 25 There were windows in broad. 7 Every side-room was ten feet four inches long, it and in its porches all around, like those windows; the and one reed broad; and the space between the side- length was eighty-six feet one inch, and the breadth rooms was eight feet seven inches; and the threshold of fourty-three feet one inch. 26 There were seven steps to the gate by the porch of the gate at the inner end was go up to it, and its porches were in front of them; and ten feet four inches. 8 He measured also the porch of it had palm trees on its jambs, one on either side. 27 the gate toward the house, ten feet four inches. 9 Then There was a gate to the inner court toward the south. porch of the gate was toward the inner end. 10 The side- brought me to the inner court by the south gate, and the breadth of the opening of the gate, seventeen feet and in its porches all around; it was eighty-six feet one three inches; and the length of the gate, twenty-two feet inch long, and fourty-three feet one inch broad. 30 And five inches; 12 and a barrier in front of the side-rooms, there were porches all around, fourty-three feet one twenty-one inches, and a barrier on the other side, inch long, and eight feet seven inches broad. 31 And twenty-one inches; and the side-rooms were ten feet the porches of it faced the outer court, and palm trees ceiling of the one side-room to the ceiling of the other. And he brought me to the inner court toward the east, being opposite each other. 14 He also measured the and its side-rooms, and its jambs, and its porches were porch, one hundred three feet four inches; and to the the same size as the others, and there were windows in forefront of the inner porch of the gate were eighty-six The porches of it faced the outer court; and palm trees feet one inch. 16 There were closed windows to the were on its jambs, on either side, and its stairway had side-rooms, and toward their jambs within the gate all eight steps. 35 He brought me to the north gate, and he around, and likewise to the porches; and windows were measured it; and it had the same dimensions as the around the inside; and on each jamb were palm trees. others; 36 its side-rooms, its jambs, and its porches. 17 Then he brought me into the outer court; and look, And there were windows in it all around; the length was there were rooms and a pavement, made for the court eighty-six feet one inch, and the breadth fourty-three all around: thirty rooms faced the pavement. 18 The feet one inch. 37 And its porch faced the outer court; to the length of the gates; this was the lower pavement. stairway had eight steps. 38 And a chamber with its 19 Then he measured the breadth from the forefront of door was by the porch of the gate; there they washed the lower gate to the forefront of the inner court outside, the burnt offering, 39 And in the porch of the gate were one hundred seventy-two feet three inches, both on the two tables on either side, and two tables on that side, on east and on the north. 20 And the gate of the outer court which to slaughter the burnt offering and the sin offering which faced toward the north, he measured its length and guilt offering. 40 On the one side outside, as one and its breadth. 21 And its side-rooms were three on goes up to the entrance of the north gate, were two either side, and its jambs and its porches had the same tables; and on the other side of the porch of the gate measurement as the first gate; its length was eighty- were two tables. 41 Four tables were on either side of six feet one inch, and the breadth fourty-three feet one the gate, eight tables on which they slaughtered the inch. 22 And its windows, and its porches, and the palm sacrifices. 42 There were four tables of carved stone trees of it had the same measurement as the gate that for the burnt offering, two feet seven inches long, and faced toward the east. And they went up to it by seven two feet seven inches broad, and twenty-one inches

measured he the porch of the gate, thirteen feet nine And he measured from gate to gate toward the south inches; and its jambs, three feet five inches; and the one hundred seventy-two feet three inches. 28 Then he rooms of the gate eastward were three on this side, and it had the same dimensions as the others. 29 And its three on that side; they three were of one measure: and side-rooms, and its jambs, and its porches were of the the jambs had the same measurement. 11 He measured same size as the others. And there were windows in it four inches square. 13 He measured the gate from the were on its jambs, and its stairway had eight steps. 32 a breadth of fourty-three feet one inch; the openings and he measured the gate as being the same size; 33 jamb of the courtyard was the gateway all around. 15 it and in its porches all around. It was eighty-six feet From the forefront of the gate at the entrance to the one inch long, and fourty-three feet one inch broad. 34 pavement was by the side of the gates, corresponding and palm trees were on its jambs, on either side, and its steps; and its porch was in front of them. 23 And there high; on which they laid the instruments with which

they slaughtered the burnt offering and the sacrifice. 43 the way of the middle room. 8 I saw also that the house The hooks, three inches long, were fastened all around had a raised platform all around; the foundations of the within, and on the tables was the flesh of the offering. side-rooms were a full measuring stick of ten feet four 44 And from the outside of the inner gate were two inches. 9 The thickness of the wall, which was for the chambers in the inner court, one which was at the side side-rooms, on the outside, was eight feet seven inches: of the north gate facing toward the south; and one at the and that which was left was the place of the side-rooms side of the south gate facing toward the north. 45 He that belonged to the house. 10 Between the rooms said to me, "This room that faces toward the south, is for was a breadth of thirty-four feet five inches around the the priests, the keepers of the duty of the house; 46 and house on every side. 11 The doors of the side-rooms the room that faces toward the north is for the priests, were toward the place that was left, one door toward the keepers of the duty of the altar: these are the sons the north, and another door toward the south: and the of Zadok, who from among the sons of Levi come near breadth of the place that was left was eight feet seven to the LORD to minister to him." 47 He measured the inches all around. 12 The building that was before the court, one hundred seventy-two feet three inches long, separate place at the side toward the west was one and one hundred seventy-two feet three inches broad, a hundred twenty feet seven inches broad; and the wall square; and the altar was in front of the house. 48 Then of the building was eight feet seven inches thick all he brought me to the porch of the house, and measured around, and its length one hundred fifty-five feet. 13 the jambs of the porch, eight feet seven inches on each So he measured the house, one hundred seventy-two side. And the breadth of the gate was twenty-four feet feet three inches long; and the separate place, and the one inch, and the sides of the gate were five feet two building, with its walls, one hundred seventy-two feet inches on each side. 49 The length of the porch was three inches long; 14 also the breadth of the face of the thirty-four feet five inches, and the breadth twenty feet house, and of the separate place toward the east, one eight inches. And they went up to it by ten steps; and hundred seventy-two feet three inches. 15 He measured there were pillars by the jambs on either side.

1 And he brought me to the sanctuary, and measured the jambs, ten feet four inches broad on the one side, and ten feet four inches broad on the other side, which was the breadth of the jambs. 2 The breadth of the entrance was seventeen feet three inches; and the sides of the entrance were eight feet seven inches on the one side, and eight feet seven inches on the other side. And he measured its length, sixty-eight feet eleven inches, and the breadth, thirty-four feet five inches. 3 Then he went into the inner room, and measured each jamb of the entrance, three feet five inches; and the entrance, ten feet four inches; and the breadth of the entrance twelve feet one inch. 4 He measured its length, thirty-four feet five inches, and the breadth, thirty-four feet five inches, before the sanctuary. And he said to me, "This is the most holy place." 5 Then he measured the wall of the house, ten feet four inches; and the breadth of every side-room, six feet eleven inches, all around the house on every side. 6 The side-rooms were in three stories, one over another, thirty in each story. And there were offsets all around the wall to serve as supports for the side-rooms, so that the supports were not supported by the wall of the house. 7 And the siderooms were broader as they encompassed the house at each successive story, for the structure encompassing the house went upward all around the house. Therefore the breadth of the house increased as it went up, and

the length of the building before the separate place which was at its back, and its galleries on the one side and on the other side, one hundred seventy-two feet three inches: and the inner temple, and the porches of the court; 16 the thresholds, and the closed windows, and the galleries around on their three stories, over against the threshold, with wood ceilings all around, and from the ground up to the windows, (now the windows were covered), 17 to the space above the door, even to the inner house, and outside, and by all the wall all around inside and outside, by measure. 18 It was made with cherubim and palm trees; and a palm tree was between cherub and cherub, and every cherub had two faces; 19 so that there was the face of a man toward the palm tree on the one side, and the face of a young lion toward the palm tree on the other side. Thus was it made through all the house all around: 20 from the ground to above the door were cherubim and palm trees made: thus was the wall of the temple. 21 As for the temple, the door posts were squared; and as for the face of the sanctuary, the appearance of it was as the appearance of the temple. 22 The altar was of wood, five feet two inches high, and three feet five inches long, and three feet five inches wide; and its corners, and its base, and its walls were of wood. And he said to me, "This is the table that is before the LORD." 23 The temple and the sanctuary had two doors. 24 The doors had two leaves apiece, two turning leaves: two leaves for the one door, and two leaves for the other. 25 so one went up from the lowest story to the highest by There were made on them, on the doors of the temple,

cherubim and palm trees, like as were made on the to the people." 15 Now when he had made an end of walls; and there was a threshold of wood on the face of measuring the inner house, he brought me forth by the the porch outside. 26 There were closed windows and way of the gate whose prospect is toward the east, and palm trees on the one side and on the other side, on measured it all around. 16 He measured on the east the sides of the porch: thus were the side-rooms of the side with the measuring reed eight hundred sixty-one house, and the thresholds.

17 Then he brought me forth into the outer court, the way toward the north: and he brought me into the room that was over against the separate place, and which was over against the building toward the north. 2 The length of the front at the north entrance was one hundred seventy-two feet three inches, and the breadth was eighty-six feet two inches. 3 Facing the inner court of thirty-four feet five inches, and facing the pavement which belonged to the outer court, was gallery facing gallery in three stories. 4 Before the rooms was a walk of seventeen feet three inches breadth inward, a way of one hundred seventy-two feet three inches; and their doors were toward the north. 5 Now the upper rooms were shorter: for the galleries took away from these, more than from the lower and the middle, in the building. 6 For they were in three stories, and they didn't have pillars as the pillars of the courts: therefore the of the God of Israel came from the way of the east: and uppermost was straitened more than the lowest and the his voice was like the sound of many waters; and the middle from the ground. 7 The wall that was outside by earth shined with his glory. 3 It was according to the the side of the rooms, toward the outer court before the appearance of the vision which I saw, even according rooms, its length was eighty-six feet two inches. 8 For to the vision that I saw when I came to destroy the the length of the rooms that were in the outer court was city; and the visions were like the vision that I saw by eighty-six feet two inches: and look, before the temple the river Chebar; and I fell on my face. 4 The glory of were one hundred seventy-two feet three inches. 9 the LORD came into the house by the way of the gate From under these rooms was the entry on the east whose prospect is toward the east. 5 The Spirit took side, as one goes into them from the outer court. 10 In me up, and brought me into the inner court; and look. the thickness of the wall of the court toward the south, the glory of the LORD filled the house. 6 I heard one before the separate place, and before the building, speaking to me out of the house; and a man stood by there were rooms. 11 The way before them was like the me. 7 He said to me, "Son of man, this is the place of appearance of the way of the rooms which were toward my throne, and the place of the soles of my feet, where the north; according to their length so was their breadth: I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel forever. and all their exits were both according to their fashions. The house of Israel shall no more defile my holy name. and according to their doors. 12 According to the doors neither they, nor their kings, by their prostitution, and of the rooms that were toward the south was a door by the dead bodies of their kings in their high places: at the head of the way, even the way directly before **8** in their setting of their threshold by my threshold. the wall toward the east, as one enters into them. 13 and their doorpost beside my doorpost, and there was Then he said to me, "The north rooms and the south but the wall between me and them; and they have rooms, which are before the separate place, they are defiled my holy name by their abominations which they the holy rooms, where the cohanim who are near to have committed: therefore I have consumed them in the LORD shall eat the most holy things: there shall my anger. 9 Now let them put away their prostitution, they lay the most holy things, and the meal offering, and the dead bodies of their kings, far from me; and I and the sin offering, and the trespass offering; for the will dwell in their midst forever. 10 "You, son of man, place is holy. 14 When the cohanim enter in, then shall show the house to the house of Israel, that they may they not go out of the holy place into the outer court, be ashamed of their iniguities; and let them measure but there they shall lay their garments in which they the pattern. 11 If they be ashamed of all that they have minister; for they are holy: and they shall put on other done, make known to them the form of the house, and garments, and shall approach to that which pertains its fashion, and its exits, and its entrances, and all its

feet three inches, with the measuring reed all around. 17 The ledge shall be twenty-four feet one inch long by twenty-four feet one inch broad in the four sides of it; and the border about it shall be ten and a half inches; and its bottom shall be twenty-one inches around; and its steps shall look toward the east." 18 He measured on the south side eight hundred sixty-one feet three inches with the measuring reed. 19 He turned about to the west side, and measured eight hundred sixtyone feet three inches with the measuring reed. 20 He measured it on the four sides: it had a wall around it, the length eight hundred sixty-one feet three inches, and the breadth eight hundred sixty-one feet three inches, to make a separation between that which was holy and that which was common.

A Afterward he brought me to the gate, even the gate that looks toward the east. 2 Look, the glory forms, and all its ordinances, and all its forms, and all **11** Then he brought me back by the way of the outer its laws; and write it in their sight; that they may keep the whole form of it, and all its ordinances, and do east; and it was shut. 2 The LORD said to me, "This them. 12 "This is the law of the house: on the top of gate shall be shut; it shall not be opened, neither shall the mountain the whole limit around it shall be most any man enter in by it; for the LORD, the God of Israel, holy. Look, this is the law of the house. 13 "These are has entered in by it; therefore it shall be shut. 3 As for the measurements of the altar by units of length (each the prince, he shall sit in it as prince to eat bread before unit is the standard eighteen inches plus three inches): the LORD; he shall enter by the way of the porch of the bottom shall be twenty-one inches, and the breadth the gate, and shall go out by the way of the same." twenty-one inches, and its border around its edge nine 4 Then he brought me by the way of the north gate inches. And this shall be the height of the altar: 14 before the house; and I looked, and look, the glory of from the bottom on the ground to the lower ledge shall the LORD filled the house of the LORD: and I fell on be three feet five inches, and the breadth twenty-one my face. 5 The LORD said to me, "Son of man, mark inches; and from the lesser ledge to the greater ledge well, and see with your eyes, and hear with your ears shall be six feet eleven inches, and the breadth twenty- all that I tell you concerning all the ordinances of the one inches. 15 The upper altar shall be six feet eleven house of the LORD, and all its laws; and mark well the inches; and four horns project upward from the altar entrance of the house, with every exit of the sanctuary. hearth. 16 The altar hearth shall be twenty-four feet one 6 You shall tell the rebellious, even to the house of inch long by twenty-four feet one inch broad, square in Israel, 'Thus says the LORD: you house of Israel, let the four sides of it. 17 The ledge shall be twenty-four it suffice you of all your abominations, 7 in that you feet one inch long by twenty-four feet one inch broad have brought in foreigners, uncircumcised in heart and in the four sides of it; and the border about it shall be uncircumcised in flesh, to be in my sanctuary, to profane ten and a half inches; and its bottom shall be twenty- it, even my house, when you offer my bread, the fat and one inches around; and its steps shall look toward the the blood, and you have broken my covenant, to add to east." 18 He said to me, "Son of man, thus says the all your abominations. 8 You have not performed the LORD: These are the ordinances of the altar in the day duty of my holy things; but you have set performers of when they shall make it, to offer burnt offerings thereon, my duty in my sanctuary for yourselves.' 9 "Thus says and to sprinkle blood thereon. 19 You shall give to the the LORD, 'No foreigner, uncircumcised in heart and priests the Levites who are of the offspring of Zadok, uncircumcised in flesh, shall enter into my sanctuary, of who are near to me, to minister to me, says the LORD, any foreigners who are among the children of Israel. 10 a young bull for a sin offering. 20 You shall take of its But the Levites who went far from me, when Israel went blood, and put it on the four horns of it, and on the astray, who went astray from me after their idols, they four corners of the ledge, and on the border all around: shall bear their iniquity. 11 Yet they shall be ministers thus you shall cleanse it and make atonement for it. in my sanctuary, having oversight at the gates of the 21 You shall also take the bull of the sin offering, and house, and ministering in the house: they shall kill the it shall be burnt in the appointed place of the house, burnt offering and the sacrifice for the people, and they outside of the sanctuary. 22 "On the second day you shall stand before them to minister to them. 12 Because shall offer a male goat without blemish for a sin offering; they ministered to them before their idols, and became and they shall cleanse the altar, as they cleansed it with a stumbling block of iniquity to the house of Israel; the bull. 23 When you have finished cleansing it, you therefore have I lifted up my hand against them, says shall offer a young bull without blemish, and a ram out the LORD, and they shall bear their iniquity. 13 They of the flock without blemish. 24 You shall bring them shall not come near to me, to execute the office of near to the LORD, and the priests shall cast salt on priest to me, nor to come near to any of my holy things. them, and they shall offer them up for a burnt offering to to the things that are most holy; but they shall bear the LORD. 25 "Seven days you shall prepare every day their shame, and their abominations which they have a goat for a sin offering: they shall also prepare a young committed. 14 Yet will I make them performers of the bull, and a ram out of the flock, without blemish. 26 duty of the house, for all its service, and for all that shall Seven days shall they make atonement for the altar be done in it. 15 "But the Levitical priests, the sons of and purify it; so shall they consecrate it. 27 When they Zadok, who performed the duty of my sanctuary when have accomplished the days, it shall be that on the the children of Israel went astray from me, they shall eighth day, and forward, the priests shall make your come near to me to minister to me; and they shall stand burnt offerings on the altar, and your peace offerings; before me to offer to me the fat and the blood, says and I will accept you, says the LORD."

gate of the sanctuary, which looks toward the the LORD: 16 they shall enter into my sanctuary, and they shall come near to my table, to minister to me, square all around; and eighty-six feet two inches for its or is torn, whether it be bird or animal.

15 "Moreover, when you shall divide by lot the land for inheritance, you shall offer an offering to the LORD, a holy portion of the land; the length shall be the length of eight and one eighth miles, and the breadth shall be six and a half miles. It shall be holy in all its border all around. 2 Of this there shall be for the holy place eight hundred sixty-one feet three inches in length by eight hundred sixty-one feet three inches in breadth,

and they shall keep my instruction. 17 "It shall be that, suburbs all around. 3 Of this measure you shall measure when they enter in at the gates of the inner court, they a length of twenty-five thousand, and a breadth of ten shall be clothed with linen garments; and no wool shall thousand: and in it shall be the sanctuary, which is most come on them, while they minister in the gates of the holy. 4 It is a holy portion of the land; it shall be for the inner court, and within. 18 They shall have linen turbans priests, the ministers of the sanctuary, who come near on their heads, and shall have linen breeches on their to minister to the LORD; and it shall be a place for their waists; they shall not clothe themselves with anything houses, and a holy place for the sanctuary. 5 Eight and that causes sweat. 19 When they go forth into the outer one eighth miles in length, and three and one guarter court, even into the outer court to the people, they shall miles in breadth, shall be to the Levites, the ministers of put off their garments in which they minister, and lay the house. It will be their possession for cities to live in. them in the holy rooms; and they shall put on other 6 "You shall appoint the possession of the city one and garments, that they not sanctify the people with their two-thirds miles broad, and eight and one eighth miles, garments. 20 "Neither shall they shave their heads, nor long, side by side with the offering of the holy portion: allow their locks to grow long; they shall only cut off the it shall be for the whole house of Israel. 7 "Whatever hair of their heads. 21 Neither shall any of the priests is for the prince shall be on the one side and on the drink wine, when they enter into the inner court. 22 other side of the holy offering and of the possession of Neither shall they take for their wives a widow, nor her the city, in front of the holy offering and in front of the who is put away; but they shall take virgins of the seed possession of the city, on the west side westward, and of the house of Israel, or a widow who is the widow of a on the east side eastward; and in length answerable to priest. 23 They shall teach my people the difference one of the portions, from the west border to the east between the holy and the common, and cause them border. 8 In the land it shall be to him for a possession to discern between the unclean and the clean. 24 "In in Israel: and my princes shall no more oppress my a controversy they shall stand to judge: according to people; but they shall give the land to the house of Israel my ordinances shall they judge it: and they shall keep according to their tribes.' 9 "Thus says the LORD: 'Let it my laws and my statutes in all my appointed feasts; suffice you, princes of Israel: remove violence and spoil, and they shall make my Sabbaths holy. 25 "They shall and execute justice and righteousness; dispossessing go in to no dead person to defile themselves; but for my people, says the LORD. 10 You shall have just father, or for mother, or for son, or for daughter, for balances, and a just ephah, and a just bath. 11 The brother, or for sister who has had no husband, they may ephah and the bath shall be of one measure, that the defile themselves. 26 After he is cleansed, they shall bath may contain the tenth part of a homer, and the reckon to him seven days. 27 In the day that he goes ephah the tenth part of a homer: its measure shall be into the sanctuary, into the inner court, to minister in after the homer. 12 The shekel shall be twenty gerahs. the sanctuary, he shall offer his sin offering, says the Twenty shekels plus twenty-five shekels plus fifteen LORD. 28 "They shall have an inheritance: I am their shekels shall be your mina. 13 "This is the offering that inheritance; and you shall give them no possession in you shall offer: the sixth part of an ephah from a homer Israel; I am their possession. 29 They shall eat the meal of wheat; and you shall give the sixth part of an ephah offering, and the sin offering, and the trespass offering; from a homer of barley; 14 and the set portion of oil, of and every devoted thing in Israel shall be theirs. 30 the bath of oil, the tenth part of a bath out of the cor, The first of all the first fruits of every thing, and every which is ten baths, even a homer; (for ten baths are offering of everything, of all your offerings, shall be for a homer;) 15 and one lamb of the flock, out of two the priest; you shall also give to the priests the first of hundred, from the well-watered pastures of Israel-for a your dough, to cause a blessing to rest on your house. meal offering, and for a burnt offering, and for peace 31 The priests shall not eat of anything that dies of itself, offerings, to make atonement for them, says the LORD. 16 All the people of the land shall give to this offering for the prince in Israel. 17 It shall be the prince's part to give the burnt offerings, and the meal offerings, and the drink offerings, in the feasts, and on the new moons, and on the Sabbaths, in all the appointed feasts of the house of Israel: he shall prepare the sin offering, and the meal offering, and the burnt offering, and the peace offerings, to make atonement for the house of Israel. 18 "Thus says the LORD: In the first month, in the first day of the

month, you shall take a young bull without blemish; and by which he came in, but shall go forth straight before according to the meal offering, and according to the oil.'

46 "Thus says the LORD: 'The gate of the inner court that looks toward the east shall be shut the six working days; but on the Sabbath day it shall be opened, and on the day of the new moon it shall be opened. 2 The prince shall enter by the way of the porch of the gate outside, and shall stand by the post of the gate; and the priests shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings, and he shall worship at the threshold of the gate: then he shall go forth; but the gate shall not be shut until the evening. 3 The people of the land shall worship at the door of that gate before the LORD on the Sabbaths and on the new moons. 4 The burnt offering that the prince shall offer to the LORD shall be on the Sabbath day six lambs without blemish and a ram without blemish; 5 and the meal offering shall be an ephah for the ram, and the meal offering for the lambs as he is able to give, and a hin of oil to an ephah. 6 On the day of the new moon it shall be a young bull without blemish, and six lambs, and a ram; they shall be without blemish: 7 and he shall prepare a meal offering, an ephah for the bull, and an ephah for the ram, and for the lambs according as he is able, and a hin of oil to an ephah. 8 When the prince shall enter, he shall go in by the way of the porch of the gate, and he shall go forth by its way. 9 "But when the people of the land shall come before the LORD in the appointed feasts, he who enters by the way of the north gate to worship shall go forth by the way of the south gate; and he who enters by the way of the south gate shall go forth by the way of the north gate: he shall not return by the way of the gate **47** He brought me back to the door of the house; and

you shall cleanse the sanctuary. 19 The priest shall take him. 10 The prince, when they go in, shall go in with of of the blood of the sin offering, and put it on the door them; and when they go out, he shall go out. 11 "In the posts of the house, and on the four corners of the ledge feasts and in the solemnities the meal offering shall be of the altar, and on the posts of the gate of the inner an ephah for a bull, and an ephah for a ram, and for the court. 20 So you shall do on the seventh day of the lambs as he is able to give, and a hin of oil to an ephah. month for everyone who errs, and for him who is simple: 12 When the prince shall prepare a freewill offering, a so you shall make atonement for the house. 21 "In the burnt offering or peace offerings as a freewill offering to first month, in the fourteenth day of the month, you shall the LORD, one shall open for him the gate that looks have the Passover, a feast of seven days; unleavened toward the east; and he shall prepare his burnt offering bread shall be eaten. 22 On that day shall the prince and his peace offerings, as he does on the Sabbath prepare for himself and for all the people of the land a day: then he shall go forth; and after his going forth bull for a sin offering. 23 The seven days of the feast he one shall shut the gate. 13 "You shall prepare a lamb shall prepare a burnt offering to the LORD, seven bulls a year old without blemish for a burnt offering to the and seven rams without blemish daily the seven days; LORD daily: morning by morning you shall prepare it. and a male goat daily for a sin offering. 24 He shall 14 You shall prepare a meal offering with it morning by prepare a meal offering, an ephah for a bull, and an morning, the sixth part of an ephah, and the third part of ephah for a ram, and a hin of oil to an ephah. 25 In the a hin of oil, to moisten the fine flour; a meal offering seventh month, in the fifteenth day of the month, in the to the LORD continually by a perpetual ordinance. 15 feast, shall he do the like the seven days; according Thus shall they prepare the lamb, and the meal offering, to the sin offering, according to the burnt offering, and and the oil, morning by morning, for a continual burnt offering.' 16 "Thus says the LORD: 'If the prince give a gift to any of his sons, it is his inheritance, it shall belong to his sons; it is their possession by inheritance. 17 But if he give of his inheritance a gift to one of his servants, it shall be his to the year of liberty; then it shall return to the prince; but as for his inheritance, it shall be for his sons. 18 Moreover the prince shall not take of the people's inheritance, to thrust them out of their possession; he shall give inheritance to his sons out of his own possession, that my people not be scattered every man from his possession." 19 Then he brought me through the entry, which was at the side of the gate, into the holy rooms for the priests, which looked toward the north: and look, there was a place at the far western end. 20 He said to me, "This is the place where the priests shall boil the trespass offering and the sin offering, and where they shall bake the meal offering; that they not bring them forth into the outer court, to sanctify the people." 21 Then he brought me forth into the outer court, and caused me to pass by the four corners of the court: and look, in every corner of the court there was a court. 22 In the four corners of the court there were courts enclosed, sixty-eight feet eleven inches long and fifty-one feet eight inches broad: these four in the corners were of one measure. 23 There was a wall around in them, around the four, and boiling places were made under the walls all around. 24 Then he said to me, "These are the boiling houses, where the ministers of the house shall boil the sacrifice of the people."

look, waters issued out from under the threshold

was toward the east;) and the waters came down from border from the sea, shall be Hazar Enon at the border under, from the right side of the house, on the south of of Damascus; and on the north northward is the border the altar. 2 Then he brought me out by the way of the of Hamath. This is the north side. 18 The east side, gate northward, and led me round by the way outside to between Hauran and Damascus and Gilead, and the the outer gate, by the way of the gate that looks toward land of Israel, shall be the Jordan; from the north border the east; and look, there ran out waters on the right to the eastern sea [as far as] Tamar. This is the east side. 3 When the man went forth eastward with the line side. 19 The south side southward shall be from Tamar in his hand, he measured one thousand seven hundred as far as the waters of Meriboth Kadesh, to the Wadi, to twenty-two feet six inches, and he caused me to pass the Great Sea. This is the south side southward. 20 The through the waters, waters that were to the ankles. 4 west side shall be the Great Sea, from the south border Again he measured one thousand, and caused me to as far as over against Lebo Hamath. This is the west pass through the waters, waters that were to the knees. side. 21 "So you shall divide this land to you according Again he measured one thousand, and caused me to to the tribes of Israel. 22 It shall happen, that you shall pass through the waters, waters that were to the waist. divide it by lot for an inheritance to you and to the aliens 5 Afterward he measured one thousand; and it was who live among you, who shall father children among a river that I could not pass through; for the waters you; and they shall be to you as the native-born among were risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be the children of Israel; they shall have inheritance with passed through. 6 He said to me, "Son of man, have you among the tribes of Israel. 23 It shall happen, that you seen this?" Then he brought me, and caused me in what tribe the stranger lives, there you shall give him to return to the bank of the river. 7 Now when I had his inheritance,' says the LORD." returned, look, on the bank of the river were very many trees on the one side and on the other. 8 Then he said to me. "These waters issue forth toward the eastern region, and shall go down into the Arabah; and they shall go toward the sea; into the sea shall the waters go which were made to issue forth: and the waters shall be healed. 9 It shall happen, that every living creature which swarms, in every place where the river goes, shall live; and there shall be a very great multitude of fish; for these waters have come there, and the waters of the sea shall be healed, and everything shall live wherever the river comes. 10 It shall happen, that fishermen shall stand by it: from En Gedi even to En Eglaim shall be a place for the spreading of nets; their fish shall be after their kinds, as the fish of the Great Sea, exceeding many. 11 But the miry places of it, and its marshes, shall not be healed; they shall be given up to salt. 12 By the river on its bank, on this side and on that side, shall grow every tree for food, whose leaf shall not wither, neither shall its fruit fail: it shall bring forth new fruit every month, because its waters issue out of the sanctuary; and its fruit shall be for food, and its leaf for healing." 13 "Thus says the LORD: 'This shall be the border, by which you shall divide the land for inheritance according to the twelve tribes of Israel: Joseph shall have two portions. 14 You shall inherit it, one as well as another; for I swore to give it to your fathers: and this land shall fall to you for inheritance. 15 "This shall be the border of the land: On the north side, from the Great Sea, by the way of Hethlon, to the entrance of Zedad; 16 Hamath, Berothah, Sibraim, which is between the border of Damascus and the border of Hamath; Hazer

of the house eastward; (for the forefront of the house Hatticon, which is by the border of Hauran, 17 The

 ${\color{black}{48}}$ "Now these are the names of the tribes: From the north end, beside the way of Hethlon to Lebo Hamath, Hazar Enan at the border of Damascus, northward beside Hamath (and they shall have their sides east and west), Dan, one portion. 2 By the border of Dan, from the east side to the west side, Asher, one portion. 3 By the border of Asher, from the east side even to the west side, Naphtali, one portion. 4 By the border of Naphtali, from the east side to the west side, Manasseh, one portion. 5 By the border of Manasseh, from the east side to the west side, Ephraim. one portion. 6 By the border of Ephraim, from the east side even to the west side, Reuben, one portion. 7 By the border of Reuben, from the east side to the west side, Judah, one portion. 8 "By the border of Judah, from the east side to the west side, shall be the offering which you shall offer, twenty-five thousand reeds in breadth, and in length as one of the portions, from the east side to the west side: and the sanctuary shall be in its midst. 9 The offering that you shall offer to the LORD shall be twenty-five thousand reeds in length, and ten thousand in breadth. 10 For these, even for the priests, shall be the holy offering: toward the north twenty-five thousand in length, and toward the west ten thousand in breadth, and toward the east ten thousand in breadth, and toward the south twenty-five thousand in length: and the sanctuary of the LORD shall be in its midst. 11 It shall be for the priests who are sanctified of the sons of Zadok, who have kept my instruction, who didn't go astray when the children of Israel went astray, as the Levites went astray. 12 It shall be to them an offering from the offering of the land, a thing most the border of the priests, the Levites shall have twenty- city shall be after the names of the tribes of Israel, three five thousand in length, and ten thousand in breadth: gates northward: the gate of Reuben, one; the gate of all the length shall be twenty-five thousand, and the Judah, one; the gate of Levi, one. 32 At the east side breadth ten thousand. 14 They shall sell none of it, four thousand and five hundred reeds, and three gates: nor exchange it, nor shall the first fruits of the land even the gate of Joseph, one; the gate of Benjamin, be alienated; for it is holy to the LORD. 15 "The five one; the gate of Dan, one. 33 At the south side four thousand that are left in the breadth, in front of the thousand and five hundred reeds by measure, and three twenty-five thousand, shall be for common use, for the gates: the gate of Simeon, one; the gate of Issachar, city, for dwelling and for suburbs; and the city shall one; the gate of Zebulun, one. 34 At the west side four be in its midst. 16 These shall be its measures: the thousand and five hundred reeds, with their three gates: north side four thousand and five hundred, and the the gate of Gad, one; the gate of Asher, one; the gate of south side four thousand and five hundred, and on the Naphtali, one. 35 It shall be eighteen thousand reeds east side four thousand and five hundred, and the west around: and the name of the city from that day shall be, side four thousand and five hundred. 17 The city shall 'The LORD is there." have suburbs: toward the north two hundred fifty, and toward the south two hundred fifty, and toward the east two hundred fifty, and toward the west two hundred fifty. 18 The remainder in the length, answerable to the holy offering, shall be ten thousand eastward, and ten thousand westward; and it shall be answerable to the holy offering; and its increase shall be for food to those who labor in the city. 19 Those who labor in the city, out of all the tribes of Israel, shall cultivate it. 20 All the offering shall be twenty-five thousand by twenty-five thousand: you shall offer the holy offering foursquare, with the possession of the city. 21 "The residue shall be for the prince, on the one side and on the other of the holy offering and of the possession of the city; in front of the twenty-five thousand of the offering toward the east border, and westward in front of the twentyfive thousand toward the west border, answerable to the portions, it shall be for the prince: and the holy offering and the sanctuary of the house shall be in its midst. 22 Moreover from the possession of the Levites, and from the possession of the city, being in the midst of that which is the prince's, between the border of Judah and the border of Benjamin, it shall be for the prince. 23 "As for the rest of the tribes: from the east side to the west side, Benjamin, one portion. 24 By the border of Benjamin, from the east side to the west side, Simeon, one portion, 25 By the border of Simeon, from the east side to the west side, Issachar, one portion. 26 By the border of Issachar, from the east side to the west side, Zebulun, one portion. 27 By the border of Zebulun, from the east side to the west side, Gad, one portion. 28 By the border of Gad, at the south side southward, the border shall be even from Tamar to the waters of Meribath Kadesh, to the Wadi, to the Great Sea. 29 This is the land which you shall divide by lot to the tribes of Israel for inheritance, and these are their several portions, says the LORD. 30 "These are the exits of the city: On the north side four thousand and

holy, by the border of the Levites. 13 "Answerable to five hundred reeds by measure; 31 and the gates of the

Daniel

1 In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon to Jerusalem, and besieged it. 2 The LORD gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God; and he carried them into the land of Shinar to the house of his god: and he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his god. 3 The king spoke to Ashpenaz the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring in some of the people of Israel, even of the royal family and of the nobles; 4 youths in whom was no blemish, but well-favored, and skillful in all wisdom, and endowed with knowledge, and understanding science, and such as had ability to stand in the king's palace; and that he should teach them the learning and the language of the Chaldeans. 5 The king appointed for them a daily portion of the king's royal food, and of the wine which he drank, and that they should be nourished three years; that at its end they should stand before the king. 6 Now among these were, of the people of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. 7 The prince of the eunuchs gave names to them: to Daniel he gave the name of Belteshazzar; and to Hananiah, of Shadrach; and to Mishael, of Meshach; and to Azariah, of Abednego. 8 But Daniel determined in his heart that he would not defile himself with the king's royal food, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself. 9 Now God gave Daniel favor and compassion in the sight of the prince of the eunuchs. 10 The prince of the eunuchs said to Daniel, "I fear my lord the king, who has appointed your food and your drink: for why should he see your faces worse looking than the youths who are of your own age? So would you endanger my head with the king." 11 Then said Daniel to the steward whom the prince of the eunuchs had appointed over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: 12 "Test your servants for ten days; and let them give us vegetables to eat, and water to drink. 13 Then let our faces be looked on before you, and the face of the youths who eat of the king's royal food; and as you see, deal with your servants." 14 So he listened to them in this matter, and tested them ten days. 15 At the end of ten days their faces appeared better and fatter than all the youths who ate of the king's royal food. 16 So the steward took away their royal food, and the wine that they should drink, and gave them vegetables. 17 Now as for these four youths, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom: and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams. 18 At the end of the days which the king had appointed for bringing them in, the prince of the eunuchs brought

them in before Nebuchadnezzar. **19** The king talked with them; and among them all was found none like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: therefore they entered the king's service. **20** In every matter of wisdom and understanding, concerning which the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters who were in all his realm. **21** Daniel continued even to the first year of king Koresh.

7 In the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; and his spirit was troubled, and his sleep went from him. 2 Then the king commanded to call the magicians, and the enchanters, and the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans, to tell the king his dreams. So they came in and stood before the king. 3 The king said to them. "I have had a dream, and my spirit is anxious to understand the dream." 4 Then spoke the Chaldeans to the king in the Aramaic language, "O king, live forever: tell your servants the dream, and we will show the interpretation." 5 The king answered the Chaldeans, "The thing is gone from me: if you do not make known to me the dream and its interpretation, you shall be cut in pieces, and your houses shall be made a rubbish heap. 6 But if you show the dream and its interpretation, you shall receive from me gifts and rewards and great honor: therefore show me the dream and its interpretation." 7 They answered the second time and said, "Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will show the interpretation." 8 The king answered, "I know of a certainty that you would gain time, because you see the thing is gone from me. 9 But if you do not make known to me the dream, there is but one law for you; for you have prepared lying and corrupt words to speak before me, until such time that things might change. Therefore tell me the dream, and I shall know that you can show me its interpretation." 10 The Chaldeans answered before the king, and said, "There is not a man on the earth who can show the king's matter, because no king, lord, or ruler, has asked such a thing of any magician, or enchanter, or Chaldean. 11 It is a rare thing that the king requires, and there is no other who can show it before the king, except the gods. whose dwelling is not with flesh." 12 For this cause the king was angry and very furious, and commanded to destroy all the wise men of Babylon. 13 So the decree went forth, and the wise men were to be killed; and they sought Daniel and his companions to be killed. 14 Then Daniel returned an answer with counsel and prudence to Arioch the captain of the king's guard, who was gone forth to kill the wise men of Babylon; 15 he answered Arioch the king's captain. "Why is the decree so urgent from the king?" Then Arioch made the thing known to Daniel. 16 Daniel went in, and desired of the king

that he would appoint him a time, and he would show clay, and broke them in pieces. 35 Then was the iron. the king the interpretation. 17 Then Daniel went to his the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold, broken house, and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, in pieces together, and became like the chaff of the and Azariah, his companions: 18 that they would seek summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them mercy from the God of heaven concerning this secret; away, so that no place was found for them: and the that Daniel and his companions should not perish with stone that struck the image became a great mountain, the rest of the wise men of Babylon. 19 Then was the and filled the whole earth. 36 This is the dream; and secret revealed to Daniel in a vision of the night. Then we will tell its interpretation before the king. 37 You, O Daniel blessed the God of heaven. 20 Daniel answered, king, are king of kings, to whom the God of heaven has "Blessed be the name of God forever and ever; for given the kingdom, the power, and the strength, and the wisdom and might are his. 21 He changes the times glory; 38 and wherever human beings dwell, the animals and the seasons; he removes kings, and sets up kings; of the field and the birds of the sky has he given into he gives wisdom to the wise, and knowledge to those your hand, and has made you to rule over them all: you who have understanding; 22 he reveals the deep and are the head of gold. 39 After you shall arise another secret things; he knows what is in the darkness, and kingdom inferior to yours; and another third kingdom of the light dwells with him. 23 I thank you, and praise bronze, which shall bear rule over all the earth. 40 The you, God of my fathers, who has given me wisdom fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron, because iron and might, and has now made known to me what we breaks in pieces and subdues all things; and as iron desired of you; for you have made known to us the that crushes all these, shall it break in pieces and crush. king's matter." 24 Therefore Daniel went in to Arioch, 41 Whereas you saw the feet and toes, part of potters' whom the king had appointed to destroy the wise men of clay, and part of iron, it shall be a divided kingdom; but Babylon; he went and said this to him: "Do not destroy there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, because the wise men of Babylon; bring me in before the king, you saw the iron mixed with miry clay. 42 As the toes and I will show to the king the interpretation." 25 Then of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the Arioch brought in Daniel before the king in haste, and kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken. 43 said this to him, "I have found a man of the children And whereas you saw the iron mixed with miry clay, of the captivity of Judah, who will make known to the they shall mix with one another but they shall not hold king the interpretation." 26 The king answered Daniel, together, even as iron does not mix with clay. 44 In the whose name was Belteshazzar, "Are you able to make days of those kings shall the God of heaven set up a known to me the dream which I have seen, and its kingdom which shall never be destroyed, nor shall its interpretation?" 27 Daniel answered before the king, sovereignty be left to another people; but it shall break and said, "The secret which the king has demanded in pieces and consume all those kingdoms, and it shall is such that no wise men, enchanters, magicians, nor stand forever. 45 Because you saw that a stone was cut soothsayers, can show to the king; 28 but there is a out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in God in heaven who reveals secrets, and he has made pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the known to king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the gold; the great God has made known to the king what latter days. Your dream, and the visions of your head shall happen hereafter: and the dream is certain, and its on your bed, are these: 29 as for you, O king, your interpretation sure." 46 Then king Nebuchadnezzar fell thoughts came into your mind on your bed, what should on his face, and worshiped Daniel, and commanded happen hereafter; and he who reveals secrets has made that they should present an offering and incense to him. known to you what shall happen. 30 But as for me, 47 The king answered Daniel and said, "Surely your this secret is not revealed to me for any wisdom that God is the God of gods, and the Lord of kings, and a I have more than all the living, but in order that the revealer of secrets, seeing you have been able to reveal interpretation may be made known to the king, and that this secret." 48 Then the king made Daniel great. and you may know the thoughts of your heart. 31 You, O gave him many great gifts, and made him to rule over king, saw, and look, a great image. This image, which the whole province of Babylon, and to be chief governor was mighty, and whose brightness was extraordinary, over all the wise men of Babylon. 49 Daniel requested stood before you; and its appearance was awesome. 32 of the king, and he appointed Shadrach, Meshach, and As for this image, its head was of fine gold, its breast Abednego, over the affairs of the province of Babylon: and its arms of silver, its belly and its thighs of bronze, but Daniel was in the gate of the king. **33** its legs of iron, its feet part of iron, and part of clay. **34** You saw until a stone was cut out without hands, **35** Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, **36** Whose baints was eighty-eight feet seven inches,

whose height was eighty-eight feet seven inches, which struck the image on its feet that were of iron and and its breadth eight feet ten inches: he set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon, 2 Then the burning fiery furnace; and he will deliver us out of Nebuchadnezzar the king sent to gather together the your hand, O king. 18 But if not, be it known to you, O satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the judges, king, that we will not serve your gods, nor worship the the treasurers, the counselors, the magistrates, and all golden image which you have set up." 19 Then was the rulers of the provinces, to come to the dedication Nebuchadnezzar full of fury, and the expression of his of the image which Nebuchadnezzar the king had face was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and set up. 3 Then the satraps, the prefects, and the Abednego. Therefore he spoke, and commanded that governors, the judges, the treasurers, the counselors, they should heat the furnace seven times more than it the magistrates, and all the rulers of the provinces, were was usually heated. 20 He commanded certain mighty gathered together to the dedication of the image that men who were in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up; and they stood and Abednego, and to cast them into the burning fiery before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up. 4 furnace. 21 Then these men were bound in their cloaks, Then the herald cried aloud, "To you it is commanded, trousers, their turbans, and their other garments, and peoples, nations, and languages, 5 that whenever you were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. 22 hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, Therefore because the king's commandment was urgent, pipe, and all kinds of music, you fall down and worship and the furnace exceeding hot, the flame of the fire the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king has killed those men who took up Shadrach, Meshach, and set up; 6 and whoever doesn't fall down and worship Abednego. 23 These three men, Shadrach, Meshach, shall the same hour be cast into the midst of a burning and Abednego, fell down bound into the midst of the fiery furnace." 7 Therefore at that time, when all the burning fiery furnace. 24 Then Nebuchadnezzar the peoples heard the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, king was astonished, and rose up quickly. He spoke harp, pipe, and all kinds of music, all the peoples, the and said to his ministers, "Did we not cast three men nations, and the languages, fell down and worshiped bound into the midst of the fire?" They answered the the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set king, "True, O king." 25 He answered, "Look, I see four up. 8 Therefore at that time certain Chaldeans came men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they are near, and brought accusation against the Jews. 9 They unharmed; and the aspect of the fourth is like a son of answered Nebuchadnezzar the king, "O king, live for the gods." 26 Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the ever. 10 You, O king, have made a decree, that every mouth of the burning fiery furnace. He spoke and said, man that shall hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, you servants of lyre, harp, pipe, and all kinds of music, shall fall down the Most High God, come forth, and come here." Then and worship the golden image; 11 and whoever doesn't Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came forth out of fall down and worship shall be cast into the midst of a the midst of the fire. 27 The satraps, the prefects, and burning fiery furnace. 12 There are certain Jews whom the governors, and the king's ministers, being gathered you have appointed over the affairs of the province of together, saw these men, that the fire had no power Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These on their bodies, nor was the hair of their head singed, men, O king, have not regarded you: they do not serve neither were their trousers changed, nor had the smell your gods, nor worship the golden image which you of fire passed on them. 28 Nebuchadnezzar spoke and have set up." 13 Then Nebuchadnezzar in his rage said, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and and fury commanded to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel, and delivered his Abednego. Then they brought these men before the servants who trusted in him, and have changed the king. 14 Nebuchadnezzar answered them, "Is it on king's word, and have yielded their bodies, that they purpose. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you might not serve nor worship any god, except their own do not serve my god, nor worship the golden image God. 29 Therefore I make a decree, that every people, which I have set up? 15 Now if you are ready whenever nation, and language, which speak anything evil against you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, shall pipe, and all kinds of music to fall down and worship be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be reduced the image which I have made, well: but if you do not to rubble; because there is no other god who is able worship, you shall be cast the same hour into the midst to deliver in this way." 30 Then the king promoted of a burning fiery furnace; and who is that god that shall Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the province of deliver you out of my hands?" 16 Shadrach, Meshach, Babylon. and Abednego answered the king, "Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. 17 If it be

I "Nebuchadnezzar the king, to all the peoples, nations. and languages, who dwell in all the earth: Peace so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from be multiplied to you. 2 It has seemed good to me to show the signs and wonders that the Most High answered. Belteshazzar. "Do not let the dream, or the God has worked toward me. 3 How great are his interpretation, trouble you." Belteshazzar answered, "My signs and how mighty are his wonders. His kingdom lord, the dream concerns those who hate you, and its is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion is from interpretation to your adversaries. 20 The tree that you generation to generation. 4 I, Nebuchadnezzar, was saw, which grew, and was strong, whose height reached at rest in my house, and flourishing in my palace. 5 I to the sky, and its sight to all the earth; 21 whose leaves saw a dream which made me afraid; and the thoughts were beautiful, and its fruit much, and in it was food for on my bed and the visions of my head troubled me. 6 all; under which the animals of the field lived, and on Therefore I made a decree to bring in all the wise men whose branches the birds of the sky had their habitation. of Babylon before me, that they might make known 22 It is you, O king, that are grown and become strong; to me the interpretation of the dream. 7 Then came for your greatness is grown, and reaches to the sky, and in the magicians, the enchanters, the Chaldeans, and your dominion to the most distant part of the earth. 23 the diviners; and I told the dream before them; but they Whereas the king saw a watcher and a holy one coming did not make known to me its interpretation. 8 But down from the sky, and saying, 'Cut down the tree, and finally Daniel came in before me, whose name was destroy it; nevertheless leave the stump of its roots in Belteshazzar, according to the name of my god, and the earth, even with a band of iron and bronze, in the in whom is the spirit of the holy gods: and I told the tender grass of the field, and let it be wet with the dew dream before him, saying, 9 "Belteshazzar, chief of of the sky: and let his portion be with the animals of the the magicians, because I know that the spirit of the field, until seven times pass over him. 24 This is the holy gods is in you, and no secret troubles you, tell interpretation, O king, and it is the decree of the Most me the visions of my dream that I have seen, and its High, which is come on my lord the king: 25 that you interpretation. 10 Thus were the visions of my head shall be driven from men, and your dwelling shall be on my bed: I saw, and look, a tree in the midst of the with the animals of the field, and you shall be made earth; and its height was great. 11 The tree grew, and to eat grass as oxen, and shall be wet with the dew was strong, and its height reached to the sky, and it of the sky, and seven times shall pass over you; until could be seen anywhere on earth. 12 The leaves of it you know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of were beautiful, and its fruit much, and in it was food men, and gives it to whomever he will. 26 Whereas for all. The animals of the field had shadow under it, they commanded to leave the stump of the roots of and the birds of the sky lived in its branches, and all the tree; your kingdom shall be restored to you. After flesh was fed from it. 13 I saw in the visions of my head that you shall have known that the heavens do rule. on my bed, and look, a watcher and a holy one came 27 Therefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable to down from the sky. 14 He cried aloud, and said this, you, and break off your sins by righteousness, and your "Cut down the tree, and cut off its branches, shake iniquities by showing mercy to the poor; if there may off its leaves, and scatter its fruit. Let the animals get be a lengthening of your prosperity." 28 All this came away from under it, and the fowls from its branches. 15 on the king Nebuchadnezzar. 29 At the end of twelve Nevertheless leave the stump of its roots in the earth, months he was walking in the royal palace of Babylon. even with a band of iron and bronze, in the tender 30 The king spoke and said, "Is not this great Babylon, grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of which I have built for the royal dwelling place, by the the sky: and let his portion be with the animals in the might of my power and for the glory of my majesty?" grass of the earth. 16 Let his mind be changed from 31 While the word was in the king's mouth, there fell a man's, and let an animal's mind be given to him; and let voice from the sky, saying, "O king Nebuchadnezzar, seven times pass over him. 17 The sentence is by the to you it is spoken. The kingdom has departed from decree of the watchers, and the decision is a command you, 32 and you shall be driven from men; and your of the holy ones; so that the living may know that the dwelling shall be with the animals of the field; you shall Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it be made to eat grass as oxen; and seven times shall to anyone he wants, and sets up over it the lowliest pass over you; until you know that the Most High rules of men. 18 This dream I, king Nebuchadnezzar, have in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever he seen; and you, Belteshazzar, declare the interpretation, wants." 33 The same hour was the thing fulfilled on because all the wise men of my kingdom are not able Nebuchadnezzar: and he was driven from men, and ate to make known to me the interpretation. But you are grass as oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of able, for the spirit of the holy gods is in you." 19 Then the sky, until his hair was grown like eagles' feathers, Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, was stricken and his nails like birds' claws. 34 "At the end of the days

mute for a while, and his thoughts troubled him. The king I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted up my eyes to heaven, and

forever. For his dominion is an everlasting dominion, because an extraordinary spirit, and knowledge, and and he does according to his will in the host of heaven, the king named Belteshazzar. Now let Daniel be called. me out; and I was reinstated over my kingdom, and of the gods is in you, and that light and understanding Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of the wise men, the enchanters, have been brought in and those who walk in pride he is able to humble."

Selshazzar the king made a great feast to a thousand of his lords, and drank wine before the thousand. 2 Belshazzar, while he tasted the wine. commanded to bring the golden and silver vessels which Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken out of the temple which was in Jerusalem; that the king and his lords, his wives and his secondary wives, might drink from them. 3 Then they brought the gold and silver vessels that were taken out of the temple of the house of God which was at Jerusalem; and the king and his lords, his wives and his secondary wives, drank from them. 4 They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of bronze, of iron, of wood, and of stone. 5 In the same hour came forth the fingers of a man's hand, and wrote over against the lampstand on the plaster of the wall of the king's palace; and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote. 6 Then the king's face was turned pale, and his thoughts troubled him: and the joints of his thighs gave way, and his knees began knocking together. 7 The king cried aloud to bring in the enchanters, the Chaldeans, and the diviners. The king spoke and said to the wise men of Babylon, "Whoever shall read this writing, and show me its interpretation, shall be clothed with purple, and have a chain of gold about his neck, and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom." 8 Then came in all the king's wise men; but they could not read the writing, nor make known to the king the interpretation. 9 Then was king Belshazzar greatly troubled, and his face turned pale, and his lords were perplexed. 10 Now the queen by reason of the words of the king and his lords came into the banquet house. The queen spoke and said, "O king, live forever; do not let your thoughts trouble you, nor let your face be changed. 11 There is a man in your kingdom, in whom is the spirit of the holy gods; and in the days of your father light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, were found in him: and king Nebuchadnezzar

my understanding returned to me, and I blessed the your father, your father the king, made him chief of the Most High, and I praised and honored him who lives magicians, enchanters, Chaldeans, and diviners; 12 and his kingdom from generation to generation. 35 All understanding to interpret dreams, explain riddles, and the inhabitants of the earth are regarded as nothing; solve knotty problems were found in this Daniel, whom and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can and he will show the interpretation." 13 Then was Daniel stay his hand, or tell him, "What have you done?" 36 At brought in before the king. The king spoke and said to the same time my understanding returned to me; and Daniel, "Are you that Daniel, who are of the children of for the glory of my kingdom, my majesty and splendor the captivity of Judah, whom the king my father brought returned to me; and my counselors and my lords sought out of Judah? 14 I have heard of you, that the spirit even more greatness was added to me. 37 Now I, and extraordinary wisdom are found in you. 15 Now heaven; for all his works are truth, and his ways justice; before me, that they should read this writing, and make known to me its interpretation: but they could not show the interpretation of the thing. 16 But I have heard of you, that you can give interpretations, and solve problems. Now if you can read the writing, and make known to me its interpretation, you shall be clothed with purple, and have a chain of gold about your neck, and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom." 17 Then Daniel answered before the king, "Keep your gifts for yourself, and give your rewards to another: Nevertheless I will read the writing to the king, and make known to him the interpretation. 18 You king, the Most High God gave Nebuchadnezzar your father the kingdom, and greatness, and glory, and majesty. 19 And because of the greatness that he gave him, all the peoples, nations, and languages trembled and feared before him. Whom he would he killed, and whom he would he kept alive; and whom he would he raised up, and whom he would he put down. 20 But when his heart was lifted up, and his spirit was hardened so that he dealt proudly, he was removed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him. 21 And he was driven from the sons of men, and his mind was made like the animals', and his dwelling was with the wild donkeys. He was fed with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of the sky; until he knew that the Most High God rules in the kingdom of men, and that he sets up over it whomever he wants. 22 You his son. Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart, though you knew all this. 23 but have lifted up yourself against the Lord of heaven. And they have brought the vessels of his house before you, and you and your lords, your wives and your secondary wives, have drunk wine from them. And you have praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood, and stone, which do not see, nor hear, nor know. And the God in whose hand your breath is, and whose are all your ways, you have not glorified. 24 Then was the part of the hand sent from before him. and this writing was inscribed. 25 This is the writing

that was inscribed; MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN, king, "That Daniel, who is of the children of the captivity kingdom, being about sixty-two years old.

G It pleased Daryavesh to set over the kingdom one hundred twenty satraps, who should be throughout the whole kingdom; 2 and over them three administrators, of whom Daniel was one; that these satraps might give account to them, and that the king might not suffer loss. 3 Then this Daniel was distinguished above the administrators and the satraps, because an extraordinary spirit was in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm. 4 Then the administrators and the satraps sought to find a charge against Daniel regarding the kingdom; but they could find no charge or fault, because he was faithful. Neither was there any error or fault found in him. 5 Then these men said. "We will not find any charge against this Daniel, except we find it against him concerning the law of his God." 6 Then these administrators and satraps assembled together to the king, and said this to him, "King Daryavesh, live forever. 7 All the administrators of the kingdom, the deputies and the satraps, the counselors and the governors, have consulted together to establish a royal statute, and to make a strong decree, that whoever shall ask a petition of any god or man for thirty days, except of you, O king, he shall be cast into the den of lions. 8 Now, O king, establish the decree, and sign the writing, that it not be changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be changed." 9 Therefore king Darvavesh signed the writing and the decree. 10 When Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house (now his windows were open in his chamber toward Jerusalem) and he kneeled on his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did before. 11 Then these men assembled together, and found Daniel making petition and petition before his God. 12 Then they came near, and spoke before the king concerning the king's decree. "Haven't you signed a decree, that every man who shall make petition to any god or man within thirty days, except to you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions?" The king answered, "The thing is true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be changed." 13 Then they answered and said before the

26 This is the interpretation of the thing: MENE; God of Judah, doesn't regard you, O king, nor the decree has numbered your kingdom, and brought it to an end; that you have signed, but makes his petition three times 27 TEKEL; you are weighed in the balances, and are a day." 14 Then the king, when he heard these words, found wanting. 28 PERES; your kingdom is divided, and was very displeased, and set his heart on Daniel to given to the Medes and Persians." 29 Then commanded deliver him. And he labored until the going down of Belshazzar, and they clothed Daniel with purple, and put the sun to rescue him. 15 Then these men assembled a chain of gold about his neck, and made proclamation together to the king, and said to the king, "Know, O concerning him, that he should be the third ruler in the king, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians, that kingdom. 30 In that night Belshazzar the Chaldean no decree nor statute which the king establishes may King was slain. 31 Daryavesh the Mede received the be changed." 16 Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast him into the den of lions. Now the king spoke and said to Daniel, "Your God whom you serve continually, he will deliver you." 17 A stone was brought, and placed on the opening of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his lords; that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel. 18 Then the king went to his palace, and passed the night fasting; neither were instruments of music brought before him. And his sleep fled from him. 19 Then the king arose very early in the morning, and went in haste to the den of lions. 20 When he came near to the den to Daniel, he cried with a lamentable voice. The king spoke and said to Daniel, "Daniel, servant of the living God. Is your God, whom you serve continually, able to deliver you from the lions?" 21 Then said Daniel to the king, "O king, live forever. 22 My God has sent his angel, and has shut the lions' mouths, and they have not hurt me; because before him innocence was found in me; and also before you, O king, have I done no wrong." 23 Then was the king exceedingly glad. and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found on him, because he had trusted in his God. 24 The king commanded, and they brought those men who had accused Daniel, and they cast them into the den of lions, them, their children, and their wives; and the lions overpowered them, and broke all their bones in pieces, before they came to the bottom of the den. 25 Then king Daryavesh wrote to all the peoples, nations, and languages, who dwell in all the earth: "Peace be multiplied to you. 26 I make a decree. that in all the dominion of my kingdom men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel; for he is the living God, and steadfast forever. His kingdom shall not be destroyed; and his dominion shall be to the end. 27 He delivers and rescues, and he works signs and wonders in heaven and in earth, who has delivered Daniel from the power of the lions." 28 So this Daniel prospered in the reign of Darvavesh, and in the reign of Koresh the Persian.

> In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel had a dream and visions in his mind on his bed.

Then he wrote the dream and told the summary of Most High shall receive the kingdom, and possess the it. 2 Daniel spoke and said, "I saw in my vision by kingdom forever, forever and ever. 19 Then I desired to night, and, look, the four winds of the sky broke forth know the true meaning concerning the fourth animal, on the great sea. 3 Four great animals came up from which was different from all of them, exceedingly terrible. the sea, different from one another. 4 The first was whose teeth were of iron, and its claws of bronze; which like a lion, and had eagle's wings. I saw until its wings devoured, broke in pieces, and stamped what was left were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and with its feet. 20 And concerning the ten horns that were made to stand on two feet as a man; and a man's mind on its head, and the other horn which came up, and was given to it. 5 And look, another animal, a second before which three fell, even that horn that had eyes, one, like a bear; and it was raised up on one side, and and a mouth that spoke arrogant things, whose look three ribs were in its mouth between its teeth. And they was larger than the others. 21 I saw, and the same horn said this to it, 'Arise, devour much flesh.' 6 After this I made war with the holy ones, and prevailed against saw, and look, another one, like a leopard, which had them, 22 until the Ancient of Days came, and judgment on its back four wings of a bird. The animal also had was given to the holy ones of the Most High, and the four heads; and dominion was given to it. 7 After this time came that the holy ones possessed the kingdom. I saw in the night visions, and look, a fourth animal, 23 This he said, 'The fourth animal shall be a fourth awesome and powerful, and extremely strong. And it kingdom on earth, which shall be different from all the had great iron teeth. It devoured and broke in pieces, kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall and stamped what was left with its feet. And it was tread it down, and break it in pieces. 24 As for the ten diverse from all the animals that were before it; and it horns, out of this kingdom shall ten kings arise, and had ten horns. 8 I considered the horns, and look, there another shall arise after them; and he shall be diverse came up among them another horn, a little one, before from the former, and he shall put down three kings. 25 which three of the first horns were plucked up by the He shall speak words against the Most High, and shall roots. And look, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of a oppress the holy ones of the Most High; and he shall man, and a mouth speaking arrogant things. 9 I saw think to change the times and the law; and they shall until thrones were placed, and the Ancient of Days took be given over to him until a time and times and half a his seat. His clothing was white as snow, and the hair of time. 26 And the court shall sit in judgment, and they his head like pure wool. His throne was fiery flames, shall take away his dominion, consumed and completely and its wheels burning fire. 10 A fiery stream issued and destroyed forever. 27 The kingdom and the dominion, came forth from before him. Thousands of thousands and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole ministered to him, and ten thousand times ten thousand heaven, shall be given to the people of the holy ones of stood before him. The court sat in judgment, and the the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, books were opened. 11 I saw at that time because of and all dominions shall serve and obey him.' 28 Here is the voice of the arrogant words which the horn spoke. I the end of the matter. As for me, Daniel, my thoughts was watching until the animal was killed and its body troubled me greatly, and my face turned pale. I kept the destroyed and was given to be burned with fire. 12 As matter to myself." for the rest of the animals, their dominion was taken away, yet their lives were prolonged for a season and a time. 13 I saw in the night visions, and look, there came with the clouds of the sky one like a son of man, and he came even to the Ancient of Days, and they brought him near before him. 14 There was given him dominion. and glory, and a kingdom, that all the peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed. 15 As for me, Daniel, my spirit was grieved in the midst of my body, and the visions of my mind troubled me. 16 I came near to one of those who stood by, and asked him the true meaning concerning all this. So he told me, and revealed to me the interpretation of these things. 17 These great animals, which are four, are four kings, who shall arise out of the earth. 18 But the holy ones of the

8 In the third year of the reign of king Belshazzar a vision appeared to me, Daniel, after that which appeared to me previously. 2 And I saw in the vision, and when I looked, I was in the citadel of Shushan, which is in the province of Elam. And I saw in the vision, and I was by the river Ulai. 3 Then I lifted up my eyes. and saw, and look, there stood before the river a ram which had two horns. And the two horns were long, but one was longer than the other, and the longer one came up last. 4 I saw the ram pushing westward, and northward, and southward; and no animals could stand before him, neither was there any who could deliver out of his hand. But he did according to his will, and became great. 5 As I was considering, look, a male goat came from the west over the surface of the whole earth, and did not touch the ground. And the goat had a prominent horn between his eves. 6 He came to the ram that had terrible destruction, and shall succeed in whatever he the two horns, which I saw standing before the river, and does. And he shall destroy the mighty and the holy rushed at him in the fury of his power. 7 I saw him come people. 25 Through his cunning he shall cause deceit to close to the ram, and he was moved with anger against prosper by his influence, and he shall be great in his him, and struck the ram, and broke his two horns. And own mind, and without warning he shall destroy many. there was no power in the ram to stand before him. He shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but but he threw him down to the ground and trampled on he shall be shattered, but not by human hands. 26 The him, and there was no one who could deliver the ram vision of the evenings and mornings which has been from his power. 8 The male goat became very strong. told is true; but seal up the vision because it refers to But when he was strong, the large horn was broken; many days from now." 27 I, Daniel, was overcome, and and instead of it there came up four prominent horns was ill for days. Then I rose up, and carried out the toward the four winds of heaven. 9 Out of one of them king's business. And I was astonished by the vision, but came forth a little horn, which grew exceeding great, there was no one to explain it. toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the beautiful land. 10 It grew so great that it reached to the host of heaven, and some of the host and of the stars it cast down to the ground, and trampled on them. 11 And it magnified itself, even against the Prince of the host; and it took away from him the daily sacrifice, and the place of his sanctuary was thrown down. 12 The host was given over to it together with the daily sacrifice because of transgression. And it cast down truth to the ground, and kept prospering. 13 Then I heard a holy one speaking; and another holy one said to that certain one who spoke, "How long shall be the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, and the transgression that makes desolate, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trampled?" 14 He said to me, "To two thousand and three hundred evenings and mornings: then shall the sanctuary be restored to its rightful state." 15 It came about when I, Daniel, had seen the vision, that I sought to understand it. And look, there stood before me someone who appeared to be a man. 16 I heard a man's voice between the banks of the Ulai, and called out and said, "Gabriel, make this man understand the vision." 17 So he came near where I stood, and when he came I was frightened, and fell prostrate. But he said to me, "Understand, son of man, that the vision belongs to the time of the end." 18 Now as he was speaking with me, I fell into a deep sleep with my face toward the ground; but he touched me, and stood me upright. 19 He said. "Look. I will make you know what shall be in the latter time of wrath, for it belongs to the appointed time of the end. 20 The ram which you saw, that had the two horns, they are the kings of Media and Persia. 21 The male goat is the king of Greece, and the large horn that is between his eyes is the first king. 22 As for that which was broken, in the place where four stood up, four kingdoms shall arise out of his nation, but not with his power. 23 In the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressions have reached their full measure, a rash and deceitful king shall arise. 24 His power shall be great, but not by his own strength; and he shall cause

9 In the first year of Daryavesh the son of Achashyerosh, of Median descent, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans- 2 in the first year of his reign I, Daniel, understood from the books the number of the years about which the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the prophet, for the completion of the desolation of Jerusalem, seventy years, 3 And I turned to the Lord God, to seek by prayer and petitions, with fasting and sackcloth and ashes. 4 I prayed to the LORD my God, and made this confession, "O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant and loving kindness with those who love him and keep his commandments. 5 We have sinned, and have done what is wrong and wicked, and have rebelled, even turning aside from your commandments and from your ordinances. 6 Neither have we listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our leaders, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land. 7 Lord, righteousness belongs to you, but to us open shame, as at this day, to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to all Israel, who are near, and who are far off, through all the countries where you have driven them, because of their unfaithful deeds that they have committed against you. 8 LORD. to us belongs open shame, to our kings, to our leaders, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against vou. 9 To the Lord our God belong compassion and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him. 10 And have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets. 11 Yes, all Israel has transgressed your law, and turned away, refusing to obey your voice. Therefore has the curse been poured out on us, and the oath that is written in the Law of Moses the servant of God. for we have sinned against you. 12 He has confirmed his words, which he spoke against us, and against our rulers who ruled us, by bringing on us a great calamity; for under the whole heaven such has not been done as has been done on Jerusalem. 13 As it is written in the Law of Moses, all this calamity has come on us.

our God, that we should turn from our iniquities, and sacrifice and the offering to cease. And on the wing of have discernment in your truth. 14 Therefore has the abominations shall come one who destroys, and even LORD watched over the calamity, and brought it on until a complete destruction, until the decreed end is us, for the LORD our God is just in all he has done, poured out on the one who destroys." and we have not obeyed his voice. 15 "And now, Lord our God, who has brought your people forth out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and have made a name for yourself, even to this day; we have sinned, we have done wickedly. 16 Lord, according to all your righteousness, let your anger and please let your wrath be turned away from your city Jerusalem, your holy mountain; because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers. Jerusalem and your people have become a reproach to all who are around us. 17 Now therefore, our God, listen to the prayer of your servant, and to his petitions, and cause your face to shine on your sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord's sake. 18 My God, turn your ear, and hear; open your eyes, and see our desolation, and the city which is called by your name. For we do not present our petitions before you for our righteousness, but for your great mercy. 19 Lord, hear. Lord, forgive. Lord, listen and take action. Do not delay, for your own sake, my God, because your city and your people are called by your name." 20 While I was speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my petition before the LORD my God for the holy mountain of my God, 21 while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, came to me in my weariness about the time of the evening sacrifice. 22 He instructed me, and talked with me, and said, "Daniel, I have now come forth to give you wisdom and understanding. 23 At the beginning of your petitions the commandment went forth, and I have come to tell you, for you are greatly loved. Therefore consider the matter, and understand the vision. 24 Seventy weeks are decreed on your people and on your holy city, to put an end to the transgression, and to make an end to sin, and to atone for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most holy place, 25 Know therefore and understand that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem until the time of the Messiah, the Prince, there shall be seven weeks, and sixty-two weeks. It shall be built again, with open spaces and a moat, but in times of distress. 26 After the sixty-two weeks the Messiah shall be cut off, and shall have nothing. And the people of a ruler who shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and his end shall come with a flood, and until the end there shall be war; desolations are decreed. 27 He shall make a firm covenant with many for one

Yet have we not tried to gain the favor of the LORD week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the

In the third year of Koresh king of Persia a word was revealed to Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar; and the word was true: a great war. And he understood the word, and had understanding of the vision. 2 In those days I. Daniel, was mourning for three whole weeks. 3 I had no pleasing food, neither meat nor wine came into my mouth, neither did I anoint myself at all, until three whole weeks were fulfilled. 4 In the four and twentieth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, which is the Tigris, 5 I lifted up my eyes and looked, and look, a man clothed in linen, around his waist a belt made of pure gold from Uphaz. 6 His body was like beryl, and his face like the appearance of lightning, and his eves like flaming torches, and his arms and his feet like burnished bronze, and the sound of his words like the sound of a multitude. 7 I, Daniel, alone saw the vision; for the men who were with me did not see the vision; but a great trembling fell on them, and they fled to hide themselves. 8 So I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and there remained no strength in me; for my natural appearance grew deathly pale, and I retained no strength. 9 Yet I heard the sound of his words, and when I heard the sound of his words, then I fell into a deep sleep on my face, with my face toward the ground. 10 Look, a hand touched me, which set me on my knees and on the palms of my hands. 11 He said to me, "Daniel, man greatly loved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright; for I have now been sent to you." And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood trembling. 12 Then he said to me. "Do not be afraid. Daniel: for from the first day that you did set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard. And I have come because of your words. 13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; but, look, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, because I was left there with the kings of Persia. 14 Now I have come to make you understand what shall happen to your people in the latter days; for the vision refers to future days." 15 And when he had spoken to me according to these words, I turned my face toward the ground, and could not speak. 16 And look, something like a man's hand touched my lips. Then I opened my mouth and spoke and said to him who stood before me, "My lord, it is because of the vision anguish has come upon me, and I have no strength. 17 For how can this servant of my lord talk with my lord? As for me, no strength remains, and I am breathless." 18 Then one like the appearance of a man raise a multitude greater than the former; and he shall prince."

11 "And as for me, in the first year of Daryavesh the Mede, I stood up to support and strengthen him. 2 And now what I show you is true. Look, there shall arise three more kings in Persia, and the fourth shall be far richer than all of them; and when he has grown strong through his riches, he shall stir up all the kingdom of Greece, 3 And a powerful king shall arise, who shall rule an extensive empire, and do as he pleases. 4 When he shall arise, his kingdom shall be broken up, and shall be divided toward the four winds of heaven, but not to his posterity, nor according to his authority with which he ruled: for his kingdom shall be uprooted, and will go to others besides these. 5 The king of the south shall grow strong, and one of his officers shall grow more powerful. and shall have a greater kingdom than his. 6 At the end of years they shall join themselves together; and the daughter of the king of the south shall come to the king of the north to make an agreement: but she shall not retain her power; neither shall his strength endure; but she shall be surrendered, and her attendants, and he who became the father of her, and he who supported her in those times. 7 But out of a shoot from her roots shall arise in his place, who shall come against the army, and shall enter into the fortress of the king of the north, and shall deal against them, and shall prevail. 8 Also their gods, with their molten images, and with their precious vessels of silver and of gold, shall he carry captive into Egypt; and he shall withdraw for some years from the king of the north. 9 And he shall come into the realm of the king of the south, but he shall return into his own land. 10 And his sons shall wage war, and shall assemble a multitude of great forces, which shall advance and overflow and pass through, and they shall return and wage war, as far as his fortress. 11 The king of the south shall be moved with rage and shall come forth and fight against him, even with the king of the north; and he shall raise a great multitude, and the multitude shall be given into his hand. 12 The multitude shall be taken away, and his heart shall be exalted; and he shall cast down tens of thousands, but he shall not prevail. 13 The king of the north shall return, and shall

touched me again and strengthened me. 19 And he advance after some years with a great army and with said, "Greatly loved man, do not be afraid, peace be abundant supplies. 14 And in those times many shall to you; be strong, be strong." When he spoke to me, I rise up against the king of the south: also the violent was strengthened, and said, "Let my lord speak, for you ones among your people shall rise up in confirmation of have strengthened me." 20 Then he said, "Do you know the vision; but they shall fail. 15 So the king of the north why I have come to you? Now I will return to fight with shall come, and build up a siege mound and take a the prince of Persia. When I go forth, look, the prince of well-fortified city. And the forces of the south shall not Greece shall come. 21 But I will tell you that which is prevail, neither his best troops, neither shall there be inscribed in the Book of Truth. And there is no one who any strength to resist. 16 But he who comes against contends with me against them except Michael, your him shall do as he pleases, and no one shall be able to withstand him. And he shall stand in the beautiful

> land, and destruction will be within his power. 17 He shall set his face to come with the strength of his whole kingdom, and will reach an agreement with him which he shall put into effect. And he shall give him a daughter of women to send destruction on him; but it will not last or be to his advantage. 18 After this shall he turn his face to the coastal regions, and shall capture many. But a commander shall bring his insolence to an end. In addition, he shall repay him for his insolence. 19 Then he shall turn his attention toward the fortresses of his own land, but he shall stumble and fall, and shall not be found again. 20 Then shall arise in his place one who shall send an exactor of tribute to pass through the kingdom to maintain its glory; but within few days he shall be destroyed, though not in anger nor in battle, 21 In his place shall arise a despicable person, to whom the honor of kingship had not been given, but he shall come in a time of prosperity, and shall obtain the kingdom through deceit. 22 And large armies shall be swept away and shattered before him, as well as the prince of the covenant. 23 And after an alliance is made with him he shall work deceitfully; for he shall become strong with a small force. 24 In a time of prosperity he shall come even on the richest places of the province; and he shall do that which his fathers have not done, nor their fathers; he shall distribute among them plunder, and spoil, and property. He shall devise plans against their strongholds, but only for a time. 25 And he shall stir up his power and his courage against the king of the south with a great army: and the king of the south shall wage war in battle with an extremely large and powerful army; but he shall not stand: for they shall devise plans against him. 26 Yes, those who eat of his royal food shall seek to destroy him, and his army shall be swept away; and many shall fall slain. 27 As for both these kings, their minds shall be fixed on evil, and they shall speak lies at the table; but it shall not succeed; for still the end shall be at the appointed time. 28 Then shall he return into his land with great property; and his mind shall be against the holy covenant. And he shall take action, and then return to his own land. 29 At the appointed time he

outcome shall not be as it was before. 30 For ships from Kittim shall come against him; therefore he shall be And there shall be a time of distress unparalleled since intimidated, and shall turn back, and be enraged against the beginning of the nation until that time. But at that the holy covenant, and shall take action. He shall turn time your people shall be delivered, everyone who shall back, and show regard to those who forsake the holy be found written in the book. 2 Many of those who sleep covenant. 31 Forces shall come at his order, and they in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting shall profane the sanctuary and the fortress, and shall life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. 3 take away the daily burnt offering, and they shall set up And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the abomination that causes desolation. 32 And those the heavens, and those who turn many to righteousness who act wickedly toward the covenant he shall corrupt like the stars forever and ever. 4 But you, Daniel, close by smooth words; but the people who know their God up these words, and seal the book, until the time of the shall be strong, and take action. 33 And those who are end. Many shall roam here and there, and knowledge wise among the people shall instruct many; yet they shall increase." 5 Then I, Daniel, looked, and look, two shall fall by the sword and by flame, by captivity and by others stood, one on this bank of the river, and one on plunder for some time. 34 Now when they shall fall, the other bank of the river. 6 And one said to the man they shall receive a little help. And many shall join with clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, them insincerely. 35 Some of those who are wise shall "How long shall it be till these wonders take place?" 7 fall, to be refined, purified and cleansed until the time I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the of the end; for the appointed time is still to come. 36 waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and And the king shall do as he pleases. And he shall exalt his left hand to heaven, and swore by him who lives and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak forever that it shall be for a time, times, and a half; and outrageous things against the God of gods. And he when they have made an end of breaking in pieces shall prosper until the indignation is accomplished; for the power of the holy people, all these things shall be that which is decreed shall be done. 37 Neither shall he finished. 8 And I heard, but I did not understand. Then regard the gods of his fathers, nor the one desired by I said, "My lord, what shall be the outcome of these women, nor show regard to any other god, because he things?" 9 And he said, "Go your way, Daniel, for the shall magnify himself above all. 38 But instead he shall words are shut up and sealed until the time of the end. honor the god of fortresses; a god whom his fathers 10 Many shall be purified, cleansed and refined; but the did not know shall he honor with gold and silver, and wicked shall act wickedly. And none of the wicked shall with valuable stones, and costly gifts. 39 And he shall understand, but those who are wise shall understand. deal with the strongest fortresses with the help of a 11 From the time that the daily sacrifice is taken away, foreign god. Whoever acknowledges him he shall grant and the abomination that causes desolation is set up, considerable honor; and he shall make them rulers over there shall be one thousand two hundred ninety days. many, and shall divide the land for a price. 40 And at 12 Blessed is he who waits, and comes to the one the time of the end shall the king of the south attack thousand three hundred thirty-five days. 13 But go your him. And the king of the north shall come against him way until the end. For you shall rest, and shall rise to like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and receive your reward at the end of the days. with many ships; and he shall invade countries, and pass through like a flood. 41 He shall enter also into the beautiful land, and many countries shall be overthrown; but these shall be delivered out of his hand: Edom. and Moab, and the foremost of the sons of Ammon. 42 He shall reach out his hand also on other countries. and the land of Egypt shall not escape. 43 But he shall have control over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the riches of Egypt; and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his feet. 44 But news out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him; and he shall go out with tremendous rage to destroy and utterly sweep away many. 45 And he shall pitch his royal tents between the sea and the beautiful holy mountain. Yet he shall come to his end, with no one to help him.

shall return, and come into the south; but this time the **12** "At that time shall Michael arise, the great prince who watches over the children of your people.

Hosea

1 The word of the LORD that came to Hosea the son of Beeri, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel. 2 When the LORD spoke at the first by Hosea, the LORD said to Hosea, "Go, take for yourself a wife of prostitution and children of unfaithfulness; for the land commits great adultery, forsaking the LORD." 3 So he went and took Gomer the daughter of Diblaim; and she conceived, and bore him a son. 4 The LORD said to him, "Call his name 'Jezreel," for yet a little while, and I will avenge the blood of Jezreel on the house of Jehu, and will cause the kingdom of the house of Israel to cease. 5 It will happen in that day that I will break the bow of Israel in the Valley of Jezreel." 6 She conceived again, and bore a daughter. Then he said to him. "Call her name 'No Compassion.' for I will no longer have compassion on the house of Israel, that I should in any way pardon them. 7 But I will have mercy on the house of Judah, and will save them by the LORD their God, and will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by battle, or by chariots, or by horses, or by horsemen." 8 Now when she had weaned No Compassion, she conceived, and bore a son. 9 He said, "Call his name 'Not My People,' for you are 'Not my People' and I am 'Not your I AM.' 10 Yet the number of the children of Israel will be as the sand of the sea, which can't be measured nor numbered: and it will come to pass that, in the place where it was said to them, "You are 'Not My People," they will be called "Children of the Living God." 11 The people of Judah and the children of Israel will be gathered together, and they will appoint themselves one head, and will go up from the land: for great will be the day of Jezreel.

sisters, 'Compassion.' 2 Contend with your mother. Contend, for she is not my wife, neither am I her husband; and let her put away her prostitution from her face, and her adulteries from between her breasts; 3 Lest I strip her naked, and make her bare as in the day that she was born, and make her like a wilderness, and set her like a dry land, and kill her with thirst. 4 Indeed, on her children I will have no mercy; for they are children of unfaithfulness; 5 For their mother has played the prostitute. She who conceived them has done shamefully; for she said, 'I will go after my lovers, who give me my bread and my water, my wool and my flax, my oil and my drink.' 6 Therefore, look, I will hedge up her way with thorns, and I will build a wall against her, that she can't find her way. 7 She will follow after her lovers, but she won't overtake them; and she will

seek them, but won't find them. Then she will say. 'I will go and return to my first husband; for then was it better with me than now.' 8 For she did not know that I gave her the grain, the new wine, and the oil, and multiplied to her silver and gold, which they used for Baal. 9 Therefore I will take back my grain in its time, and my new wine in its season, and will pluck away my wool and my flax which should have covered her nakedness. 10 Now I will uncover her lewdness in the sight of her lovers, and no one will deliver her out of my hand. 11 I will also cause all her celebrations to cease: her feasts, her new moons, her Sabbaths, and all her solemn assemblies. 12 I will lay waste her vines and her fig trees, about which she has said, 'These are my wages that my lovers have given me; and I will make them a forest.' and the animals of the field shall eat them. 13 I will visit on her the days of the Baals, to which she burned incense, when she decked herself with her earrings and her jewels, and went after her lovers, and forgot me," says the LORD. 14 "Therefore, look, I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak tenderly to her. 15 I will give her vineyards from there, and the Valley of Achor for a door of hope; and she will respond there, as in the days of her youth, and as in the day when she came up out of the land of Egypt. 16 It will be in that day," says the LORD, "that you will call me 'my husband,' and no longer call me 'my master,' 17 For I will take away the names of the Baals out of her mouth, and they will no longer be mentioned by name. 18 In that day I will make a covenant for them with the animals of the field, and with the birds of the sky, and with the crawling creatures of the ground. I will break the bow, the sword, and the battle out of the land, and will make them lie down safely. 19 I will betroth you to me forever. Yes, I will betroth you to me in righteousness, in justice, in loving kindness, and in compassion. 20 Say to your brothers, 'My People.' and to your I will even betroth you to me in faithfulness; and you shall know the LORD. 21 It will happen in that day, I will respond," says the LORD, "I will respond to the heavens, and they will respond to the earth; 22 and the earth will respond to the grain, and the new wine, and the oil: and they will respond to Jezreel. 23 And I will sow her for myself in the land; and I will compassion on No Compassion: and I will say to Not My People. 'You are my people;' and they will say, 'My God.""

> **3** The LORD said to me, "Go again, love a woman who loves another, and is an adulteress, even as the LORD loves the children of Israel, though they turn to other gods, and love cakes of raisins." 2 So I bought her for myself for fifteen pieces of silver and a homer and a half of barley. 3 I said to her, "You shall stay with me many days. You shall not play the prostitute, and you shall not be with any other man. I will also be so toward

the LORD their God, and David their king, and shall disappointed because of their sacrifices. come with trembling to the LORD and to his blessings in **G** "Listen to this, you priests. Listen, house of Israel, the last days.

of the land: "Indeed there is no truth, nor goodness, slaughter; but I discipline all of them. 3 I know Ephraim. nor knowledge of God in the land. 2 There is cursing, and Israel is not hidden from me; for now, Ephraim, lying, murder, stealing, and committing adultery; they you have played the prostitute. Israel is defiled. 4 Their break boundaries, and bloodshed causes bloodshed. 3 deeds won't allow them to turn to their God; for the Therefore the land mourns, and all those who dwell in spirit of prostitution is within them, and they do not it will waste away, along with the animals of the field know the LORD. 5 The pride of Israel testifies to his and the crawling creatures of the earth and the birds face. Therefore Israel and Ephraim will stumble in their of the sky, and even the fish of the sea will be taken iniquity. Judah also will stumble with them. 6 They away. 4 "Yet let no man bring a charge, neither let will go with their flocks and with their herds to seek any man accuse: For your people are like those who the LORD; but they won't find him. He has withdrawn bring charges against a priest. 5 You will stumble in the himself from them. 7 They are unfaithful to the LORD; day, and the prophet will also stumble with you in the for they have borne illegitimate children. Now the new night; and I will destroy your mother. 6 My people are moon will devour them with their fields. 8 "Blow the destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have cornet in Gibeah, and the trumpet in Ramah. Sound rejected knowledge, I will also reject you, that you may a battle cry at Beth Aven, behind you, Benjamin. 9 be no priest to me. Because you have forgotten your Ephraim will become a desolation in the day of rebuke. God's law, I will also forget your children. 7 As they Among the tribes of Israel, I have made known that were multiplied, so they sinned against me. They have which will surely be. 10 The princes of Judah are like exchanged their glory into shame. 8 They feed on the those who remove a landmark. I will pour out my wrath sin of my people, and set their heart on their iniquity. 9 on them like water. 11 Ephraim is oppressed, he is It will be, like people, like priest; and I will punish them crushed in judgment; Because he is intent in his pursuit for their ways, and will repay them for their deeds. 10 of idols. 12 Therefore I am to Ephraim like a moth, They will eat, and not have enough. They will play the and to the house of Judah like rottenness. 13 "When prostitute, and will not increase; because they have Ephraim saw his sickness, and Judah his wound, Then abandoned giving to the LORD. 11 Prostitution, wine. Ephraim went to Assyria, and sent to king Jareb: but he and new wine take away understanding. 12 My people is not able to heal you, neither will he cure you of your consult with their wooden idol, and answer to a stick wound. 14 For I will be to Ephraim like a lion, and like a of wood. Indeed the spirit of prostitution has led them young lion to the house of Judah. I myself will tear in astray, and they have been unfaithful to their God. 13 pieces and go away. I will carry off, and there will be no They sacrifice on the tops of the mountains, and burn one to deliver. 15 I will go and return to my place, until incense on the hills, under oaks and poplars and shady they acknowledge their offense, and seek my face. In terebinths, because its shade is good. Therefore your their affliction they will seek me earnestly." daughters play the prostitute, and your brides commit adultery. 14 I will not punish your daughters when they play the prostitute, nor your brides when they commit adultery; because the men consort with prostitutes, and they sacrifice with the shrine prostitutes; so the people without understanding will come to ruin. 15 "Though you, Israel, play the prostitute, yet do not let Judah offend; and do not come to Gilgal, neither go up to Beth Aven, nor swear, 'As the LORD lives.' 16 For Israel has behaved extremely stubbornly, like a stubborn heifer. Then how will the LORD feed them like a lamb in a meadow. 17 Ephraim, joined to idols, has

vou." 4 For the children of Israel shall abide many days placed stumbling blocks against himself. 18 Their drink without king, and without prince, and without sacrifice, has become sour. They play the prostitute continually. and without sacred stone, and without ephod or idols. 5 Her rulers dearly love their shameful way. 19 The wind Afterward the children of Israel shall return, and seek has wrapped her up in its wings; and they shall be

and give ear, house of the king. For the judgment A Hear the word of the LORD, you children of Israel; is against you; for you have been a snare at Mizpah, for the LORD has a charge against the inhabitants and a net spread on Tabor. 2 The rebels are deep in

> "Come, and let us return to the LORD; for he has 6 torn us to pieces, and he will heal us; he has injured us, and he will bind up our wounds. 2 After two days he will revive us. On the third day he will raise us up, and we will live before him. 3 Let us acknowledge the LORD. Let us press on to know the LORD. As surely as the sun rises, The LORD will appear. He will come to us like the rain, like the spring rain that waters the earth." 4 "Ephraim, what shall I do to you? Judah, what shall I do to you? For your love is like a morning cloud, and like the dew that disappears early. 5 Therefore I have cut

them to pieces with the prophets; I killed them with the **Q** "Put the trumpet to your lips. Something like an words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as when I restore the fortunes of my people.

7 When I would heal Israel, then the iniquity of Ephraim is uncovered, also the wickedness of Samaria; for they commit falsehood, and the thief enters in, and the gang of robbers ravages outside. 2 They do not consider in their hearts that I remember all their wickedness. Now their own deeds have engulfed them. They are before my face. 3 They make the king glad with their wickedness, and the princes with their lies. 4 They are all adulterers. They are burning like an oven that the baker stops stirring, from the kneading of the dough, until it is leavened. 5 On the day of our king, the princes made themselves sick with the heat of wine. He joined his hand with mockers. 6 For they have made ready their heart like an oven, while they lie in wait. Their baker sleeps all the night. In the morning it burns as a flaming fire. 7 They are all hot as an oven, and devour their judges. All their kings have fallen. There is no one among them who calls to me. 8 Ephraim, he mixes himself among the nations. Ephraim is a pancake not turned over. 9 Strangers have devoured his strength, and he doesn't realize it. Indeed, gray hairs are here and there on him, and he doesn't realize it. 10 The pride of Israel testifies to his face; yet they haven't returned to the LORD their God, nor sought him, for all this. 11 "Ephraim is like an easily deceived dove, without understanding. They call to Egypt. They go to Assyria. 12 When they go, I will spread my net on them, I will bring them down like the birds of the sky. I will chastise them, as their congregation has heard. 13 Woe to them. For they have wandered from me. Destruction to them. For they have trespassed against me. Though I would redeem them, yet they have spoken lies against me. 14 They haven't cried to me with their heart, but they wail on their beds. They cut themselves for grain and new wine. They turn away from me. 15 Though I have taught and strengthened their arms, yet they plot evil against me. 16 They return, but not to the Most High. They are like a faulty bow. Their leaders will fall by the sword for the rage of their tongue. This will be their derision in the Let Israel know. The prophet is a fool, and the man of land of Egypt.

eagle is over the LORD's house, because they have the light. 6 For I desire mercy, and not sacrifice; and broken my covenant, and rebelled against my law. 2 the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings. 7 But They cry to me, 'My God, we Israel acknowledge you.' they, like Adam, have broken the covenant. They were 3 Israel has cast off that which is good. The enemy will unfaithful to me, there. 8 Gilead is a city of evildoers; it pursue him. 4 They have set up kings, but not by me. is stained with blood. 9 As gangs of robbers wait to They have made princes, and I did not approve. Of their ambush a man, so the company of priests murder in silver and their gold they have made themselves idols, the way toward Shechem, committing shameful crimes. that they may be cut off. 5 Let Samaria throw out his calf 10 In the house of Israel I have seen a horrible thing. idol. My anger burns against them. How long will it be There is prostitution in Ephraim. Israel is defiled. 11 "For until they are capable of purity? 6 For this is even from you also, Judah, there is a harvest appointed for you, Israel. The workman made it, and it is no God; indeed, the calf of Samaria shall be broken in pieces. 7 For they sow the wind, and they will reap the whirlwind. He has no standing grain. The stalk will yield no head. If it does yield, strangers will swallow it up. 8 Israel is swallowed up. Now they are among the nations like a worthless thing. 9 For they have gone up to Assyria, like a wild donkey wandering alone. Ephraim has hired lovers for himself. 10 But although they sold themselves among the nations, I will now gather them; and they begin to waste away because of the oppression of the king of mighty ones. 11 Because Ephraim has multiplied altars for sinning, they became for him altars for sinning. 12 I wrote for him the many things of my law; but they were regarded as a strange thing. 13 As for the sacrifices of my offerings, they sacrifice flesh and eat it: But the LORD doesn't accept them. Now he will remember their iniquity, and punish their sins. They will return to Egypt, and will eat unclean things in Assyria. 14 For Israel has forgotten his Maker and built palaces; and Judah has multiplied fortified cities; but I will send a fire on his cities, and it will devour its fortresses."

> **9** Do not rejoice, Israel, to jubilation like the nations: for you were unfaithful to your God. You love the wages of a prostitute at every grain threshing floor. 2 The threshing floor and the winepress won't feed them, and the new wine will fail her. 3 They won't dwell in the LORD's land; but Ephraim will return to Egypt, and they will eat unclean food in Assyria. 4 They won't pour out wine offerings to the LORD, neither will they be pleasing to him. Their sacrifices will be to them like the bread of mourners; all who eat of it will be polluted; for their bread will be for their appetite. It will not come into the house of the LORD. 5 What will you do in the day of solemn assembly, and in the day of the feast of the LORD? 6 For, look, they have gone away from destruction. Egypt will gather them up. Memphis will bury them. Nettles will possess their pleasant things of silver. Thorns will be in their tents. 7 The days of visitation have come. The days of reckoning have come. the spirit is mad, because of the abundance of your

I have seen Ephraim, like Tyre, planted in a pleasant daybreak the king of Israel will be destroyed. place; but Ephraim will bring out his children to the murderer. 14 Give them-LORD what will you give? Give them a miscarrying womb and dry breasts. 15 "All their wickedness is in Gilgal; for there I hated them. Because of the wickedness of their deeds I will drive them out of my house. I will love them no more. All their rulers are rebels. 16 Ephraim is struck. Their root has dried up. They will bear no fruit. Even though they bring forth, yet I will kill the beloved ones of their womb." 17 My God will cast them away, because they did not listen to him: and they will be wanderers among the nations.

10 Israel is a luxuriant vine that puts forth his fruit. According to the abundance of his fruit he has multiplied his altars. As their land has prospered, they have adorned their sacred stones. 2 Their heart is divided. Now they will be found quilty. He will demolish their altars. He will destroy their sacred stones. 3 Surely now they will say, "We have no king; for we do not fear the LORD; and the king, what can he do for us?" 4 They make promises, swearing falsely in making covenants. Therefore judgment springs up like poisonous weeds in the furrows of the field. 5 The inhabitants of Samaria will be in terror for the calves of Beth Aven; for its people will mourn over it. Along with its priests who rejoiced over it, for its glory, because it has departed from it. 6 It also will be carried bound to Assyria as tribute for a great king. Ephraim will receive shame, and Israel will be ashamed of his own counsel. 7 Samaria and her king float away, like a twig on the water. 8 The high places also of Beth Aven, the sin of Israel, will be destroyed. The thorn and the thistle will grow on their altars. Then they will say to the mountains, "Fall on us." and to the hills, "Cover us." 9 "Israel, you have sinned from the days of Gibeah. There they remained. The battle against the children of iniquity doesn't overtake them in Gibeah. 10 I am coming to discipline them; and the nations will be gathered against them, when

sins, and because your hostility is great. 8 A prophet they are disciplined for their two transgressions, 11 watches over Ephraim with my God. A fowler's snare Ephraim is a trained heifer that loves to thresh; so I will is on all of his paths, and hostility in the house of his put a yoke on her beautiful neck. I will set a rider on God. 9 They have deeply corrupted themselves, as in Ephraim. Judah will plow. Jacob will break his clods. 12 the days of Gibeah. He will remember their iniquity. Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap according to He will punish them for their sins. 10 I found Israel kindness. Break up your fallow ground; for it is time to like grapes in the wilderness. I saw your fathers as seek the LORD, until he comes and rains righteousness the first ripe in the fig tree at its first season; but they on you. 13 You have plowed wickedness. You have came to Baal Peor, and consecrated themselves to the reaped iniquity. You have eaten the fruit of lies, for you shameful thing, and became abominable like that which trusted in your way, in the multitude of your mighty men. they loved. 11 As for Ephraim, their glory will fly away 14 Therefore a battle roar will arise among your people, like a bird. There will be no birth, none with child, and and all your fortresses will be destroyed, as Shalman no conception. 12 Though they bring up their children, destroyed Beth Arbel in the day of battle. The mother yet I will bereave them, so that not a man shall be left. was dashed in pieces with her children. 15 So Bethel Indeed, woe also to them when I depart from them. 13 will do to you because of your great wickedness. At

> 11 "When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. 2 As I called them, the farther they went from me. They sacrificed to the Baals, and burned incense to engraved images. 3 Yet I taught Ephraim to walk. I took them in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them. 4 I drew them with cords of a man, with ties of love; and I was to them like those who lift up the voke on their necks; and I bent down to him and I fed him. 5 "They won't return into the land of Egypt; but the Assyrian will be their king, because they refused to repent. 6 The sword will fall on their cities, and will destroy the bars of their gates, and will put an end to their plans. 7 My people are determined to turn from me. Though they call to the Most High, he certainly won't exalt them. 8 "How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I make you like Zeboiim? My heart is turned within me, my compassion is aroused. 9 I will not execute the fierceness of my anger. I will not return to destroy Ephraim: for I am God, and not man; the Holy One in the midst of you; and I will not come in wrath. 10 They will walk after the LORD, who will roar like a lion; for he will roar, and the children will come trembling from the west. 11 They will come trembling like a bird out of Egypt, and like a dove out of the land of Assyria; and I will settle them in their houses," says the LORD. 12 Ephraim surrounds me with falsehood, and the house of Israel with deceit. Judah still strays from God, and is unfaithful to the Holy One.

> 12 Ephraim feeds on wind, and chases the east wind. He continually multiplies lies and desolation. They make a covenant with Assyria, and oil is carried into Egypt. 2 The LORD also has a controversy with Judah, and will punish Jacob according to his ways and according to his deeds he will repay him. 3 In the womb he took his brother by the heel; and in his manhood he

contended with God. 4 Indeed, he struggled with the come on him. He is an unwise son: for when it is time. even the LORD, the God of hosts; The LORD is his them from death. Death, where is your victory? Sheol, solemn feast. 10 I have also spoken to the prophets, and their pregnant women will be ripped open." and I have multiplied visions; and by the ministry of the prophets I have used parables. 11 If Gilead is wicked, surely they are worthless. In Gilgal they sacrifice bulls. Indeed, their altars are like heaps in the furrows of the field. 12 Jacob fled into the country of Aram, and Israel served to get a wife, and for a wife he tended flocks and herds. 13 By a prophet the LORD brought Israel up out of Egypt, and by a prophet he was preserved. 14 Ephraim has bitterly provoked anger. Therefore his blood will be left on him, and his Lord will repay his contempt.

13 When Ephraim spoke, there was trembling. He exalted himself in Israel, but when he became guilty in Baal, he died. 2 Now they sin more and more, and have made themselves molten images of their silver, even idols according to their own understanding, all of them the work of the craftsmen. They say of them, 'They offer human sacrifice and kiss the calves.' 3 Therefore they will be like the morning mist, and like the dew that passes away early, like the chaff that is driven with the whirlwind out of the threshing floor, and like the smoke out of the chimney. 4 "Yet I am the LORD your in them; But the rebellious stumble in them. God from the land of Egypt; and you shall acknowledge no god but me, and besides me there is no savior. 5 I fed you in the wilderness, in the land of great drought. 6 According to their pasture, so were they filled; they were filled, and their heart was exalted. Therefore they have forgotten me. 7 Therefore I am like a lion to them. Like a leopard, I will lurk by the path. 8 I will meet them like a bear that is bereaved of her cubs, and will tear the covering of their heart. There I will devour them like a lioness. The wild animal will tear them. 9 You are destroyed, Israel, because you are against me, against your help. 10 Where is your king now, that he may save you in all your cities? And your judges, of whom you said, 'Give me a king and princes?' 11 I have given you a king in my anger, and have taken him away in my wrath. 12 The guilt of Ephraim is stored up. His sin is stored up. 13 The sorrows of a travailing woman will

angel, and prevailed; he wept, and made petition to him. he doesn't come to the opening of the womb. 14 I will He found him at Bethel, and there he spoke with him, 5 ransom them from the power of Sheol. I will redeem name of renown. 6 Therefore turn to your God. Keep where is your sting? "Compassion will be hidden from kindness and justice, and wait continually for your God. my eyes. (Sheol h7585) 15 Though he is fruitful among 7 A merchant has dishonest scales in his hand. He loves his brothers, an east wind will come, the breath of the to defraud. 8 Ephraim said, "Surely I have become rich, LORD coming up from the wilderness; and his spring I have found myself wealth. In all my wealth they won't will become dry, and his fountain will be dried up. He will find in me any iniquity that is sin." 9 "But I the LORD plunder the storehouse of treasure. 16 Samaria will bear your God brought you up from the land of Egypt. I will her guilt; for she has rebelled against her God. They will yet again make you dwell in tents, as in the days of the fall by the sword. Their infants will be dashed in pieces,

> 1 1 Israel, return to the LORD your God; for you have fallen because of your sin. 2 Take words with you, and return to the LORD. Tell him, "Forgive all our sins, and accept that which is good, and we will offer the fruit of our lips. 3 Assyria can't save us. We won't ride on horses; neither will we say any more to the work of our hands, 'Our gods.' for in you the fatherless finds mercy." 4 "I will heal their waywardness. I will love them freely; for my anger is turned away from him. 5 I will be like the dew to Israel. He will blossom like the lily, and send down his roots like Lebanon. 6 His branches will spread, and his beauty will be like the olive tree, and his fragrance like Lebanon. 7 They will return and dwell in his shade. They will live and be abundantly satisfied with grain, and blossom like the vine. Their fragrance will be like the wine of Lebanon. 8 Ephraim, what have I to do any more with idols? I answer, and will take care of him. I am like a green fir tree; from me your fruit is found." 9 Who is wise, that he may understand these things? Who is prudent, that he may know them? For the ways of the LORD are right, and the righteous walk

Joel

1 The word of the LORD that came to Joel, the son of Pethuel. 2 Hear this, you elders, And listen, all you inhabitants of the land. Has this ever happened in your days, or in the days of your fathers? 3 Tell your children about it, and have your children tell their children, and their children, another generation. 4 What the swarming locust has left, the great locust has eaten. What the great locust has left, the grasshopper has eaten. What the grasshopper has left, the caterpillar has eaten. 5 Wake up, you drunkards, and weep. Wail, all you drinkers of wine, because of the sweet wine; for it is cut off from your mouth. 6 For a nation has come up on my land, strong, and without number. His teeth are the teeth of a lion, and he has the fangs of a lioness. 7 He has laid my vine waste, and stripped my fig tree. He has stripped its bark, and thrown it away. Its branches are made white. 8 Mourn like a virgin dressed in sackcloth for the husband of her youth. 9 The meal offering and the drink offering are cut off from the LORD's house. The priests, the LORD's ministers, mourn. 10 The field is laid waste. The land mourns, for the grain is destroyed. The new wine has dried up, and the oil languishes. 11 Be confounded, you farmers. Wail, you vineyard keepers; for the wheat and for the barley; for the harvest of the field has perished. 12 The vine has dried up, and the fig tree withered; the pomegranate tree, the palm tree also, and the apple tree, even all of the trees of the field are withered; for iov has withered away from the sons of men. 13 Put on sackcloth and mourn, you priests. Wail, you ministers of the altar. Come, lie all night in sackcloth, you ministers of my God, for the meal offering and the drink offering are withheld from your God's house. 14 Sanctify a fast. Call a solemn assembly. Gather the elders, and all the inhabitants of the land, to the house of the LORD. your God, and cry to the LORD. 15 Alas for the day. For the day of the LORD is at hand, and it will come as destruction from Shaddai. 16 Isn't the food cut off before our eyes; joy and gladness from the house of our God? 17 The seeds shrivel under their shovels. The storehouses are laid desolate. The granaries are broken down, for the grain has withered. 18 How the animals groan. The herds of livestock are perplexed, because they have no pasture. Even the flocks of sheep suffer. 19 LORD, I cry to you, for the fire has devoured the pastures of the wilderness, and the flame has burned all the trees of the field. 20 Yes, the animals of the field pant to you, for the water brooks have dried up, And the fire has devoured the pastures of the wilderness.

Blow the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm on my holy mountain. Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming, for it is near. 2 A day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness. As blackness spreading on the mountains a great and powerful people; there has never been the like, neither will there be any more after them, even after the years of many generations. 3 A fire devours before them, and behind them, a flame burns. The land is as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them, a desolate wilderness. Yes, and no one has escaped them. 4 The appearance of them is as the appearance of horses, and as horsemen, so do they run. 5 Like the noise of chariots on the tops of the mountains do they leap, like the noise of a flame of fire that devours the stubble, as a mighty people drawn up for battle. 6 At their presence the peoples are in anguish. All faces have grown pale. 7 They run like mighty men. They climb the wall like warriors. They each march in his line, and they do not swerve off course. 8 Neither does one jostle another; they march everyone in his path, and they burst through the defenses, and do not break ranks. 9 They rush on the city. They run on the wall. They climb up into the houses. They enter in at the windows like thieves. 10 The earth guakes before them. The heavens tremble. The sun and the moon are darkened, and the stars withdraw their shining. 11 The LORD thunders his voice before his army; for his forces are very great; for he is strong who obeys his command; for the day of the LORD is great and very awesome, and who can endure it? 12 "Yet even now," says the LORD, "turn to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning." 13 Tear your heart, and not your garments, and turn to the LORD, your God; for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abundant in loving kindness, and relents from sending calamity. 14 Who knows? He may turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, even a meal offering and a drink offering to the LORD, your God. 15 Blow the trumpet in Zion. Sanctify a fast. Call a solemn assembly. 16 Gather the people. Sanctify the assembly. Assemble the elders. Gather the children, and those who suck the breasts. Let the bridegroom go forth from his room, and the bride out of her chamber. 17 Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, "Spare your people, LORD, and do not give your heritage to mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should they say among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'" 18 Then the LORD was iealous for his land. And had pity on his people. 19 The LORD answered his people, "Look, I will send you grain, new wine, and oil, and you will eat and you will be satisfied with them; and I will no more make you a

reproach among the nations. 20 But I will remove the Jerusalem to the people of the Greeks, that you may northern army far away from you, and will drive it into a remove them far from their border. 7 Look, I will stir barren and desolate land, its front into the eastern sea, them up out of the place where you have sold them, and its back into the western sea; and its stench will and will return your repayment on your own head; 8 and come up, and its bad smell will rise." Surely he has done I will sell your sons and your daughters into the hands great things. 21 Land, do not be afraid. Be glad and of the people of Judah, and they will sell them to the rejoice, for the LORD has done great things. 22 Do not men of Sheba, to a faraway nation, for the LORD has be afraid, you animals of the field; for the pastures of the spoken it." 9 Proclaim this among the nations: "Prepare wilderness spring up, for the tree bears its fruit. The fig for war. Stir up the mighty men. Let all the warriors draw tree and the vine yield their strength. 23 "Be glad then, near. Let them come up. 10 Beat your plowshares into you people of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD, your God; swords, and your pruning hooks into spears. Let the for he gives you the former rain in just measure, and weak say, 'I am strong.' 11 Hurry and come, all you he causes the rain to come down for you, the former surrounding nations, and gather yourselves together." rain and the latter rain, as before. 24 The threshing Cause your mighty ones to come down there, LORD. floors will be full of wheat, and the vats will overflow 12 "Let the nations arouse themselves, and come up to with new wine and oil. 25 I will restore to you the years the Valley of Jehoshaphat; for there will I sit to judge that the swarming locust has eaten, the great locust, the all the surrounding nations. 13 Put in the sickle; for grasshopper, and the caterpillar, my great army, which I the harvest is ripe. Come, tread, for the winepress is sent among you. 26 You will have plenty to eat, and be full, the vats overflow, for their wickedness is great." satisfied, and will praise the name of the LORD, your 14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision. For God, who has dealt wondrously with you; and my people the day of the LORD is near, in the valley of decision. will never be put to shame. 27 You will know that I am in 15 The sun and the moon are darkened, and the stars the midst of Israel, and that I am the LORD, your God, withdraw their shining. 16 The LORD will roar from Zion, and there is no one else; and my people will never be and thunder from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the put to shame. 28 "And it shall come to pass afterward, earth will shake; but the LORD will be a refuge to his that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; and your sons people, and a stronghold to the children of Israel. 17 and your daughters will prophesy, and your old men will "So you will know that I am the LORD your God, who dream dreams, and your young men will see visions. 29 dwells in Zion, my holy mountain. Then Jerusalem will And also on my servants, both men and women, I will be holy, and no strangers will pass through her any pour out my Spirit in those days. 30 And I will show more. 18 It will happen in that day, that the mountains wonders in the heavens and in the earth: blood, fire, will drop down sweet wine, the hills will flow with milk, and pillars of smoke. 31 The sun will be turned into all the brooks of Judah will flow with waters, and a darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great fountain will come forth from the house of the LORD, and awesome day of the LORD comes. 32 And it will and will water the Valley of Shittim. 19 Egypt will be a happen that whoever will call on the name of the LORD desolation, and Edom will be a desolate wilderness, for shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there the violence done to the people of Judah, because they will be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and have shed innocent blood in their land. 20 But Judah will among the remnant, those whom the LORD calls.

 $\mathbf{3}$ "For, look, in those days, and in that time, when I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem, 2 I will gather all nations, and will bring them down into the Valley of Jehoshaphat; and I will execute judgment on them there for my people, and for my heritage, Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations. They have divided my land, 3 and have cast lots for my people, and have given a boy for a prostitute, and sold a girl for wine, that they may drink. 4 "Yes, and what are you to me, Tyre, and Sidon, and all the regions of Philistia? Will you repay me? And if you repay me, I will swiftly and speedily return your repayment on your own head. 5 Because you have taken my silver and my gold, and have carried my finest treasures into your temples, 6 and have sold the people of Judah and the people of

be inhabited forever, and Jerusalem from generation to generation. 21 And I will pardon their bloodguilt, which I have not pardoned, for the LORD dwells in Zion."

Amos

1 The words of Amos, who was among the herdsmen of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash king of Israel, two years before the earthquake. 2 He said: "The LORD will roar from Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the pastures of the shepherds will mourn, and the top of Carmel will wither." 3 Thus says the LORD: "For three transgressions of Damascus, ves. for four. I will not turn away its punishment; because they have threshed the pregnant women of Gilead with threshing instruments of iron: 4 but I will send a fire into the house of Hazael. and it will devour the palaces of Ben Hadad. 5 I will break the bar of Damascus, and cut off the inhabitant from the Valley of Wickedness, and him who holds the scepter from Beth Eden: and the people of Aram shall go into captivity to Kir," says the LORD. 6 Thus says the LORD: "For three transgressions of Gaza, ves, for four, I will not turn away its punishment; because they carried away captive the whole community, to deliver them up to Edom: 7 but I will send a fire on the wall of Gaza, and it will devour its palaces. 8 I will cut off the inhabitant from Ashdod, and him who holds the scepter from Ashkelon: and I will turn my hand against Ekron; and the remnant of the Philistines will perish," says the LORD. 9 Thus says the LORD: "For three transpressions of Tyre, yes, for four, I will not turn away its punishment; because they delivered up the whole community to Edom, and did not remember the brotherly covenant; 10 but I will send a fire on the wall of Tyre, and it will devour its palaces." 11 Thus says the LORD: "For three transgressions of Edom, yes, for four, I will not turn away its punishment: because he pursued his brother with the sword, and cast off all pity, and his anger raged continually, and he kept his wrath forever: 12 but I will send a fire on Teman, and it will devour the palaces of Bozrah." 13 Thus says the LORD: "For three transgressions of the people of Ammon, yes, for four, I will not turn away its punishment; because they have ripped open the pregnant women of Gilead, that they may enlarge their border. 14 But I will kindle a fire in the wall of Rabbah, and it will devour its palaces, with shouting in the day of battle, with a storm in the day of the whirlwind: 15 and their king will go into captivity, he and his officials together," says the LORD.

2 Thus says the LORD: "For three transgressions of Moab, yes, for four, I will not turn away its punishment; because he burned the bones of the king of Edom into lime; 2 but I will send a fire on Moab, and it will devour the palaces of Kerioth; and Moab will die

with tumult, with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet; 3 and I will cut off the judge from their midst, and will kill all its officials with him." says the LORD. 4 Thus says the LORD: "For three transgressions of Judah, ves. for four. I will not turn away its punishment: because they have rejected the LORD's law, and have not kept his statutes. Their false idols which they made. after which their fathers walked, have led them astray. 5 But I will send a fire on Judah, and it will devour the palaces of Jerusalem." 6 Thus says the LORD: "For three transgressions of Israel, yes, for four, I will not turn away its punishment: because they have sold the righteous for silver, and the needy for a pair of shoes; 7 They trample on the dust of the earth on the head of the poor, and deny justice to the oppressed; and a man and his father use the same maiden, to profane my holy name; 8 and they lay themselves down beside every altar on clothes taken in pledge: and in the house of their God they drink the wine of those who have been fined. 9 Yet I destroyed the Amorite before them. whose height was like the height of the cedars, and he was strong as the oaks; yet I destroyed his fruit from above, and his roots from beneath. 10 Also I brought you up out of the land of Eqypt, and led you forty years in the wilderness, to possess the land of the Amorite. 11 I raised up some of your sons for prophets, and some of your young men for Nazirites. Isn't this true. you children of Israel?" says the LORD. 12 "But vou gave the Nazirites wine to drink, and commanded the prophets, saying, 'Do not prophesy.' 13 Look. I will crush you in your place, as a cart crushes that is full of grain. 14 Flight will perish from the swift; and the strong won't strengthen his force: neither shall the mighty deliver himself; 15 neither shall he stand who handles the bow; and he who is swift of foot won't escape: neither shall he who rides the horse deliver himself; 16 and he who is courageous among the mighty will flee away naked on that day," says the LORD.

3 Hear this word that the LORD has spoken against you, children of Israel, against the whole family which I brought up out of the land of Egypt, saying: 2 "You only have I chosen of all the families of the earth. Therefore I will punish you for all of your sins." 3 Do two walk together, unless they have agreed? 4 Will a lion roar in the thicket, when he has no prey? Does a young lion cry out of his den, if he has caught nothing? 5 Can a bird fall in a trap on the earth, where no snare is set for him? Does a snare spring up from the ground, when there is nothing to catch? 6 Does the trumpet alarm sound in a city, without the people being afraid? Does disaster happen to a city, unless the LORD has done it? 7 Surely the LORD will do nothing, unless he reveals his secret to his servants the prophets. 8

The lion has roared. Who will not fear? The LORD and I filled your nostrils with the stench of your camp. has spoken. Who can but prophesy? 9 Proclaim in the yet you haven't returned to me," says the LORD. 11 "I palaces at Ashdod, and in the palaces in the land of have overthrown some of you, as when God overthrew Eqypt, and say, "Assemble yourselves on the mountain Sodom and Gomorrah, and you were like a burning of Samaria, and see what unrest is in her, and what stick plucked out of the fire; yet you haven't returned oppression is among them." 10 "Indeed they do not to me," says the LORD. 12 "Therefore thus will I do know to do right," says the LORD, "Who hoard plunder to you, Israel; because I will do this to you, prepare to and loot in their palaces." 11 Therefore thus says the meet your God, Israel. 13 For, look, he who forms the LORD: "An adversary will surround the land; and he will mountains, and creates the wind, and declares to man pull down your strongholds, and your fortresses will be what is his thought; who makes the morning darkness, plundered." 12 Thus says the LORD: "As the shepherd and treads on the high places of the earth: The LORD, rescues out of the mouth of the lion two legs, or a piece the God of hosts, is his name." of an ear, so shall the children of Israel be rescued who sit in Samaria on the corner of a couch, and on the silken cushions of a bed." 13 "Listen, and testify against the house of Jacob." says the LORD, the God of hosts. 14 "For in the day that I visit the transgressions of Israel on him, I will also visit the altars of Bethel; and the horns of the altar will be cut off, and fall to the ground. 15 I will strike the winter house with the summer house; and the houses of ivory will perish, and the great houses will have an end," says the LORD.

Listen to this word, you cows of Bashan, who are on the mountain of Samaria, who oppress the poor, who crush the needy, who tell their husbands, "Bring us something to drink." 2 The LORD has sworn by his holiness: "Look, the days shall come on you that they will take you away with hooks, and the last of you with fish hooks. 3 You will go out at the breaks in the wall, everyone straight before her; and you will cast yourselves into Harmon," says the LORD. 4 "Go to Bethel, and sin; to Gilgal, and sin more. Bring your sacrifices every morning, your tithes every three days, 5 offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving of that which is leavened, and proclaim free will offerings and brag about them: for this pleases you, you children of Israel," says the LORD. 6 "I also have given you cleanness of teeth in all your cities, and lack of bread in every town; yet you haven't returned to me," says the LORD. 7 "I also have withheld the rain from you, when there were yet three months to the harvest; and I caused it to rain on one city, and caused it not to rain on another city. One place was rained on, and the piece where it did not rain withered. 8 So two or three cities staggered to one city to drink water, and were not satisfied: yet you haven't returned to me," says the LORD. 9 "I struck you with blight and mildew many times in your gardens and your vineyards; and your fig trees and your olive trees have the swarming locust devoured: yet you haven't returned to me," says the LORD. 10 "I sent plagues among you like I did Egypt. I have slain your young men with the sword, and have carried away your horses;

5 Listen to this word which I take up for a lamentation over you, O house of Israel. 2 "The virgin of Israel has fallen; She shall rise no more. She is cast down on her land; there is no one to raise her up." 3 For thus says the LORD: "The city that went forth a thousand shall have a hundred left, and that which went forth one hundred shall have ten left to the house of Israel." 4 For thus says the LORD to the house of Israel: "Seek me, and you will live; 5 but do not seek Bethel, nor enter into Gilgal, and do not pass to Beersheba: for Gilgal shall surely go into captivity, and Bethel shall come to nothing. 6 Seek the LORD, and you will live; lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and it devour, and there be no one to guench it in Bethel. 7 You who turn justice to wormwood, and cast down righteousness to the earth: 8 seek him who made Kimah and Kesil, and turns the shadow of death into the morning, and makes the day dark with night; who calls for the waters of the sea, and pours them out on the surface of the earth, the LORD is his name, 9 who brings sudden destruction on the strong, so that destruction comes on the fortress. 10 They hate him who reproves in the gate, and they abhor him who speaks blamelessly. 11 Forasmuch therefore as you trample on the poor, and take taxes from him of wheat: You have built houses of cut stone, but you will not dwell in them. You have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. 12 For I know how many your offenses, and how great are your sins-you who afflict the just, who take a bribe, and who turn aside the needy in the courts. 13 Therefore a prudent person keeps silent in such a time, for it is an evil time. 14 Seek good, and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, as you say. 15 Hate evil, love good, and establish justice in the courts. It may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph." 16 Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of hosts: "Wailing will be in all the broad ways; and they will say in all the streets, 'Alas. Alas.' and they will call the farmer to mourning, and those who are skillful in lamentation to wailing. 17 In all vineyards there will be wailing; for I will pass through the midst of house and leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent Wadi Arabah." bit him. 20 Won't the day of the LORD be darkness, and not light? Even very dark, and no brightness in it? 21 I hate, I despise your feasts, and I can't stand your solemn assemblies. 22 Yes, though you offer me your burnt offerings and meal offerings, I will not accept them; neither will I regard the peace offerings of your fat animals. 23 Take away from me the noise of your songs. I will not listen to the music of your harps. 24 But let justice roll on like rivers, and righteousness like a mighty stream. 25 "Did you bring to me sacrifices and offerings in the wilderness forty years, house of Israel? 26 You took up the tabernacle of Moloch, and the star of your god Rephan, the images that you made to worship them. 27 Therefore I will exile you beyond Babylon," says the LORD, whose name is the God of hosts.

 ${\bf 6}$ Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, and to those who are secure on the mountain of Samaria, the notable men of the foremost of nations, to whom the house of Israel come. 2 Go to Calneh, and see; and from there go to Hamath the great; then go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are they better than these kingdoms? or is their border greater than your border? 3 Those who put far away the evil day, and cause the seat of violence to come near: 4 Who lie on beds of ivory, and stretch themselves on their couches, and eat the lambs out of the flock, and the calves out of the midst of the stall: 5 who strum on the strings of a harp: who invent for themselves instruments of music, like David; 6 who drink wine in bowls, and anoint themselves with the best oils; but they are not grieved for the affliction of Joseph. 7 Therefore they will now go captive with the first who go captive; and the feasting and lounging will end. 8 "The LORD has sworn by himself." says the LORD, the God of hosts: "I abhor the pride of Jacob, and detest his fortresses. Therefore I will deliver up the city with all that is in it. 9 And it will be, if there remain ten men in one house, they will die, and the remaining ones will be left. 10 "When a man's relative carries him, even he who burns him, to bring bodies out of the house, and asks him who is in the innermost parts of the house, 'Is there yet any with you?' And he says, 'No;' then he will say, 'Hush. Indeed we must not mention the name of the LORD.' 11 "For, look, the LORD commands, and the great house will be smashed to pieces, and the little house into bits. 12 Do horses run on the rocky craqs? Does one plow there with oxen? But you have turned justice into poison, and the fruit of righteousness into bitterness; 13 you who rejoice in Lo Debar, who say,

vou," says the LORD. 18 "Woe to you who desire the 'Haven't we taken for ourselves Karnaim by our own day of the LORD. Why do you long for the day of the strength?' 14 For, look, I will raise up against you a LORD? It is darkness, and not light. 19 As if a man fled nation, house of Israel," says the LORD, the God of from a lion, and a bear met him; Or he went into the hosts; "and they will afflict you from Lebo Hamath to the

> **7** This is what the LORD showed me: And look, he formed locusts in the beginning of the shooting up of the latter growth; and look, it was the latter growth after the king's harvest. 2 It happened that, when they made an end of eating the grass of the land, then I said, "Lord GOD, forgive, I beg you. How could Jacob stand? For he is small." 3 The LORD relented concerning this. "It shall not be," says the LORD. 4 This is what the LORD showed me: And look, the LORD called for judgment by fire; and it dried up the great deep, and would have devoured the land. 5 Then I said, "LORD, stop, I beg you. How could Jacob stand? For he is small." 6 The LORD relented concerning this. "This also shall not be," savs the LORD. 7 This is what the LORD showed me: And look, he was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. 8 And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the LORD said, "Look, I have set a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel. I will not again pass by them any more. 9 The high places of Isaac will be desolate, the sanctuaries of Israel will be laid waste: and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword." 10 Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. 11 For Amos says, 'Jeroboam will die by the sword, and Israel shall surely be led away captive out of his land." 12 Amaziah also said to Amos, "You seer, go, flee away into the land of Judah, and there eat bread, and prophesy there: 13 but do not prophesy again any more at Bethel; for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a royal house." 14 Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I was no prophet, neither was I a prophet's son; but I was a herdsman, and a farmer of sycamore figs; 15 and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.' 16 Now therefore listen to the word of the LORD: 'You say, Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not proclaim against the house of Isaac.' 17 Therefore thus says the LORD: 'Your wife shall be a prostitute in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be divided by line; and you yourself shall die in a land that is unclean, and Israel shall surely be led away captive out of his land."

> $\boldsymbol{8}$ This is what the LORD showed me: And look, a basket of summer fruit. 2 He said, "Amos, what do

you see?" I said, "A basket of summer fruit." Then the of Egypt. 6 It is he who builds his upper chamber in the LORD said to me, "The end has come on my people heavens, and has founded his vault on the earth; he Israel. I will not again pass by them any more. 3 The who calls for the waters of the sea, and pours them out songs of the temple will be wailings in that day," says on the surface of the earth; the LORD is his name. 7 the LORD. "The dead bodies will be many. In every Are you not like the people of Ethiopia to me, children of place they will throw them out with silence. 4 Hear this, Israel?" says the LORD. "Haven't I brought up Israel out you who trample the needy, and destroy the poor of of the land of Egypt, and the Philistines from Caphtor, the land, 5 saying, 'When will the new moon be gone, and the Arameans from Kir? 8 Look, the eyes of the that we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, that we may LORD are on the sinful kingdom, and I will destroy it market wheat, making the ephah small, and the shekel from off the surface of the earth; except that I will not large, and dealing falsely with balances of deceit; 6 that utterly destroy the house of Jacob," says the LORD. 9 we may buy the poor for silver, and the needy for a pair "For, look, I will command, and I will sift the house of of shoes, and sell the sweepings with the wheat?" 7 Israel among all the nations, as one sifts with a sieve, The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob, "Surely I but not even a pebble will fall to the ground. 10 All will never forget any of their works. 8 Won't the land the sinners of my people will die by the sword, who tremble for this, and everyone mourn who dwells in it? say, 'Evil won't overtake nor meet us.' 11 On that day I Yes, it will rise up wholly like the River; and it will be will rebuild the tabernacle of David that has fallen, and stirred up and sink again, like the River of Egypt. 9 It will repair its broken places, and I will rebuild its ruins, and I happen in that day," says the LORD, "that I will cause will restore it as in the days of old; 12 that the rest of the sun to go down at noon, and I will darken the earth humanity may seek after the LORD, and all the nations in the clear day. 10 I will turn your feasts into mourning, who are called by my name," says the LORD who does and all your songs into lamentation; and I will make this. 13 "Look, the days come," says the LORD, "that you wear sackcloth on all your bodies, and baldness the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the one on every head. I will make it like the mourning for an treading grapes him who sows seed; and sweet wine only son, and its end like a bitter day. 11 Look, the days will drip from the mountains, and flow from the hills. 14 I come," says the LORD, "that I will send a famine in the will bring my people Israel back from captivity, and they land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of will rebuild the ruined cities, and inhabit them; and they hearing the word of the LORD. 12 They will wander from will plant vineyards, and drink wine from them. They sea to sea, and from the north even to the east; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them. 15 I will run back and forth to seek the word of the LORD, will plant them on their land, and they will no more be and will not find it. 13 In that day the beautiful virgins plucked up out of their land which I have given them," and the young men will faint for thirst. 14 Those who says the LORD your God. swear by the sin of Samaria, and say, 'As your god, Dan, lives;' and, 'As the way of Beersheba lives;' they will fall, and never rise up again."

Q I saw the LORD standing beside the altar, and he said, "Strike the tops of the pillars, that the thresholds may shake; and break them in pieces on the head of all of them; and I will kill the last of them with the sword: there shall not one of them flee away, and there shall not one of them escape. 2 Though they dig into Sheol, there my hand will take them; and though they climb up to heaven, there I will bring them down. (Sheol h7585) 3 Though they hide themselves in the top of Carmel, I will search and take them out there; and though they be hid from my sight in the bottom of the sea, there I will command the serpent, and it will bite them. 4 Though they go into captivity before their enemies, there I will command the sword, and it will kill them. I will set my eves on them for disaster, and not for good. 5 For the LORD of hosts is he who touches the land and it melts, and all who dwell in it will mourn; and it will rise up wholly like the River, and will sink again, like the River

Obadiah

1 The vision of Obadiah. This is what the LORD savs about Edom. We have heard news from the LORD, and an ambassador is sent among the nations, saying, "Arise, and let's rise up against her in battle. 2 Look, I have made you small among the nations. You are greatly despised. 3 The pride of your heart has deceived you, you who dwell in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation is high, who says in his heart, 'Who will bring me down to the ground?' 4 Though you mount on high as the eagle, and though your nest is set among the stars, I will bring you down from there," says the LORD. 5 "If thieves came to you, if robbers by night-oh, what disaster awaits you-wouldn't they only steal until they had enough? If grape pickers came to you, wouldn't they leave some gleaning grapes? 6 How Esau will be ransacked. How his hidden treasures are sought out. 7 All the men of your alliance have brought you on your way, even to the border. The men who were at peace with you have deceived you, and prevailed against you. Those who eat bread with you lay a snare under you. There is no understanding in him." 8 "Won't I in that day," says the LORD, "destroy the wise men out of Edom, and understanding out of the mountain of Esau? 9 Your mighty men, Teman, will be dismayed, to the end that everyone may be cut off from the mountain of Esau by slaughter. 10 For the violence done to your brother Jacob, shame will cover you, and you will be cut off forever. 11 In the day that you stood on the other side, in the day that strangers carried away his substance, and foreigners entered into his gates, and cast lots for Jerusalem, even you were like one of them. 12 But do not look down on your brother in the day of his disaster, and do not rejoice over the people of Judah in the day of their destruction. Do not speak proudly in the day of distress. 13 Do not enter into the gate of my people in the day of their calamity. Do not look down on their affliction in the day of their calamity, neither seize their wealth on the day of their calamity. 14 Do not stand in the crossroads to cut off those of his who escape. Do not deliver up those of his who remain in the day of distress. 15 For the day of the LORD is near all the nations. As you have done, it will be done to you. Your deeds will return upon your own head. 16 For as you have drunk on my holy mountain, so will all the nations drink continually. Yes, they will drink, swallow down, and will be as though they had not been. 17 But in Mount Zion, there will be those who escape, and it will be holy. The house of Jacob will possess those who dispossessed them. 18 The house of Jacob will be a fire, the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau for stubble. They will burn among them, and devour

them. There will not be any remaining to the house of Esau." Indeed, the LORD has spoken. **19** Those of the Negev will possess the mountain of Esau, and those of the lowland, the Philistines. They will possess the field of Ephraim, and the field of Samaria. Benjamin will possess Gilead. **20** The captives of this army of the children of Israel, who are among the Canaanites, will possess even to Zarephath; and the captives of Jerusalem, who are in Sepharad, will possess the cities of the Negev. **21** Those who have been saved will go up on Mount Zion to judge the mountains of Esau, and the kingdom will be the LORD's.

Jonah

1 Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, 2 "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim against it, for their wickedness has come up before me." 3 But Jonah rose up to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa, and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid its fare, and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. 4 But the LORD sent out a great wind on the sea, and there was a mighty storm on the sea, so that the ship was likely to break up. 5 Then the mariners were afraid, and cried every man to his god. They threw the cargo that was in the ship into the sea, to lighten it. But Jonah had gone down into the innermost parts of the ship, and he was laying down, and was fast asleep. 6 So the shipmaster came to him, and said to him, "What do you **3** The word of the LORD came to Jonah the second mean, sleeper? Arise, call on your God. Maybe your God will notice us, so that we won't perish." 7 They all said to each other, "Come, let us cast lots, that we may know for whose cause this evil is on us." So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. 8 Then they asked him, "Tell us, please, for whose cause this evil is on us. What is your occupation? Where do you come from? What is your country? Of what people are you?" 9 He said to them, "I am a Hebrew, and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, who has made the sea and the dry land." 10 Then were the men exceedingly afraid, and said to him, "What is this that you have done?" For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them. 11 Then said they to him. "What shall we do to you, that the sea may be calm to us?" For the sea grew more and more stormy. 12 He said to them. "Take me up, and throw me into the sea. Then the sea will be calm for you; for I know that because of me this great storm is on you." 13 Nevertheless the men rowed hard to get them back to the land; but they could not, for the sea grew more and more stormy against them. 14 Therefore they cried to the LORD, and said, "We beg you, LORD, we beg you, let us not perish for this man's life, and do not lay on us innocent blood; for you, LORD, have done as it pleased you." 15 So they took up Jonah, and threw him into the sea; and the sea ceased its raging. 16 Then the men feared the LORD exceedingly; and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD, and made vows. 17 The LORD prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

2 Then Jonah prayed to the LORD, his God, out of the fish's belly. 2 He said, "I called because of my affliction to the LORD. He answered me. Out of the belly

of Sheol I cried. You heard my voice. (Sheol h7585) 3 For you threw me into the depths, in the heart of the seas. The flood was all around me. All your breakers and waves passed over me. 4 I said, 'I have been banished from your sight; yet I will look again toward your holy temple.' 5 The waters surrounded me, threatening my life. The deep was around me. The end is upon my head. 6 I went down to the bottoms of the mountains. The earth barred me in forever: yet have you brought up my life from the pit, LORD my God. 7 "When my soul fainted within me, I remembered the LORD. My prayer came in to you, into your holy temple. 8 Those who regard worthless things forsake their faithfulness. 9 But I will sacrifice to you with the voice of thanksgiving. I will pay that which I have vowed. Salvation belongs to the LORD." 10 The LORD spoke to the fish, and it vomited out Jonah on the dry land.

time, saying, 2 "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I give you." 3 So Jonah arose, and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey across. 4 Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey, and he cried out, and said, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown." 5 The people of Nineveh believed God; and they proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them. 6 The news reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, and took off his royal robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. 7 He made a proclamation and published through Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, "Let neither man nor animal, herd nor flock, taste anything; let them not feed, nor drink water; 8 but let them be covered with sackcloth, both man and animal, and let them cry mightily to God. Yes, let them turn everyone from his evil way, and from the violence that is in his hands. 9 Who knows whether God will not turn and relent, and turn away from his fierce anger, so that we might not perish?" 10 God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way. God relented of the disaster which he said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

▲ But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry. 2 He prayed to the LORD, and said, "Please, LORD, wasn't this what I said when I was still in my own country? Therefore I hurried to flee to Tarshish, for I knew that you are a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and abundant in loving kindness, and you relent of doing harm. 3 Therefore now, LORD, take, I beg you, my life from me; for it is better for me to die than to live." 4 The LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" 5

Then Jonah went out of the city, and sat on the east side of the city, and there made himself a booth, and sat under it in the shade, until he might see what would become of the city. 6 The LORD God prepared a vine, and made it to come up over Jonah, that it might be a shade over his head, to deliver him from his discomfort. So Jonah was exceedingly glad because of the vine. 7 But God prepared a worm at dawn the next day, and it chewed on the vine, so that it withered. 8 It happened, when the sun arose, that God prepared a sultry east wind; and the sun beat on Jonah's head, so that he fainted, and requested for himself that he might die, and said, "It is better for me to die than to live." 9 God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the vine?" He said, "I am right to be angry, even to death." 10 The LORD said, "You have been concerned for the vine, for which you have not labored, neither made it grow; which came up in a night, and perished in a night. 11 Shouldn't I be concerned for Nineveh, that great city, in which are more than one hundred twenty thousand persons who can't discern between their right hand and their left hand; and also much livestock?"

Micah

1 The word of the LORD that came to Micah the Morashtite in the days of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, which he saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem. 2 Hear, you peoples, all of you. Listen, O earth, and all that is in it: and let the LORD be witness against you, the LORD from his holy temple. 3 For, look, the LORD comes forth out of his place, and will come down and tread on the high places of the earth. 4 The mountains melt under him, and the valleys split apart, like wax before the fire, like waters that are poured down a steep place. 5 "All this is for the disobedience of Jacob, and for the sins of the house of Israel. What is the disobedience of Jacob? Isn't it Samaria? And what are the high places of Judah? Aren't they Jerusalem? 6 Therefore I will make Samaria like a rubble heap of the field, like places for planting vineyards; and I will pour down its stones into the valley, and I will uncover its foundations. 7 All her idols will be beaten to pieces, and all her temple gifts will be burned with fire, and all her images I will destroy; for of the hire of a prostitute has she gathered them, and to the hire of a prostitute shall they return." 8 For this I will lament and wail; I will go stripped and naked; I will howl like the jackals, and moan like the daughters of owls. 9 For her wounds are incurable; for it has come even to Judah. It reaches to the gate of my people, even to Jerusalem. 10 Do not tell it in Gath. Do not weep at all. At Beth Leaphrah I have rolled myself in the dust. 11 Pass on, inhabitant of Shaphir, in nakedness and shame. The inhabitant of Zaanan won't come out. The wailing of Beth Ezel will take from you his protection. 12 For the inhabitant of Maroth waits anxiously for good, because evil has come down from the LORD to the gate who also eat the flesh of my people, and flay their skin of Jerusalem. 13 Harness the chariot to the swift steed, inhabitant of Lachish. She was the beginning of sin to the daughter of Zion; For the transgressions of Israel Then they will cry to the LORD, but he will not answer were found in you. 14 Therefore you will give a parting them. Yes, he will hide his face from them at that time, gift to Moresheth Gath. The houses of Achzib will be a because they made their deeds evil." 5 Thus says the deceitful thing to the kings of Israel. 15 I will yet bring LORD concerning the prophets who lead my people to you, inhabitant of Mareshah. He who is the glory of Israel will come to Adullam. 16 Shave your heads, and cut off your hair for the children of your delight. Enlarge they prepare war against him: 6 "Therefore night is over your baldness like the vulture; for they have gone into you, with no vision, and it is dark to you, that you may captivity from you.

Woe to those who devise iniquity and work evil on their beds. When the morning is light, they practice it, because it is in the power of their hand. 2 They covet fields, and seize them; and houses, and take them away: and they oppress a man and his house, even a man and his heritage. 3 Therefore thus says the LORD: "Look, I

am planning against these people a disaster, from which you will not remove your necks, neither will you walk haughtily; for it is an evil time. 4 In that day they will take up a parable against you, and lament with a doleful lamentation, saying, 'We are utterly ruined. My people's possession is divided up. Indeed he takes it from me and assigns our fields to traitors." 5 Therefore you will have no one who divides the land by lot in the assembly of the LORD. 6 "Do not prophesy." They prophesy. "Do not prophesy about these things. Disgrace won't overtake us." 7 Shall it be said, O house of Jacob: "Is the Spirit of the LORD angry? Are these his doings? Do not my words do good to him who walks blamelessly?" 8 But lately my people have risen up as an enemy. You strip the robe and clothing from those who pass by without a care, returning from battle. 9 You drive the women of my people out from their pleasant houses; from their young children you take away my blessing forever. 10 Arise, and depart. For this is not your resting place, because of uncleanness that destroys, even with a grievous destruction. 11 If a man walking in a spirit of falsehood lies: "I will prophesy to you of wine and of strong drink;" he would be the prophet of this people. 12 I will surely assemble, Jacob, all of you; I will surely gather the remnant of Israel; I will put them together as the sheep of Bozrah, as a flock in the midst of their pasture; they will swarm with people. 13 The breaker goes up before them. They break through the gate, and go out. And their king passes on before them, with the LORD at their head.

3 I said, "Please listen, you heads of Jacob, and rulers of the house of Israel: Isn't it for you to know justice? 2 You who hate the good, and love the evil; who tear off their skin, and their flesh from off their bones; 3 from off them, and break their bones, and chop them in pieces, as for the pot, and as flesh within the caldron. 4 astray: for those who feed their teeth, they proclaim. "Peace." and whoever doesn't provide for their mouths, not divine; and the sun will go down on the prophets, and the day will be black over them. 7 The seers shall be disappointed, and the diviners confounded. Yes, they shall all cover their lips; for there is no answer from God." 8 But as for me, I am full of power by the Spirit of the LORD, and of judgment, and of might, to declare to Jacob his disobedience, and to Israel his sin. 9 Please listen to this, you heads of the house of Jacob, and rulers of the house of Israel, who abhor justice, and many peoples: and I will devote their gain to the LORD. pervert all equity. 10 They build up Zion with blood, and Jerusalem with iniquity. 11 Her leaders judge for bribes, and her priests teach for a price, and her prophets of it tell fortunes for money: yet they lean on the LORD, and say, "Isn't the LORD in the midst of us? No disaster will come on us." 12 Therefore Zion for your sake will be plowed like a field, and Jerusalem will become heaps of rubble, and the mountain of the temple like the high places of a forest.

1 But in the latter days, it will happen that the mountain of the LORD's temple will be established on the top of the mountains, and it will be exalted above the hills: and peoples will stream to it. 2 Many nations will go and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths." For out of Zion will go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem; 3 and he will judge between many peoples, and will decide concerning strong nations afar off. They will beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not lift up sword against nation, neither will they learn war any more. 4 But they will sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and no one will make them afraid: For the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken. 5 Indeed all the nations may walk in the name of their gods: but we will walk in the name of the LORD our God forever and ever. 6 "In that day," says the LORD, "I will assemble that which is lame, and I will gather that which is driven away, and that which I have afflicted; 7 and I will make that which was lame a remnant, and that which was cast far off a strong nation: and the LORD will reign over them on Mount Zion from then on, even forever." 8 And you, tower of the flock, hill of the daughter of Zion, to you it will come, the former dominion will come, the kingdom of the daughter of Jerusalem. 9 Now why do you cry out aloud? Is there no king in you? Has your counselor perished, that pain has gripped you like a woman in labor? 10 Be in pain, and labor to bring forth, daughter of Zion, like a woman in travail; for now you will go forth out of the city, and will dwell in the field, and will come even to Babylon. There you will be rescued. There the LORD will redeem vou from the hand of your enemies. 11 Now many nations have assembled against you, that say, "Let her be defiled, and let our eye gloat over Zion." 12 But they do not know the thoughts of the LORD, neither do they understand his counsel; for he has gathered them like the sheaves to the threshing floor. 13 Arise and thresh, daughter of Zion; for I will make your horn iron, and I will make your hoofs bronze; and you will beat in pieces

and their substance to the Lord of the whole earth.

5 Now you shall gather yourself in troops, daughter of troops. He has laid siege against us. They will strike the judge of Israel with a rod on the cheek. 2 But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, being small among the clans of Judah, out of you one will come forth to me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting. 3 Therefore he will abandon them until the time that she who is in labor gives birth. Then the rest of his brothers will return to the children of Israel. 4 He shall stand, and shall shepherd in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God: and they will live, for then he will be great to the farthest parts of the earth. 5 He will be our peace when Assyria invades our land, and when he marches through our fortresses, then we will raise against him seven shepherds, and eight leaders of men. 6 They will rule the land of Assyria with the sword, and the land of Nimrod with the drawn sword. He will deliver us from the Assyrian, when he invades our land, and when he marches within our border. 7 The remnant of Jacob will be in the midst of many peoples, like dew from the LORD, like showers on the grass, that do not wait for man, nor wait for the sons of men. 8 The remnant of Jacob will be among the nations, in the midst of many peoples, like a lion among the animals of the forest, like a young lion among the flocks of sheep; who, if he goes through, treads down and tears in pieces, and there is no one to deliver. 9 Let your hand be lifted up above your adversaries, and let all of your enemies be cut off. 10 "It will happen in that day," says the LORD, "That I will cut off your horses out of the midst of you, and will destroy your chariots. 11 I will cut off the cities of your land, and will tear down all your strongholds. 12 l will destroy witchcraft from your hand; and you shall have no soothsayers. 13 I will cut off your engraved images and your pillars out of your midst; and you shall no more worship the work of your hands. 14 I will uproot your Asherim out of your midst; and I will destroy your cities. 15 I will execute vengeance in anger, and wrath on the nations that did not listen."

6 Listen now to what the LORD says: "Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear what you have to say. 2 Hear, you mountains, the LORD's controversy, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. 3 My people, what have I done to you? How have I burdened you? Answer me. 4 For I brought you up out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you out of the house of bondage. I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. 5 My people,

remember now what Balak king of Moab devised, and will be a light to me. 9 I will bear the indignation of the what Balaam the son of Beor answered him from Shittim LORD, because I have sinned against him, until he to Gilgal, that you may know the righteous acts of the pleads my case, and executes judgment for me. He will LORD." 6 How shall I come before the LORD, and bow bring me forth to the light. I will see his righteousness. myself before the exalted God? Shall I come before him 10 Then my enemy will see it, and shame will cover her with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? 7 Will the who said to me, where is the LORD your God? Then LORD be pleased with thousands of rams? With tens of my enemy will see me and will cover her shame. Now thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for she will be trodden down like the mire of the streets. 11 my disobedience? The fruit of my body for the sin of A day to build your walls-In that day, he will extend my soul? 8 He has shown you, O man, what is good. your boundary. 12 In that day they will come to you What does the LORD require of you, but to act justly, from Assyria and the cities of Egypt, and from Egypt to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God? 9 even to the River, and from sea to sea, and mountain to The LORD's voice calls to the city, and wisdom sees mountain. 13 Yet the land will be desolate because of your name: "Listen to the rod, and he who appointed it. those who dwell in it, for the fruit of their doings. 14 10 Are there yet treasures of wickedness in the house Shepherd your people with your staff, the flock of your of the wicked, and a short ephah that is accursed? 11 heritage, who dwell by themselves in a forest, in the Shall I be pure with dishonest scales, and with a bag of midst of fertile pasture land, let them feed; in Bashan deceitful weights? 12 Her rich men are full of violence, and Gilead, as in the days of old. 15 "As in the days of her inhabitants speak lies, and their tongue is deceitful your coming forth out of the land of Egypt, I will show in their speech. 13 Therefore I also have struck you with them marvelous things." 16 The nations will see and a grievous wound. I have made you desolate because be ashamed of all their might. They will lay their hand of your sins. 14 You shall eat, but not be satisfied. Your on their mouth. Their ears will be deaf. 17 They will humiliation will be in your midst. You will store up, but lick the dust like a serpent. Like crawling creatures of not save; and that which you save I will give up to the the earth they shall come trembling out of their dens. sword. 15 You will sow, but won't reap. You will tread They will come with fear to the LORD our God, and will the olives, but won't anoint yourself with oil; and crush be afraid because of you. 18 Who is a God like you, grapes, but won't drink the wine. 16 For the statutes who pardons iniquity, and passes over the disobedience of Omri are kept, and all the works of the house of of the remnant of his heritage? He doesn't retain his Ahab; and you walk in their counsels. Therefore I will anger forever, because he delights in loving kindness. make you a desolation, and her inhabitants an object of 19 He will again have compassion on us. He will tread contempt; and you will bear the scorn of the nations."

7 Misery is mine. Indeed, I am like one who gathers the summer fruits, as gleanings of the vineyard: There is no cluster of grapes to eat. My soul desires to eat the early fig. 2 The faithful have vanished from the earth, and there is no one upright among men. They all lie in wait for blood; every man hunts his brother with a net. 3 Their hands are on that which is evil to do it diligently. The ruler and judge ask for a bribe; and the powerful man dictates the evil desire of his soul. Thus they conspire together. 4 The best of them is like a brier. The most upright is worse than a thorn hedge. The day of your watchmen, even your visitation, has come; now is the time of their confusion. 5 Do not trust in a neighbor. Do not put confidence in a friend. With the woman lying in your embrace, be careful of the words of your mouth. 6 For the son dishonors the father, the daughter rises up against her mother, the daughter-inlaw against her mother-in-law; a man's enemies are the men of his own house. 7 But as for me, I will look to the LORD. I will wait for the God of my salvation. My God will hear me. 8 Do not rejoice against me, my enemy. When I fall, I will arise. When I sit in darkness, the LORD

our iniquities under foot; and you will cast all their sins into the depths of the sea. 20 You will give truth to Jacob, and mercy to Abraham, as you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.

Micah

Nahum

1 An oracle about Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum the Elkoshite. 2 The LORD is a jealous God and avenges. The LORD avenges and is full of wrath. The LORD takes vengeance on his adversaries, and he maintains wrath against his enemies. 3 The LORD is slow to anger, and great in power, and will by no means leave the guilty unpunished. The LORD has his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet. 4 He rebukes the sea. and makes it dry, and dries up all the rivers. Bashan languishes, and Carmel; and the flower of Lebanon languishes. 5 The mountains guake before him, and the hills melt away. The earth trembles at his presence. ves, the world, and all who dwell in it. 6 Who can stand before his indignation? Who can endure the fierceness of his anger? His wrath is poured out like fire, and the rocks are broken apart by him. 7 The LORD is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; and he knows those who take refuge in him. 8 But with an overflowing flood, he will make a full end of her place, and will pursue his enemies into darkness. 9 What do you plot against the LORD? He will make a full end. Affliction won't rise up the second time. 10 For entangled like thorns, and drunk as with their drink, they are consumed utterly the noise of the rattling of wheels, prancing horses, like dry stubble. 11 There is one gone forth out of you, who devises evil against the LORD, who counsels the flashing sword, the glittering spear, and a multitude wickedness. 12 Thus says the LORD: "Though they be of slain, and a great heap of corpses, and there is in full strength, and likewise many, even so they will no end of the bodies. They stumble on their bodies. be cut down, and he shall pass away. Though I have 4 because of the multitude of the prostitution of the afflicted you, I will afflict you no more. 13 Now will I alluring prostitute, the mistress of witchcraft, who sells break his voke from off you, and will burst your bonds nations through her prostitution, and families through apart." 14 The LORD has commanded concerning you: her witchcraft. 5 "Look, I am against you," says the "No more descendants will bear your name. Out of the LORD of hosts, "and I will lift your skirts over your face. I house of your gods, will I cut off the engraved image will show the nations your nakedness, and the kingdoms and the molten image. I will make your grave, for you your shame. 6 I will throw abominable filth on you, and are vile." 15 Look, on the mountains the feet of him who make you vile, and will set you a spectacle. 7 It will brings good news, who publishes peace. Keep your happen that all those who look at you will flee from feasts, Judah. Perform your vows, for the wicked one will no more pass through you. He is utterly cut off.

He who dashes in pieces has come up against you. Keep the fortress. Watch the way. Strengthen your waist. Fortify your power mightily. 2 For the LORD restores the excellency of Jacob, as the excellency of Israel; for the destroyers have destroyed them, and ruined their vine branches. 3 The shield of his mighty men is made red. The valiant men are in scarlet. The chariots flash with steel in the day of his preparation, and the pine spears are brandished. 4 The chariots rage in the streets. They rush back and forth in the broad ways. Their appearance is like torches. They run

like the lightnings. 5 He summons his picked troops. They stumble on their way. They dash to its wall, and the protective shield is put in place. 6 The gates of the rivers are opened, and the palace is dissolved. 7 It is decreed: she is uncovered, she is carried away; and her handmaids moan as with the voice of doves, beating on their breasts. 8 But Nineveh has been from of old like a pool of water, yet they flee away. "Stop. Stop." they cry, but no one looks back. 9 Take the spoil of silver. Take the spoil of gold, for there is no end of the store, the glory of all goodly furniture. 10 She is empty, void, and waste. The heart melts, the knees knock together, their bodies and faces have grown pale. 11 Where is the den of the lions, and the feeding place of the young lions, where the lion and the lioness walked, the lion's cubs, and no one made them afraid? 12 The lion tore in pieces enough for his cubs, and strangled for his lionesses, and filled his caves with the kill, and his dens with prey. 13 "Look, I am against you," says the LORD of hosts, "and I will burn her chariots in the smoke, and the sword will devour your young lions; and I will cut off your prey from the earth, and the voice of your messengers will no longer be heard."

3 Woe to the bloody city. It is all full of lies and robbery. The prey doesn't depart. 2 The noise of the whip, and bounding chariots, 3 the horseman mounting, and you, and say, 'Nineveh is laid waste. Who will mourn for her?' Where will I seek comforters for you?" 8 Are you better than No-Amon, who was situated among the rivers, who had the waters around her; whose rampart was the sea, and her wall was of the sea? 9 Cush and Egypt were her boundless strength. Put and Libya were her helpers. 10 Yet was she carried away. She went into captivity. Her young children also were dashed in pieces at the head of all the streets, and they cast lots for her honorable men, and all her great men were bound in chains. 11 You also will be drunk. You will be hidden. You also will seek a stronghold because of the enemy. 12 All your fortresses will be like fig trees with the firstripe figs: if they are shaken, they fall into the mouth

of the eater. 13 Look, your troops in your midst are women. The gates of your land are set wide open to your enemies. The fire has devoured your bars. 14 Draw water for the siege. Strengthen your fortresses. Go into the clay, and tread the mortar. Make the brick kiln strong. 15 There the fire will devour you. The sword will cut you off. It will devour you like the grasshopper. Multiply like grasshoppers. Multiply like the locust. 16 You have increased your merchants more than the stars of the skies. The grasshopper strips, and flees away. 17 Your guards are like the locusts, and your officials like the swarms of locusts, which settle on the walls on a cold day, but when the sun appears, they flee away, and their place is not known where they are. 18 Your shepherds slumber, king of Assyria. Your nobles lie down. Your people are scattered on the mountains, and there is no one to gather them. 19 There is no healing your wound, for your injury is fatal. All who hear the report of you clap their hands over you; for who hasn't felt your endless cruelty?

Habakkuk

1 The oracle which Habakkuk the prophet saw. 2 LORD, how long will I cry, and you will not hear? I cry out to you "Violence." and will you not save? 3 Why do you show me iniquity, and look at perversity? For destruction and violence are before me. There is strife, and contention rises up. 4 Therefore the law is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth: for the wicked surround the righteous; therefore justice goes forth perverted. 5 "Look, you scoffers, and watch, and be utterly amazed, and perish; for I am working a work in your days which you will not believe, though it is told vou, 6 For, look, I raise up the Chaldeans, that bitter and hasty nation, that march through the breadth of the earth, to possess dwelling places not his own, 7 He is feared and dreaded. His judgment will be from himself, and his authority will come from himself, 8 His horses also are swifter than leopards, and are more fierce than the evening wolves. And their horsemen press proudly on, and, their horsemen come from afar. They fly as an eagle that hurries to devour. 9 All of them come for violence. Their hordes face the desert. He gathers prisoners like sand. 10 And he will scoff at kings and deride rulers. He laughs at every stronghold, for he builds up an earthen ramp, and takes it. 11 Then he sweeps by like the wind, and goes on. He is indeed guilty, whose strength is his god." 12 Aren't vou from everlasting, LORD my God, my Holy One? We will not die. LORD, you have appointed him for judgment, You, Rock, have established him to punish. 13 You who have purer eyes than to see evil, and who cannot look on perversity, why do you tolerate those who deal treacherously, and keep silent when the wicked swallows up the man who is more righteous than he. 14 and make men like the fish of the sea, like the crawling creatures, that have no ruler over them? 15 He takes up all of them with the hook, and he catches them in his net and gathers them in his dragnet. Therefore he rejoices and is glad. 16 Therefore he sacrifices to his net, and burns incense to his dragnet, because by them his life is luxurious, and his food is good. 17 Will he therefore continually empty his net, killing the nations without mercv?

2 I will stand at my watch, and set myself on the ramparts, and will look out to see what he will say to me, and what I will answer concerning my complaint. **2** The LORD answered me, "Write the vision, and make it plain on tablets, that he who runs may read it. **3** For the vision is yet for the appointed time, and it hurries toward the end, and won't prove false. Though it takes time, wait for it; because it will surely come, and it

won't delay. 4 Look, if he holds back, my soul has no pleasure in him, but the righteous will live by faith. 5 And moreover, wealth is treacherous; a proud man will not endure. He enlarges his desire as Sheol, and he is like death, and can't be satisfied. He gathers all nations to himself, and collects to himself all peoples. (Sheol h7585) 6 Won't all these take up a parable against him, and a taunting proverb against him, and say, 'Woe to him who increases that which is not his, and who enriches himself by extortion. How long?' 7 Won't your debtors rise up suddenly, and wake up those who make you tremble, and you will be their victim? 8 Because you have plundered many nations, all the remnant of the peoples will plunder you, because of men's blood, and for the violence done to the land, to the city and to all who dwell in it. 9 Woe to him who gets an evil gain for his house, that he may set his nest on high, that he may be delivered from the hand of evil. 10 You have devised shame to your house, by cutting off many peoples, and have sinned against your soul. 11 For the stone will cry out of the wall, and the beam out of the woodwork will answer it. 12 Woe to him who builds a town with blood. and establishes a city by iniquity. 13 Look, isn't it of the LORD of hosts that the peoples labor for the fire, and the nations weary themselves for vanity? 14 For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea. 15 "Woe to him who gives his neighbor drink, pouring your inflaming wine until they are drunk, so that you may gaze at their naked bodies. 16 You are filled with shame, and not glory. You will also drink, and be exposed. The cup of the LORD's right hand will come around to you, and disgrace will cover your glory. 17 For the violence done to Lebanon will overwhelm you, and the destruction of the animals, which made them afraid; because of men's blood, and for the violence done to the land, to every city and to those who dwell in them. 18 "What value does the engraved image have, that its maker has engraved it; the molten image, even the teacher of lies, that he who fashions its form trusts in it, to make mute idols? 19 Woe to him who says to the wood, 'Awake,' or to the mute stone. 'Arise.' Shall this teach? Look. it is overlaid with gold and silver, and there is no breath at all in its midst. 20 But the LORD is in his holv temple. Let all the earth be silent before him."

3 A prayer of Habakkuk, the prophet, set to victorious music. **2** LORD, I have heard of your fame. I stand in awe of your deeds, LORD. Renew your work in the midst of the years. In the midst of the years make it known. In wrath, you remember mercy. **3** God came from Teman, the Holy One from Mount Paran. (Selah) His glory covered the heavens, and his praise filled the earth. **4** His splendor is like the sunrise. Rays shine from

his hand, where his power is hidden. 5 Plaque went before him, and pestilence followed his feet. 6 He stood, and shook the earth. He looked, and made the nations tremble. The ancient mountains were crumbled. The age-old hills collapsed. His ways are eternal. 7 I saw the tents of Cushan in affliction. The dwellings of the land of Midian trembled. 8 Was the LORD displeased with the rivers? Was your anger against the rivers, or your wrath against the sea, that you rode on your horses, on your chariots of salvation? 9 You uncovered your bow. You called for your sworn arrows. (Selah) You split the earth with rivers. 10 The mountains saw you, and were afraid. The storm of waters passed by. The deep roared and lifted up its hands on high. 11 The sun and moon stood still in the sky, at the light of your arrows as they went, at the shining of your glittering spear. 12 You marched through the land in wrath. You threshed the nations in anger. 13 You went forth for the salvation of your people, for the salvation of your anointed. You crushed the head of the land of wickedness. You stripped them head to foot. (Selah) 14 You pierced the heads of his warriors with their own spears. They came as a whirlwind to scatter me, gloating as if to devour the wretched in secret. 15 You trampled the sea with your horses, churning mighty waters. 16 I heard, and my body trembled. My lips guivered at the voice. Rottenness enters into my bones, and I tremble in my place, because I must wait guietly for the day of trouble, for the coming up of the people who invade us. 17 For though the fig tree doesn't flourish, nor fruit be in the vines; the labor of the olive fails, the fields yield no food; the flocks are cut off from the fold, and there is no herd in the stalls: 18 yet I will rejoice in the LORD. I will be joyful in the God of my salvation. 19 The LORD is my strength. He makes my feet like deer's feet, and enables me to go in high places. For the music director, on my stringed instruments.

Zephaniah

1 The word of the LORD which came to Zephaniah, **2** Gather yourselves together, yes, gather together, you the son of Cushi, the son of Gedaliah, the son of Amariah, the son of Hezekiah, in the days of Josiah, time when the day passes as the chaff, before the fierce the son of Amon, king of Judah. 2 I will utterly sweep anger of the LORD comes on you, before the day of the away everything off of the surface of the earth, says the LORD's anger comes on you. 3 Seek the LORD, all you LORD. 3 I will sweep away people and animals. I will humble of the land, who have kept his ordinances. Seek sweep away the birds of the sky, and the fish of the sea, righteousness. Seek humility. It may be that you will be and the idols that cause the wicked to stumble. I will hidden in the day of the LORD's anger. 4 For Gaza will remove humankind from the surface of the earth, says be forsaken, and Ashkelon a desolation. They will drive the LORD. 4 I will stretch out my hand against Judah, out Ashdod at noonday, and Ekron will be rooted up. and against all the inhabitants of Jerusalem. I will cut off 5 Woe to the inhabitants of the sea coast, the nation the remnant of Baal from this place, the name of the of the Cherethites. The word of the LORD is against idolatrous priests along with the priests, 5 those who you, Canaan, the land of the Philistines. I will destroy worship the host of heaven on the housetops, those you, that there will be no inhabitant. 6 The sea coast who worship and swear by the LORD and also swear by will be pastures, with cottages for shepherds and folds Milcom, 6 those who have turned back from following for flocks. 7 The coast will be for the remnant of the the LORD, and those who haven't sought the LORD house of Judah. They will find pasture. In the houses nor inquired after him. 7 Be silent at the presence of of Ashkelon, they will lie down in the evening, for the the LORD, for the day of the LORD is at hand. For the LORD, their God, will visit them, and restore them. 8 I LORD has prepared a sacrifice. He has consecrated have heard the reproach of Moab, and the insults of the his guests. 8 It will happen in the day of the LORD's people of Ammon, with which they have reproached my sacrifice that I will punish the princes, the king's sons, people, and magnified themselves against their border. and all those who are clothed with foreign attire. 9 9 Therefore as I live, says the LORD of hosts, the God In that day, I will punish all those who leap over the of Israel, surely Moab will be as Sodom, and the people threshold, who fill their master's house with violence of Ammon as Gomorrah, a possession of nettles, and and deceit. 10 On that day, says the LORD, there will salt pits, and a perpetual desolation. The remnant of be the noise of a cry from the Fish Gate, a wailing from my people will plunder them, and the survivors of my the Second Quarter, and a loud crash from the hills. nation will inherit them. 10 This they will have for their 11 Wail, you inhabitants of the market district, for all pride, because they have reproached and magnified the merchants will be destroyed, and all those who themselves against the people of the LORD of hosts. 11 weigh out silver will be removed. 12 It will happen at The LORD will be awesome to them, for he will famish that time that I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I all the gods of the land. Men will worship him, everyone will punish the people who are complacent, who say from his place, even all the shores of the nations. 12 in their heart, "The LORD will not do good, nor will You Cushites also, you will be killed by my sword. 13 he do harm." 13 Their wealth will be looted and their He will stretch out his hand against the north, destroy houses a desolation. Yes, they will build houses, but Assyria, and will make Nineveh a desolation, as dry won't inhabit them. They will plant vineyards, but won't as the wilderness. 14 Herds will lie down in the midst drink their wine. 14 The great day of the LORD is near. of her, all the animals of the nations. Both the pelican Near and approaching very rapidly. The cry on the day and the porcupine will lodge in its capitals. Their calls of the LORD is bitter. In it the warrior shouts his battle will echo through the windows. Desolation will be in the cry. 15 That day is a day of wrath, a day of distress thresholds, for he has laid bare the cedar beams. 15 and anguish, a day of devastation and ruin, a day of This is the joyous city that lived carelessly, that said in clouds and thick darkness, 16 a day of the trumpet and her heart, "I am, and there is none besides me." How battle cry against the fortified cities, and against the high she has become a desolation, a place for animals to lie corner towers. 17 I will bring distress on the people, down in. Everyone who passes by her will hiss, and that they will walk like blind men, because they have shake their fists. sinned against the LORD, and their blood will be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. 18 Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to deliver them in the day of the LORD's wrath, but the whole land will be

devoured by the fire of his jealousy; for he will bring terrifying destruction on all the inhabitants of the land.

nation that has no shame, 2 before the appointed

3 Woe to her who is rebellious and polluted, the oppressing city. 2 She did not obey the voice. She did not receive correction. She did not trust in the LORD. She did not draw near to her God. 3 Her princes in the midst of her are roaring lions. Her judges are evening wolves. They leave nothing until the next day. 4 Her prophets are arrogant and treacherous people. Her priests have profaned the sanctuary. They have done violence to the law. 5 The LORD, in the midst of her, is righteous. He will do no wrong. Every morning he brings his justice to light. He doesn't fail, but the unjust know no shame. 6 I have cut off nations. Their battlements are desolate. I have made their streets waste, so that no one passes by. Their cities are destroyed, so that there is no man, so that there is no inhabitant. 7 I said, "Just fear me. Receive correction, so that her dwelling won't be cut off, according to all that I have appointed concerning her." But they rose early and corrupted all their doings. 8 "Therefore wait for me," says the LORD, "until the day that I rise up as a witness. For my determination is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour on them my indignation, even all my fierce anger. For all the earth will be devoured with the fire of my jealousy. 9 For then I will purify the lips of the peoples, that they may all call on the name of the LORD, to serve him shoulder to shoulder. 10 From beyond the rivers of Cush, my worshipers, even the daughter of my dispersed people, will bring my offering. 11 In that day you will not be disappointed for all your doings, in which you have transgressed against me; for then I will take away out of the midst of you your proudly exulting ones, and you will no more be haughty in my holy mountain. 12 But I will leave in the midst of you an afflicted and poor people, and they will take refuge in the name of the LORD. 13 The remnant of Israel will not do iniquity, nor speak lies, neither will a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth, for they will feed and lie down, and no one will make them afraid." 14 Sing, daughter of Zion. Shout, Israel. Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem. 15 The LORD has taken away your judgments. He has thrown out your enemy. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in the midst of you. You will not be afraid of evil any more. 16 In that day, it will be said to Jerusalem, "Do not be afraid, Zion. Do not let your hands be weak." 17 The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save. He will rejoice over you with joy. He will calm you in his love. He will rejoice over you with singing. 18 I will remove those who grieve about the appointed feasts from you. They are a burden and a reproach to you. 19 Look, at that time I will deal with all those who afflict you, and I will save those who are lame, and gather those who were driven away. I will give them praise and honor, whose shame has been in all the earth. 20 At that time will I bring you in, and at that time will I gather you; for I will give you honor and praise among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

Zephaniah

Haggai

1 In the second year of Daryavesh the king, in the sixth month, in the first day of the month, the word of the LORD came by Haggai, the prophet, to Zerubbabel, the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua, the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, saying, 2 "This is what the LORD of hosts says: These people say, 'The time hasn't vet come, the time for the LORD's house to be built." 3 Then the word of the LORD came by Haggai, the prophet, saying, 4 "Is it a time for you vourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, while this house lies waste? 5 Now therefore this is what the LORD of hosts savs: Consider your ways. 6 You have sown much, and bring in little. You eat, but you do not have enough. You drink, but you aren't filled with drink. You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm, and he who earns wages earns wages to put them into a bag with holes in it." 7 This is what the LORD of hosts says: "Consider your ways. 8 Go up to the mountain, bring wood, and build the house. I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified," says the LORD. 9 "You looked for much, and, look, it came to little; and when you brought it home, I blew it away. Why?" says the LORD of hosts, "Because of my house that lies waste, while each of you is busy with his own house. 10 Therefore for your sake the heavens withhold the dew, and the earth withholds its fruit. 11 I called for a drought on the land, and on the mountains, and on the grain, and on the new wine, on the oil, and on all what the ground produces, and on men, and on livestock, and on all the labor of the hands." 12 Then Zerubbabel, the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua, the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the LORD, their God, and the words of Haggai. the prophet, as the LORD, their God, had sent him; and the people feared the LORD. 13 Then Haggai, the LORD's messenger, spoke the LORD's message to the people, saying, "I am with you," says the LORD. 14 The LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel, the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua, the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and worked on the house of the LORD of hosts, their God. 15 in the twenty-fourth day of the month, in the sixth month, in the second year of Daryavesh the king.

month, the word of the LORD came by Haggai the of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua, the son ride in them. The horses and their riders will come down. of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of everyone by the sword of his brother. 23 In that day.

this house in its former alory? How do you see it now? Isn't it in your eyes as nothing? 4 Yet now be strong, Zerubbabel,' says the LORD. 'Be strong, Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest. Be strong, all you people of the land,' says the LORD, 'and work, for I am with you,' says the LORD of hosts. 5 This is the word that I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt, and my Spirit lived among you. 'Do not be afraid.' 6 For this is what the LORD of hosts says: 'Yet once more, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; 7 and I will shake all nations, and they will come with the treasures of all nations, and I will fill this house with glory, says the LORD of hosts. 8 The silver is mine, and the gold is mine,' says the LORD of hosts. 9 'The latter glory of this house will be greater than the former.' says the LORD of hosts; 'and in this place will I give peace,' says the LORD of hosts." 10 In the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, in the second year of Daryavesh, the word of the LORD came by Haggai the prophet, saying, 11 "Thus says the LORD of hosts: Ask now the priests concerning the law, saying, 12 'If someone carries holy meat in the fold of his garment, and with his fold touches bread, stew, wine, oil, or any food, will it become holy?" The priests answered, "No." 13 Then Haggai said, "If one who is unclean by reason of a dead body touch any of these, will it be unclean?" The priests answered, "It will be unclean." 14 Then Haggai answered, "So is this people, and so is this nation before me,' says the LORD; 'and so is every work of their hands. That which they offer there is unclean. 15 Now, please consider from this day and backward, before a stone was laid on a stone in the temple of the LORD. 16 Through all that time, when one came to a heap of twenty measures, there were only ten. When one came to the wine vat to draw out fifty, there were only twenty. 17 I struck you with blight, mildew, and hail in all the work of your hands; yet you did not turn to me,' says the LORD. 18 'Consider, please, from this day and backward, from the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, since the day that the foundation of the LORD's temple was laid, consider it. 19 Is the seed vet in the barn? Yes, the vine, the fig tree, the pomegranate, and the olive tree haven't brought forth. From this day will I bless you." 20 The word of the LORD came the second time to Haggai in the twenty-fourth day of the month, saying, 21 "Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, saying, 'I will shake the 2 In the seventh month, in the twenty-first day of the heavens and the earth. 22 I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms. I will destroy the strength of the kingdoms of prophet, saying, 2 "Speak now to Zerubbabel, the son the nations. I will overthrow the chariots, and those who the people, saying, 3 'Who is left among you who saw says the LORD of hosts, will I take you, Zerubbabel, my

servant, the son of Shealtiel,' says the LORD, 'and will make you as a signet, for I have chosen you,' says the LORD of hosts."

Zechariah

1 In the eighth month, in the second year of Daryavesh. the word of the LORD came to Zechariah the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo, the prophet, saying, 2 "The LORD was very displeased with your fathers. 3 Therefore tell them: Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Return to me,' says the LORD of hosts, 'and I will return to you,' says the LORD of hosts. 4 Do not be like your fathers, to whom the former prophets proclaimed, saying: Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'Return now from 2 I lifted up my eyes, and saw, and look, a man with a did not hear, nor listen to me, says the LORD. 5 Your fathers, where are they? And the prophets, do they live forever? 6 But my words and my statutes, which I commanded by my Spirit to my servants the prophets, did they not overtake your fathers? Then they repented and said, 'Just as the LORD of hosts determined to do to us, according to our ways, and according to our practices, so he has dealt with us." 7 On the twentyfourth day of the eleventh month, which is the month Shebat, in the second year of Daryavesh, the word of the LORD came to Zechariah the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo, the prophet, saying, 8 "I had a vision in the night, and look, a man riding on a red horse, and he stood among the myrtle trees that were in a ravine; and behind him there were red, brown, and white horses. 9 Then I asked, 'My lord, what are these?" The angel who talked with me said to me. "I will show you what these are." 10 The man who stood among the myrtle trees answered and said to me, "They are the ones the LORD has sent to go back and forth through the earth." 11 They reported to the angel of the LORD who stood among the myrtle trees, and said, "We have walked back and forth through the earth, and look, all the earth is at rest and in peace." 12 Then the angel of the LORD replied, "O LORD of hosts, how long will you not have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which you have had indignation these seventy years?" 13 The LORD answered the angel who talked with me with kind and comforting words. 14 So the angel who talked with me said to me, "Proclaim, saying, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts: "I am jealous for Jerusalem and for his right hand to be his adversary. 2 The LORD said to Zion with a great jealousy. 15 I am very angry with the Satan, "The LORD rebuke you, Satan. Yes, the LORD nations that are at ease; for I was but only a little angry, who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you. Isn't this a but they added to the calamity." 16 Therefore thus says burning stick plucked out of the fire?" 3 Now Joshua was the LORD: "I have returned to Jerusalem with mercy. clothed with filthy garments, and was standing before My house will be built in it," says the LORD of hosts, the angel. 4 He answered and spoke to those who stood "and a line shall be stretched forth over Jerusalem." before him, saying, "Take the filthy garments off of him." 17 "Proclaim further, saying, 'Thus says the LORD of To him he said, "Look, I have caused your iniquity to hosts: "My cities will again overflow with prosperity, pass from you, and I will clothe you with rich clothing." and the LORD will again comfort Zion, and will again 5 I said, "Let them set a clean turban on his head." So choose Jerusalem."" 18 I lifted up my eyes, and saw, they set a clean turban on his head, and clothed him;

and look, four horns. 19 I asked the angel who talked with me, "What are these?" He answered me, "These are the horns which have scattered Judah. Israel, and Jerusalem." 20 The LORD showed me four craftsmen. 21 Then I asked, "What are these coming to do?" He said, "These are the horns which scattered Judah, so that no man lifted up his head: but these have come to terrify them, to cast down the horns of the nations, which lifted up their horn against the land of Judah to scatter it."

measuring line in his hand. 2 Then I asked, "Where are you going?" He said to me, "To measure Jerusalem. to see what is its breadth and what is its length." 3 Look, the angel who talked with me went forth, and another angel went out to meet him, 4 and said to him, "Run, speak to this young man, saying, 'Jerusalem will be inhabited as villages without walls, because of the multitude of men and livestock in it. 5 For I.' savs the LORD, 'will be to her a wall of fire around it, and I will be the glory in the midst of her. 6 Come. Come. Flee from the land of the north,' says the LORD; 'for I have spread you abroad as the four winds of the sky,' says the LORD. 7 'Come, Zion. Escape, you who dwell with the daughter of Babylon.' 8 For thus says the LORD of hosts: 'For honor he has sent me to the nations which plundered you; for he who touches you touches the apple of my eye, 9 For, look, I will shake my hand over them, and they will be a spoil to those who served them; and you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent me. 10 Sing and rejoice, daughter of Zion; for, look, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of you,' says the LORD. 11 Many nations shall join themselves to the LORD in that day, and shall be my people; and I will dwell in the midst of you, and you shall know that the LORD of hosts has sent me to you. 12 The LORD will inherit Judah as his portion in the holy land, and will again choose Jerusalem. 13 Be silent, all flesh, before the LORD; for he has roused himself from his holv habitation."

2 He showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at

and the angel of the LORD was standing by. 6 The nine feet six inches, and its breadth fourteen feet nine sign: for, look, I will bring forth my servant, the Branch. who swears falsely by my name; and it will remain in engraving,' says the LORD of hosts, 'and I will remove came forward, and said to me, "Lift up now your eyes, the iniquity of that land in one day. 10 In that day,' and see what is this that is appearing." 6 And I said, neighbor under the vine and under the fig tree."

1 The angel who talked with me came again, and wakened me, as a man who is wakened out of his sleep. 2 He said to me, "What do you see?" I said, "I have seen, and look, a lampstand all of gold, with its bowl on the top of it, and its seven lamps thereon; there are seven pipes to each of the lamps, which are on the top of it; 3 and two olive trees by it, one on the right side of the bowl, and the other on the left side of it." 4 I answered and spoke to the angel who talked with me, saying, "What are these, my lord?" 5 Then the angel who talked with me answered me, "Do you not know what these are?" I said, "No, my lord," 6 Then he answered and spoke to me, saying, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel, saying, 'Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the LORD of hosts. 7 Who are you, great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you are a plain; and he will bring out the capstone with shouts of 'Grace, grace, to it."" 8 Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 9 "The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house. His hands shall also finish it; and you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent me to you. 10 Indeed, who despises the day of small things? For these seven shall rejoice, and shall see the plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel. These are the eyes of the LORD, which run back and forth through the whole earth." 11 Then I asked him, "What are these two olive trees on the right side of the lampstand and on the left side of it?" 12 I asked him the second time, "What are these two olive branches, which are beside the two golden spouts, that pour the golden oil out of themselves?" 13 He answered me, "Do you not know what these are?" I said, "No, my lord." 14 Then he said, "These are the two anointed ones who stand by the came to me, saying, 10 "Take of them of the captivity, Lord of the whole earth."

a flying scroll. 2 He said to me, "What do you see?" I answered, "I see a flying scroll; its length is twenty- on the head of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high

angel of the LORD protested to Joshua, saying, 7 "Thus inches." 3 Then he said to me, "This is the curse says the LORD of hosts: 'If you will walk in my ways, that goes out over the surface of the whole land; for and if you will follow my instructions, then you also shall everyone who steals shall be cut off according to it on judge my house, and shall also keep my courts, and I the one side; and everyone who swears falsely shall be will give you a place of access among these who stand cut off according to it on the other side. 4 I will cause it by. 8 Hear now, Joshua the high priest, you and your to go out," says the LORD of hosts, "and it will enter fellows who sit before you; for they are men who are a into the house of the thief, and into the house of him 9 For, look, the stone that I have set before Joshua; the midst of his house, and will destroy it with its timber on one stone are seven eyes: look, I will engrave its and its stones." 5 Then the angel who talked with me says the LORD of hosts, 'you will invite every man his "What is it?" And he said, "This is the ephah basket that is appearing." And he said moreover, "This is their iniquity throughout the land." 7 And look, a lead cover was raised up, and there was a woman sitting in the basket. 8 And he said, "This is Wickedness;" and he threw her down into the midst of the ephah basket; and he placed the lead cover over its mouth. 9 Then lifted I up my eyes, and saw, and look, there were two women, and the wind was in their wings. Now they had wings like the wings of a stork, and they lifted up the ephah basket between earth and the sky. 10 Then said I to the angel who talked with me, "Where are these carrying the ephah basket?" 11 He said to me, "To build her a house in the land of Shinar. When it is prepared, she will be set there in her own place."

6 Again I lifted up my eyes, and saw, and look, four chariots came out from between two mountains; and the mountains were mountains of bronze. 2 In the first chariot were red horses; in the second chariot black horses; 3 in the third chariot white horses; and in the fourth chariot dappled horses, all of them powerful. 4 Then I asked the angel who talked with me. "What are these, my lord?" 5 The angel answered me, "These are the four winds of the sky, which go forth from standing before the Lord of all the earth. 6 The one with the black horses goes out toward the north country; and the white went out after them; and the dappled went forth toward the south country." 7 The strong went out, and sought to go that they might walk back and forth through the earth: and he said, "Go around and through the earth." So they walked back and forth through the earth. 8 Then he called to me, and spoke to me, saying, "Look, those who go toward the north country have guieted my spirit in the north country." 9 The word of the LORD even of Heldai, of Tobijah, and of Jedaiah; and come the same day, and go into the house of Josiah the son 5 Then again I lifted up my eyes, and saw, and look, of Zephaniah, where they have come from Babylon. 11 Take silver and gold, and make a crown, and set it

priest; 12 and speak to him, saying, 'Thus says the **Q** The word of the LORD of hosts came to me. 2 LORD of hosts, "Look, the man whose name is the your God."""

7 It happened in the fourth year of king Daryavesh that the word of the LORD came to Zechariah in the fourth day of the ninth month, the month of Chislev. 2 The people of Bethel sent Sharezer and Regem Melech, and their men, to entreat the LORD's favor, 3 and to speak to the priests of the house of the LORD of hosts, and to the prophets, saying, "Should I weep in the fifth month, separating myself, as I have done these so many years?" 4 Then the word of the LORD of hosts came to me, saying, 5 "Speak to all the people of the land, and to the priests, saying, 'When you fasted and mourned in the fifth and in the seventh month for these seventy years, did you at all fast to me, really to me? 6 When you eat, and when you drink, do you not eat for yourselves, and drink for yourselves? 7 Aren't these the words which the LORD proclaimed by the former prophets, when Jerusalem was inhabited and in prosperity, and its cities around her, and the Negev and the lowland were inhabited?" 8 The word of the LORD came to Zechariah, saying, 9 "Thus has the LORD of hosts spoken, saying, 'Execute true judgment, and show kindness and compassion every man to his brother. 10 Do not oppress the widow, nor the fatherless, the foreigner, nor the poor; and let none of you devise evil against his brother in your heart.' 11 But they refused to listen, and turned their backs, and stopped their ears, that they might not hear. 12 Yes, they made their hearts as hard as flint, lest they might hear the law, and the words which the LORD of hosts had sent by his Spirit by the former prophets. Therefore great wrath came from the LORD of hosts. 13 It has come to pass that, as he called, and they refused to listen, so they will call, and I will not listen," said the LORD of hosts; 14 "but I will scatter them with a whirlwind among all the nations which they have not known. Thus the land was desolate after them, so that no man passed through nor returned: for they made the pleasant land desolate."

Thus says the LORD of hosts: "I am jealous for Zion Branch: and he shall grow up out of his place; and he with great jealousy, and I am jealous for her with great shall build the temple of the LORD; 13 even he shall wrath." 3 Thus says the LORD: "I have returned to Zion, build the temple of the LORD; and he shall bear the and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. Jerusalem shall glory, and shall sit and rule on his throne; and he shall be called 'The City of Truth;' and the mountain of the be a priest on his throne; and the counsel of peace shall LORD of hosts, 'The Holy Mountain.'" 4 Thus says the be between them both. 14 And the crown shall be to LORD of hosts: "Old men and old women will again Heldai, and to Tobijah, and to Jedaiah, and to Josiah dwell in the streets of Jerusalem, every man with his the son of Zephaniah, for a memorial in the temple of staff in his hand for very age. 5 The streets of the city the LORD. 15 Those who are far off shall come and will be full of boys and girls playing in its streets." 6 build in the temple of the LORD; and you shall know Thus says the LORD of hosts: "If it is marvelous in the that the LORD of hosts has sent me to you. This will eyes of the remnant of this people in those days, should happen, if you will diligently obey the voice of the LORD it also be marvelous in my eyes?" says the LORD of hosts. 7 Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Look, I will save my people from the east country, and from the west country; 8 and I will bring them, and they will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem; and they will be my people, and I will be their God, in truth and in righteousness." 9 Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Let your hands be strong, you who hear in these days these words from the mouth of the prophets who were in the day that the foundation of the house of the LORD of hosts was laid, even the temple, that it might be built. 10 For before those days there was no wages for man, nor any wages for an animal; neither was there any peace to him who went out or came in, because of the adversary. For I set all men everyone against his neighbor. 11 But now I will not be to the remnant of this people as in the former days," says the LORD of hosts. 12 "For the seed of peace and the vine will yield its fruit, and the ground will give its increase, and the heavens will give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to inherit all these things. 13 It shall come to pass that, as you were a curse among the nations, house of Judah and house of Israel, so will I save you, and you shall be a blessing. Do not be afraid. Let your hands be strong." 14 For thus says the LORD of hosts: "As I thought to do evil to you, when your fathers provoked me to wrath," says the LORD of hosts, "and I did not repent; 15 so again have I thought in these days to do good to Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. Do not be afraid. 16 These are the things that you shall do: speak every man the truth with his neighbor. Execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates, 17 and let none of you devise evil in your hearts against his neighbor, and love no false oath: for all these are things that I hate," says the LORD. 18 The word of the LORD of hosts came to me. 19 Thus says the LORD of hosts: "The fasts of the fourth fifth, seventh, and tenth months shall be for the house of Judah joy and gladness, and cheerful feasts. Therefore love truth and peace." 20 Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Many peoples and the inhabitants of many cities will come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem, and to goodness, and how great is his beauty. Grain will make entreat the favor of the LORD." 23 Thus says the LORD the young men flourish, and new wine the virgins. of hosts: "In those days, ten men will take hold, out of all the languages of the nations, they will take hold of the skirt of him who is a Jew, saying, 'We will go with you, for we have heard that God is with you."

of Hadrach, and will rest upon Damascus; for the eye of man and of all the tribes of Israel is toward the LORD; 2 and Hamath, also, which borders on it; Tyre and Sidon, because they are very wise. 3 Tyre built herself a stronghold, and heaped up silver like the dust, and fine gold like the mire of the streets. 4 Look, the LORD will dispossess her, and he will strike her power in the sea; and she will be devoured with fire. 5 Ashkelon will see it, and fear; Gaza also, and will writhe in agony; as will Ekron, for her expectation will be disappointed; and the king will perish from Gaza, and Ashkelon will not be inhabited. 6 Foreigners will dwell in Ashdod, and I will cut off the pride of the Philistines. 7 I will take away his blood out of his mouth, and his abominations from between his teeth; and he also will be a remnant for our God; and he will be as a chieftain in Judah, and Ekron as a Jebusite. 8 I will camp around my house against the army, that none pass through or return; and no oppressor will pass through them any more: for now I have seen with my eyes. 9 Rejoice greatly, daughter of Zion. Shout, daughter of Jerusalem. Look, your king comes to you. He is righteous, and having salvation; lowly, and riding on a donkey, even on a colt, the foal of a donkey. 10 I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow will be cut off; and he will speak peace to the nations: and his dominion will be from sea to sea, and from the River to the farthest parts of the earth. 11 As for you also, because of the blood of your covenant, I have set free your prisoners from the pit in which is no water. 12 Turn to the stronghold, you prisoners of hope. Even today I declare that I will restore double to you. 13 For indeed I bend Judah as a bow for me. I have filled the bow with Ephraim; and I will stir up your sons, Zion, against your sons, Greece, and will make you like the sword of a mighty man. 14 The LORD will be seen over them; and his arrow will go forth like lightning; and the LORD will blow the trumpet, and will go with whirlwinds of the south. 15 The LORD of hosts will defend them; and they will destroy and overcome with sling stones; and they will drink, and roar as through wine; and they will be

vet come: 21 and the inhabitants of one shall go to filled like bowls, like the corners of the altar, 16 The another, saying, 'Let us go speedily to entreat the favor LORD their God will save them in that day as the flock of the LORD, and to seek the LORD of hosts. I will go of his people; for they are like the jewels of a crown, also.' 22 Yes, many peoples and strong nations will lifted on high over his land. 17 For how great is his

10 Ask of the LORD rain in the spring time, The LORD who makes lightnings, and he gives rain showers to everyone for the plants in the field. 2 For the teraphim have spoken vanity, and the diviners have An oracle. The word of the LORD is against the land seen a lie; and they have told false dreams. They comfort in vain. Therefore they go their way like sheep. They are oppressed, because there is no shepherd. 3 My anger is kindled against the shepherds, and I will punish the male goats; For the LORD of hosts has visited his flock, the house of Judah, and will make them as his majestic horse in the battle. 4 From him will come forth the cornerstone, from him the nail, from him the battle bow, from him every ruler together. 5 They shall be as mighty men, treading down muddy streets in the battle; and they shall fight, because the LORD is with them; and the riders on horses will be confounded. 6 "I will strengthen the house of Judah, and I will save the house of Joseph, and I will bring them back; for I have mercy on them; and they will be as though I had not cast them off: for I am the LORD their God, and I will hear them. 7 Ephraim will be like a mighty man, and their heart will rejoice as through wine; yes, their children will see it, and rejoice. Their heart will be glad in the LORD. 8 I will signal for them, and gather them; for I have redeemed them; and they will increase as they have increased. 9 I will sow them among the peoples; and they will remember me in far countries; and they will live with their children, and will return. 10 I will bring them again also out of the land of Egypt, and gather them out of Assyria; and I will bring them into the land of Gilead and Lebanon; and there won't be room enough for them. 11 He will pass through the sea of affliction, and will strike the waves in the sea, and all the depths of the Nile will dry up; and the pride of Assyria will be brought down, and the scepter of Egypt will depart. 12 I will strengthen them in the LORD; and they will walk up and down in his name." says the LORD.

> 1 Open your doors, Lebanon, that the fire may devour your cedars. 2 Wail, fir tree, for the cedar has fallen, because the stately ones are destroyed. Wail, you oaks of Bashan, for the strong forest has come down. 3 A voice of the wailing of the shepherds. For their glory is destroyed: a voice of the roaring of young lions. For the pride of the Jordan is ruined. 4 Thus says the LORD my God: "Feed the flock of slaughter. 5 Their buyers slaughter them, and go unpunished. Those

who sell them say. 'Blessed be the LORD, for I am hosts their God.' 6 In that day I will make the chieftains up a shepherd in the land, who will not visit those who their wives apart. are cut off, neither will seek those who are scattered, nor heal that which is broken, nor feed that which is sound; but he will eat the flesh of the fat sheep, and will tear their hoofs in pieces. 17 Woe to the worthless shepherd who leaves the flock. The sword will be on his arm, and on his right eye. His arm will be completely withered, and his right eve will be totally blinded."

rich," and their own shepherds do not pity them. 6 For I of Judah like a pan of fire among wood, and like a will no more pity the inhabitants of the land," says the flaming torch among sheaves; and they will devour all LORD; "but, look, I will deliver the men everyone into the surrounding peoples, on the right hand and on the his neighbor's hand, and into the hand of his king. They left; and Jerusalem will yet again dwell in their own will strike the land, and out of their hand I will not deliver place, even in Jerusalem. 7 The LORD also will save them." 7 So I fed the flock of slaughter, especially the the tents of Judah first, that the glory of the house of oppressed of the flock. I took for myself two staffs. The David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem not one I called "Favor," and the other I called "Union," and be magnified above Judah. 8 In that day the LORD I fed the flock. 8 I cut off the three shepherds in one will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem. He who is month; for my soul was weary of them, and their soul feeble among them at that day will be like David, and also loathed me. 9 Then I said, "I will not feed you. That the house of David will be like God, like the angel of the which dies, let it die; and that which is to be cut off, let it LORD before them. 9 It will happen in that day, that I be cut off; and let those who are left eat each other's will seek to destroy all the nations that come against flesh." 10 I took my staff Favor, and cut it apart, that I Jerusalem. 10 I will pour on the house of David, and might break my covenant that I had made with all the on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and peoples. 11 It was broken in that day; and thus the poor of petition; and they will look to me whom they have of the flock that listened to me knew that it was the word pierced; and they shall mourn for him, as one mourns of the LORD. 12 I said to them, "If you think it best, give for his only son, and will grieve bitterly for him, as one me my wages; and if not, keep them." So they weighed grieves for his firstborn. 11 In that day there will be for my wages thirty pieces of silver. 13 The LORD said a great mourning in Jerusalem, like the mourning of to me, "Throw it to the potter, the handsome price that I Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddon. 12 The land was valued at by them." I took the thirty pieces of silver, will mourn, every family apart; the family of the house and threw them to the potter, in the house of the LORD. of David apart, and their wives apart; the family of the 14 Then I cut apart my other staff, even Union, that I house of Nathan apart, and their wives apart; 13 the might break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel. family of the house of Levi apart, and their wives apart; 15 The LORD said to me, "Take for yourself yet again the the family of the Shimeites apart, and their wives apart; equipment of a foolish shepherd. 16 For, look, I will raise 14 all the families who remain, every family apart, and

13 "In that day there will be a spring opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness. 2 It will come to pass in that day, says the LORD of hosts, that I will cut off the names of the idols out of the land, and they will be remembered no more. I will also cause the prophets and the spirit of impurity to pass out of the land. 3 It **12** An oracle. The word of the LORD concerning will happen that, when anyone still prophesies, then his Israel. The LORD, who stretches out the heavens, father and his mother who bore him will tell him, 'You and lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit must die, because you speak lies in the name of the of man within him says: 2 "Look, I will make Jerusalem LORD;' and his father and his mother who bore him a cup of reeling to all the surrounding peoples, and on will stab him when he prophesies. 4 It will happen in Judah also will it be in the siege against Jerusalem. 3 It that day, that the prophets will each be ashamed of will happen in that day, that I will make Jerusalem a his vision, when he prophesies; neither will they wear burdensome stone for all the peoples. All who burden a hairy mantle to deceive: 5 but he will say, 'I am no themselves with it will be severely wounded, and all the prophet, I am a tiller of the ground; for I have been nations of the earth will be gathered together against made a bondservant from my youth.' 6 One will say to it. 4 In that day," says the LORD, "I will strike every him, 'What are these wounds between your hands?' horse with terror, and his rider with madness; and I Then he will answer, 'Those with which I was wounded will open my eyes on the house of Judah, and will in the house of my friends.' 7 "Awake, sword, against strike every horse of the peoples with blindness. 5 my shepherd, and against the man who is close to me," The chieftains of Judah will say in their heart, 'The says the LORD of hosts. "I will strike the shepherd. and inhabitants of Jerusalem are my strength in the LORD of the sheep will be scattered; and I will turn my hand

against the little ones. 8 It shall happen that in all the and of all the animals that will be in those camps, as die; but the third will be left in it. 9 I will bring the third part into the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will test them like gold is tested. They will call on my name, and I will hear them. I will say, 'It is my people;' and they will say, 'The LORD is my God.'"

Look, a day of the LORD comes, when your spoil will be divided in your midst. 2 For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city will be taken, the houses rifled, and the women ravished. Half of the city will go out into captivity, and the rest of the people will not be cut off from the city. 3 Then the LORD will go out and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. 4 His feet will stand in that day on the Mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split in two, from east to west, making a very great valley. Half of the mountain will move toward the north, and half of it toward the south. 5 Then you shall flee by the valley of my mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach to Azel; yes, you shall flee, just like you fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then the LORD my God will come, and all the holy ones with him. 6 It will happen in that day, that there will not be light, cold, or frost. 7 It will be a unique day which is known to the LORD; not day, and not night; but it will come to pass, that at evening time there will be light. 8 It will happen in that day, that living waters will go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the eastern sea, and half of them toward the western sea; in summer and in winter will it be. 9 The LORD will be King over all the earth. In that day the LORD will be one, and his name one. 10 All the land will be made like the Arabah, from Geba to Rimmon in the Negev. Jerusalem will be lifted up, and will dwell in her place, from Benjamin's gate to the place of the first gate, to the Corner Gate, and from the Tower of Hananel to the king's winepresses. 11 Men will dwell in it, and there will be no more curse; but Jerusalem will dwell safely. 12 This will be the plaque with which the LORD will strike all the peoples who have warred against Jerusalem: their flesh will consume away while they stand on their feet, and their eyes will consume away in their sockets, and their tongue will consume away in their mouth. 13 It will happen in that day, that a great panic from the LORD will be among them; and they will lay hold everyone on the hand of his neighbor, and his hand will rise up against the hand of his neighbor. 14 Judah also will fight at Jerusalem; and the wealth of all the surrounding nations will be gathered together: gold, and silver, and clothing, in great abundance. 15 So will be the plague of the horse, of the mule, of the camel, and of the donkey,

land," says the LORD, "two parts in it will be cut off and that plaque. 16 It will happen that everyone who is left of all the nations that came against Jerusalem will go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of booths. 17 It will be, that whoever of all the families of the earth doesn't go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, on them there will be no rain. 18 If the family of Eqypt doesn't go up and enter in, on them will be the plague with which the LORD will strike the nations that do not go up to keep the feast of booths. 19 This will be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all the nations that do not go up to keep the feast of booths. 20 In that day there will be on the bells of the horses, "HOLY TO THE LORD;" and the pots in the LORD's house will be like the bowls before the altar. 21 Yes. every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah will be holy to the LORD of hosts; and all those who sacrifice will come and take of them, and cook in them. In that day there will no longer be a Canaanite in the house of the LORD of hosts.

Zechariah

Malachi

An oracle: the word of the LORD to Israel by Malachi. 2 "I have loved you," says the LORD. Yet you say, "How have you loved us?" "Wasn't Esau Jacob's brother?" says the LORD, "Yet I loved Jacob; 3 but Esau I hated, and made his mountains a desolation, and gave his heritage to the jackals of the wilderness.' 4 Whereas Edom says. "We are beaten down, but we will return and build the waste places;" thus says the LORD of hosts. "They shall build, but I will throw down: and men will call them 'The Wicked Land,' even the people against whom the LORD shows wrath forever." 5 Your eves will see, and you will say. "The LORD is great-even beyond the border of Israel." 6 "A son honors his father, and a servant his master. If I am a father, then where is my honor? And if I am a master. where is the respect due me? says the LORD of hosts to you, priests, who despise my name. You say, 'How have we despised your name?' 7 You offer defiled bread on my altar. You say, 'How have we defiled you?' In that you say. 'The LORD's table is despised, and its fruit, its food, is despised.' 8 When you offer the blind for sacrifice, isn't that evil? And when you offer the lame and sick, isn't that evil? Present it now to your governor. Will he be pleased with you? Or will he accept your person?" says the LORD of hosts. 9 "Now, please entreat the favor of God, that he may be gracious to us. With this, will he accept any of you?" says the LORD of hosts. 10 "Oh that there were one among you who would shut the doors, that you might not kindle fire on my altar in vain. I have no pleasure in you," says the LORD of hosts, "neither will I accept an offering at your hand. 11 For from the rising of the sun even to the going down of the same, my name is great among the nations. and in every place incense will be offered to my name. and a pure offering: for my name is great among the nations," says the LORD of hosts. 12 "But you profane it, in that you say, 'The LORD's table is defiled, and its fruit, its food, is despised.' 13 You say also, 'Look, what a weariness it is.' and you sniff scornfully at it," says the LORD of hosts; "and you have brought that which was taken by violence, the lame, and the sick: thus you bring the offering. Should I accept this from your hand?" says the LORD of hosts. 14 "But the deceiver is cursed, who has in his flock a male, and vows, and sacrifices to the LORD a blemished thing; for I am a great King," says the LORD of hosts, "and my name is awesome among the nations."

2 "Now, you priests, this commandment is for you. **2** them;' or 'Where is the God of justice?' If you will not listen, and if you will not lay it to heart, to give glory to my name," says the LORD of hosts, **3** "Look, I send my messenger, and he

"then will I send the curse on you, and I will curse your blessings. Indeed, I have cursed them already, because you do not lay it to heart. 3 Look, I will rebuke your seed, and will spread dung on your faces, even the dung of your feasts; and you will be taken away with it. 4 You will know that I have sent this commandment to you. that my covenant may be with Levi," says the LORD of hosts. 5 "My covenant was with him of life and peace; and I gave them to him that he might be reverent toward me; and he was reverent toward me, and stood in awe of my name. 6 The law of truth was in his mouth, and unrighteousness was not found in his lips. He walked with me in peace and uprightness, and turned many away from iniquity. 7 For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth; for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts. 8 But you have turned aside out of the way. You have caused many to stumble in the law. You have corrupted the covenant of Levi," says the LORD of hosts. 9 "Therefore I have also made you contemptible and base before all the people, according to the way you have not kept my ways, but have had respect for persons in the law. 10 Do we not all have one father? Hasn't one God created us? Why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, profaning the covenant of our fathers? 11 Judah has dealt treacherously, and an abomination is committed in Israel and in Jerusalem: for Judah has profaned the holiness of the LORD which he loves. and has married the daughter of a foreign god. 12 The LORD will cut off, to the man who does this, him who wakes and him who answers, out of the tents of Jacob. and him who offers an offering to the LORD of hosts. 13 This again you do: you cover the altar of the LORD with tears, with weeping, and with sighing, because he doesn't regard the offering any more, neither receives it with good will at your hand. 14 Yet you say, 'Why?' Because the LORD has been witness between you and the wife of your youth, against whom you have dealt treacherously, though she is your companion, and the wife of your covenant. 15 Did he not make one, although he had the residue of the Spirit? Why one? He sought a godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth. 16 For I hate divorce," says the LORD, the God of Israel. "and him who covers his garment with violence." says the LORD of hosts. "Therefore take heed to your spirit, that you do not deal treacherously. 17 You have wearied the LORD with your words. Yet you say, 'How have we wearied him?' In that you say, 'Everyone who does evil is good in the sight of the LORD, and he delights in

3 "Look, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me; and the Lord, whom you seek, will

suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of will be stubble; and the day that comes will burn them the covenant, whom you desire, look, he comes." says up," says the LORD of hosts, "that it shall leave them the LORD of hosts. 2 But who can endure the day of neither root nor branch. 2 But to you who fear my name his coming? And who will stand when he appears? For shall the sun of righteousness arise with healing in its he is coming like a refiner's fire, and like launderer's wings. You will go out, and leap like calves of the stall. soap. 3 And he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, 3 You shall tread down the wicked; for they will be ashes and he will purify the sons of Levi, and refine them under the soles of your feet in the day that I make," says as gold and silver; and they shall offer to the LORD the LORD of hosts. 4 "Remember the Law of Moses offerings in righteousness. 4 Then the offering of Judah my servant, which I commanded to him in Horeb for all and Jerusalem will be pleasant to the LORD, as in the Israel, even statutes and ordinances. 5 Look, I will send days of old, and as in ancient years. 5 I will come you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness day of the LORD comes. 6 He will turn the hearts of the against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children against the perjurers, and against those who oppress to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, curse. and who deprive the foreigner of justice, and do not fear me," says the LORD of hosts. 6 "For I, the LORD, do not change; therefore you, sons of Jacob, are not consumed. 7 From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my ordinances, and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you," says the LORD of hosts. "But you say, 'How shall we return?' 8 Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. But you say, 'How have we robbed you?' In tithes and offerings. 9 You are cursed with the curse; for you rob me, even this whole nation. 10 Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house, and test me now in this," says the LORD of hosts, "if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough for. 11 I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast its fruit before its time in the field," says the LORD of hosts. 12 "All nations shall call you blessed, for you will be a delightful land," says the LORD of hosts. 13 "Your words have been stout against me," says the LORD. "Yet you say, 'What have we spoken against you?' 14 You have said, 'It is vain to serve God;' and 'What profit is it that we have followed his instructions, and that we have walked mournfully before the LORD of hosts? 15 Now we call the proud blessed; indeed, evildoers prosper. They even tempt God and escape.' 16 Then those who feared the LORD spoke one with another; and the LORD listened, and heard, and a book of remembrance was written before him, for those who feared the LORD, and who honored his name. 17 They shall be mine," says the LORD of hosts, "my own possession in the day that I make, and I will spare them, as a man spares his own son who serves him. 18 Then you shall return and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him who serves God and him who doesn't serve him.

I "For, look, the day comes, it burns as a furnace; and all the proud, and all who work wickedness,

NEW TESTAMENT



The Crucifixion

And Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.' Dividing his garments among them, they cast lots. Luke 23:34

Matthew

1 A record of the genealogy of Jesus (the) Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham. 2 Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, 3 and Judah was the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez was the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram, 4 and Ram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, 5 and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz was the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed was the father of Jesse, 6 and Jesse the father of David the king. And David was the father of Solomon by her who had been the wife of Uriah; 7 and Solomon was the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asa; 8 and Asa the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, 9 and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah; 10 and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amon, and Amon the father of Josiah, 11 and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the exile to Babylon. 12 And after the exile to Babylon, Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, 13 and Zerubbabel the father of Abihud, and Abihud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azzur. 14 and Azzur the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Ahiam, and Ahiam the father of Elihud, they came into the house and saw the young child with 15 and Elihud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the Mary, his mother, and they fell down and worshiped father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, 16 him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered to him and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, from whom was born Jesus, who is called the Messiah. 17 So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the exile to Babylon fourteen generations; and from the exile to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations. 18 Now the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, the birth of Jesus (the) Messiah happened like this. His and stay there until I tell you, for Herod will seek the mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, and before they came together, she was found to be with child from the young child and his mother by night, and departed the Holy Spirit. 19 And Joseph, her husband, being a into Egypt, 15 and was there until the death of Herod; righteous man, and not willing to make her a public that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord example, intended to put her away secretly. 20 But through the prophet, saying, "Out of Egypt I called my when he thought about these things, look, an angel of son." 16 Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, by the Magi, was exceedingly angry, and sent out, and son of David, do not be afraid to take to yourself Mary, your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. 21 And she will bring forth a son, and you and under, according to the exact time which he had are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from learned from the Magi. 17 Then that which was spoken their sins." 22 Now all this has happened, that it might by Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled, saying, 18 "A be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation and weeping

bear a son, and they will call his name Immanuel:" which is translated, "God with us." 24 And Joseph arose from his sleep, and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took his wife to himself; 25 and had no marital relations with her until she had brought forth a son; and he named him Jesus.

2 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, look, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, 2 "Where is he who is born King of the Jews? For we saw his star in the east, and have come to worship him." 3 And when King Herod heard it, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 And gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he asked them where the Messiah would be born. 5 And they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written through the prophet, 6 'And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are in no way least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come forth a ruler who will shepherd my people, Israel." 7 Then Herod secretly called the Magi, and learned from them exactly what time the star appeared. 8 And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, "Go and search diligently for the young child, and when you have found him, bring me word, so that I also may come and worship him." 9 And they, having heard the king, went their way: and look, the star which they saw in the east went before them, until it came and stood over where the young child was. 10 And when they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. 11 And gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. 12 Being warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they went back to their own country another way. 13 Now when they had departed, look, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise and take young child to destroy him." 14 And he arose and took killed all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all the surrounding countryside, from two years old prophet, saying, 23 "Look, the virgin will conceive and and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children;

more." 19 But when Herod was dead, look, an angel called a Nazorean.

 ${f 3}$ And in those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea 2 and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near." 3 For this is he who was spoken of by Isaiah the prophet, saying, "The voice of one who calls out in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way of the Lord. Make his roads straight." 4 Now John himself wore clothing made of camel's hair and with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. 5 Then people from Jerusalem, all of Judea, and all the region around the Jordan went out to him, 6 and they were baptized by him in the Jordan river, confessing their sins. 7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism he said to them, "You offspring of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Therefore bring forth fruit worthy of repentance, 9 and do not think to vourselves, 'We have Abraham for our father,' for I tell you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones. 10 "Even now the axe lies at the root of the trees. Therefore, every tree that does not bring forth good fruit is cut down, and cast into the fire. 11 I indeed baptize you in water for repentance, but the one who comes after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you in the Holy Spirit and with fire. 12 His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will thoroughly cleanse his threshing floor. He will gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn up with unguenchable fire." 13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. 14 But John would have hindered him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and you come to me?" 15 But Jesus, answering, said to him, "Allow it to happen now, for this is the proper way for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed him. 16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up directly from the water; and look, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove, and coming on him. 17 And look, a voice out of the heavens said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

and she would not be comforted, because they are no **A** Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2 And when of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was hungry saying, 20 "Arise and take the young child and his afterward. 3 And the tempter came and said to him, "If mother, and go into the land of Israel, for those who you are the Son of God, command that these stones sought the young child's life are dead." 21 And he arose become bread." 4 But he answered and said, "It is and took the young child and his mother, and went to the written, 'Humankind cannot live by bread alone, but by land of Israel. 22 But when he heard that Archelaus was every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God." 5 reigning over Judea in the place of his father, Herod, he Then the devil took him into the holy city. He set him was afraid to go there. Being warned in a dream, he on the pinnacle of the temple, 6 and said to him, "If withdrew into the region of Galilee, 23 and came and you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is lived in a city called Nazareth; that it might be fulfilled written, 'He will put his angels in charge of you.' and, which was spoken through the prophets, that he will be 'In their hands they will lift you up, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone." 7 Jesus said to him, "Again, it is written, 'Do not test the Lord your God."" 8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world, and their glory. 9 And he said to him, "I will give you all of these things, if you will fall down and worship me." 10 Then Jesus said to him, "Go away, Satan. For it is written, 'You are to worship the Lord your God, and serve him only." 11 Then the devil left him, and look, angels came and served him. 12 Now when he heard that John was delivered up, he withdrew into Galilee. 13 And leaving Nazareth, he came and lived in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, 14 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken through Isaiah the prophet, saying, 15 "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. 16 The people sitting in darkness have seen a great light, and those living in the land and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned." 17 From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near." 18 And walking by the sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers: Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew, his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. 19 And he said to them, "Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." 20 And they immediately left their nets and followed him. 21 Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father. mending their nets, and he called them. 22 And they immediately left the boat and their father, and followed him. 23 And Jesus went about in all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the Kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness among the people. 24 And the report about him went out into all Syria, and they brought to him all who were sick, afflicted with various diseases and torments, possessed with demons, and epileptics, and paralytics; and he healed them. 25 And large crowds from Galilee, and

Decapolis, and Jerusalem, and Judea, and from beyond gift, 25 Agree with your adversary guickly, while you are the Jordan followed him.

S And seeing the crowds, he went up onto the mountain, and when he had sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 Then he opened his mouth and taught them, saying, 3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. 5 Blessed are the gentle, for they will inherit the earth. 6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they will be filled. 7 Blessed are the merciful, for they will obtain mercy. 8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. 9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God. 10 Blessed are those who have been persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven, 11 "Blessed are you when they insult you, persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely, for my sake, 12 Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven. For that is how they persecuted the prophets who were before you. 13 "You are the salt of the earth, but if the salt has lost its flavor, with what will it be salted? It is then good for nothing, but to be cast out and trampled under people's feet. 14 You are the light of the world. A city located on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Neither do you light a lamp, and put it under a measuring basket, but on a stand; and it shines to all who are in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before people, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven. 17 "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy, but to fulfill. 18 For truly, I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or part of a letter will disappear from the Law, until all things are accomplished. 19 Therefore. whoever will break one of these least commandments, and teach others to do so, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever will do and teach them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20 For I tell you that unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, there is no way you will enter into the kingdom of heaven. 21 "You have heard that it was said to the ancient ones. 'Do not murder:' and whoever murders will be liable to judgment. 22 But I tell you, that everyone who is angry with his brother without a cause will be liable to judgment; and whoever will say to his brother, 'Raga,' will be in danger of the council; and whoever will say, 'You fool,' will be in danger of the fire of hell. (Geenna g1067) 23 "If therefore you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has anything against you, 24 leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your have no reward from your Father who is in heaven. 2

with him in the way; lest perhaps the prosecutor deliver you to the judge, and the judge to the officer, and vou be cast into prison. 26 Truly I tell you, you will never get out of there until you have paid the last penny. 27 "You have heard that it was said, 'Do not commit adultery;' 28 but I tell you that everyone who looks at a woman to lust after her has committed adultery with her already in his heart. 29 And if your right eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out and throw it away from you. For it is more profitable for you that one of your members should perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell. (Geenna g1067) 30 And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off, and throw it away from you. For it is more profitable for you that one of your members should perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell. (Geenna g1067) 31 "And it was said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce,' 32 but I tell you that everyone who divorces his wife, except for the cause of sexual immorality, makes her an adulteress; and whoever marries her when she is divorced commits adultery. 33 "Again you have heard that it was said to them of old time, 'Do not make false vows, but fulfill vour vows to the Lord.' 34 But I tell vou, do not swear at all: neither by heaven, for it is the throne of God; 35 nor by the earth, for it is the footstool of his feet; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King, 36 Neither should you swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. 37 But let your 'Yes' be 'Yes' and your 'No' be 'No.' Whatever is more than these is of the evil one. 38 "You have heard that it was said, 'An eve for an eve, and a tooth for a tooth.' 39 But I tell you, do not set yourself against the one who is evil. But whoever strikes you on your right cheek, turn to him the other also. 40 And if anyone sues you to take away your shirt, let him have your coat also. 41 And whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two. 42 Give to him who asks you, and do not turn away him who desires to borrow from you. 43 "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor, and hate your enemy.' 44 But I tell you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you. 45 that you may be children of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the just and the unjust. 46 For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? 47 And if you only greet your brothers, what more do you do than others? Do not even the non-Jews do the same? 48 You therefore are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

6 "Be careful that you do not do your righteousness before people, to be seen by them, or else you

sound a trumpet before yourself, as the hypocrites do in they do not sow, neither do they reap, nor gather into the synagogues and in the streets, that they may get barns, and your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you glory from people. Truly I tell you, they have received not of much more value than they? 27 "And which of their reward. 3 But when you practice charitable giving, you, by being anxious, can add one cubit to his height? do not let your left hand know what your right hand 28 And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider does, 4 so that your charitable giving may be in secret, the lilies of the field, how they grow. They do not toil, then your Father who sees in secret will reward you. 5 neither do they spin, 29 yet I tell you that even Solomon "And when you pray, you are not to be as the hypocrites, in all his glory was not dressed like one of these. 30 But for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by exists, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, won't he others. Truly, I tell you, they have received their reward. much more clothe you, you of little faith? 31 "Therefore 6 But you, when you pray, enter into your inner chamber, do not be anxious, saying, 'What will we eat?', 'What and having shut your door, pray to your Father who is in will we drink?' or, 'With what will we be clothed?' 32 secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward For the unbelievers seek after all these things, for your you. 7 And in praying, do not use vain repetitions, as the heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. unbelievers do; for they think that they will be heard for 33 But seek first the Kingdom and his righteousness, their much speaking. 8 Therefore do not be like them, and all these things will be given to you as well. 34 for your Father knows what things you need, before Therefore do not be anxious for tomorrow, for tomorrow you ask him. 9 Therefore, you should pray this way: will be anxious for itself. Each day has enough trouble 'Our Father in heaven, holy be your name. 10 Let your of its own. Kingdom come. Let your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. 11 Give us today our daily bread. 12 And forgive us our debts, as we also forgive our debtors. 13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.' 14 "For if you forgive people their wrongdoing, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if you do not forgive people, neither will your Father forgive your wrongdoing. 16 "Moreover when you fast, do not be like the hypocrites, with sad faces. For they disfigure their faces, that they may be seen by people to be fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. 17 But you, when you fast, anoint your head, and wash your face; 18 so that you are not seen by people to be fasting, but by your Father who is in secret, and your Father, who sees in secret, will reward you. 19 "Do not store up treasures for yourselves on the earth, where moth and decay destroy, and where thieves break through and steal; 20 but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor decay destroy, and where thieves do not break through and steal; 21 for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 22 "The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light. 23 But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness. 24 "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other; or else he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Mammon. 25 Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body

Therefore when you practice charitable giving, do not more than clothing? 26 See the birds of the sky, that

7 "Do not judge, so that you won't be judged. 2 For with whatever judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with whatever measure you measure, it will be measured to you. 3 And why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? 4 Or how will you tell your brother, 'Let me remove the speck from your eye;' and look, the log is in your own eye? 5 You hypocrite. First remove the log out of your own eye, and then you can see clearly to remove the speck out of your brother's eye. 6 "Do not give that which is holy to the dogs, neither throw your pearls before the pigs, or they will trample them under their feet and turn and tear you to pieces. 7 "Ask, and it will be given to you. Seek, and you will find. Knock, and it will be opened for you. 8 For everyone who asks receives. He who seeks finds. To him who knocks it will be opened. 9 Or who is there among you, who, if his son will ask him for bread, will give him a stone? 10 Or if he will ask for a fish, who will give him a serpent? 11 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him. 12 Therefore whatever you desire for people to do to you, so also you should do to them; for this is the Law and the Prophets. 13 "Enter in by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and many are those who enter in by it. 14 How narrow is the gate, and difficult is the way that leads to life. Few are those who find it. 15 "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravening wolves. 16 By their fruits you will know them. Do you gather grapes from thorns, or figs from thistles? 17 Even so, every good tree produces good fruit: but the the centurion, "Go your way, Let it be done for you as 23 And then I will tell them, 'I never knew you. Depart around him, he gave the order to depart to the other from me, you who practice lawlessness.' 24 "Everyone side. 19 Then a scribe came, and said to him, "Teacher, came, and the winds blew, and beat on that house; and his head." 21 And another of the disciples said to him, do them will be like a foolish man, who built his house bury their own dead." 23 And when he got into a boat, with authority, and not like their scribes.

R And when he came down from the mountain, large crowds followed him. 2 And look, a leper came to him and worshiped him, saying, "Lord, if you want to, you can make me clean." 3 And he stretched out his hand, and touched him, saving, "I am willing, Be cleansed." And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. 4 And Jesus said to him, "See that you tell nobody, but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, as a testimony to them." 5 And when he came into Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking him, 6 and saving, "Lord, my servant lies in the house paralyzed, grievously tormented." 7 And he said to him, "I will come and heal him." 8 And the centurion answered. "Lord. I'm not worthy for you to come under my roof. Just say the word, and my servant will be healed. 9 For I am also a man under authority, having under myself soldiers. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and tell another, 'Come,' and he comes; and tell my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." 10 And when Jesus heard it, he was amazed, and said to those who followed, "Truly I tell you, I have not found so great a faith with anyone in Israel. 11 And I tell you that many will come from the east and the west, and will sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob in the him a man who was paralyzed, lying on a bed. And kingdom of heaven, 12 but the children of the Kingdom Jesus, seeing their faith, said to the paralytic, "Son, will be thrown out into the outer darkness. There will be cheer up. Your sins are forgiven." 3 And look, some of weeping and grinding of teeth." 13 And Jesus said to the scribes said to themselves, "This man blasphemes."

corrupt tree produces evil fruit. 18 A good tree cannot you have believed." And the servant was healed in that produce evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree produce hour. 14 And when Jesus came into Peter's house, he good fruit. 19 Every tree that does not grow good fruit is saw his mother-in-law lying sick with a fever. 15 So he cut down, and thrown into the fire. 20 Therefore, by touched her hand, and the fever left her. She got up and their fruits you will know them. 21 Not everyone who served him. 16 And when evening came, they brought says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter into the kingdom of to him many possessed with demons. He cast out the heaven; but he who does the will of my Father who is in spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick; 17 that heaven. 22 Many will tell me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, did it might be fulfilled which was spoken through Isaiah not we prophesy in your name, in your name cast out the prophet, saying, "He took our infirmities, and bore demons, and in your name do many mighty works?' our diseases." 18 Now when Jesus saw large crowds therefore who hears these words of mine, and does I will follow you wherever you go." 20 And Jesus said to them, will be compared to a wise man, who built his him, "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the sky house on a rock. 25 And the rain came down, the floods have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lav it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. 26 And "Lord, allow me first to go and bury my father." 22 But everyone who hears these words of mine, and does not Jesus said to him, "Follow me, and leave the dead to on the sand. 27 And the rain came down, the floods his disciples followed him. 24 And look, a violent storm came, and the winds blew, and beat on that house; and came up on the sea, so much that the boat was covered it fell—and great was its fall." 28 And it happened, when with the waves, but he was asleep. 25 They came to Jesus had finished saving these things, that the crowds him, and woke him up, saving, "Save us, Lord, We are were astonished at his teaching, 29 for he taught them dying." 26 And he said to them, "Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?" Then he got up, rebuked the wind and the sea, and there was a great calm. 27 And the men were amazed, saying, "What kind of person is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?" 28 And when he came to the other side, into the country of the Gadarenes, two people possessed by demons met him there, coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that nobody could pass that way. 29 And look, they shouted, saying, "What do we have to do with you, Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" 30 Now there was a herd of many pigs feeding far away from them. 31 And the demons begged him, saying, "If you cast us out, permit us to go away into the herd of pigs." 32 And he said to them, "Go." And they came out, and went into the pigs, and look, the whole herd rushed down the cliff into the sea, and died in the water. 33 And those who fed them fled, and went away into the city, and told everything, including what happened to those who were possessed with demons. 34 And look, all the city came out to meet Jesus. And when they saw him, they pleaded with him to leave their region.

> • And he entered into a boat, and crossed over, and came into his own city. 2 And look, they brought to

you think evil in your hearts? 5 For which is easier, to him, and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am say, 'Your sins are forgiven;' or to say, 'Get up, and able to do this?" They told him, "Yes, Lord." 29 Then he walk?' 6 But that you may know that the Son of Man touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be has authority on earth to forgive sins..." (then he said to it done to you." 30 And their eyes were opened. And the paralytic), "Get up, and take up your mat, and go up Jesus strictly commanded them, saying, "See that no to your house." 7 And he arose and departed to his one knows about this." 31 But they went out and spread house. 8 Now when the crowds saw it, they were afraid abroad his fame in all that land. 32 And as they went and glorified God who had given such authority to men. out, look, a mute man who was demon possessed was 9 And as Jesus passed by from there, he saw a man brought to him. 33 And when the demon was cast out, called Matthew sitting at the tax collection office. He said the mute man spoke. And the crowds were amazed, to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. 10 saying, "Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel." And it happened as he sat in the house, look, many tax 34 But the Pharisees said, "By the prince of the demons, collectors and sinners came and were reclining with he casts out demons." 35 And Jesus went about all the Jesus and his disciples. 11 And when the Pharisees saw cities and the villages, teaching in their synagogues, it, they said to his disciples, "Why does your Teacher and preaching the gospel of the Kingdom, and healing eat with tax collectors and sinners?" 12 When he heard every disease and every sickness. 36 But when he saw it, he said to them, "Those who are healthy have no the crowds, he was moved with compassion for them, need for a physician, but those who are sick do. 13 because they were harassed and scattered, like sheep But you go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, without a shepherd. 37 Then he said to his disciples, and not sacrifice,' for I came not to call the righteous, "The harvest indeed is plentiful, but the laborers are but sinners." 14 Then John's disciples came to him, few. 38 Pray therefore that the Lord of the harvest will saying, "Why do we and the Pharisees fast often, but send out laborers into his harvest." vour disciples do not fast?" 15 And Jesus said to them. "Can the friends of the bridegroom mourn, as long as the bridegroom is with them? But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast. 16 And no one puts a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; for the patch would tear away from the garment, and a worse hole is made. 17 Neither do people put new wine into old wineskins, or else the skins would burst, and the wine pours out, and the skins ruined. No, they put new wine into fresh wineskins, and both are preserved." 18 While he told these things to them, look, a ruler came and worshiped him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." 19 And Jesus got up and followed him, as did his disciples. 20 And look, a woman who had an issue of blood for twelve years came behind him, and touched the fringe of his garment; 21 for she said within herself, "If I just touch his garment. I will be made well." 22 But Jesus, turning around and seeing her, said, "Daughter, cheer up. Your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that hour. 23 And when Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the flute players, and the crowd in noisy disorder, 24 he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead, but asleep." And they laughed at him. 25 But when the crowd was put out, he entered in, took her by the hand, and the girl arose. 26 And the report of this went out into all that land. 27 And as Jesus passed by from there, two blind men followed him, calling out and saying, "Have mercy on us, son of David." 28 And when

4 But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do he had come into the house, the blind men came to

10 And he called to himself his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every sickness. 2 Now the names of the twelve apostles are these. The first, Simon, who is called Peter; and Andrew his brother; and James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; 3 Philip and Bartholomew: Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; 4 Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him. 5 Jesus sent these twelve out, and commanded them, saying, "Do not go among the non-Jews, and do not enter into any city of the Samaritans. 6 Rather, go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 7 And as you go, proclaim, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is near.' 8 Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. Freely you received, freely give. 9 Do not take any gold, nor silver, nor copper in your money belts. 10 Take no bag for your journey, neither two tunics, nor shoes, nor staff: for the laborer is worthy of his food. 11 And into whatever city or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy; and stay there until you go on. 12 And as you enter into the household, greet it. 13 And if the household is worthy, let your peace come on it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. 14 And whoever does not receive you, nor hear your words, as you leave that house or that city, shake off the dust from your feet. 15 Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city. 16 "Look, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be cunning

as snakes and innocent as doves. 17 But beware of one who receives a righteous person because he is people: for they will deliver you up to councils, and in a righteous person will receive a righteous person's their synagogues they will scourge you. 18 Yes, and you reward. 42 And whoever gives one of these little ones will be brought before governors and kings for my sake, just a cup of cold water to drink because he is a disciple, for a testimony to them and to the nations. 19 But when truly I tell you he will in no way lose his reward." they deliver you over, do not be anxious how or what you will say, for it will be given you in that hour what you will say. 20 For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you. 21 "And brother will deliver up brother to death, and the father his child. Children will rise up against parents, and cause them to be put to death. 22 And you will be hated by everyone because of my name, but the one who perseveres to the end will be saved. 23 But when they persecute you in one city, flee to the other. And if they persecute you in the other, flee to the next. For truly I tell you, you will not have gone through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes. 24 "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a servant above his lord. 25 It is enough for the disciple that he be like his teacher, and the servant like his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more those of his household. 26 Therefore do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing covered that will not be revealed: and hidden that will not be known. 27 What I tell you in the darkness, speak in the light; and what you hear whispered in the ear, proclaim on the housetops. 28 And do not be afraid of those who kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul. Rather, fear him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. (Geenna g1067) 29 "Are not two sparrows sold for an assarion coin? Not one of them falls on the ground apart from your Father's will, 30 but the very hairs of your head are all numbered. 31 Therefore do not be afraid. You are of more value than many sparrows. 32 Everyone therefore who confesses me before people, him I will also confess before my Father who is in heaven. 33 But whoever denies me before people, him I will also deny before my Father who is in heaven. 34 "Do not think that I came to send peace on the earth. I did not come to send peace, but a sword. 35 For I came to set a man at odds against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-inlaw against her mother-in-law. 36 And a person's foes will be those of his own household. 37 Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. 38 And whoever does not take his cross and follow after me, is not worthy of me. 39 Whoever seeks his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. 40 Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. 41 The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the

11 And it happened that when Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he departed from there to teach and preach in their cities. 2 Now when John heard in prison the works of the Messiah, he sent his disciples 3 and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" 4 And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: 5 the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. 6 And blessed is he who is not offended by me." 7 And as these went their way, Jesus began to say to the crowds concerning John, "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? 8 But what did you go out to see? A man in soft clothing? Look, those who wear soft things are in kings' houses. 9 But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet. 10 This is the one of whom it is written, 'Look, I send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' 11 Truly I tell you, among those who are born of women there has not arisen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. 12 And from the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent are taking it by force. 13 For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. 14 And if you are willing to receive it, this is Elijah, who is to come. 15 He who has ears to hear, let him hear. 16 "But to what should I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces, who call to their companions 17 and say, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance. We wailed in mourning, and you did not mourn.' 18 For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' 19 The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a gluttonous man and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.' But wisdom is justified by her children." 20 Then he began to denounce the cities in which most of his mighty works had been done, because they did not repent. 21 "Woe to you, Chorazin. Woe to you, Bethsaida, For if the mighty works had been done in Tyre and Sidon which were done in you, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. 22 But I tell you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon on the day of judgment than for you. 23 And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, you will be brought down to hell. For if the mighty works had

been done in Sodom which were done in you, it would and he will proclaim justice to the nations. 19 He will have remained until this day. (Hades g86) 24 But I tell not guarrel, nor shout; nor will anyone hear his voice in you that it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom, the streets. 20 He won't break a bruised reed. And he on the day of judgment, than for you." 25 At that time, won't put out a smoldering wick, until he leads justice to Jesus answered, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven victory. 21 And in his name the coastlands will hope." 22 and earth, that you hid these things from the wise and Then one possessed by a demon, blind and mute, was intelligent, and revealed them to little children. 26 Yes, brought to him and he healed him, so that the mute man Father, for so it was well-pleasing in your sight. 27 All spoke and saw. 23 And all the crowds were amazed, things have been delivered to me by my Father. No one and said, "Can this be the son of David?" 24 But when knows the Son, except the Father; neither does anyone the Pharisees heard it, they said, "This man does not know the Father, except the Son, and he to whom the cast out demons, except by Beelzebul, the prince of the Son desires to reveal him. 28 "Come to me, all you who demons." 25 And knowing their thoughts, he said to labor and are heavily burdened, and I will give you rest. them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am to desolation, and every city or house divided against gentle and humble in heart; and you will find rest for itself will not stand. 26 And if Satan casts out Satan, he your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom light."

12 At that time, Jesus went on the Sabbath day through the grain fields. His disciples were hungry and began to pluck heads of grain and to eat. 2 But the Pharisees, when they saw it, said to him, "Look, your disciples do what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath." 3 But he said to them, "Have you not read what David did, when he and his companions were hungry; 4 how he entered into the house of God, and they ate the show bread, which was not lawful for him to eat, neither for those who were with him, but only for the priests? 5 Or have you not read in the Law, that on the Sabbath day the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath and are blameless? 6 But I tell you that something greater than the temple is here. 7 But if you had known what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice,' you would not have condemned the innocent. 8 For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath." 9 And he departed from there and went into their synagogue. 10 And look, there was a man with a withered hand. They asked him, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath day?" that they might accuse him. 11 And he said to them, "Which one of you who has one sheep, if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not take hold of it and lift it out? 12 Of how much more value then is a person than a sheep. Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath." 13 Then he told the man, "Stretch out your hand." And he stretched it out, and it was restored whole, just like the other. 14 But the Pharisees went out, and conspired against him, how they might destroy him. 15 But Jesus, perceiving that, withdrew from there. Large crowds followed him, and he healed them all, 16 and commanded them that they should not make him known. 17 This was to fulfill what had been spoken through Isaiah the prophet, saying, 18 "Look, my servant whom I have chosen; my beloved in whom my soul delights. I will put my Spirit on him;

stand? 27 If I by Beelzebul cast out demons, by whom do your children cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. 28 But if I by the Spirit of God cast out demons, then the Kingdom of God has come upon you. 29 Or how can one enter into the house of the strong man, and carry off his possessions, unless he first bind the strong man? And then he will plunder his house. 30 "He who is not with me is against me, and he who does not gather with me, scatters. 31 Therefore I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven people, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. 32 And whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, neither in this age, nor in that which is to come. (aion g165) 33 "Either make the tree good, and its fruit good, or make the tree corrupt, and its fruit corrupt; for the tree is known by its fruit. 34 You offspring of vipers, how can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks. 35 The good person out of his good treasure brings out good things, and the evil person out of his evil treasure brings out evil things. 36 But I tell you that every careless word that people speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. 37 For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned." 38 Then certain of the scribes and Pharisees said to him, "Teacher, we want to see a sign from you." 39 But he answered and said to them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, but no sign will be given it but the sign of Jonah the prophet. 40 For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. 41 The people of Nineveh will stand up in the judgment with this generation, and will condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and look, something greater than Jonah is here. 42 The queen of the south will rise up in the judgment with this generation, and will condemn it, they might see with their eyes, and hear with their ears. for she came from a distant land to hear the wisdom of and understand with their heart, and turn back, and I Solomon; and look, someone greater than Solomon is would heal them.' 16 "But blessed are your eyes, for rest, and does not find it. 44 Then he says, 'I will return see the things which you see, and did not see them; 46 While he was yet speaking to the crowds, look, his on the rocky places, this is he who hears the word, and vour brothers stand outside, seeking to speak to you," persecution arises because of the word, immediately he 48 But he answered him who spoke to him, "Who is my stumbles. 22 And what was sown among the thorns, mother? Who are my brothers?" 49 And he stretched this is he who hears the word, but the cares of the world out his hand towards his disciples, and said, "Look, my mother and my brothers. 50 For whoever does the will of my Father who is in heaven, he is my brother, and on the good ground, this is he who hears the word, and sister, and mother."

13 On that day Jesus went out of the house, and sat by the seaside. 2 And large crowds gathered to him, so that he entered into a boat, and sat, and all the crowd stood on the beach. 3 And he spoke to them many things in parables, saying, "Look, a farmer went out to sow. 4 And as he sowed, some seeds fell by the roadside, and the birds came and devoured them. 5 And others fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, because they had no depth of earth. 6 But when the sun had risen, they were scorched. Because they had no root, they withered away. 7 Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. 8 Still others fell on good soil, and yielded fruit: some one hundred times as much, some sixty, and some thirty. 9 He who has ears, let him hear." 10 Then the disciples came, and said to him, "Why do you speak to them in parables?" 11 And answering, he said to them, "To you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but it is not given to them. 12 For whoever has, to him will be given, and he will have abundance, but whoever does not have, from him will be taken away even that which he has. 13 Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing, they do not hear, neither do they understand. 14 And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says, 'In hearing you will hear, but will not understand, and seeing you will see, but not perceive. 15 For the heart of this people has grown dull, and their ears are sluggish in hearing, and they have closed their eyes, otherwise

here. 43 But the unclean spirit, when he is gone out of they see; and your ears, for they hear. 17 For truly I tell the person, passes through waterless places, seeking you that many prophets and righteous people desired to into my house from which I came out,' and when he has and to hear the things which you hear, and did not hear come back, he finds it empty, swept, and put in order. them. 18 "Hear, then, the parable of the farmer. 19 45 Then he goes, and takes with himself seven other When anyone hears the word of the Kingdom, and does spirits more evil than he is, and they enter in and dwell not understand it, the evil one comes, and snatches there. The last state of that person becomes worse than away that which has been sown in his heart. This is the first. Even so will it be also to this evil generation." what was sown by the roadside. 20 And what was sown mother and his brothers stood outside, seeking to speak immediately with joy receives it; 21 yet he has no root in to him. 47 Then one said to him, "Look, your mother and himself, but endures for a while. When oppression or and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful. (aion g165) 23 And what was sown understands it, who truly bears fruit, and brings forth, some one hundred times as much, some sixty, and some thirty." 24 He set another parable before them. saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a person who sowed good seed in his field, 25 but while everyone slept, his enemy came and sowed tares also among the wheat, and went away. 26 But when the blade sprang up and brought forth fruit, then the tares appeared also. 27 So the servants of the householder came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where did these tares come from?' 28 "And he said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' "And the servants asked him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them up?' 29 "But he said, 'No, lest perhaps while you gather up the tares, you root up the wheat with them. 30 Let both grow together until the harvest, and in the harvest time I will tell the reapers, "First, gather up the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them; but gather the wheat into my barn."" 31 He set another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field: 32 which indeed is least of all the seeds. But when it has grown it is larger than the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches." 33 He spoke another parable to them. "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, until it was all leavened." 34 Jesus spoke all these things in parables to the crowds; and without a parable, he did not speak to them, 35 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken through the prophet, saying, "I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things hidden since the beginning of the world."

36 Then Jesus sent the crowds away, and went into "This is John the Baptist. He is risen from the dead. the house. His disciples came to him, saying, "Explain That is why these powers work in him." 3 For Herod had to us the parable of the tares in the field." 37 And he arrested John, and bound him, and put him in prison answered them, "The one who sows the good seed is for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife. 4 the Son of Man, 38 and the field is the world; and the For John said to him, "It is not lawful for you to have good seed, these are the children of the Kingdom; and her." 5 And though he wanted to kill him, he feared the the tares are the children of the evil one, 39 and the crowd because they regarded him as a prophet. 6 But enemy who sowed them is the devil, and the harvest is when Herod's birthday came, the daughter of Herodias the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. (aion danced among them and pleased Herod. 7 Whereupon g165) 40 As therefore the tares are gathered up and he promised with an oath to give her whatever she burned with fire; so will it be at the end of the age. (aion should ask. 8 And she, being prompted by her mother, g165) 41 The Son of Man will send out his angels, and said, "Give me here on a platter the head of John the they will gather out of his Kingdom all things that cause Baptist." 9 And the king was grieved, but for the sake stumbling, and those who do iniquity, 42 and will cast of his oaths, and of those who sat at the table with them into the furnace of fire. There will be weeping and him, he commanded it to be given, 10 and he sent and the grinding of teeth. 43 Then the righteous will shine beheaded John in the prison. 11 And his head was forth like the sun in the Kingdom of their Father. He who brought on a platter, and given to the young woman: has ears, let him hear. 44 "The kingdom of heaven is and she brought it to her mother. 12 Then his disciples like a treasure hidden in the field, which a man found, came, and took the dead body, and buried him; and they and hid. In his joy, he goes and sells all that he has, and went and told Jesus. 13 Now when Jesus heard this, he buys that field. 45 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like withdrew from there in a boat, to a secluded place to be a man who is a merchant seeking fine pearls, 46 and alone. When the crowds heard it, they followed him on having found one pearl of great price, he went and sold foot from the cities. 14 And he went out, and he saw all that he had, and bought it. 47 "Again, the kingdom of a large crowd, and he had compassion on them, and heaven is like a dragnet, that was cast into the sea, and healed their sick. 15 Now when evening had come, the gathered some fish of every kind, 48 which, when it disciples came to him, saying, "This place is desolate, was filled, they drew up on the beach. They sat down, and the hour is already late. Send the crowds away, and gathered the good into containers, but the bad they that they may go into the villages, and buy themselves threw away. 49 So will it be in the end of the world. food." 16 But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to The angels will come forth, and separate the wicked go away. You give them something to eat." 17 And they from among the righteous, (aion g165) 50 and will cast told him, "We only have here five loaves and two fish." them into the furnace of fire. There will be the weeping 18 So he said, "Bring them here to me." 19 Then he and the grinding of teeth." 51 "Have you understood all commanded the crowds to sit down on the grass; and these things?" They answered him, "Yes." 52 And he he took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up said to them, "Therefore, every scribe who has been to heaven, he blessed, broke and gave the loaves to made a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like a man the disciples, and the disciples gave to the crowds. 20 who is a householder, who brings out of his treasure And they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve new and old things." 53 And it happened that when baskets full of that which remained left over from the Jesus had finished these parables, he departed from broken pieces. 21 Now those who ate were about five there. 54 And coming into his own country, he taught thousand men, besides women and children. 22 And them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished, immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and said. "Where did this man get this wisdom, and and to go ahead of him to the other side, while he sent these mighty works? 55 Is not this the carpenter's son? the crowds away. 23 And after he had sent the crowds Is not his mother called Mary, and his brothers, James away, he went up into the mountain by himself to pray. and Joseph and Simon and Judas? 56 And are not all When evening had come, he was there alone. 24 But of his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all of the boat was now in the middle of the sea, battered by these things?" 57 And they were offended by him. But the waves, for the wind was against it. 25 And in the Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, watch between three and six in the morning, he came to except in his own country, and in his own house." 58 them, walking on the sea. 26 And when the disciples And he did not do many mighty works there because of saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, their unbelief.

concerning Jesus, 2 and said to his servants,

"It's a ghost." and they screamed with fear. 27 But

immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying "Cheer up. 14 At that time, Herod the tetrarch heard the report It is I. Do not be afraid." 28 Peter answered him and

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said, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you withdrew into the region of Tyre and Sidon, 22 And look, God." 34 When they had crossed over, they came to to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." his garment. And all who touched it were healed.

15 Then the Pharisees and scribes came to Jesus from Jerusalem, saying, 2 "Why do your disciples disobey the Tradition of the Elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread." 3 And he answered them, "Why do you also disobey the commandment of God because of your tradition? 4 For God said, 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'He who speaks evil of father or mother, let him be put to death.' 5 But you say, 'Whoever may tell his father or his mother, "Whatever help you might otherwise have gotten from me is a gift devoted to God," 6 he is not to honor his father or his mother.' You have made the word of God void because of your tradition. 7 You hypocrites. Well did Isaiah prophesy of you, saving, 8 'These people honor me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. 9 And in vain do they worship me, teaching instructions that are the commandments of humans." 10 He summoned the crowd, and said to them, "Hear, and understand. 11 That which enters into the mouth does not defile the person; but that which proceeds out of the mouth, this defiles the person." 12 Then the disciples came, and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees were offended, when they heard this saying?" 13 But he answered, "Every plant which my heavenly Father did not plant will be uprooted. 14 Leave them alone. They are blind guides of the blind. If the blind guide the blind, both will fall into

on the waters." 29 He said, "Come." Peter stepped a Canaanite woman came out from those borders, and down from the boat, and walked on the water and went started shouting, saying, "Have mercy on me, Lord, toward Jesus. 30 But when he saw the strong wind, he Son of David. My daughter is severely demonized." 23 was afraid, and beginning to sink, he yelled, saying, But he did not answer her a word. His disciples came "Lord, save me." 31 Immediately Jesus stretched out his and pleaded with him, saying, "Send her away, for she hand, took hold of him, and said to him, "You of little keeps shouting at us." 24 But he answered, "I was not faith, why did you doubt?" 32 When they got up into sent to anyone but the lost sheep of the house of Israel." the boat, the wind ceased. 33 Those who were in the 25 But she came and worshiped him, saying, "Lord, boat worshiped him, saying, "You are truly the Son of help me." 26 But he answered, "It is not appropriate the land of Gennesaret. 35 When the people of that 27 But she said, "Yes, Lord, but even the dogs eat the place recognized him, they sent into all that surrounding crumbs which fall from their masters' table." 28 Then region, and brought to him all who were sick, 36 and Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith. Be it they begged him that they might just touch the fringe of done to you even as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that hour. 29 Jesus departed there, and came near to the sea of Galilee; and he went up into the mountain, and sat there. 30 Large crowds came to him, having with them the lame, blind, mute, crippled, and many others, and they put them down at his feet; and he healed them. 31 So the crowd was amazed when they saw the mute speaking, crippled healthy, lame walking, and blind seeing-and they glorified the God of Israel. 32 Jesus summoned the disciples and said. "I have compassion on the crowd, because they continue with me now three days and have nothing to eat. I do not want to send them away fasting, or they might faint on the way." 33 Then the disciples said to him, "Where should we get so many loaves in a deserted place as to satisfy so great a crowd?" 34 Jesus said to them, "How many loaves do you have?" They said, "Seven, and a few small fish." 35 He commanded the crowd to sit down on the ground: 36 and he took the seven loaves and the fish. He gave thanks and broke them, and gave to the disciples, and the disciples to the crowds. 37 They all ate, and were filled. They took up seven baskets full of the broken pieces that were left over. 38 Those who ate were four thousand men, besides women and children. 39 Then he sent away the crowds, got into the boat, and came into the borders of Magadan.

16 The Pharisees and Sadducees came, and testing him, asked him to show them a sign from heaven. a pit." 15 And answering, Peter said to him, "Explain 2 But he answered and said to them, "When it is evening, this parable to us." 16 So he said, "Do you also still not you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red.' 3 understand? 17 Do you not understand that whatever In the morning, 'It will be foul weather today, for the goes into the mouth passes into the belly, and then out sky is red and threatening.' You know how to discern of the body? 18 But the things which proceed out of the appearance of the sky, but you cannot discern the the mouth come out of the heart, and they defile the signs of the times. 4 An evil and adulterous generation person. 19 For out of the heart come forth evil thoughts, seeks after a sign, and there will be no sign given to it, murders, adulteries, sexual sins, thefts, false testimony, except the sign of Jonah." He left them, and departed. 5 and blasphemies. 20 These are the things which defile The disciples came to the other side and had forgotten the person; but to eat with unwashed hands does not to take bread. 6 Jesus said to them, "Watch out and defile the person." 21 Jesus went out from there, and guard yourselves against the yeast of the Pharisees

and Sadducees." 7 They reasoned among themselves, high mountain by themselves. 2 He was transfigured Why is it that you do not understand that I did not speak them. And look, a voice came out of the cloud, saying, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees. touched them and said, "Get up, and do not be afraid." one of the prophets." 15 He said to them, "But who do from the dead." 10 The disciples asked him, saying, coming in his Kingdom."

17 After six days, Jesus took with him Peter, James, Jesus said to him, "Therefore the children are exempt. and John his brother, and brought them up into a

saying, "We brought no bread." 8 But Jesus, becoming before them. His face shone like the sun, and his aware of this, said, "You of little faith, why are you garments became as white as the light. 3 And look, discussing among yourselves about having no bread? Moses and Elijah appeared to them talking with him. 4 9 Do you still not understand? Do you not remember Peter answered, and said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for the five loaves for the five thousand, and how many us to be here. If you want, let us make three tents here: baskets you took up? 10 Nor the seven loaves for the one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." 5 While four thousand, and how many baskets you took up? 11 he was still speaking, look, a bright cloud overshadowed to you concerning bread? But beware of the yeast of the "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Pharisees and Sadducees." 12 Then they understood Listen to him." 6 When the disciples heard it, they fell that he did not tell them to beware of the yeast of bread, on their faces, and were very afraid. 7 Jesus came and 13 Now when Jesus came into the parts of Caesarea 8 And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, "Who do people except Jesus alone. 9 As they were coming down from say that the Son of Man is?" 14 They said, "Some say the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, "Do not John the Baptist, some, Elijah, and others, Jeremiah, or tell anyone what you saw, until the Son of Man has risen you say that I am?" 16 Simon Peter answered, "You are "Then why do the scribes say that Elijah must come the Messiah, the Son of the living God." 17 And Jesus first?" 11 And he answered and said, "Elijah indeed answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar Jonah, for comes, and will restore all things, 12 but I tell you that flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Elijah has come already, and they did not recognize Father who is in heaven. 18 I also tell you that you are him, but did to him whatever they wanted to. Even so Peter, and on this Rock I will build my church, and the the Son of Man will also suffer by them." 13 Then the gates of hell will not prevail against it. (Hades g86) 19 I disciples understood that he spoke to them of John will give to you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and the Baptist. 14 And when they came to the crowd, a whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and man came to him, knelt before him, 15 and said, "Lord, whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." have mercy on my son, for he is epileptic, and suffers 20 Then he commanded the disciples that they should severely; for he often falls into the fire, and often into tell no one that he is the Messiah. 21 From that time, the water. 16 So I brought him to your disciples, and Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to they could not cure him." 17 Jesus answered, "Faithless Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders, chief and perverse generation. How long will I be with you? priests, and scribes, and be killed, and the third day How long will I bear with you? Bring him here to me." 18 be raised up. 22 Peter took him aside, and began to Jesus rebuked him, the demon went out of him, and the rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord. This will boy was cured from that hour. 19 Then the disciples never be done to you." 23 But he turned, and said to came to Jesus privately, and said, "Why weren't we able Peter, "Get behind me, Satan. You are a stumbling block to cast it out?" 20 So he said to them, "Because of to me, for you are not setting your mind on the things your little faith. For truly I tell you, if you have faith as a of God, but on the things of humans." 24 Then Jesus grain of mustard seed, you will tell this mountain, 'Move said to his disciples, "If anyone desires to come after from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and be impossible for you." 22 While they were gathering follow me. 25 For whoever desires to save his life will together in Galilee. Jesus said to them. "The Son of Man lose it, and whoever will lose his life for my sake will is about to be delivered up into the hands of men, 23 find it. 26 For what will it profit a person, if he gains the and they will kill him, and the third day he will be raised whole world, and forfeits his life? Or what will a person up." They were exceedingly sorry. 24 When they had give in exchange for his life? 27 For the Son of Man will come to Capernaum, those who collected the didrachma come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and then coins came to Peter, and said, "Does not your teacher he will render to everyone according to his deeds. 28 pay the didrachma?" 25 He said, "Yes." When he came Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will in into the house, Jesus anticipated him, saying, "What no way taste of death, until they see the Son of Man do you think, Simon? From whom do the kings of the earth receive toll or tribute? From their children, or from strangers?" 26 And when he said, "From strangers." 27 But, lest we cause them to stumble, go to the sea, can my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to cast a hook, and take up the first fish that comes up. When you have opened its mouth, you will find a stater coin. Take that, and give it to them for me and you."

18 In that hour the disciples came to Jesus, saving. "Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" 2 He called a little child to himself, and set him in the midst of them, 3 and said, "Truly I tell you, unless you turn, and become as little children, you will in no way enter into the kingdom of heaven. 4 Whoever therefore humbles himself as this little child, the same is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. 5 Whoever receives one such little child in my name receives me. 6 but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to stumble, it would be better for him that a huge millstone should be hung around his neck, and that he should be sunk in the depths of the sea. 7 "Woe to the world because of stumbling blocks. For there will always be something to cause people to stumble, but woe to the person through whom the stumbling block comes. 8 If your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off, and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life maimed or crippled, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into the everlasting fire. (aionios g166) 9 If your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out, and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into the fire of hell. (Geenna g1067) 10 See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. 12 "What do you think? If someone has one hundred sheep, and one of them goes astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine, go to the mountains, and seek that which has gone astray? 13 If he finds it, truly I tell vou, he reioices over it more than over the ninety-nine the borders of Judea beyond the Jordan. 2 Large which have not gone astray. 14 Even so it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little Pharisees came to him, testing him, and saying to him, ones should perish. 15 "If your brother sins against you, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce a wife for any reason?" go. show him his fault between you and him alone. If he 4 He answered, and said, "Have you not read that he listens to you, you have gained back your brother. 16 who created them from the beginning made them male But if he does not listen, take one or two more with you, and female, 5 and said, 'For this reason a man will leave that at the mouth of two or three witnesses every word his father and mother, and be joined to his wife; and may be established. 17 If he refuses to listen to them, the two will become one flesh?' 6 So that they are no tell it to the church. If he refuses to hear the church also, more two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined let him be to you as an unbeliever or a tax collector. together, let no one separate." 7 They asked him, "Why 18 Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be then did Moses command us to give her a certificate of bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will divorce, and divorce her?" 8 He said to them, "Moses, be loosed in heaven. 19 Again, truly I tell you, that if because of the hardness of your hearts, allowed you two of you agree on earth concerning anything that to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it has they will ask, it will be done for them by my Father who not been so. 9 I tell you that whoever divorces his is in heaven. 20 For where two or three are gathered wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, together in my name, there I am in the midst of them." commits adultery. And he who marries her when she is 21 Then Peter came to him and said, "Lord, how often divorced commits adultery." 10 The disciples said to

seven times?" 22 Jesus said to him, "I do not tell you up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven. 23 Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king. who wanted to reconcile accounts with his servants. 24 When he had begun to reconcile, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. 25 But because he could not pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, with his wife and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made. 26 The servant therefore fell down and kneeled before him, saying, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will repay you all.' 27 The lord of that servant, being moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt. 28 "But that servant went out, and found one of his fellow servants, who owed him one hundred denarii, and he grabbed him, and took him by the throat, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' 29 "So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will repay you all.' 30 He would not, but went and cast him into prison, until he should pay back that which was due. 31 So when his fellow servants saw what was done, they were exceedingly sorry, and came and told to their lord all that was done. 32 Then his lord called him in. and said to him, 'You wicked servant. I forgave you all that debt, because you begged me. 33 Should you not also have had mercy on your fellow servant, even as I had mercy on you?' 34 His lord was angry, and delivered him to the tormentors, until he should pay all that was due. 35 So my heavenly Father will also do to you, if you do not each forgive your brother his trespasses from your heart."

Q It happened when Jesus had finished these words, he departed from Galilee, and came into crowds followed him, and he healed them there. 3 And him, "If this is the case of a husband with a wife, it is He went out about nine in the morning, and saw others not expedient to marry." 11 But he said to them, "Not standing idle in the marketplace. 4 To them he said, everyone can receive this saying, but those to whom it is 'You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right given. 12 For there are eunuchs who were born that way I will give you.' So they went their way. 5 Again he from their mother's womb, and there are eunuchs who went out about noon and at three in the afternoon, were made eunuchs by men; and there are eunuchs and did likewise. 6 About five that afternoon he went who made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of out, and found others standing. He said to them, 'Why heaven's sake. He who is able to receive it, let him do you stand here all day idle?' 7 "They said to him, receive it." 13 Then little children were brought to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' "He said to them, 'You that he should lay his hands on them and pray; and the also go into the vineyard.' 8 When evening had come, disciples rebuked them. 14 But Jesus said, "Allow the the lord of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the little children, and do not forbid them to come to me; for laborers and pay them their wages, beginning from the kingdom of heaven belongs to ones like these." 15 the last to the first.' 9 "When those who were hired at He placed his hands on them, and departed from there. about five in the afternoon came, they each received 16 And look, someone came to him and said, "Teacher, a denarius. 10 When the first came, they supposed what good thing must I do, that I may have everlasting that they would receive more; and they likewise each life?" (aionios g166) 17 He said to him, "Why do you ask received a denarius. 11 When they received it, they me about what is good? No one is good but one. But if murmured against the master of the household, 12 you want to enter into life, keep the commandments." 18 saying, 'These last have spent one hour, and you have He said to him, "Which ones?" And Jesus said, "Do not made them equal to us, who have borne the burden of murder.' 'Do not commit adultery.' 'Do not steal.' 'Do not the day and the scorching heat.' 13 "But he answered offer false testimony.' 19 'Honor your father and mother.' one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you And, 'Love your neighbor as yourself." 20 The young not agree with me for a denarius? 14 Take that which man said to him, "All these things I have kept. What do is yours, and go your way. It is my desire to give to I still lack?" 21 Jesus said to him, "If you want to be this last just as much as to you. 15 Is it not lawful for perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and me to do what I want to with what I own? Or is your you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." eye evil, because I am good?' 16 So the last will be 22 But when the young man heard the saying, he went first, and the first last; for many are called, but few are away sad, for he was one who had great possessions. chosen." 17 As Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he 23 Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly I say to you, it is took the Twelve aside, and on the way he said to them, difficult for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven. 18 "Look, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of 24 Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through Man will be delivered to the chief priests and scribes, a needle's eye, than for a rich person to enter into the and they will condemn him to death, 19 and will hand Kingdom of God." 25 When the disciples heard it, they him over to the non-Jews to mock, to scourge, and to were exceedingly astonished, saying, "Who then can be crucify; and the third day he will be raised up." 20 Then saved?" 26 Looking at them, Jesus said, "With humans the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." her sons, kneeling and asking a certain thing of him. 27 Then Peter answered, "Look, we have left everything, 21 He said to her, "What do you want?" She said to and followed you. What then will we have?" 28 Jesus him, "Command that these, my two sons, may sit, one said to them, "Truly I tell you that you who have followed on your right hand, and one on your left hand, in your me, in the regeneration when the Son of Man will sit Kingdom." 22 But Jesus answered and said, "You do on the throne of his glory, you also will sit on twelve not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. 29 Everyone the cup that I am about to drink?" They said to him, who has left houses, or brothers, or sisters, or father, or "We are able." 23 He said to them, "You will indeed mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's drink my cup, but to sit on my right hand and on my sake, will receive one hundred times, and will inherit left hand is not mine to give; but it is for whom it has everlasting life. (aionios g166) 30 But many will be last been prepared by my Father." 24 When the ten heard it, who are first; and first who are last.

20 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. 2 When he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. 3

they were indignant with the two brothers. 25 But Jesus summoned them, and said, "You know that the rulers of the nations lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. 26 It will not be so among you, but whoever desires to become great among you must be your servant. 27 And whoever desires to be first among you must be your slave. 28 even as the Son road, he came to it, and found nothing on it but leaves. our eyes may be opened." 34 Jesus, being moved with compassion, touched their eyes; and immediately their eyes received their sight, and they followed him.

21 When they drew near to Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples. 2 saving to them. "Go into the village that is opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them, and bring them to me. 3 And if anyone says anything to you, you are to say, 'Because the Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." 4 This took place that it might be fulfilled which was spoken through the prophet, saying 5 Say to the daughter of Zion, "Look, your King comes to you, humble, and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey." 6 The disciples went, and did just as Jesus directed them, 7 and brought the donkey and the colt, and placed their clothes on them; and he sat on them. 8 A very large crowd spread their clothes on the road. Others cut branches from the trees, and spread them on the road. 9 The crowds who went before him, and who followed kept shouting. "Hosanna to the son of David. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest." 10 When he had come into Jerusalem, all the city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" 11 The crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee." 12 Jesus entered into the temple, and drove out all of those who sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the money changers' tables and the seats of those who sold the doves. 13 He said to them, "It is written, 'My house will be called a house of prayer,' but you have made it a den of robbers." 14 The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them. 15 But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying out in the temple and saying, "Hosanna to the son of David." they were indignant, 16 and said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" Jesus said to them, "Yes. Did you never read, 'Out of the mouth of children and infants you have prepared praise?" 17 He left them, and went out of the city to Bethany, and lodged there. 18 Now in the morning, as he returned to the city, he was hungry. 19 Seeing a fig tree by the

of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to He said to it, "Let there be no fruit from you forever." give his life as a ransom for many." 29 As they went out Immediately the fig tree withered away. (aion g165) 20 from Jericho, a large crowd followed him. 30 And look, When the disciples saw it, they were amazed, saying, two blind men sitting by the road, when they heard that "How did the fig tree immediately wither away?" 21 Jesus was passing by, shouted, "Have mercy on us, Jesus answered them, "Truly I tell you, if you have faith, Lord, son of David." 31 The crowd rebuked them, telling and do not doubt, you will not only do what was done them that they should be quiet, but they should even to the fig tree, but even if you told this mountain, 'Be more, "Have mercy on us, Lord, son of David." 32 Jesus taken up and cast into the sea,' it would be done. 22 All stood still, and called them, and asked, "What do you things, whatever you ask in prayer, believing, you will want me to do for you?" 33 They told him, "Lord, that receive." 23 When he had come into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority do you do these things? Who gave you this authority?" 24 Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you one guestion, which if you tell me. I likewise will tell you by what authority I do these things. 25 The baptism of John, where was it from? From heaven or from people?" They reasoned with themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will ask us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' 26 But if we say, 'From people,' we fear the crowd, for all hold John as a prophet." 27 They answered Jesus, and said, "We do not know." He also said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things. 28 But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first, and said, 'Son, go work today in the vineyard.' 29 He answered, 'I will not,' but afterward he changed his mind, and went. 30 And he came to the other, and said the same thing. And he answered and said. 'I go, sir.' but he did not go. 31 Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you that the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering into the Kingdom of God before you. 32 For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. When you saw it, you did not even repent afterward, that you might believe him. 33 "Hear another parable. There was a man who was a master of a household, who planted a vineyard, set a hedge about it, dug a winepress in it, built a tower, leased it out to tenant farmers, and went on a journey. 34 When the season for the fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to receive his fruit. 35 The farmers took his servants, beat one, killed another, and stoned another. 36 Again, he sent other servants more than the first; and they treated them the same way. 37 But afterward he sent to them his son, saying, 'They will respect my son.' 38 But the farmers, when they saw the son, said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, and have his inheritance.' 39 So they took him, and threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. 40 When therefore the lord of the vinevard comes. what will he do to those farmers?" 41 They told him, "He

will miserably destroy those miserable men, and will said to him, "Caesar's," Then he said to them, "Give crowds, because they considered him to be a prophet.

22 Jesus answered and spoke again in parables to them, saying, 2 "The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king, who made a marriage feast for his son. 3 and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the marriage feast, but they would not come. 4 Again he sent out other servants, saving, 'Tell those who are invited, "Look, I have made ready my dinner. My cattle and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the marriage feast." 5 But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his merchandise, 6 and the rest grabbed his servants, and treated them shamefully, and killed them. 7 The king was enraged, and sent his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. 8 "Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those who were invited weren't worthy. 9 Go therefore to the intersections of the highways, and as many as you may find, invite to the marriage feast.' 10 And those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all they found, both bad and good, and the wedding was filled with those reclining. 11 But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man who did not have on wedding clothing, 12 and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here not wearing wedding clothing?' He was speechless. 13 Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness; there is where the weeping and grinding of teeth will be.' 14 For many are called, but few chosen." 15 Then the Pharisees went and took counsel how they might entrap him in his talk. 16 They sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are honest, and teach the way of God partial to anyone. 17 Tell us therefore, what do you think? Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" 18 But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, "Why do you test me, you hypocrites? **19** Show me the tax them. "Whose is this image and inscription?" 21 They make their tefillin broad and enlarge the fringe of their

lease out the vineyard to other farmers, who will give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to him the fruit in its season." 42 Jesus said to them, "Did God the things that are God's." 22 When they heard it, you never read in the Scriptures, 'The stone which the they were astonished, and left him, and went away. 23 builders rejected, the same was made the head of the On that day Sadducees came to him, the ones saying corner. This was from the Lord. It is marvelous in our that there is no resurrection. And they asked him, 24 eyes?' 43 "Therefore I tell you, the Kingdom of God will saying, "Teacher, Moses said, 'If a man dies, having be taken away from you, and will be given to a nation no children, his brother is to marry his wife, and raise bringing forth its fruit. 44 He who falls on this stone will up offspring for his brother.' 25 Now there were with be broken to pieces; but on whomever it will fall, it will us seven brothers. The first married and died, and crush him." 45 When the chief priests and the Pharisees having no offspring, left his wife to his brother. 26 In like heard his parables, they perceived that he spoke about manner the second also, and the third, to the seventh. them. 46 When they sought to seize him, they feared the 27 After them all, the woman died. 28 In the resurrection therefore, whose wife will she be of the seven? For they all had her." 29 But Jesus answered them, "You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures, nor the power of God. 30 For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are like the angels in heaven. 31 But concerning the resurrection of the dead, have you not read that which was spoken to you by God, saying, 32 'I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob?' God is not the God of the dead, but of the living." 33 When the crowds heard it, they were astonished at his teaching. 34 But the Pharisees, when they heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, gathered themselves together. 35 One of them, a Law scholar, asked him a question, testing him. 36 "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the law?" 37 He said to him, "You are to love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' 38 This is the great and first commandment. 39 A second likewise is this, 'You are to love your neighbor as yourself.' 40 The whole Law and the Prophets depend on these two commandments." 41 Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, 42 saying, "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "Of David." 43 He said to them, "How then does David in the Spirit call him Lord, saying, 44 'The Lord said to my Lord, sit on my right hand, until I make your enemies the footstool of your feet'? 45 "If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?" 46 No one was able to answer him a word, neither did anyone dare ask him any more questions from that day forth.

23 Then Jesus spoke to the crowds and to his disciples, 2 saying, "Upon the seat of Moses the in truth, no matter whom you teach, for you are not Pharisees and scribes sit. 3 All which they will say unto you, observe and do; but their works do not do, because they say, and do not do. 4 For they bind heavy and hard to bear burdens, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not lift a finger to help them. 5 money." They brought to him a denarius. 20 He asked But all their works they do to be seen by others. They

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garments, 6 and love the place of honor at feasts, the of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with best seats in the synagogues, 7 the greetings in the them in the blood of the prophets.' 31 Therefore you marketplaces, and to be called 'Rabbi' by people. 8 testify to yourselves that you are children of those who But you are not to be called 'Rabbi,' for one is your killed the prophets. 32 Fill up, then, the measure of your Teacher, and all of you are brothers. 9 Call no man fathers. 33 You serpents, you offspring of vipers, how on the earth your father, for one is your Father, he will you escape the judgment of hell? (Geenna g1067) 34 who is in heaven. 10 Neither be called masters, for Therefore, look, I send to you prophets, wise people, one is your master, the Messiah. 11 But he who is and scribes. Some of them you will kill and crucify; and greatest among you will be your servant. 12 Whoever some of them you will scourge in your synagogues, exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles and persecute from city to city; 35 that on you may himself will be exalted. 13 "But woe to you, scribes and come all the righteous blood shed on the earth, from the Pharisees, hypocrites. For you devour the houses of blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah son of widows, and for show make long prayers. Therefore Berechiah, whom you killed between the sanctuary and you will receive greater condemnation. 14 "Woe to you, the altar. 36 Truly I tell you, all these things will come scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites. For you shut up the upon this generation. 37 "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kingdom of heaven in front of people; for you do not kills the prophets, and stones those who are sent to her. enter in yourselves, neither do you allow those who How often I would have gathered your children together. are entering in to enter. 15 "Woe to you, scribes and even as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and Pharisees, hypocrites. For you travel around by sea you would not. 38 Look, your house is abandoned to and land to make one proselyte; and when he becomes you. 39 For I tell you, you will not see me from now on, one, you make him twice as much of a son of hell as until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of yourselves. (Geenna g1067) 16 "Woe to you, you blind the Lord."" guides, who say, 'Whoever swears by the temple, it is nothing: but whoever swears by the gold of the temple. he is obligated.' 17 You blind fools. For which is greater, the gold, or the temple that sanctified the gold? 18 'Whoever swears by the altar, it is nothing: but whoever swears by the gift that is on it, he is obligated?' 19 You blind people. For which is greater, the gift, or the altar that sanctifies the gift? 20 He therefore who swears by the altar, swears by it, and by everything on it. 21 He who swears by the temple, swears by it, and by him who dwells in it. 22 He who swears by heaven, swears by the throne of God, and by him who sits on it. 23 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites. For you tithe mint, dill, and cumin, and have left undone the weightier matters of the Law: justice, mercy, and faith. But you ought to have done these, and not to have left the other undone. 24 You blind guides, who strain out a gnat, and swallow a camel. 25 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites. For you clean the outside of the cup and the plate, but within they are full of extortion and self-indulgence. 26 You blind Pharisee, first clean the inside of the cup and the plate, so that the outside may become clean also. 27 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, For you are like whitened tombs. which outwardly appear beautiful, but inwardly are full of dead people's bones, and of all uncleanness. 28 Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to people, but inwardly you are full of hypocrisy and iniquity. 29 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites. For you build the tombs of the prophets, and decorate the tombs of the righteous, 30 and say, 'If we had lived in the days

24 Jesus went out from the temple, and was going on his way. His disciples came to him to show him the buildings of the temple. 2 But answering, he said to them, "Do you not see all of these things? Truly I tell you, there will not be left here one stone on another. that will not be thrown down." 3 As he sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of your coming, and of the end of the age?" (aion g165) 4 Jesus answered them, "Be careful that no one leads you astray. 5 For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Messiah,' and will lead many astray. 6 You will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled, for this must happen, but the end is not yet. 7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; and there will be famines and plagues and earthquakes in various places. 8 But all these things are the beginning of birth pains. 9 Then they will deliver you up to oppression, and will kill you. You will be hated by all of the nations for my name's sake. 10 Then many will stumble, and will deliver up one another, and will hate one another. 11 Many false prophets will arise, and will lead many astray. 12 And because lawlessness is multiplied, the love of many will grow cold. 13 But he who endures to the end, the same will be saved. 14 This gospel of the Kingdom will be preached in the whole world for a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come. 15 "When, therefore, you see the abomination of desolation, which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing

let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. 17 what watch of the night the thief was coming, he would Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take have watched, and would not have allowed his house to out things that are in his house. 18 Let him who is in be broken into. 44 Therefore also be ready, for in an the field not return back to take his coat. 19 But woe hour that you do not expect, the Son of Man will come. to those who are with child and to nursing mothers in 45 "Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom his those days, 20 Pray that your flight will not be in the lord has set over his household, to give them their food winter, nor on a Sabbath, 21 for then there will be great in due season? 46 Blessed is that servant whom his lord oppression, such as has not been from the beginning of finds doing so when he comes. 47 Truly I tell you that the world until now, no, nor ever will be. 22 Unless those he will set him over all that he has. 48 But if that evil days had been shortened, no flesh would have been servant should say in his heart, 'My lord is delayed,' 49 saved. But for the sake of the chosen ones, those days and begins to beat his fellow servants, and eat and drink will be shortened. 23 "Then if anyone tells you, 'Look, with the drunkards, 50 the lord of that servant will come here is the Messiah, 'or, 'There,' do not believe it. 24 For in a day when he does not expect it, and in an hour there will arise false messiahs, and false prophets, and when he does not know it, 51 and will cut him in pieces, they will show great signs and wonders, so as to lead and appoint his portion with the hypocrites. There is astray, if possible, even the chosen ones. 25 "See, I where the weeping and grinding of teeth will be. have told you beforehand. 26 If therefore they tell you, 'Look, he is in the wilderness,' do not go out; 'Look, he is in the inner chambers,' do not believe it. 27 For as the lightning flashes from the east, and is seen even to the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. 28 Wherever the carcass is, there is where the vultures gather together. 29 But immediately after the oppression of those days, the sun will be darkened, the moon will not give its light, the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken: 30 and then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky. Then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory. 31 He will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather together his chosen ones from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other. 32 "Now from the fig tree learn this parable. When its branch has now become tender, and puts forth its leaves, you know that the summer is near. 33 Even so you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors. 34 Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away, until all these things are accomplished. 35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 36 But no one knows of that day and hour, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but my Father only. 37 "As the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. 38 For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the box-shaped ship, 39 and they did not know until the flood came, and took them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. 40 Then two will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. 41 Two will be grinding grain with a mill; one will be taken and the other left. 42 Watch therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord comes. 43 But

in the holy place (let the reader understand). 16 then know this, that if the master of the house had known in

25 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins, who took their lamps, and went out to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 For the foolish, when they took their lamps, took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. 5 Now while the bridegroom delayed, they all slumbered and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a cry, 'Look. The bridegroom. Come out to meet him.' 7 Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9 But the wise answered, saying, 'No, there will not be enough for us and you. Go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.' 10 While they went away to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. 11 Afterward the other virgins also came, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us.' 12 But he answered, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' 13 Watch therefore, for you do not know the day nor the hour. 14 "For it is like a man, going on a journey, who called his own servants, and entrusted his goods to them. 15 To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one; to each according to his own ability. Then he went on his journey. 16 Immediately the one who received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. 17 In like manner he who got the two gained another two. 18 But he who received the one went away and dug in the earth, and hid his lord's money. 19 "Now after a long time the lord of those servants came, and reconciled accounts with them. 20 And he who received the five talents came and brought another five talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents. See, I have gained another five talents.' 21 "His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a few things. I will set you over hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' 22 "And prison, and did not help you?' 45 "Then he will answer he also who had the two talents came and said, 'Lord, them, saving, 'Truly I tell you, inasmuch as you did not you delivered to me two talents. See, I have gained another two talents.' 23 "His lord said to him. 'Well done. good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a few things. I will set you over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' 24 "He also who had received the one talent came and said. 'Lord. I knew you that you are a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter. 25 I was afraid, and went away and hid your talent in the earth. See, you have what is yours.' 26 "But his lord answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant. You knew that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter. 27 You ought therefore to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received back my own with interest. 28 Take away therefore the talent from him, and give it to him who has the ten talents. 29 For to everyone who has will be given, and he will have abundance, but from him who does not have, even that which he has will be taken away. 30 Throw out the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.' 31 "But when the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32 Before him all the nations will be gathered, and he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33 He will set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. 34 Then the King will tell those on his right hand, 'Come, blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 35 for I was hungry, and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty, and you gave me drink. I was a stranger, and you took me in. 36 I was naked, and you clothed me. I was sick, and you visited me. I was in prison, and you came to me.' 37 "Then the righteous will answer him, saying 'Lord, when did we see you hungry, and feed you; or thirsty, and give you a drink? 38 When did we see you as a stranger, and take you in: or naked, and clothe vou? 39 When did we see you sick, or in prison, and come to you?' 40 "The King will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.' 41 Then he will say also to those on the left hand. 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire which is prepared for the devil and his angels; (aionios g166) 42 for I was hungry, and you did not give me food to eat; I was thirsty, and vou gave me no drink: 43 I was a stranger, and you did not take me in; naked, and you did not clothe me; sick, and in prison, and you did not visit me.' 44 "Then they will also answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you

do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' 46 These will go away into everlasting punishment. but the righteous into everlasting life." (aionios g166)

26 And it happened, when Jesus had finished all these words, that he said to his disciples. 2 "You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified." 3 Then the chief priests and the scribes and the elders of the people gathered together in the court of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas. 4 They took counsel together that they might take Jesus by deceit, and kill him. 5 But they said, "Not during the feast, lest a riot occur among the people." 6 Now when Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper, 7 a woman came to him having an alabaster iar of very expensive ointment, and she poured it on his head as he sat at the table. 8 But when the disciples saw this, they were indignant, saying, "Why this waste? 9 For this ointment might have been sold for much, and given to the poor." 10 However, knowing this, Jesus said to them. "Why do you trouble the woman? Because she has done a good work for me. 11 For you always have the poor with you: but you do not always have me. 12 For in pouring this ointment on my body, she did it to prepare me for burial. 13 Truly I tell you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be spoken of as a memorial of her." 14 Then one of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests, 15 and said, "What are you willing to give me, that I should deliver him to you?" They weighed out for him thirty pieces of silver. 16 From that time he sought opportunity to betray him. 17 Now on the first day of unleavened bread, the disciples came to Jesus, saving, "Where do you want us to prepare for you to eat the Passover?" 18 He said, "Go into the city to a certain person, and tell him, 'The Teacher says, "My time is near. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples."" 19 The disciples did as Jesus commanded them, and they prepared the Passover. 20 Now when evening had come, he was reclining at the table with the twelve. 21 As they were eating, he said, "Truly I tell you that one of you will betray me." 22 And they were greatly distressed, and each one began to ask him, "It is not me, is it, Lord?" 23 He answered, "He who dipped his hand with me in the dish, the same will betrav me. 24 The Son of Man goes, even as it is written of him. but woe to that man through whom the Son of Man is betrayed. It would be better for that man if he had not been born." 25 Judas, who betrayed him, answered, "It is not me, is it, Rabbi?" He said to him, "You said

it." 26 As they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave out his hand, and drew his sword, and struck the servant thanks for it, and broke it. He gave to the disciples, of the high priest, and struck off his ear. 52 Then Jesus and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." 27 He took a said to him, "Put your sword back into its place, for all cup, gave thanks, and gave to them, saying, "All of you those who take the sword will die by the sword. 53 Or do drink it, 28 for this is my blood of the new covenant, you think that I could not ask my Father, and he would which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of even now send me more than twelve legions of angels? sins. 29 But I tell you that I will not drink of this fruit 54 How then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that it must of the vine from now on, until that day when I drink be so?" 55 In that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have it anew with you in my Father's Kingdom." 30 When you come out as against a robber with swords and clubs they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of to seize me? I sat daily in the temple teaching, and Olives. 31 Then Jesus said to them, "All of you will be you did not arrest me. 56 But all this has happened, made to stumble because of me tonight, for it is written, that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled." 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock Then all the disciples left him, and fled. 57 Those who will be scattered.' 32 But after I am raised up, I will go had taken Jesus led him away to Caiaphas the high before you into Galilee." 33 But Peter answered him, priest, where the scribes and the elders were gathered "Even if all will be made to stumble because of you, I together. 58 But Peter followed him from a distance, to will never be made to stumble." 34 Jesus said to him, the court of the high priest, and entered in and sat with "Truly I tell you that tonight, before the rooster crows, the officers, to see the end. 59 Now the chief priests you will deny me three times." 35 Peter said to him, and the whole council sought false testimony against "Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you." All of Jesus so they could put him to death; 60 and they found the disciples also said likewise. 36 Then Jesus came none, even though many false witnesses came forward. with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to his But afterward two came forward, 61 and said, "This man disciples, "Sit here, while I go there and pray." 37 He said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and build it in three days." 62 The high priest stood up, and began to be sorrowful and severely troubled. 38 Then said to him, "Have you no answer? What is this that he said to them, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even these testify against you?" 63 But Jesus held his peace. to death. Stay here, and watch with me." 39 He went The high priest answered him, "I adjure you by the living forward a little, fell on his face, and prayed, saying, "My God, that you tell us whether you are the Messiah, the Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass away from me; Son of God." 64 Jesus said to him, "You have said it. nevertheless, not what I desire, but what you desire." 40 Nevertheless, I tell you, after this you will see the Son He came to the disciples, and found them sleeping, and of Man sitting at the right hand of Power, and coming said to Peter, "What, could you not watch with me for on the clouds of the sky." 65 Then the high priest tore one hour? 41 Watch and pray, that you do not enter his clothing, saying, "He has spoken blasphemy. Why into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh do we need any more witnesses? See, now you have is weak." 42 Again, a second time he went away, and heard his blasphemy. 66 What do you think?" They prayed, saying, "My Father, if this cannot pass away answered, "He is worthy of death." 67 Then they spit in unless I drink it, your desire be done." 43 He came his face and beat him with their fists, and some slapped again and found them sleeping, for their eyes were him, 68 saying, "Prophesy to us, you Messiah. Who hit heavy. 44 He left them again, went away, and prayed a you?" 69 Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard, third time, saying the same words. 45 Then he came to and a servant girl came to him, saying, "You were also the disciples, and said to them, "Sleep on now, and take with Jesus, the Galilean." 70 But he denied it before vour rest. Look, the hour is near, and the Son of Man is them all, saving, "I do not know what you are talking betrayed into the hands of sinners. 46 Arise, let us be about." 71 And when he had gone out onto the porch, going. Look, he who betrays me is near." 47 While he another girl saw him, and said to those who were there, was still speaking, look, Judas, one of the twelve, came, "This man also was with Jesus the Nazorean." 72 Again and with him a large crowd with swords and clubs, from he denied it with an oath, "I do not know the man." 73 the chief priests and elders of the people. 48 Now he After a little while those who stood by came and said to who betrayed him gave them a sign, saying, "Whoever I Peter, "Surely you are also one of them, for your accent kiss, he is the one. Seize him." 49 Immediately he came makes you known." 74 Then he began to curse and to to Jesus, and said, "Greetings, Rabbi." and kissed him. swear, "I do not know the man." Immediately the rooster 50 Jesus said to him, "Friend, why are you here?" Then crowed. 75 Peter remembered the word which Jesus they came and laid hands on Jesus, and took him. 51 had said, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny me And look, one of those who were with Jesus stretched three times." He went out and wept bitterly.

27 Now when morning had come, all the chief priests us, and on our children." 26 Then he released to them Jesus to put him to death: 2 and they bound him, and crucified. 27 Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus led him away, and delivered him to Pilate, the governor. into the Praetorium, and gathered the whole garrison 3 Then Judas, who betrayed him, when he saw that together against him. 28 They stripped him, and put a Jesus was condemned, felt remorse, and returned the scarlet robe on him. 29 They braided a crown of thorns thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, 4 and put it on his head, and a reed in his right hand; saying, "I have sinned in that I betrayed innocent blood." and they kneeled down before him, and mocked him, But they said, "What is that to us? You see to it." 5 saying, "Greetings, King of the Jews." 30 They spat on He threw down the pieces of silver in the sanctuary, him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. 31 and departed. He went away and hanged himself. 6 When they had mocked him, they took the robe off of The chief priests took the pieces of silver, and said, him, and put his clothes on him, and led him away to "It's not lawful to put them into the treasury, since it is crucify him. 32 As they came out, they found a man of the price of blood." 7 They took counsel, and bought Cyrene, Simon by name, and they compelled him to the potter's field with them, to bury strangers in. 8 go with them, that he might carry his cross. 33 They Therefore that field was called "The Field of Blood" came to a place called "Golgotha," that is to say, "The to this day. 9 Then that which was spoken through place of a skull." 34 They gave him wine to drink mixed Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled, saying, "They took with gall. When he had tasted it, he would not drink. 35 the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him upon whom a When they had crucified him, they divided his clothing price had been set, whom some of the children of Israel among themselves, casting a lot, that it might be fulfilled priced, 10 and they gave them for the potter's field, as which was spoken by the prophet: 'They divided my the Lord commanded me." 11 Now Jesus stood before clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they the governor: and the governor asked him, saying, "Are cast a lot.' 36 And they sat and watched him there. 37 you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said to him, "You say They set up over his head the accusation against him so." 12 When he was accused by the chief priests and written, "THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS." elders, he answered nothing. 13 Then Pilate said to 38 Then there were two robbers crucified with him, one him, "Do you not hear how many things they testify on his right hand and one on the left. 39 Those who against you?" 14 He gave him no answer, not even passed by blasphemed him, wagging their heads, 40 one word, so that the governor was greatly amazed. and saying, "You who destroy the temple, and build 15 Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to it in three days, save yourself. If you are the Son of release to the crowd one prisoner, whom they desired. God, come down from the cross." 41 Likewise the chief 16 They had then a notable prisoner, called Barabbas. priests also mocking, with the scribes, and the elders, 17 When therefore they were gathered together, Pilate said, 42 "He saved others, but he cannot save himself. said to them, "Whom do you want me to release to If he is the King of Israel, let him come down from the you? Barabbas, or Jesus, who is called Messiah?" 18 cross now, and we will believe in him. 43 He trusts in For he knew that because of envy they had delivered God. Let God deliver him now, if he wants him; for he him up. 19 While he was sitting on the judgment seat, said, 'I am the Son of God.'" 44 The robbers also who his wife sent to him, saying, "Have nothing to do with were crucified with him insulted him in the same way. that righteous man, for I have suffered many things 45 Now from noon until three in the afternoon there this day in a dream because of him." 20 Now the chief was darkness over all the land. 46 Then at about three priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask in the afternoon Jesus called out with a loud voice, for Barabbas, and destroy Jesus. 21 But the governor saying, "Eli, Eli, lema shabachthani?" That is, "My God, answered them, "Which of the two do you want me to my God, why have you forsaken me?" 47 Some of release to you?" They said, "Barabbas." 22 Pilate said them who stood there, when they heard it, said, "This to them, "What then should I do with Jesus, who is man is calling Elijah." 48 Immediately one of them ran. called Messiah?" They all said, "Let him be crucified." and took a sponge, and filled it with vinegar, and put 23 But he said, "Why? What evil has he done?" But they it on a reed, and gave him a drink. 49 The rest said, shouted all the louder, saying, "Let him be crucified." 24 "Let him be. Let us see whether Elijah comes to save So Pilate, seeing that nothing was being gained, but him." 50 And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, rather that a disturbance was starting, took water and and yielded up his spirit. 51 And look, the veil of the he washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am temple was torn in two from the top to the bottom. The innocent of the blood of this righteous man. You see to earth quaked and the rocks were split. 52 The tombs

and the elders of the people took counsel against Barabbas, but Jesus he flogged and delivered to be it." 25 All the people answered, "May his blood be on were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had

fallen asleep were raised; 53 and coming out of the the city, and told the chief priests all the things that tombs after his resurrection, they entered into the holy had happened. 12 When they were assembled with city and appeared to many. 54 Now the centurion, and the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave a large those who were with him watching Jesus, when they amount of silver to the soldiers, 13 saying, "Say that saw the earthquake, and the things that were done, his disciples came by night, and stole him away while feared exceedingly, saying, "Truly this was the Son of we slept. 14 If this comes to the governor's ears, we God." 55 Many women were there watching from afar, will persuade him and make you free of worry." 15 So who had followed Jesus from Galilee, serving him. 56 they took the money and did as they were told. This Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother saying was spread abroad among the Jewish people, of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of and continues until this day. 16 But the eleven disciples Zebedee. 57 When evening had come, a rich man from went into Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had sent Arimathea, named Joseph, who himself was also Jesus' them. 17 When they saw him, they bowed down to him, disciple came. 58 This man went to Pilate, and asked but some doubted. 18 Jesus came to them and spoke for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded that it to them, saying, "All authority has been given to me be released. 59 Joseph took the body, and wrapped it in heaven and on earth. 19 Therefore go, and make in a clean linen cloth, 60 and placed it in his own new disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of tomb, which he had cut out in the rock, and he rolled a the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 great stone to the door of the tomb, and departed. 61 teaching them to obey all things that I commanded you. Mary Magdalene was there, and the other Mary, sitting And look, I am with you every day, even to the end of opposite the tomb. 62 Now on the next day, which was the age." (aion g165) the day after the Preparation Day, the chief priests and the Pharisees were gathered together to Pilate, 63 saying, "Sir, we remember what that deceiver said while he was still alive: 'After three days I will rise again.' 64 Command therefore that the tomb be made secure until the third day, lest perhaps his disciples come and steal him away, and tell the people, 'He is risen from the dead;' and the last deception will be worse than the first." 65 Pilate said to them, "You have a guard. Go, make it as secure as you can." 66 So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure, sealing the stone.

28 Now after the Sabbath, as it began to dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. 2 And look, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from the sky, and came and rolled away the stone, and sat on it. 3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. 4 For fear of him, the guards shook, and became like dead men. 5 The angel answered the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus, who has been crucified. 6 He is not here, for he has risen, just like he said. Come, see the place where he was lying. 7 Go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has risen from the dead, and look, he goes before you into Galilee: there you will see him." See, I have told you." 8 They departed quickly from the tomb, frightened yet with great joy, and ran to bring his disciples word. 9 And look, Jesus met them, saying, "Rejoice!" And they came and took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go tell my brothers that they should go into Galilee, and there they will see me." 11 Now while they were going, look, some of the guards came into

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1 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus (the) Messiah. the Son of God. 2 As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Look, I send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you. 3 The voice of one crying in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way of the Lord. Make his roads straight." 4 John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for forgiveness of sins. 5 And all the country of Judea went out to him and all those from Jerusalem, and they were baptized by him in the Jordan river, confessing their sins. 6 And John was clothed with camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist. He ate locusts and wild honey. 7 And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and loosen. 8 I baptized you in water, but he will baptize you in the Holy Spirit." 9 And it happened in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10 Immediately coming up from the water, he saw the heavens parting, and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. 11 And a voice came out of the sky, "You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased." 12 And immediately the Spirit drove him out into the wilderness. 13 He was in the wilderness forty days tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals; and the angels were serving him. 14 Now after John was taken into custody. Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, 15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is near. Repent, and believe in the gospel." 16 And passing along by the sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. 17 Jesus said to them. "Come, follow me, and I will make you into fishers of people." 18 And immediately they left the nets, and followed him. 19 And going on a little further, he saw James the son of Zebedee, and John, his brother, who were also in the boat mending the nets. 20 And immediately he called them, and they left their father, Zebedee, in the boat with the hired servants, and went after him. 21 And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath day he entered into the synagogue and taught. 22 And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as having authority, And many were gathered together, so that there was no and not as the scribes. 23 And just then there was more room, not even around the door; and he spoke in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and the word to them. 3 And four people came, carrying a he shouted, 24 saying, "What do we have to do with paralytic to him. 4 And when they could not bring him you, Jesus, Nazarene? Have you come to destroy us? because of the crowd, they removed the roof above I know you who you are: the Holy One of God." 25 him. When they had broken it up, they let down the mat And Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet, and come that the paralytic was lying on. 5 And Jesus, seeing out of him." 26 And the unclean spirit, convulsing him their faith, said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. 27 And forgiven you," 6 But there were some of the scribes

they were all amazed, so that they guestioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching? For with authority he commands even the unclean spirits. and they obey him." 28 And at once the news of him went out everywhere into all the region of Galilee and its surrounding area. 29 And Immediately, when they had come out of the synagogue, they came into the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. 30 Now Simon's mother-in-law was sick in bed with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. 31 And he came and took her by the hand, and raised her up. The fever left her, and she served them. 32 At evening, when the sun had set, they brought to him all who were sick, and those who were possessed by demons. 33 And all the city was gathered together at the door. 34 And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. He did not allow the demons to speak, because they knew him. 35 And early in the morning. while it was still dark, he rose up and went out, and departed into a deserted place, and prayed there. 36 And Simon and those who were with him followed after him; 37 and they found him, and told him, "Everyone is looking for you." 38 And he said to them, "Let us go somewhere else into the next towns, that I may preach there also, because I came out for this reason." 39 And he went into their synagogues throughout all Galilee, preaching and casting out demons. 40 And a leper came to him, begging him, and knelt down and said to him, "Lord, if you want to, you can make me clean." 41 And being moved with compassion, he stretched out his hand, and touched him, and said to him, "I am willing. Be cleansed." 42 And immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was made clean. 43 And he strictly warned him, and immediately sent him out, 44 and said to him, "See you say nothing to anyone, but go show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing the things which Moses commanded, for a testimony to them." 45 But he went out, and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread about the matter, so that Jesus could no more openly enter into a city, but was outside in desert places: and they came to him from everywhere.

2 And when he entered again into Capernaum after some days, it was heard that he was in the house. 2 sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts, 7 "Why and gave also to those who were with him?" 27 And he does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming; who said to them, "The Sabbath was made for people, not can forgive sins but God alone?" 8 And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you reason these things in your hearts? 9 Which is easier, to tell the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven;' or to say, 'Arise, and take up your bed, and walk?' 10 But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins", he said to the paralytic, 11 "I tell you, arise, take up your mat, and go to your house." 12 And he arose immediately, and took up the mat, and went out in front of them all; so that they were all amazed. and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this." 13 And he went out again by the seaside. All the crowd came to him, and he taught them. 14 And as he passed by, he saw Levi, the son of Alphaeus, sitting at the tax office, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he arose and followed him. 15 It happened, that he was reclining at the table in his house, and many tax collectors and sinners sat down with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many, and they followed him. 16 And the scribes of the Pharisees, when they saw him eating with the tax collectors and sinners, said to his disciples, "Why is it that he eats and drinks with tax collectors and sinners?" 17 And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, "Those who are healthy have no need for a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners." 18 And John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting, and they came and asked him, "Why do the disciples of John and those of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?" 19 And Jesus said to them, "Can the groomsmen fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. 20 But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then will they fast in that day. 21 No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment, or else the patch shrinks and the new tears away from the old, and a worse hole is made. 22 And no one puts new wine into old wineskins, or else the wine will burst the skins, and the wine is lost, and the skins will be destroyed; but one puts new wine into fresh wineskins." 23 And it happened that he was going on the Sabbath day through the grain fields, and his disciples began, as they went, to pluck the ears of grain. 24 And the Pharisees said to him, "Look, why do they do that which is not lawful on the Sabbath day?" 25 And he said to them, "Did you never read what David did, when he had need, and was hungry-he, and those who were with him? 26 How he entered into the house of God in the time of Abiathar the high priest, and ate the show bread, which is not lawful to eat except for the priests,

people for the Sabbath. 28 Therefore the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath."

3 And he entered again into the synagogue, and there was a man there who had his hand withered. 2 And They watched him, whether he would heal him on the Sabbath day, that they might accuse him. 3 And he said to the man with the withered hand, "Stand up in the middle." 4 And he said to them, "Is it lawful on the Sabbath day to do good, or to do harm? To save a life, or to kill?" But they were silent. 5 And when he had looked around at them with anger, being grieved at the hardening of their hearts, he said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. 6 And the Pharisees went out, and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how they might destroy him. 7 And Jesus withdrew to the sea with his disciples, and a large crowd followed from Galilee, and from Judea, 8 and from Jerusalem, and from Idumea, and beyond the Jordan, and those from around Tyre and Sidon. A large crowd, when they heard what great things he did, came to him. 9 And he told his disciples that a small boat should stay near him because of the crowd, so that they would not press on him. 10 For he had healed many, so that as many as had diseases pressed on him that they might touch him. 11 And the unclean spirits, whenever they saw him, fell down before him, and shouted, saying, "You are the Son of God." 12 And he sternly warned them that they should not make him known. 13 And he went up into the mountain, and called to himself those whom he wanted, and they went to him. 14 And he appointed twelve, that they might be with him, and that he might send them out to preach, 15 to have authority to heal sicknesses and to cast out demons. 16 And he appointed the twelve. And to Simon he gave the name Peter; 17 and James the son of Zebedee; and John the brother of James (and he gave them the names Boanerges, which is to say, Sons of Thunder); 18 and Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Zealot; 19 and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him. 20 And he came into a house, and the crowd came together again, so that they could not so much as eat bread. 21 And when his family heard it, they went out to take charge of him: for they said, "He is out of his mind." 22 And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said. "He has Beelzebul," and, "By the prince of the demons he casts out the demons." 23 And so he summoned them, and said to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? 24 And if a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. 25 And if a house sister, and mother."

And again he began to teach by the seaside. And a large crowd was gathered to him, so that he entered into a boat in the sea, and sat down. And the whole crowd was on the land by the sea. 2 And then he taught them many things in parables, and told them in his teaching, 3 "Listen. Look, the sower who went out to sow. 4 And it happened, as he sowed, some seed fell by the road, and the birds came and devoured it. 5 And others fell on the rocky ground, where it had little soil, and immediately it sprang up, because it had no depth of soil. 6 And when the sun came up, it was scorched; and because it had no root, it withered away. 7 And others fell among the thorns, and the thorns grew up, and choked it, and it vielded no fruit. 8 And others fell into the good ground, and yielded fruit, growing up and increasing; and brought forth thirty times, and sixty times, and one hundred times." 9 And he said, "Whoever has ears to hear. let him hear." 10 And when he was alone, those who were around him with the twelve asked him about the parables. 11 And he said to them, "To you has been given the mystery of the Kingdom of God, but to those who are outside, all things are done in parables, 12 that 'seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest perhaps they should turn and be forgiven." 13 And he said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? And how will you understand all of the parables? 14 The farmer sows the word. 15 And these are the ones by the road where the word is sown; and when they have heard, immediately Satan comes, and takes away the word which has been sown in them. 16 And these in a similar way are those who

is divided against itself, that house will not be able to are sown on the rocky places, who, when they have stand. 26 And if Satan has risen up against himself, heard the word, immediately receive it with joy. 17 And and is divided, he will not be able to stand, but has an they have no root in themselves, but are short-lived. end. 27 But no one can enter into the house of the Then, when oppression or persecution arises because strong man to plunder, unless he first binds the strong of the word, immediately they stumble. 18 And others man; and then he will plunder his house. 28 Truly I are those who are sown among the thorns; these are tell you, all human sins will be forgiven, including their the ones who have heard the word. 19 and the cares of blasphemies with which they may blaspheme; 29 but the age, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of whoever may blaspheme against the Holy Spirit never other things entering in choke the word, and it becomes has forgiveness, but is guilty of an everlasting sin"- unfruitful. (aion g165) 20 And those which were sown (aion g165, aionios g166) 30 because they said, "He has on the good ground are those who hear the word, and an unclean spirit." 31 And his mother and his brothers accept it, and bear fruit, some thirty times, some sixty came, and standing outside, they sent to him, calling times, and some one hundred times." 21 And he said to him. 32 And a crowd was sitting around him, and they them, "Is the lamp brought to be put under a basket or told him, "Look, your mother and your brothers are under a bed? Is it not put on a stand? 22 For there is outside looking for you." 33 And he answered them, nothing hidden, except that it should be made known: saying, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" 34 And neither was anything made secret, but that it should looking around at those who sat around him, he said, come to light, 23 If anyone has ears to hear, let him "Look, my mother and my brothers. 35 For whoever hear." 24 And he said to them, "Consider carefully what does the will of God, the same is my brother, and my you hear. With whatever measure you measure, it will be measured to you, and more will be given to you. 25 For whoever has, more will be given, and he who does not have, even that which he has will be taken away from him." 26 And he said. "The Kingdom of God is like someone who scatters seed on the earth, 27 and he sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed springs up and grows: he doesn't know how. 28 The earth bears fruit, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. 29 But when the fruit is ripe, immediately he puts forth the sickle, because the harvest has come." 30 And he said, "To what will we liken the Kingdom of God? Or with what parable will we use for it? 31 It's like a mustard seed, which, when it is sown upon the soil. though it is less than all the seeds that are upon the soil, 32 And when it is sown, grows up, and becomes greater than all the garden plants, and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the sky can lodge under its shadow." 33 And with many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. 34 And he did not speak to them without a parable; but privately to his own disciples he explained everything. 35 And on that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go over to the other side." 36 And leaving the crowd, they took him with them, even as he was, in the boat, And other boats were with him. 37 And a big wind storm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so much that the boat was already filled. 38 And he himself was in the stern, asleep on the cushion, and they woke him up, and told him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are dying?" 39 And he awoke, and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace. Be still." And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. 40 And he said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?" 41 And they

were greatly afraid, and said to one another, "Who then crowd followed him, and they pressed upon him on all is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?" sides. **25** Now a woman, who had an issue of blood for

5 And they came to the other side of the sea, into the territory of the Gerasenes. 2 And when he had come out of the boat, immediately a man with an unclean spirit met him out of the tombs. 3 He lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him any more, not even with a chain. 4 For he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been torn apart by him, and the fetters broken in pieces. No one had the strength to tame him. 5 And always, night and day, in the tombs and in the mountains, he was crying out, and cutting himself with stones. 6 And when he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and bowed down to him, 7 and crying out with a loud voice, he said, "What have I to do with you, Jesus, you Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me." 8 For he had been saying to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit." 9 And then he asked him, "What is your name?" And he replied, "My name is Legion, for we are many." 10 And he pleaded with Jesus repeatedly not to send them away out of the region. 11 Now on the mountainside there was a great herd of pigs feeding. 12 And they begged him, saying, "Send us into the pigs, that we may enter into them." 13 And he gave them permission. The unclean spirits came out and entered into the pigs; and the herd of about two thousand rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and they were drowned in the sea. 14 And those who fed them fled, and told it in the city and in the country. And the people went to see what it was that had happened. 15 And they came to Jesus, and saw him who had been possessed by demons sitting. clothed and in his right mind, even him who had the legion; and they were afraid. 16 And those who saw it declared to them how it happened to him who was possessed by demons, and about the pigs. 17 And then they began to plead with Jesus to leave their region. 18 As he was entering into the boat, he who had been possessed by demons pleaded with him that he might be with him. 19 However, Jesus did not allow him, but said to him, "Go to your house, to your own, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how he had mercy on you." 20 So he went his way, and began to proclaim in Decapolis how Jesus had done great things for him, and everyone was amazed. 21 And when Jesus had crossed back over in the boat to the other side, a large crowd was gathered to him; and he was by the sea. 22 One of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, came; and seeing him, he fell at his feet, 23 and pleaded with him repeatedly, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Please come and lay your hands on her, that she may be made healthy, and live." 24 And he went with him, and a large

sides. 25 Now a woman, who had an issue of blood for twelve years, 26 and had suffered many things by many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better, but rather grew worse, 27 having heard the things concerning Jesus, came up behind him in the crowd, and touched his clothes. 28 For she said, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be made well." 29 And immediately the flow of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her affliction. 30 And immediately Jesus, perceiving in himself that the power had gone out from him, turned around in the crowd, and asked, "Who touched my clothes?" 31 And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing against you, and you say, 'Who touched me?'" 32 He looked around to see her who had done this thing. 33 But the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what had been done to her, came and fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. 34 And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be cured of your disease." 35 While he was still speaking, people came from the synagogue ruler's house saying, "Your daughter is dead. Why bother the Teacher any more?" 36 But Jesus, overhearing the message spoken, said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not be afraid, only believe." 37 And he allowed no one to follow him, except Peter, James, and John the brother of James. 38 And they came to the synagogue ruler's house, and he saw an uproar, weeping, and great wailing. 39 And when he had entered in, he said to them, "Why do you make an uproar and weep? The child is not dead, but is asleep." 40 And they ridiculed him. But he, having put them all out, took the father of the child, her mother, and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. 41 And taking the child by the hand, he said to her, "Talitha koum," which translated means, "Little girl, I tell you, get up." 42 And immediately the girl rose up and walked, for she was twelve years old. And immediately they were overcome with amazement. 43 And he strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and commanded that something should be given to her to eat.

6 And he went out from there and came into his own country, and his disciples followed him. 2 And when the Sabbath had come, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many hearing him were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get these things?" and, "What is the wisdom that is given to this man, that such mighty works come about by his hands? 3 Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, and brother of James, Josi, Judas, and Simon? Are not his sisters here with us?" They were offended at him. 4 Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his own country, and among his own relatives, and in his own house." 5 when his disciples heard this, they came and took up his And he could do no mighty work there, except that he corpse, and placed it in a tomb. 30 Then the apostles laid his hands on a few sick people, and healed them. 6 gathered themselves together to Jesus, and they told And he was amazed because of their unbelief. And he him all things, whatever they had done, and whatever went around the villages teaching. 7 And he called to they had taught. 31 And he said to them, "Come away himself the twelve, and began to send them out two by yourselves to an isolated place, and rest awhile." For by two; and he gave them authority over the unclean there were many coming and going, and they had no spirits. 8 And he commanded them that they should leisure so much as to eat. 32 So they went away in take nothing for their journey, except a staff only: no the boat to an isolated place by themselves. 33 But bread, no pack, no money in their belts, 9 but to wear they saw them going, and many recognized him and ran sandals, and not to put on two tunics. 10 And he said there on foot from all the cities and they arrived before to them, "Wherever you enter into a house, stay there them. 34 And he came out, saw a large crowd, and until you depart from there. 11 And if any place will not he had compassion on them, because they were like receive you or listen to you, as you depart from there, sheep without a shepherd, and he began to teach them shake off the dust that is under your feet for a testimony many things. 35 And when it was late in the day, his against them." 12 So they went out and proclaimed that disciples came to him, and said, "This place is desolate, all should repent. 13 They cast out many demons, and and it is late in the day. 36 Send them away, that they anointed many with oil who were sick, and healed them. may go into the surrounding country and villages, and 14 King Herod heard this, for his name had become buy themselves something to eat." 37 But he answered known, and he said, "John the Baptist has risen from them, "You give them something to eat." And they said the dead, and therefore these powers are at work in to him, "Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth him." 15 But others said, "He is Elijah." Others said, of bread, and give them something to eat?" 38 He said "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets." 16 But to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go see." Herod, when he heard this, said, "This is John, whom I When they knew, they said, "Five, and two fish." 39 beheaded. He has risen." 17 For Herod himself had He commanded them that everyone should sit down in sent out and arrested John, and bound him in prison groups on the green grass. 40 They sat down in ranks, for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, for by hundreds and by fifties. 41 He took the five loaves he had married her. 18 For John said to Herod, "It is and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he blessed not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." 19 So and broke the loaves, and he gave to his disciples to set Herodias set herself against him, and desired to kill him, before them, and he divided the two fish among them but she could not, 20 for Herod feared John, knowing all. 42 They all ate, and were filled. 43 They took up that he was a righteous and holy man, and kept him twelve baskets full of broken pieces and also of the fish. safe. And when he heard him, he was very perplexed, 44 Those who ate the loaves were five thousand men. but he heard him gladly. 21 And then a convenient day 45 And immediately he made his disciples get into the came, that Herod on his birthday gave a supper for his boat, and to go ahead to the other side, to Bethsaida, nobles, the high officers, and the leaders of Galilee. 22 while he himself was sending the crowd away. 46 After And when the daughter of Herodias herself came in and he had taken leave of them, he went up the mountain to danced, she pleased Herod and those sitting with him. pray. 47 When evening had come, the boat was in the The king said to the young woman, "Ask me whatever midst of the sea, and he was alone on the land. 48 He you want, and I will give it to you." 23 And he swore to saw them distressed in rowing, for the wind was against her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half them. In the watch between three and six in the morning of my kingdom." 24 So she went out, and said to her he came to them, walking on the sea, and he would mother, "What should I ask?" And she said, "The head have passed by them, 49 but they, when they saw him of John the baptizer." 25 And she came in immediately walking on the sea, supposed that it was a ghost, and with haste to the king, and asked, "I want you to give me began to scream; 50 for they all saw him, and were right now the head of John the Baptist on a platter." 26 troubled. But he immediately spoke with them, and said And the king was exceedingly sorry, but for the sake of to them, "Cheer up. It is I. Do not be afraid." 51 And his oaths, and those reclining, he did not wish to refuse he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. her. 27 So immediately the king sent out a soldier of his And they were completely profusely astonished among guard, and commanded to bring John's head, and he themselves; 52 for they had not understood about the went and beheaded him in the prison, 28 and brought loaves, but their hearts were hardened. 53 When they his head on a platter, and gave it to the young woman; had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret,

and the young woman gave it to her mother. 29 And and moored to the shore. 54 When they had come out

of the boat, immediately the people recognized him, sexual sins, murders, thefts, 22 covetings, wickedness, heard he was. 56 Wherever he entered, into villages, touched him were made well.

7 Then the Pharisees, and some of the scribes gathered together to him, having come from Jerusalem. 2 Now when they saw that some of his disciples ate bread with defiled, that is, unwashed, hands, they found fault. 3 (For the Pharisees, and all Jewish people, do not eat unless they wash their hands and forearms, holding to the Tradition of the Elders. 4 They do not eat when they come from the marketplace unless they wash. And there are many other things which they have received and hold to, the washing of cups and pitchers and copper vessels and dining couches.) 5 The Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not walk according to the Tradition of the Elders, but eat their bread with unwashed hands?" 6 He said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. 7 And in vain do they worship me, teaching instructions that are the commandments of humans.' 8 "For you set aside the commandment of God, and hold tightly to human tradition." 9 He said to them, "Full well do you reject the commandment of God, that you may establish your tradition. 10 For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother;' and, 'Anyone who speaks evil of father or mother, let him be put to death.' 11 But you say, 'If anyone tells his father or mother, "Whatever profit you might have received from me is Corban, that is to say, given to God;" 12 then you no longer allow him to do anything for his father or his mother, 13 making void the word of God by your tradition, which you have handed down. You do many things like this." 14 And he called the crowd to himself again, and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. 15 There is nothing from outside of the person, that going into him can defile him; but the things which proceed out of the person are what defile the person." 17 When he had entered into a house away from the crowd, his disciples asked him about the parable. 18 He said to them, "Are you thus without understanding also? Do you not perceive that whatever goes into the person from outside cannot defile him, 19 because it does not go into his heart, but into his stomach, then into the latrine, cleansing all the foods?" 20 He said. "That which proceeds out of the man, that defiles the man. 21 For from within, out of a person's heart, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries,

55 and ran around that whole region, and began to deceit, lustful desires, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, and bring those who were sick, on their mats, to where they foolishness. 23 All these evil things come from within, and defile the man." 24 From there he arose, and went or into cities, or into the country, they placed the sick away into the region of Tyre and Sidon. He entered into in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might a house, and did not want anyone to know it, but he touch just the fringe of his garment; and everyone who could not escape notice. 25 But immediately a woman whose young daughter had an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell at his feet. 26 Now the woman was a Greek, a Syrophoenician by race. She begged him that he would cast the demon out of her daughter. 27 But he said to her, "Let the children be filled first, for it is not appropriate to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." 28 But she answered him, "Yes, Sir. Yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." 29 He said to her, "For this saying, go your way. The demon has gone out of your daughter." 30 And when she went away to her house, she found the child lying on the bed, the demon having left. 31 Again he departed from the borders of Tyre, and came through Sidon to the sea of Galilee, through the midst of the region of Decapolis. 32 They brought to him one who was deaf and had a speech difficulty, and they begged Jesus to lay his hand on him. 33 He took him aside from the crowd, privately, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat, and touched his tongue. 34 Looking up to heaven, he sighed, and said to him, "Ephphatha." that is, "Be opened." 35 And his ears were opened, and the impediment of his tongue was released, and he spoke clearly. 36 He commanded them that they should tell no one, but the more he commanded them, so much the more widely they proclaimed it. 37 They were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He makes even the deaf hear, and the mute speak."

> **Q** In those days, when there was a large crowd, and they had nothing to eat, he called the disciples to himself, and said to them, 2 "I have compassion on the crowd, because they have stayed with me now three days, and have nothing to eat. 3 If I send them away fasting to their home, they will faint on the way, and some of them have come a long way." 4 His disciples answered him, "From where could one satisfy these people with bread here in a deserted place?" 5 He asked them, "How many loaves do you have?" They said, "Seven." 6 He commanded the crowd to sit down on the ground, and he took the seven loaves. Having given thanks, he broke them, and gave them to his disciples to serve, and they served the crowd. 7 They had a few small fish. Having blessed them, he said to serve these also. 8 They ate, and were filled. They took up seven baskets of broken pieces that were left over. 9 Now they were about four thousand. Then he sent them

disciples, and came into the region of Dalmanutha. 11 of the gospel will save it. 36 For what does it profit a The Pharisees came out and began to question him, person to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul? 37 seeking from him a sign from heaven, and testing him. Or what will a person give in exchange for his soul? 38 12 He sighed deeply in his spirit, and said, "Why does For whoever will be ashamed of me and of my words in this generation seek a sign? Truly I tell you, no sign will this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man be given to this generation." 13 And he left them, and also will be ashamed of him, when he comes in the got into the boat again, and went to the other side. 14 Now they forgot to take bread; and they did not have more than one loaf in the boat with them. 15 He warned them, saying, "Watch out; guard yourselves against the yeast of the Pharisees and the yeast of Herod." 16 And they began discussing among themselves that they had no bread. 17 He, perceiving it, said to them, "Why do you reason that it's because you have no bread? Do you not perceive vet, neither understand? Are your hearts hardened? 18 Having eyes, do you not see? Having ears, do you not hear? Do you not remember? 19 When I broke the five loaves among the five thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take up?' They told him, "Twelve." 20 "When the seven loaves fed the four thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take up?" And they said, "Seven." 21 He asked them. "Do you not yet understand?" 22 He came to Bethsaida. They brought a blind man to him, and begaed Jesus to touch him. 23 He took hold of the blind man by the hand, and brought him out of the village. When he had spit on his eyes, and laid his hands on him, he asked him if he saw anything. 24 He looked up. and said, "I see people; they look like trees walking." 25 Then again he laid his hands on his eyes. He made him look up, and was restored, and saw everything clearly. 26 He sent him away to his house, saving, "Do not enter into the village." 27 Jesus went out, with his disciples, into the villages of Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" 28 And they said to him, saying, "John the Baptist, and others say Elijah, but others: one of the prophets." 29 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered and said to him, "You are the Messiah." 30 He commanded them that they should tell no one about him. 31 He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. 32 He spoke to them openly. Peter took him, and began to rebuke him. 33 But he, turning around, and seeing his disciples, rebuked Peter, and said, "Get behind me, Satan. For you have in mind not the things of God, but the things of humans." 34 He called the crowd to himself with his disciples, and said to them, "If anyone wants to come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. 35 For whoever wants to save his life will lose it;

away. 10 Immediately he entered into the boat with his and whoever will lose his life for my sake and the sake glory of his Father with the holy angels."

> **9** He said to them, "Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will in no way taste death until they see the Kingdom of God come with power." 2 After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James, and John, and brought them up onto a high mountain privately by themselves, and he was changed into another form in front of them. 3 His clothing became glistening. exceedingly white, such as no launderer on earth can whiten them. 4 Elijah and Moses appeared to them, and they were talking with Jesus. 5 Peter said to Jesus. "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." 6 For he did not know what to answer, for they became very afraid. 7 A cloud came, overshadowing them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." 8 Suddenly looking around, they saw no one with them anymore, except Jesus alone. 9 As they were coming down from the mountain, he commanded them that they should tell no one what things they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. 10 They kept this saying to themselves, guestioning what the "rising from the dead" meant. 11 They asked him, saying, "Why do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?" 12 And he said to them, "Elijah indeed comes first, and restores all things. And why is it written of the Son of Man that he should suffer many things and be rejected? 13 But I tell you that Elijah has come. and they have also done to him whatever they wanted to, even as it is written about him." 14 And when they came to the disciples, they saw a large crowd around them, and scribes questioning them. 15 Immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed. and running to him greeted him. 16 He asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" 17 And one out of the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought to you my son, who has a mute spirit; 18 and wherever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams at the mouth, and grinds his teeth, and wastes away. I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they weren't able." 19 And answering, he said to them, "You unbelieving generation, how long must I be with you? How long must I put up with you? Bring him to me." 20 They brought him to him, and when he saw him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground, wallowing and

has it been since this has come to him?" He said, "From q1067) 47 If your eye causes you to stumble, cast it out. childhood. 22 And it has often cast him both into fire and It is better for you to enter into the Kingdom of God with into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into have compassion on us, and help us." 23 Jesus said to hell, (Geenna g1067) 48 'where their worm does not die, him, "If you can?' All things are possible to him who and the fire is not guenched.' 49 For everyone will be believes." 24 Immediately the father of the child cried out salted with fire, and every sacrifice will be salted with and said, "I believe. Help my unbelief." 25 When Jesus salt. 50 Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked how can you make it salty? Have salt in yourselves, and the unclean spirit, saying to him, "You deaf and mute be at peace with one another." spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again." 26 Having screamed, and convulsed greatly, it came out of him. The boy became like one dead; so much that most of them said, "He is dead." 27 But Jesus took him by the hand, and raised him up; and he arose. 28 And when he had come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" 29 And he said to them. "This kind cannot come out by anything but prayer and fasting." 30 They went out from there, and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it. 31 For he was teaching his disciples, and said to them, "The Son of Man is being handed over to the hands of men, and they will kill him; and when he is killed, after three days he will rise again." 32 But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him. 33 He came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them. "What were you arguing on the way?" 34 But they were silent, for they had disputed one with another on the way about who was the greatest. 35 And he sat down, and called the twelve; and he said to them, "If anyone wants to be first, he must be last of all, and servant of all." 36 He took a little child, and set him in the midst of them. Taking him in his arms, he said to them, 37 "Whoever receives one such little child in my name, receives me, and whoever receives me, does not receive me, but him who sent me." 38 John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name; and we forbade him, because he was not following us." 39 But Jesus said, "Do not forbid him, for there is no one who will do a mighty work in my name, and be able quickly to speak evil of me. 40 For whoever is not against us is for us. 41 For whoever will give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because you belong to the Messiah, truly I tell you, he will in no way lose his reward. 42 Whoever will cause one of these little ones who believe in me to stumble, it would be better for him if he was thrown into the sea with a millstone hung around his neck. 43 If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed, rather than having your two hands to go into hell, into the unguenchable fire, (Geenna g1067) 45 If your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life lame, rather

foaming at the mouth. 21 He asked his father, "How long than having your two feet to be cast into hell, (Geenna

1 O He arose from there and came into the borders of Judea and beyond the Jordan. Crowds came together to him again. As he usually did, he was again teaching them. 2 Pharisees came to him testing him, and asked him, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" 3 He answered, "What did Moses command you?" 4 They said, "Moses allowed a certificate of divorce to be written, and to divorce her." 5 But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart, he wrote you this commandment. 6 But from the beginning of the creation, he made them male and female. 7 For this cause a man will leave his father and mother, and will join to his wife, a and the two will become one flesh, so that they are no longer two, but one flesh. 9 What therefore God has joined together, let no one separate." 10 In the house, the disciples asked him again about the same matter. 11 He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife, and marries another, commits adultery against her. 12 If she herself divorces her husband, and marries another, she commits adultery." 13 They were bringing to him little children, that he should touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. 14 But when Jesus saw it, he was moved with indignation, and said to them, "Allow the little children to come to me. Do not forbid them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these. 15 Truly I tell you, whoever will not receive the Kingdom of God like a little child, he will in no way enter into it." 16 And he took them in his arms, laying his hands on them, and blessed them. 17 As he was going out into the way, one ran to him, knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do that I may inherit everlasting life?" (aionios g166) 18 Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except one-God. 19 You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery.' 'Do not murder.' 'Do not steal.' 'Do not give false testimony,' 'Do not defraud,' 'Honor your father and mother." 20 And he said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these things from my youth." 21 Jesus looking at him loved him, and said to him, "One thing you lack. Go, sell whatever you have, and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me, taking up the cross." 22 But his face fell at who had great possessions. 23 Jesus looked around, not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his and said to his disciples. "How difficult it is for those life as a ransom for many." 46 They came to Jericho. who have riches to enter into the Kingdom of God." 24 As he went out from Jericho, with his disciples and a The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus large crowd, Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, a blind answered again and said to them, "Children, how hard it beggar, was sitting by the road. 47 When he heard that is for those who trust in riches to enter the kingdom of it was Jesus the Nazarene, he began to cry out, and God. 25 It is easier for a camel to go through a needle's say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me." 48 Many eye than for a rich person to enter into the Kingdom of rebuked him, that he should be quiet, but he shouted all God." 26 They were exceedingly astonished, saying the louder, "Son of David, have mercy on me." 49 Jesus to him, "Then who can be saved?" 27 Jesus, looking stood still, and said, "Call him." They called the blind at them, said, "With humans it is impossible, but not man, saying to him, "Cheer up. Get up. He is calling with God, for all things are possible with God." 28 Peter you." 50 He, casting away his coat, jumped up, and began to tell him, "Look, we have left everything, and came to Jesus. 51 Jesus asked him, "What do you want have followed you." 29 Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "Rabboni, is no one who has left house, or brothers, or sisters, or that I may see again." 52 Jesus said to him, "Go your mother, or father, or children, or land, for my sake, and way. Your faith has made you well." And immediately he for the sake of the gospel, **30** but he will receive one received his sight, and followed him on the road, hundred times more now in this time, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and land, with persecutions; and in the age to come, everlasting life. (aion g165, aionios g166) 31 But many who are first will be last; and the last first." 32 They were on the way, going up to Jerusalem; and Jesus was going in front of them, and they were amazed; and those who followed were afraid. He again took the twelve, and began to tell them the things that were going to happen to him. 33 "Look, we are going up to Jerusalem. The Son of Man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes. They will condemn him to death, and will deliver him to foreigners. 34 They will mock him, spit on him, scourge him, and kill him. After three days he will rise again." 35 James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came near to him, and said to him. "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we will ask." 36 He said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" 37 They said to him, "Grant to us that we may sit, one at your right hand, and one at your left hand, in your glory." 38 But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" 39 And they said to him. "We are able." And Jesus said to them. "You will drink the cup I drink, and you will be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with: 40 but to sit at my right hand and at my left hand is not mine to give, but for whom it has been prepared." 41 When the ten heard it, they began to be indignant towards James and John. 42 Jesus summoned them, and said to them, "You know that they who are recognized as rulers over the nations lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. 43 But it will not be so among you, but whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant. 44 And whoever wants to be first among

that saving, and he went away sorrowful, for he was one you must be slave of all. 45 For the Son of Man also did

11 When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples. 2 and said to them. "Go your way into the village that is opposite you. Immediately as you enter into it, you will find a young donkey tied, on which no one has yet sat. Untie him, and bring him. 3 If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'Because the Lord needs it,' and he will send it back here at once." 4 They went away, and found a colt tied at the door outside in the open street, and they untied him. 5 Some of those who stood there asked them, "What are you doing, untving the young donkey?" 6 They said to them just as Jesus had said, and they let them go. 7 They brought the young donkey to Jesus, and threw their garments on it, and Jesus sat on it. 8 Many spread their garments on the way, and others spread branches which they had cut from the fields. 9 Those who went in front, and those who followed, shouted, "Hosanna, Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. 10 Blessed is the kingdom of our father David. Hosanna in the highest." 11 And he entered into the temple in Jerusalem. When he had looked around at everything, it being now evening, he went out to Bethany with the twelve. 12 The next day, when they had come out from Bethany, he was hungry. 13 Seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he came to see if perhaps he might find anything on it. When he came to it, he found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. 14 Jesus told it. "May no one ever eat fruit from you again." and his disciples heard it. (aion g165) 15 They came to Jerusalem. and he entered into the temple, and began to throw out those who sold and those who bought in the temple. and overthrew the tables of the money changers, and the seats of those who sold the doves. 16 He would not allow anyone to carry a container through the temple. 17

He taught, saving to them, "Is it not written, 'My house come and destroy the farmers, and will give the vineyard your wrongdoing. 26 But if you do not forgive, neither are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." said to them, "I will also ask you one question. Answer were seven brothers. The first took a wife, and dying and said to Jesus, "We do not know." Jesus said to power of God? 25 For when they will rise from the dead, them, "Neither do I tell you by what authority I do these they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are things."

12 He began to speak to them in parables. "A man planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a pit for the winepress, built a tower, rented it out to a farmer, and went on a journey. 2 When it was time, he sent a servant to the farmer to get from the farmer his share of the fruit of the vineyard. 3 They took him, beat him, and sent him away empty. 4 Again, he sent another servant to them; and they wounded him in the head, and treated him shamefully. 5 And he sent another; and they killed him; and many others, beating some, and killing some. 6 He had one left, a beloved son, he sent him last to them, saving, 'They will respect my son.' 7 But those farmers said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.' 8 They took him, killed him, and cast him out of the vineyard. 9 What therefore will the lord of the vineyard do? He will

will be called a house of prayer for all the nations?' But to others. 10 Haven't you even read this Scripture: 'The you have made it a den of robbers." 18 The chief priests stone which the builders rejected, the same was made and the scribes heard it, and sought how they might the head of the corner. 11 This was from the Lord. It is destroy him. For they feared him, because all the crowd marvelous in our eyes'?" 12 They tried to seize him, was astonished at his teaching. 19 When evening came, but they feared the crowd; for they perceived that he they went out of the city. 20 As they passed by in the spoke the parable against them. They left him, and went morning, they saw the fig tree withered away from the away. 13 They sent some of the Pharisees and of the roots. 21 Peter, remembering, said to him, "Teacher, Herodians to him, that they might trap him with words. look. The fig tree which you cursed has withered away." 14 When they had come, they asked him, "Teacher, we 22 Jesus answered them, "Have faith in God. 23 Truly know that you are honest, and do not defer to anyone; I tell you, whoever may tell this mountain, 'Be taken for you are not partial to anyone, but truly teach the up and cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his way of God. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or heart, but believes that what he says will happen, it not? 15 Should we pay, or should we not pay?" But will be done for him. 24 Therefore I tell you, whatever he, knowing their hypocrisy, said to them, "Why do you you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, test me? Bring me a denarius, that I may see it." 16 and it will be yours. 25 Whenever you stand praying, They brought it. He said to them, "Whose is this image forgive, if you have anything against anyone; so that and inscription?" They said to him, "Caesar's." 17 And your Father, who is in heaven, may also forgive you Jesus said to them, "Render to Caesar the things that will your Father in heaven forgive your wrongdoing." 27 And they were utterly amazed at him. 18 There came to They came again to Jerusalem, and as he was walking him Sadducees, who say that there is no resurrection. in the temple, the chief priests, and the scribes, and the They asked him, saying, 19 "Teacher, Moses wrote to elders came to him, 28 and they began saying to him, us, 'If a man's brother dies, and leaves a wife behind "By what authority do you do these things? And who him, and leaves no children, that his brother should take gave you this authority to do these things?" 29 Jesus the wife, and raise up offspring for his brother.' 20 There me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these left no offspring. 21 The second took her, and died, things. 30 The baptism of John-was it from heaven, leaving no children behind him. The third likewise; 22 or from people? Answer me." 31 They reasoned with and the seven left no children. Last of all the woman themselves, saying, "If we should say, 'From heaven;' also died. 23 In the resurrection, when they rise, whose he will say, 'Why then did you not believe him?' 32 If we wife will she be of them? For the seven had her as should say, 'From people"-they feared the crowd, for a wife." 24 Jesus said to them, "Is not this because all held John to really be a prophet. 33 They answered you are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures, nor the like angels in heaven. 26 But about the dead, that they are raised; have you not read in the book of Moses, about the bush, how God spoke to him, saying, 'I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? 27 He is not the God of the dead, but of the living. You are therefore badly mistaken." 28 And one of the scribes came, and heard them questioning together. Seeing that he had answered them well, asked him, "Which commandment is the greatest of all?" 29 Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. 30 And you are to love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' 31 The second is this, 'You are to love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." 32 The scribe said to him, "Truly, Teacher, you have said well that he is one, and there is none other the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the up brother to death, and the father his child. Children strength, and to love his neighbor as himself, is more will rise up against parents, and cause them to be put to important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." death. 13 And you will be hated by everyone because 34 When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to of my name, but the one who perseveres to the end him, "You are not far from the Kingdom of God." No will be saved. 14 But when you see the abomination of one dared ask him any question after that, 35 Jesus desolation, standing where it ought not (let the reader responded, as he taught in the temple, "How can the understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the David himself said in the Holy Spirit, 'The Lord said go down, nor enter in, to take anything out of his house. to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I make your 16 Let him who is in the field not return back to take his enemies the footstool of your feet." 37 David himself coat. 17 But woe to those who are with child and to calls him Lord, so how can he be his son?" The common those who nurse babies in those days. 18 And pray robes, and to get greetings in the marketplaces. 39 and from the beginning of the creation which God created the best seats in the synagogues, and the best places until now, and never will be. 20 Unless the Lord had at feasts: 40 those who devour widows' houses, and shortened the days, no flesh would have been saved: for a pretense make long prayers. These will receive but for the sake of the chosen ones, whom he picked greater condemnation." 41 And he sat down opposite out, he shortened the days. 21 Then if anyone tells you, the treasury, and saw how the crowd cast money into 'Look, here is the Messiah.' or, 'Look, there.' do not the treasury. Many who were rich cast in much. 42 A believe it. 22 For there will arise false messiahs and poor widow came, and she cast in two lepta, which false prophets, and will show signs and wonders, that and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow gave But you watch. "I have told you all things beforehand. more than all those who are giving into the treasury, 44 24 But in those days, after that oppression, the sun will for they all gave out of their abundance, but she, out of be darkened, the moon will not give its light, 25 the her poverty, gave all that she had to live on."

13 As he went out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Teacher, see what kind of stones and what kind of buildings." 2 And Jesus said to him, "Do you see these great buildings? There will not be left here one stone on another, which will not be thrown down." 3 As he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple. Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 4 "Tell us, when will these things be? What is the sign that these things are all about to be fulfilled?" 5 And Jesus began to say to them, "Be careful that no one leads you astray. 6 Many will come in my name, saving, 'I am he,' and will lead many astray, 7 "When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be troubled. Such things must happen, but the end is not vet. 8 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places. There will be famines. These things are the beginning of birth pains. 9 But watch yourselves, for they will deliver you up to councils. You will be beaten in synagogues. You will stand before rulers and kings for my sake, as a testimony to them. 10 The gospel must first be preached to all the nations. 11 When they lead you away and deliver you up, do not be anxious beforehand, or premeditate what you will say, but say whatever will be given you in that hour. For it is not you

but he. 33 and to love him with all the heart, and with all who speak, but the Holy Spirit, 12 "Brother will deliver scribes say that the Messiah is the son of David? 36 mountains, 15 and let him who is on the housetop not people heard him gladly. 38 In his teaching he said to that it won't be in the winter. 19 For in those days there them, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk in long will be oppression, such as there has not been the like equal a kodrantes. 43 He called his disciples to himself, they may lead astray, if possible, the chosen ones, 23 stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers that are in the heavens will be shaken. 26 Then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. 27 Then he will send out his angels, and will gather together his chosen ones from the four winds, from the farthest part of the earth to the farthest part of the sky. 28 "Now from the fig tree, learn this parable. When the branch has now become tender, and puts forth its leaves, you know that the summer is near; 29 even so you also, when you see these things coming to pass, know that it is near, at the doors. 30 Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things happen. 31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 32 But of that day or the hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 33 Watch, keep alert, and pray: for you do not know when the time is. 34 "It is like a man, traveling to another country, having left his house, and given authority to his servants, and to each one his work, and also commanded the doorkeeper to keep watch. 35 Watch therefore, for you do not know when the lord of the house is coming -at evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning: 36 lest coming suddenly he might find you sleeping. 37 What I tell you, I tell all: Watch."

1 It was now two days before the feast of the He said to them, "This is my blood of the new covenant. priests and the scribes sought how they might seize him more drink of the fruit of the vine, until that day when I by deception, and kill him. 2 For they said, "Not during drink it anew in the Kingdom of God." 26 When they had the feast, because there might be a riot of the people." sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. 27 3 While he was at Bethany, in the house of Simon the Jesus said to them, "All of you will fall away, for it is leper, as he was reclining, a woman came having an written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will alabaster jar of ointment of pure nard-very costly. She be scattered.' 28 However, after I am raised up, I will broke the jar, and poured it over his head. 4 But there go before you into Galilee." 29 But Peter said to him, were some who were indignant among themselves, and "Although all will be offended, yet I will not." 30 Jesus saying, "Why has this ointment been wasted? 5 For said to him, "Truly I tell you, that today, even this night, this ointment might have been sold for more than three before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three hundred denarii, and given to the poor." They grumbled times." 31 But he insisted, "If I must die with you, I will against her. 6 But Jesus said, "Leave her alone. Why not deny you." They all said the same thing. 32 They do you trouble her? She has done a good work for me. came to a place which was named Gethsemane. He 7 For you always have the poor with you, and whenever said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I pray." 33 He you want to, you can do them good; but you will not took with him Peter, James, and John, and began to be always have me. 8 She has done what she could. She greatly troubled and distressed. 34 He said to them, has anointed my body beforehand for the burying. 9 "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay Truly I tell you, wherever this gospel may be preached here, and watch." 35 He went forward a little, and fell throughout the whole world, that which this woman has on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the done will also be spoken of for a memorial of her." 10 hour might pass away from him. 36 He said, "Abba, Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went away to Father, all things are possible to you. Please remove the chief priests, that he might deliver him to them. 11 this cup from me. However, not what I desire, but what They, when they heard it, were glad, and promised to you desire." 37 He came and found them sleeping, and give him money. He sought how he might conveniently said to Peter, "Simon, are you sleeping? Could you not deliver him. 12 On the first day of unleavened bread, watch one hour? 38 Watch and pray, that you may not when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the asked him, "Where do you want us to go and make flesh is weak." 39 Again he went away, and prayed, ready that you may eat the Passover?" 13 He sent two saying the same words. 40 Again he came and found of his disciples, and said to them, "Go into the city, them sleeping again, for their eyes were very heavy, and there you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of and they did not know what to answer him. 41 He came water. Follow him, 14 and wherever he enters in, tell the third time, and said to them, "Sleep on now, and the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, "Where is take your rest. It is enough. The hour has come. Look, my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. 42 disciples?" 15 He will himself show you a large upper Arise, let us be going. Look, he who betrays me is near." room furnished and ready. Make ready for us there." 43 Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one 16 The disciples went out, and came into the city, and of the twelve, came—and with him a crowd with swords found things as he had said to them, and they prepared and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the the Passover. 17 When it was evening he came with the elders. 44 Now he who betrayed him had given them a twelve. 18 And as they were reclining and eating, Jesus sign, saying, "Whomever I will kiss, that is he. Seize said. "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me-he who him, and lead him away safely." 45 When he had come. eats with me." 19 And they began to be sorrowful, and immediately he came to him, and said, "Rabbi." and to say to him one by one, "Surely not I?" And another kissed him. 46 They laid hands on him, and seized said, "Surely not I?" 20 He said to them, "It is one of the him. 47 But a certain one of those who stood by drew twelve, he who dips with me in the dish. 21 For the Son his sword, and struck the servant of the high priest, of Man goes, even as it is written about him, but woe and cut off his ear. 48 Jesus answered them, "Have to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed. It you come out, as against a robber, with swords and would be better for that man if he had not been born." clubs to seize me? 49 I was daily with you in the temple 22 As they were eating, he took bread, and when he had teaching, and you did not arrest me. But this is so that blessed, he broke it, and gave to them, and said, "Take; the Scriptures might be fulfilled." 50 They all left him, this is my body." 23 He took a cup, and when he had and fled. 51 And a certain young man followed him, given thanks, he gave to them. They all drank of it. 24 having a linen cloth thrown around himself, over his

Passover and the unleavened bread, and the chief which is poured out for many. 25 Truly I tell you, I will no

naked body. And they grabbed him. 52 but he left the no further answer, and Pilate was amazed. 6 Now at the linen cloth, and fled naked. 53 They led Jesus away to feast he used to release to them one prisoner, whom the high priest. All the chief priests, the elders, and the they requested. 7 There was one called Barabbas, scribes came together. 54 Peter had followed him from a bound with those who had made insurrection, who in distance, until he came into the court of the high priest. the insurrection had committed murder. 8 And the crowd He was sitting with the officers, and warming himself in went up and began to ask him to do for them according the light of the fire. 55 Now the chief priests and the to his custom. 9 Pilate answered them, saying, "Do you whole council sought witnesses against Jesus to put want me to release to you the King of the Jews?" 10 For him to death, and found none. 56 For many gave false he perceived that for envy the chief priests had delivered with each other. 57 Some stood up, and gave false he should release Barabbas to them instead. 12 Pilate testimony against him, saying, 58 "We heard him say, 'I again asked them, "What then should I do to him whom will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in you call the King of the Jews?" 13 They shouted again, three days I will build another made without hands." 59 "Crucify him." 14 Pilate said to them, "Why, what evil Even so, their testimony did not agree. 60 The high has he done?" But they shouted all the louder, "Crucify priest stood up in the midst, and asked Jesus, "Have him." 15 Pilate, wishing to please the crowd, released you no answer? What is it which these testify against Barabbas to them, and handed over Jesus, when he you?" 61 But he stayed quiet, and answered nothing. had flogged him, to be crucified. 16 The soldiers led Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Messiah, him away within the court, which is the Praetorium; and the Son of the Blessed One?" 62 And Jesus said, "I am, they called together the whole cohort. 17 They clothed and you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand him with purple, and weaving a crown of thorns, they of Power, and coming with the clouds of the sky." 63 put it on him. 18 They began to salute him, "Greetings, The high priest tore his clothes, and said, "What further King of the Jews." 19 They struck his head with a reed, need have we of witnesses? 64 You have heard the and spat on him, and bowing their knees, did homage blasphemy. What do you think?" They all condemned to him. 20 When they had mocked him, they took the him to be worthy of death. 65 Some began to spit on purple off of him, and put his own garments on him. him, and to cover his face, and to beat him with fists, They led him out to crucify him. 21 And they forced one and to tell him, "Prophesy." And the officers took him passing by, Simon of Cyrene, coming from the country, and beat him. 66 Now as Peter was in the courtyard the father of Alexander and Rufus, to go with them, that below, one of the servant girls of the high priest came, he might carry his cross. 22 And they brought him to the 67 and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked at him, place called Golgotha, which is translated, "The place of and said, "You were also with the Nazarene, Jesus." 68 a skull." 23 They offered him wine mixed with myrrh But he denied it, saying, "I neither know nor understand to drink, but he did not take it. 24 Crucifying him, they what you are saying." And he went out into the forecourt, parted his garments among them, casting lots on them, and a rooster crowed. 69 And the servant girl saw him, what each should take. 25 It was nine in the morning, and began again to tell those who stood by, "This is one and they crucified him. 26 The superscription of his of them." 70 But he again denied it. After a little while accusation was written over him, "THE KING OF THE again those who stood by said to Peter, "You truly are JEWS." 27 With him they crucified two robbers; one on one of them, for you are a Galilean, and your accent his right hand, and one on his left. 28 And the Scripture shows it." 71 But he began to curse, and to swear, "I was fulfilled which says, "And he was numbered with do not know this man of whom you speak." 72 And transgressors." 29 Those who passed by blasphemed immediately the rooster crowed the second time. Peter him, wagging their heads, and saving, "Ha, You who remembered the word, how that Jesus said to him, destroy the temple, and build it in three days, 30 save "Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three yourself and come down from the cross." 31 Likewise. times." When he thought about that, he wept.

15 Immediately in the morning the chief priests, with the elders and scribes, and the whole council, held a consultation, and bound Jesus, and carried him away, and delivered him to Pilate. 2 Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered, "You say so." 3 The chief priests accused him of many things. 4 Pilate again asked him, "Have you no answer? See how many things they testify against you." 5 But Jesus made

testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree him up. 11 But the chief priests stirred up the crowd, that also the chief priests mocking among themselves with the scribes said, "He saved others. He cannot save himself. 32 Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, now come down from the cross, that we may see and believe him." Those who were crucified with him insulted him. 33 Now when it was noon, there was darkness over the whole land until three in the afternoon. 34 Then at three in the afternoon Jesus called out with a loud voice, saying, "Elohi, Elohi, lema shabachthani?" which

is translated. "My God, my God, why have you forsaken and wept. 11 When they heard that he was alive, and me?" 35 Some of those who stood by, when they heard had been seen by her, they disbelieved. 12 And after it, said, "Look, he is calling for Elijah." 36 One ran, and these things he appeared in another form to two of filling a sponge full of vinegar, put it on a reed, and gave them, as they walked on their way into the country. 13 it to him to drink, saying, "Let him be. Let us see whether And they went away and told it to the rest. They did Elijah comes to take him down." 37 Jesus gave a loud not believe them, either. 14 Afterward he was revealed cry, and gave up the spirit. 38 The veil of the temple to the eleven themselves as they were reclining, and was torn in two from the top to the bottom. 39 And he rebuked them for their unbelief and hardness of when the centurion, who stood by opposite him, saw heart, because they did not believe those who had seen that he cried out like this and breathed his last, he said, him after he had risen. 15 And he said to them, "Go "Truly this man was the Son of God." 40 There were into all the world, and proclaim the gospel to the whole also women watching from afar, among whom were creation. 16 He who believes and is baptized will be both Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James saved; but he who disbelieves will be condemned. 17 the younger and of Josi, and Salome; 41 who, when And these signs will accompany those who believe: In he was in Galilee, followed him, and served him; and my name they will cast out demons; they will speak with many other women who came up with him to Jerusalem. new tongues; 18 they will pick up serpents; and if they 42 When evening had now come, because it was the drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them; they will Preparation Day, that is, the day before the Sabbath, place their hands on the sick, and they will be made 43 Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent council member well." 19 So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to who also himself was looking for the Kingdom of God, them, was taken up into heaven, and sat down at the came. He boldly went in to Pilate, and asked for the right hand of God. 20 And they went out and preached body of Jesus. 44 Pilate was surprised that he was everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked the message by the signs that followed. him whether he had been dead long. 45 When he found out from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph. 46 He bought a linen cloth, and taking him down, wound him in the linen cloth, and placed him in a tomb which had been cut out of a rock. He rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. 47 Mary Magdalene and Mary, the mother of Josi, saw where he was placed.

16 When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, that they might come and anoint him. 2 Very early on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. 3 They were saying among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" 4 for it was very big. Looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back. 5 Entering into the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were amazed. 6 He said to them, "Do not be amazed. You seek Jesus, the Nazarene, who has been crucified. He has risen. He is not here. Look, the place where they put him. 7 But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He goes before you into Galilee. There you will see him, as he said to you."" 8 They went out, and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had come on them. They said nothing to anyone: for they were afraid. 9 (note: The most reliable and earliest manuscripts do not include Mark 16:9-20.) Now when he had risen early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons. 10 She went and told those who had been with him, as they mourned

Luke

1 Since many have undertaken to set in order a narrative concerning those matters which have been fulfilled among us. 2 even as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word delivered them to us, 3 it seemed good to me also, having traced the course of all things accurately from the first, to write to you in order, most excellent Theophilus; 4 that you might know the certainty concerning the things in which you were instructed. 5 There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judea, a certain priest named Zechariah, of the division of Abijah. He had a wife of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. 6 They were both righteous before God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord. 7 But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren. and they both were well advanced in years. 8 Now it happened, while he was performing the priest's office before God in the order of his division. 9 according to the custom of the priest's office, his lot was to enter into the temple of the Lord and burn incense. 10 And the whole crowd of people were praying outside at the hour of incense. 11 An angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing on the right side of the altar of incense. 12 Zechariah was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him. 13 But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, because your request has been heard, and your wife. Elizabeth, will bear you a son, and you are to name him John. 14 You will have joy and gladness: and many will rejoice at his birth. 15 For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and he must never drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. 16 He will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord, their God. 17 He will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah. 'to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children.' and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." 18 Zechariah said to the angel, "How can I be sure of this? For I am an old man, and my wife is well advanced in years." 19 The angel answered him, "I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God. I was sent to speak to you, and to bring you this good news. 20 And look, you will be silent and not able to speak, until the day that these things will happen, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their proper time." 21 The people were waiting for Zechariah, and they were wondering why he was delayed in the temple. 22 When he came out, he could not speak to them, and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple. He continued making signs to them, and remained mute. 23 It happened. when the days of his service were fulfilled, he departed

to his house. 24 After these days Elizabeth, his wife. conceived, and she hid herself five months, saying, 25 "Thus has the Lord done to me in the days in which he looked at me, to take away my disgrace among people." 26 Now in the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, 27 to a virgin pledged to be married to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 Having come in, the angel said to her, "Greetings. favored one. The Lord is with you." 29 But when she saw him, she was greatly troubled at the saving, and considered what kind of greeting this might be. 30 The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 And look, you will conceive in your womb, and bring forth a son, and will call his name 'Jesus.' 32 He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father. David, 33 and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever. There will be no end to his Kingdom." (aion g165) 34 Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, seeing I am a virgin?" 35 The angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore also the holy one who is born will be called the Son of God. 36 And look, Elizabeth, your relative, also has conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. 37 For with God nothing will be impossible." 38 And Mary said, "See, the handmaid of the Lord: be it to me according to your word." The angel departed from her. 39 Marv arose in those days and went into the hill country with haste. into a city of Judah, 40 and entered into the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. 41 It happened, when Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, that the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. 42 She called out with a loud voice, and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. 43 Why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? 44 For look, when the voice of your greeting came into my ears, the baby leaped in my womb for joy. 45 Blessed is she who believed, for there will be a fulfillment of the things which have been spoken to her from the Lord." 46 Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord. 47 And my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, 48 for he has looked at the humble state of his servant girl. For look, from now on all generations will call me blessed. 49 For he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. 50 His mercy is for generations of generations on those who fear him. 51 He has shown strength with his arm. He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. 52 He has put down princes from their thrones. And has exalted the lowly. 53 He has filled the hungry with good things.

He has sent the rich away empty. 54 He has given help Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of to Israel, his servant, that he might remember mercy, 55 David: 5 to enroll himself with Mary, who was pledged As he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and his offspring to be married to him, being pregnant. 6 It happened, forever." (aion g165) 56 Mary stayed with her about three while they were there, that the day had come that she months, and then returned to her house. 57 Now the should give birth. 7 And she gave birth to her firstborn towards her, and they rejoiced with her. 59 It happened same country staying in the field, and keeping watch child; and they would have called him Zechariah, after Lord stood by them, and the glory of the Lord shone the name of the father. 60 His mother answered, "Not around them, and they were terrified. 10 The angel said so; but he will be called John." 61 They said to her, to them, "Do not be afraid, for see, I bring you good tablet, and wrote, "His name is John." And they were you: you will find a baby wrapped in strips of cloth, lying and his tongue freed, and he spoke, blessing God. 65 angel a multitude of the heavenly army praising God, filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying, 68 happened, which the Lord has made known to us." "Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, for he has 16 They came with haste, and found both Mary and visited and worked redemption for his people; 69 and Joseph, and the baby was lying in the feeding trough. holy prophets who have been from of old), (aion g165) 71 it wondered at the things which were spoken to them salvation from our enemies, and from the hand of all by the shepherds. 19 But Mary kept all these sayings, who hate us; 72 to show mercy towards our fathers, pondering them in her heart. 20 The shepherds returned, spoke to Abraham, our father, 74 to grant to us that we, had heard and seen, just as it was told them. 21 When being delivered out of the hand of our enemies, should eight days were fulfilled to circumcise him, his name serve him without fear, 75 In holiness and righteousness was called Jesus, which was given by the angel before a prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the their purification according to the Law of Moses were salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins, him to the Lord 23 (as it is written in the Law of the 78 because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the Lord, "Every male who opens the womb will be called dawn from on high will visit us. 79 to shine on those who holv to the Lord"). 24 and to offer a sacrifice according and becoming strong in spirit, and was in the desert was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. until the day of his public appearance to Israel.

2 Now it happened in those days, that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole empire should be enrolled. 2 This was the first enrollment made when Quirinius was governor of Syria. 3 All went to enroll themselves, everyone to his own city. 4 Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called

time that Elizabeth should give birth was fulfilled, and son, and wrapped him with pieces of cloth, and placed she brought forth a son. 58 Her neighbors and her him in a feeding trough, because there was no guest relatives heard that the Lord had magnified his mercy room available for them. 8 There were shepherds in the on the eighth day, that they came to circumcise the by night over their flock. 9 And look, an angel of the "There is no one among your relatives who is called by news of great joy which will be to all the people. 11 this name." 62 They made signs to his father, what he For there is born to you, this day, in the city of David, a would have him called. 63 And he asked for a writing Savior, who is Messiah, the Lord. 12 This is the sign to all amazed. 64 His mouth was opened immediately, in a feeding trough." 13 Suddenly, there was with the Fear came on all who lived around them, and all these and saying, 14 "Glory to God in the highest, and on sayings were talked about throughout all the hill country earth peace, good will toward humankind." 15 And it of Judea. 66 All who heard them laid them up in their happened that when the angels went away from them heart, saying, "What then will this child be?" The hand into the sky, the shepherds said one to another, "Let of the Lord was with him. 67 His father, Zechariah, was us go to Bethlehem, now, and see this thing that has has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of 17 When they saw it, they made known the saying which his servant David 70 (as he spoke by the mouth of his was spoken to them about this child. 18 All who heard to remember his holy covenant, 73 the oath which he glorifying and praising God for all the things that they before him all our days. 76 And you, child, will be called he was conceived in the womb. 22 When the days of Lord to make ready his ways, 77 to give knowledge of fulfilled, they brought him up to Jerusalem, to present sit in darkness and the shadow of death; to quide our to that which is said in the Law of the Lord, "A pair of feet into the way of peace." 80 The child was growing, turtledoves, or two young pigeons." 25 And look, there This man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. 26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. 27 He came in the Spirit into the temple. When the parents brought in the child, Jesus, that they might do concerning him according to the requirement of the Law, 28 then he received him into his arms, and blessed Lord, according to your word, in peace; 30 for my eyes Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John, his father and his mother were marveling at the things the scroll of the words of Isaiah the prophet, "The voice which were spoken concerning him, 34 and Simeon of one crying in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way of the blessed them, and said to Mary, his mother, "Look, this Lord. Make his roads straight. 5 Every valley will be and for a sign which is spoken against. 35 Yes, a sword the crooked will be made straight, and the rough ways Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe to be baptized by him, "You offspring of vipers, who of Asher (she was of a great age, having lived with a warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Bring been a widow for about eighty-four years), who did not begin to say among yourselves, 'We have Abraham depart from the temple, worshipping with fastings and for our father;' for I tell you that God is able to raise petitions night and day. 38 Coming up at that very hour, up children to Abraham from these stones. 9 Even she gave thanks to God, and spoke of him to all those now the axe also lies at the root of the trees. Every 39 When they had accomplished all things that were down, and thrown into the fire." 10 The crowds asked according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into him, "What then must we do?" 11 He answered them, wisdom, and the favor of God was upon him. 41 His collectors also came to be baptized, and they said to parents went every year to Jerusalem at the feast of the him, "Teacher, what must we do?" 13 He said to them, Passover. 42 When he was twelve years old, they went "Collect no more than that which is appointed to you." up according to the custom of the feast, 43 and when 14 Soldiers also asked him, saying, "What about us? they had fulfilled the days, as they were returning, the What must we do?" He said to them, "Extort from no boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did one by violence, neither accuse anyone wrongfully. they went a day's journey, and they looked for him in expectation, and all were wondering in their hearts among their relatives and acquaintances. 45 When they concerning John, whether perhaps he was the Messiah, him. 46 It happened after three days they found him water, but he comes who is mightier than I, the strap listening to them, and asking them questions. 47 All who baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire, 17 whose heard him were amazed at his understanding and his winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing answers. 48 When they saw him, they were astonished, floor, and to gather the wheat into his barn; but he will us this way? Look, your father and I were anxiously many other exhortations he preached good news to the looking for you," 49 He said to them, "Why were you people, 19 but Herod the tetrarch, being reproved by him looking for me? Did you not know that I must be doing for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things the works of my Father?" 50 They did not understand which Herod had done. 20 added this also to them all. the saying which he spoke to them. 51 And he went that he shut up John in prison. 21 Now it happened. down with them, and came to Nazareth. He was subject when all the people were baptized, Jesus also had been heart. 52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and the Holy Spirit descended in a bodily form as a and in favor with God and people.

3 Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and

God, and said, 29 "Now you are releasing your servant. Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, 2 in the high priesthood of have seen your salvation, 31 which you have prepared the son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. 3 He came into before the face of all peoples; 32 a light for revelation to all the region around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of the nations, and the glory of your people Israel." 33 And repentance for forgiveness of sins. 4 As it is written in child is set for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, filled, and every mountain and hill will be made low, and will pierce through your own soul, that the thoughts smooth. 6 And all humanity will see the salvation of of many hearts may be revealed." 36 There was one God." 7 He said therefore to the crowds who went out husband seven years from her virginity, 37 and she had forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance, and do not who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. tree therefore that does not bring forth good fruit is cut Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. 40 The child was "He who has two coats, let him give to him who has growing, and was becoming strong, being filled with none. He who has food, let him do likewise." 12 Tax not know it, 44 but supposing him to be in the company, Be content with your wages." 15 As the people were did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, looking for 16 John answered them all, "I indeed baptize you with in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both of whose sandals I am not worthy to loosen. He will and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." 18 Then with to them, and his mother kept all these sayings in her baptized, and was praying. The sky was opened, 22 dove on him; and a voice came out of the sky, saying "You are my beloved Son. In you I am well pleased." 23 When he began, Jesus was about thirty years old, being the son, as was supposed, of Joseph, of Eli, 24 of Mattat, of Levi, of Melchi, of Jannai, of Joseph, 25 of

of Mahath, of Mattithiah, of Shimei, of Joseph, of Judah, the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. 27 of Johanan, of Rhesa, of Zerubbabel, of Shealtiel, of The eyes of all in the synagogue were fastened on him. Neri, 28 of Melchi, of Addi, of Cosam, of Elmodam, of 21 He began to tell them, "Today, this Scripture has been Er, 29 of Josi, of Eliezer, of Jorim, of Mattat, of Levi, 30 fulfilled in your hearing." 22 All testified about him, and of Simeon, of Judah, of Joseph, of Jehonan, of Eliakim, wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of 31 of Maleah, of Menan, of Mattattah, of Nathan, of his mouth, and they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" 23 David, 32 of Jesse, of Obed, of Boaz, of Salmon, of He said to them, "Doubtless you will tell me this parable, Nahshon, 33 of Amminadab, of Ram, of Hezron, of 'Physician, heal yourself. Whatever we have heard done Perez, of Judah, 34 of Jacob, of Isaac, of Abraham, of at Capernaum, do also here in your hometown." 24 Terah, of Nahor, 35 of Serug, of Reu, of Peleg, of Eber, He said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is acceptable in of Shelah, 36 of Kenan, of Arpachshad, of Shem, of his hometown. 25 But truly I tell you, there were many Noah, of Lamech, 37 of Methuselah, of Enoch, of Jared, widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the sky of Mahalalel, of Kenan, 38 of Enosh, of Seth, of Adam, was shut up three years and six months, when a great of God.

A Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness 2 for forty days, being tempted by the devil. He ate nothing in those days. When they were completed, he was hungry. 3 The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." 4 Jesus answered him, saying, "It is written, 'Humankind cannot live by bread alone." 5 And leading him up to a high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. 6 The devil said to him, "I will give you all this authority, and their glory, for it has been delivered to me; and I give it to whomever I want. 7 If you therefore will worship before me, it will all be yours." 8 Jesus answered and said to him, "It is written, 'You are to worship the Lord your God, and serve him only." 9 He led him to Jerusalem, and set him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, cast yourself down from here. 10 for it is written, 'He will put his angels in charge of you, to guard you;' 11 and, 'On their hands they will bear you up, lest perhaps you dash your foot against a stone." 12 And Jesus, answering, said to him, "It is said, 'Do not test the Lord, your God." 13 When the devil had completed every temptation, he departed from him until another time. 14 Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee, and news about him spread through all the surrounding area. 15 He taught in their synagogues, being praised by all. 16 He came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. He entered, as was his custom, into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. 17 The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him, and unrolling the scroll, he found the place where it was written, 18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, recovering of sight to the blind, to deliver those who are crushed, 19 and to

Mattithiah, of Amos, of Nahum, of Hesli, of Naggai, 26 proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord," 20 He closed famine came over all the land. 26 Elijah was sent to none of them, except to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. 27 There were many lepers in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed, except Naaman, the Syrian." 28 They were all filled with wrath in the synagogue, as they heard these things. 29 They rose up, threw him out of the city, and led him to the brow of the hill that their city was built on, that they might throw him off the cliff. 30 But he, passing through the midst of them, went his way. 31 He came down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. He was teaching them on the Sabbath day, 32 and they were astonished at his teaching, for his word was with authority. 33 In the synagogue there was a man who had a spirit of an unclean demon, and he shouted with a loud voice, 34 saying, "Ah. What have we to do with vou, Jesus, Nazarene? Have you come to destroy us? I know you who you are - the Holy One of God." 35 Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him." When the demon had thrown him down in their midst, he came out of him, having done him no harm. 36 Amazement came on all, and they spoke together, one with another, saying, "What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out." 37 News about him went out into every place of the surrounding region. 38 He rose up from the synagogue, and entered into Simon's house. Now Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they appealed to him about her. 39 He stood over her, and rebuked the fever; and it left her. Immediately she rose up and served them. 40 When the sun was setting, all those who had any sick with various diseases brought them to him; and he laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them. 41 Demons also came out from many, crying out, and saying, "You are the Son of God." But he rebuked them and did not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Messiah. 42 When it was day, he departed and went into an uninhabited place, and the crowds looked for him, and came to him, and held on to him, so that he The scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, would not go away from them. 43 But he said to them, "I "Who is this that speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive must proclaim the good news of the Kingdom of God to sins, but God alone?" 22 But Jesus, perceiving their the other cities also. For this reason I have been sent." thoughts, answered them, "Why are you reasoning so in 44 And he was preaching in the synagogues of Galilee. your hearts? 23 Which is easier to say, 'Your sins are

S Now it happened, while the crowd pressed on him and heard the word of God, that he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret. 2 He saw two boats standing by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them, and were washing their nets. 3 He entered into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. He sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. 4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep, and let down your nets for a catch." 5 Simon answered him, "Master, we worked all night, and took nothing; but at your word I will let down the nets." 6 When they had done this, they caught a great multitude of fish, and their net was breaking. 7 They beckoned to their partners in the other boat, that they should come and help them. They came, and filled both boats, so that they began to sink, 8 But Simon Peter, when he saw it, fell down at Jesus' knees, saving, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, Lord," 9 For he was amazed, and all who were with him, at the catch of fish which they had caught; 10 and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Jesus said to Simon. "Do not be afraid. From now on you will be catching people." 11 When they had brought their boats to land, they left everything. and followed him. 12 It happened, while he was in one of the cities, look, there was a man full of leprosy. When he saw Jesus, he fell on his face, and begged him, saying, "Lord, if you want to, you can make me clean." 13 And he stretched out his hand, and touched him, saying, "I am willing. Be cleansed." Immediately the leprosy left him. 14 And he commanded him. "Do not tell anyone, but go your way, and show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing according to what Moses commanded, for a testimony to them." 15 But the report concerning him spread much more, and large crowds came together to hear, and to be healed of their infirmities. 16 But he withdrew himself into the desert, and prayed. 17 It happened on one of those days, that he was teaching; and there were Pharisees and teachers of the Law sitting by, who had come out of every village of Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem. The power of the Lord was with him to heal. 18 And look, men brought a paralyzed man on a cot, and they sought to bring him in to lay before him. 19 Not finding a way to bring him in because of the crowd, they went up to the housetop, and let him down through the tiles with his cot into the midst before Jesus. 20 Seeing their faith, he said, "Man, your sins are forgiven you." 21

"Who is this that speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone?" 22 But Jesus, perceiving their thoughts, answered them, "Why are you reasoning so in your hearts? 23 Which is easier to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you;' or to say, 'Arise and walk?' 24 But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" (he said to the paralyzed man), "I tell you, arise, and take up your cot, and go to your house." 25 Immediately he rose up before them, and took up that which he was laying on, and departed to his house, glorifying God. 26 Amazement took hold on all, and they glorified God. They were filled with fear, saying, "We have seen remarkable things today." 27 After these things he went out, and saw a tax collector named Levi sitting at the tax office, and said to him. "Follow me." 28 He left everything, and rose up and followed him. 29 Levi made a great feast for him in his house. There was a large crowd of tax collectors and others who were reclining with them. 30 The Pharisees and their scribes grumbled at his disciples, saying, "Why do you eat and drink with the tax collectors and sinners?" 31 Jesus answered them, "Those who are healthy have no need for a physician, but those who are sick do. 32 I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." 33 They said to him, "The disciples of John often fast and pray, likewise also the disciples of the Pharisees, but yours eat and drink." 34 He said to them, "Can you make the friends of the bridegroom fast, while the bridegroom is with them? 35 But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them. Then they will fast in those days." 36 He also told a parable to them. "No one having torn a piece from a new garment puts it on an old garment, or else he will tear the new, and also the piece from the new will not match the old. 37 And no one puts new wine into old wineskins, or else the new wine will burst the skins, and it will be spilled, and the skins will be destroyed. 38 But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins. 39 No one having drunk old wine desires new, for he says, 'The old is good.""

6 Now it happened on the second chief Sabbath that he was going through the grain fields. His disciples plucked the heads of grain, and ate, rubbing them in their hands. 2 But some of the Pharisees said to them, "Why do you do that which is not lawful on the Sabbath day?" 3 Jesus, answering them, said, "Have you not read what David did when he was hungry, he, and those who were with him; 4 how he entered into the house of God, and took and ate the show bread, and gave also to those who were with him, which is not lawful to eat except for the priests alone?" 5 He said to them. "The Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath." 6 do not ask him who takes away your goods to give It also happened on another Sabbath that he entered them back again. 31 And as you would like people to into the synagogue and taught. There was a man there, do to you, you also do the same to them. 32 If you and his right hand was withered. 7 The scribes and love those who love you, what credit is that to you? the Pharisees watched him, to see whether he would For even sinners love those who love them. 33 If you heal on the Sabbath, that they might find an accusation do good to those who do good to you, what credit is against him. 8 But he knew their thoughts; and he said that to you? For even sinners do the same. 34 If you to the man who had the withered hand, "Rise up, and lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what stand in the middle." He arose and stood. 9 Then Jesus credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to said to them, "I ask you, is it lawful on the Sabbath to receive back as much. 35 But love your enemies, and do good, or to do harm? To save a life, or to destroy do good, and lend, expecting nothing back; and your it?" 10 He looked around at them all, and said to the reward will be great, and you will be children of the man, "Stretch out your hand." He did, and his hand was Most High; for he is kind toward the unthankful and evil. restored. 11 But they were filled with rage, and talked 36 Therefore be merciful, even as your Father is also with one another about what they might do to Jesus. merciful. 37 Do not judge, and you won't be judged. Do 12 It happened in these days, that he went out to the not condemn, and you won't be condemned. Forgive, mountain to pray, and he continued all night in prayer and you will be forgiven. 38 "Give, and it will be given to to God. 13 When it was day, he called his disciples, you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and from them he chose twelve, whom he also named and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with apostles: 14 Simon, whom he also named Peter, and the same measure you measure it will be measured Andrew his brother; and James and John; and Philip back to you." 39 He spoke a parable to them. "Can the and Bartholomew; 15 and Matthew and Thomas; and blind guide the blind? Won't they both fall into a pit? 40 James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon, who was called A disciple is not above the teacher, but everyone when the Zealot; 16 and Judas the son of James, and Judas he is fully trained will be like his teacher. 41 And why Iscariot, who became a traitor. 17 He came down with do you see the speck of chaff that is in your brother's them, and stood on a level place, with a large crowd of eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? his disciples, and a great number of the people from 42 Or how can you tell your brother, 'Brother, let me all Judea and Jerusalem, and the sea coast of Tyre remove the speck of chaff that is in your eye,' when you and Sidon, 18 who came to hear him and to be healed yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You of their diseases; and those who were troubled with hypocrite. First remove the log from your own eye, and unclean spirits were cured. 19 All the crowd sought to then you can see clearly to remove the speck of chaff touch him, for power came out from him and healed that is in your brother's eye. 43 For there is no good them all. 20 He lifted up his eyes to his disciples, and tree that brings forth rotten fruit; nor again a rotten tree said, "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the that brings forth good fruit. 44 For each tree is known by Kingdom of God. 21 Blessed are you who hunger now, its own fruit. For people do not gather figs from thorns, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for nor do they gather grapes from a bramble bush. 45 The you will laugh. 22 Blessed are you when people hate good person out of the good treasure of his heart brings you, and when they exclude you and insult you, and out that which is good, and the evil person out of the throw out your name as evil, for the Son of Man's sake. evil treasure brings out that which is evil, for out of the 23 Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for look, your abundance of the heart, his mouth speaks. 46 "Why do reward is great in heaven, for their fathers did the same you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do the things which thing to the prophets. 24 "But woe to you who are rich. I say? 47 Everyone who comes to me, and hears my For you have received your consolation. 25 Woe to words, and does them, I will show you who he is like. you, you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe 48 He is like someone building a house, who dug and who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep. 26 Woe went deep, and laid a foundation on the rock. When a when all people speak well of you, for their fathers did flood arose, the stream broke against that house, and the same thing to the false prophets. 27 "But I tell you could not shake it, because it had been well built. 49 who hear: love your enemies, do good to those who But he who hears, and does not do, is like someone hate you, 28 bless those who curse you, and pray for who built a house on the earth without a foundation, those who mistreat you. 29 To the person who strikes against which the stream broke, and immediately it fell, you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from the and the ruin of that house was great." person who takes away your coat, do not withhold your shirt either. 30 Give to everyone who asks you, and 7 After he had finished speaking in the hearing of the

people, he entered into Capernaum. 2 A certain

centurion's servant, who was dear to him, was sick and the wind? 25 But what did you go out to see? A man at the point of death. 3 When he heard about Jesus, he clothed in soft clothing? Look, those who are gorgeously sent to him Jewish elders, asking him to come and save dressed, and live delicately, are in kings' courts. 26 But his servant. 4 When they came to Jesus, they pleaded what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, with him earnestly, saying, "He is worthy for you to do and much more than a prophet. 27 This is he of whom it this for him, 5 for he loves our nation, and he built our is written, 'Look, I send my messenger ahead of you, synagogue for us." 6 Jesus went with them. When he who will prepare your way before you.' 28 "I tell you, was now not far from the house, the centurion sent among those who are born of women there is none friends, saying to him, "Lord, do not trouble yourself, greater than John, yet he who is least in the Kingdom of for I am not worthy for you to come under my roof. 7 God is greater than he." 29 When all the people and the Therefore I did not even think myself worthy to come to tax collectors heard this, they declared God to be just, you; but say the word, and my servant will be healed. having been baptized with John's baptism. 30 But the 8 For I also am a man placed under authority, having Pharisees and the Law scholars rejected the counsel of under myself soldiers. I tell this one, 'Go.' and he goes; God, not being baptized by him themselves. 31 "To what and to another, 'Come.' and he comes; and to my then will I liken the people of this generation? What servant. 'Do this.' and he does it." 9 When Jesus heard are they like? 32 They are like children who sit in the these things, he was amazed at him, and turned and marketplace, and call one to another, saying, 'We played said to the crowd who followed him, "I tell you, I have the flute for you, and you did not dance. We mourned, not found such great faith, no, not in Israel." 10 And and you did not weep.' 33 For John the Baptist came when those who had been sent returned to the house, neither eating bread nor drinking wine, and you say, 'He they found the servant in good health. 11 It happened has a demon.' 34 The Son of Man has come eating soon afterwards, that he went to a city called Nain; and and drinking, and you say, 'Look, a gluttonous man, many of his disciples, along with a large crowd, went and a drunkard; a friend of tax collectors and sinners. with him. 12 And when he drew near to the gate of 35 Wisdom is justified by all her children." 36 One of the city, then look, a man who was dead was carried the Pharisees invited him to eat with him. He entered out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; into the Pharisee's house, and sat at the table. 37 And and a large crowd from the city was with her. 13 When look, a woman in the city who was a sinner, when she the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said knew that he was reclining in the Pharisee's house, she to her, "Do not cry." 14 He came near and touched brought an alabaster jar of ointment. 38 Standing behind the coffin, and the bearers stood still. He said, "Young at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her man, I tell you, arise." 15 He who was dead sat up, and tears, and she wiped them with the hair of her head, began to speak. And he gave him to his mother. 16 kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment. Fear took hold of all, and they glorified God, saying, "A 39 Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw great prophet has arisen among us." and, "God has it, he said to himself, "This man, if he were a prophet, visited his people." 17 This report went out concerning would have perceived who and what kind of woman him in the whole of Judea, and in all the surrounding this is who touches him, that she is a sinner." 40 Jesus region. 18 The disciples of John told him about all these answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you." things. 19 John, calling to himself two of his disciples, He said, "Teacher, say on." 41 "A certain lender had two sent them to the Lord, saying, "Are you the one who debtors. The one owed five hundred denarii, and the is to come, or should we look for another?" 20 When other fifty. 42 When they could not pay, he forgave them the men had come to him, they said, "John the Baptist both. Which of them therefore will love him most?" 43 has sent us to you, saving, 'Are you the one who is to Simon answered, "He, I suppose, to whom he forgave come, or should we look for another?" 21 In that hour the most." He said to him, "You have judged correctly." he cured many of diseases and plagues and evil spirits; 44 Turning to the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you and to many who were blind he gave sight. 22 Jesus see this woman? I entered into your house, and you answered them, "Go and tell John the things which you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet have seen and heard: that the blind receive their sight, with her tears, and wiped them with her hair. 45 You the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, gave me no kiss, but she, since the time I came in, the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news has not ceased to kiss my feet. 46 You did not anoint preached to them. 23 Blessed is he who is not offended my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with by me." 24 When John's messengers had departed, ointment. 47 Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are he began to tell the crowds about John, "What did you many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom

go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by little is forgiven, the same loves little." 48 He said to

her, "Your sins are forgiven." **49** And those who were are these who hear the word of God, and do it." **22** reclining with him began to say to themselves, "Who is Now it happened on one of those days, that he entered this who even forgives sins?" **50** He said to the woman, into a boat, himself and his disciples, and he said to them, "Let us go over to the other side of the lake." So

Q It happened soon afterwards, that he went about through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the Kingdom of God. With him were the twelve, 2 and certain women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary who was called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out; 3 and Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward; Susanna; and many others; who provided for them from their possessions. 4 When a large crowd came together, and people from every city were coming to him, he spoke by a parable. 5 "The farmer went out to sow his seed. As he sowed, some fell along the road, and it was trampled under foot, and the birds of the sky devoured it. 6 Other seed fell on the rock, and as soon as it grew, it withered away, because it had no moisture. 7 Other fell amid the thorns, and the thorns grew with it, and choked it. 8 Other fell into the good ground, and grew, and brought forth fruit one hundred times." As he said these things, he called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear." 9 Then his disciples asked him, "What does this parable mean?" 10 He said, "To you it is given to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of God, but to the rest in parables; that 'seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.' 11 Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. 12 Those along the road are those who hear, then the devil comes, and takes away the word from their heart, that they may not believe and be saved. 13 Those on the rock are they who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; but these have no root, who believe for a while, then fall away in time of temptation. 14 That which fell among the thorns, these are those who have heard, and as they go on their way they are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. 15 That in the good ground, these are such as in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, hold it tightly, and bring forth fruit with patience. 16 "No one, when he has lit a lamp, covers it with a container, or puts it under a bed; but puts it on a stand, that those who enter in may see the light. 17 For nothing is hidden, that will not be revealed; nor anything secret, that will not be known and come to light. 18 So consider carefully how you listen. For whoever has, to him will be given; and whoever does not have, from him will be taken away even that which he thinks he has." 19 His mother and brothers came to him, and they could not come near him for the crowd. 20 It was told him by some saying, "Your mother and your brothers stand outside, desiring to see you." 21 But he answered them, "My mother and my brothers

Now it happened on one of those days, that he entered into a boat, himself and his disciples, and he said to them, "Let us go over to the other side of the lake." So they launched out. 23 But as they sailed, he fell asleep. A wind storm came down on the lake, and they were taking on dangerous amounts of water. 24 So they came to him, and awoke him, saying, "Master, master, we are dying." And he awoke, and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water, and they ceased, and it was calm. 25 He said to them, "Where is your faith?" But they were terrified and astonished, saying to one another, "Who is this, then, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?" 26 They arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. 27 And when he came out onto the land he was met by a certain man from the town who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and did not live in a house, but in the tombs. 28 When he saw Jesus, he shouted, and fell down before him, and with a loud voice said, "What do I have to do with you, Jesus, you Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me." 29 For Jesus was commanding the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For the unclean spirit had often seized the man. He was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters. Breaking the bands apart, he was driven by the demon into the desert. 30 Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion," for many demons had entered into him. 31 They pleaded with him that he would not command them to go into the abyss. (Abyssos g12) 32 Now there was there a herd of many pigs feeding on the mountain, and they begged him that he would allow them to enter into those. He allowed them. 33 The demons came out from the man, and entered into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake, and were drowned. 34 When those who fed them saw what had happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. 35 Then people went out to see what had happened. They came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus' feet, clothed and in his right mind: and they were afraid. 36 Those who saw it told them how he who had been possessed by demons was healed. 37 All the people of the surrounding region of the Geresenes asked him to leave them, for they were very much afraid; and he entered into the boat and returned. 38 But the man from whom the demons had gone out begged him that he might go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, 39 "Return to your house, and declare what great things God has done for you." He went his way, proclaiming throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him. 40 When Jesus returned, the crowd welcomed him, for they tell no one what had been done.

Q He called the twelve together, and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases. 2 He sent them forth to proclaim the Kingdom of God. and to heal the sick. 3 And he said to them, "Take nothing for your journey-neither staff, nor pack, nor bread, nor money; neither have two tunics. 4 Into whatever house you enter, stay there, and depart from there. 5 As many as do not receive you, when you depart from that city, shake off even the dust from your feet for a testimony against them." 6 They departed, and went throughout the villages, preaching the gospel, and healing everywhere. 7 Now Herod the tetrarch heard of all that was done; and he was very perplexed, because it was said by some that John had risen from the dead, 8 and by some that Elijah had appeared, and by others that one of the old prophets had risen again. 9 Herod said, "John I beheaded, but who is this, about whom I hear such things?" He sought to see him. 10

were all waiting for him. 41 And look, there came a man The apostles, when they had returned, told him what named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue. things they had done. He took them, and withdrew apart He fell down at Jesus' feet, and pleaded with him to to a city called Bethsaida. 11 But the crowds, perceiving come into his house, 42 for he had an only daughter, it, followed him. He welcomed them, and spoke to about twelve years of age, and she was dying. But as them of the Kingdom of God, and he cured those who he went, the crowds pressed against him. 43 A woman needed healing. 12 The day began to wear away; and who had a flow of blood for twelve years (who had spent the twelve came, and said to him, "Send the crowd all her living on physicians) and could not be healed away, that they may go into the surrounding villages by any, 44 came behind him, and touched the fringe and farms, and lodge, and get food, for we are here in a of his garment, and immediately the flow of her blood deserted place." 13 But he said to them, "You give them stopped. 45 Jesus said, "Who touched me?" When something to eat." They said, "We have no more than all denied it, Peter and those with him said, "Master, five loaves and two fish, unless we should go and buy the crowds press and jostle you." 46 But Jesus said, food for all these people." 14 For they were about five "Someone did touch me, for I perceived that power has thousand men. He said to his disciples, "Make them sit gone out of me." 47 When the woman saw that she was down in groups of about fifty each." 15 They did so, and not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before made them all sit down, 16 He took the five loaves and him declared to him in the presence of all the people the two fish, and looking up to the sky, he blessed them, the reason why she had touched him, and how she was and broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set healed immediately. 48 He said to her, "Daughter, your before the crowd. 17 They ate, and were all filled. They faith has made you well. Go in peace." 49 While he still gathered up twelve baskets of broken pieces that were spoke, one from the ruler of the synagogue's house left over. 18 It happened, as he was praying alone, that came, saying to him, "Your daughter is dead. Do not the disciples were with him, and he asked them, "Who trouble the Teacher." 50 But Jesus hearing it, answered do the crowds say that I am?" 19 They answered, "John him, "Do not be afraid, Only believe, and she will be the Baptist,' but others say, 'Elijah,' and others, that healed." 51 When he came to the house, he did not one of the old prophets is risen again." 20 He said to allow anyone to enter in with him, except Peter, John, them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered, James, the father of the child, and her mother. 52 All "The Messiah of God." 21 But he warned them, and were weeping and mourning her, but he said, "Do not commanded them to tell this to no one, 22 saying, "The weep. She is not dead, but sleeping." 53 They were Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by ridiculing him, knowing that she was dead. 54 But he, the elders, chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and taking her by the hand, called, saying, "Child, arise." 55 the third day be raised up." 23 He said to all, "If anyone Her spirit returned, and she rose up immediately. He desires to come after me, let him deny himself, take up commanded that something be given to her to eat. 56 his cross daily, and follow me. 24 For whoever desires Her parents were amazed, but he commanded them to to save his life will lose it, but whoever will lose his life for my sake, the same will save it. 25 For what does it profit a person if he gains the whole world, and loses or forfeits his own self? 26 For whoever will be ashamed of me and of my words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed, when he comes in his glory, and the glory of the Father, and of the holy angels. 27 But I tell you the truth: There are some of those who stand here, who will in no way taste of death, until they see the Kingdom of God." 28 It happened about eight days after these savings, that he took with him Peter, John, and James, and went up onto the mountain to pray. 29 As he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became white and dazzling. 30 And look, two men were talking with him, who were Moses and Elijah, 31 who appeared in glory, and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. 32 Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they were fully awake, they saw his glory, and the two men who stood with him. 33 It happened, as they were parting from him, that Peter not come to destroy people's lives, but to save them." said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here. Let And they went to another village. 57 As they went on us make three tents: one for you, and one for Moses, the way, a certain man said to him, "I want to follow you and one for Elijah," not knowing what he said. 34 While wherever you go." 58 And Jesus said to him, "The foxes he said these things, a cloud came and overshadowed have holes, and the birds of the sky have nests, but the them, and they were afraid as they entered into the Son of Man has no place to lay his head." 59 He said to cloud. 35 A voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is another, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, allow me first my Son, my Chosen One. Listen to him." 36 When the to go and bury my father." 60 But Jesus said to him, voice came, Jesus was found alone. They were silent, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead, but you go and told no one in those days any of the things which and announce the Kingdom of God." 61 Another also they had seen. 37 It happened on the next day, when said, "I want to follow you, Lord, but first allow me to bid they had come down from the mountain, that a large farewell to those who are at my house." 62 But Jesus crowd met him. 38 And look, a man from the crowd said to him, "No one, having put his hand to the plow, called out, saying, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son, and looking back, is fit for the Kingdom of God." for he is my only child. 39 And look, a spirit seizes him, and all at once he cries out, and it convulses him so that he foams, and it hardly departs from him, bruising him severely. 40 I begged your disciples to cast it out, and they could not." 41 Jesus answered, "Faithless and perverse generation, how long must I be with you and put up with you? Bring your son here." 42 While he was still coming, the demon threw him down and convulsed him violently. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, and healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. 43 They were all astonished at the majesty of God. But while all were marveling at all the things which Jesus did, he said to his disciples. 44 "Let these words sink into your ears, for the Son of Man will be delivered up into the hands of men." 45 But they did not understand this saying. It was concealed from them, that they should not perceive it, and they were afraid to ask him about this saying. 46 There arose an argument among them about which of them was the greatest. 47 Jesus, knowing the reasoning of their hearts, took a little child, and set him by his side, 48 and said to them, "Whoever receives this little child in my name receives me. Whoever receives me receives him who sent me. For whoever is least among you all, this one is great." 49 John answered, "Master, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we forbade him, because he does not follow with us." 50 Jesus said to him, "Do not forbid him, for he who is not against you is for you." 51 It came to pass, when the days were near that he should be taken up, he intently set his face to go to Jerusalem, 52 and sent messengers before his face. They went, and entered into a village of the Samaritans, so as to prepare for him. 53 But they did not receive him, because he was traveling with his face set towards Jerusalem. 54 When his disciples, James and John, saw this, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from the sky, and consume them?" 55 And he turned and rebuked them, and said, "You do not realize what kind of Spirit you belong to. 56 For the Son of Man did

Now after these things, the Lord also appointed seventy-two others, and sent them two by two ahead of him into every city and place, where he was about to come. 2 Then he said to them, "The harvest is indeed plentiful, but the laborers are few. Pray therefore to the Lord of the harvest, that he may send out laborers into his harvest. 3 Go your way. Look, I send you out as lambs among wolves. 4 Carry no money bag, nor pack, nor sandals; and greet no one on the way. 5 Into whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house.' 6 If a peaceful person is there, your peace will rest on him; but if not, it will return to you. 7 Remain in that same house, eating and drinking the things they give, for the laborer is worthy of his wages. Do not go from house to house. 8 Into whatever city you enter, and they receive you, eat the things that are set before you. 9 Heal the sick who are in it, and tell them, 'The Kingdom of God has come near to you.' 10 But into whatever city you enter, and they do not receive you, go out into its streets and say, 11 'Even the dust from your city that clings to our feet, we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the Kingdom of God is near.' 12 I tell you, it will be more tolerable in that day for Sodom than for that city. 13 "Woe to you, Chorazin. Woe to you, Bethsaida. For if the mighty works had been done in Tyre and Sidon which were done in you, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. 14 But it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the judgment than for you. 15 And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You will be brought down to hell. (Hades g86) 16 Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me. Whoever rejects me rejects him who sent me." 17 The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name." 18 He said to them, "I saw Satan having fallen like lightning from heaven. 19 Look, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will in any way hurt you. 20 Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are anxious and troubled about many things, 42 but one subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in thing is needed. Mary has chosen the good part, which heaven." 21 In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holv Spirit, and said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding, and revealed them to little children. Yes. Father, for so it was well-pleasing in your sight." 22 "All things have been delivered to me by my Father. No one knows who the Son is, except the Father, and who the Father is, except the Son, and he to whomever the Son desires to reveal him." 23 Turning to the disciples, he said privately, "Blessed are the eyes which see the things that you see, 24 for I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see the things which you see, and did not see them, and to hear the things which you hear, and did not hear them." 25 And look, a certain Law scholar stood up and tested him, saving, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit everlasting life?" (aionios g166) 26 He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" 27 He answered, "You are to love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." 28 He said to him. "You have answered correctly. Do this, and you will live." 29 But he, desiring to justify himself, asked Jesus. "Who is my neighbor?" 30 Jesus answered. "A certain man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho. and he fell among robbers, who both stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. 31 By chance a certain priest was going down that way. When he saw him, he passed by on the other side. 32 In the same way a Levite also, when he came to the place. and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a certain Samaritan, as he traveled, came where he was. When he saw him, he was moved with compassion. 34 came to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. He set him on his own animal, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. 35 On the next day, he took out two denarii, and gave them to the host, and said to him, 'Take care of him. Whatever vou spend beyond that. I will repay you when I return.' 36 Now which of these three do you think seemed to be a neighbor to him who fell among the robbers?" 37 He said. "He who showed mercy on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise." 38 It happened as they went on their way, he entered into a certain village. and a certain woman named Martha received him. 39 She had a sister called Mary, who also sat at the Lord's feet, and heard his word. 40 But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she came up to him, and said. "Lord, do you not care that my sister left me to serve alone? Ask her therefore to help me." 41 But the Lord answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are

will not be taken away from her."

1 It happened, that when he finished praying in a 1 certain place, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John also taught his disciples." 2 So he said to them, "When you pray, say, 'Our Father in heaven, holy be your name. May your kingdom come. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. 3 Give us day by day our daily bread. 4 And forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." 5 He said to them, "Which of you, if you go to a friend at midnight, and tell him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread. 6 for a friend of mine has come to me from a journey, and I have nothing to set before him,' 7 and he from within will answer and say, 'Do not bother me. The door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give it to you'? 8 I tell you, although he will not rise and give it to him because he is his friend, vet because of his persistence, he will get up and give him as many as he needs. 9 "I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you. Seek, and you will find. Knock, and it will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks receives. He who seeks finds. To him who knocks it will be opened. 11 "Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, he won't give him a snake instead of a fish, will he? 12 Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? 13 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?" 14 He was casting out a demon, and it was mute. It happened. when the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke; and the crowds were amazed. 15 But some of them said. "He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of the demons." 16 Others, testing him, sought from him a sign from heaven. 17 But he, knowing their thoughts. said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation. A house divided against itself falls. 18 If Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. 19 But if I cast out demons by Beelzebul. by whom do your children cast them out? Therefore will they be your judges. 20 But if I by the finger of God cast out demons, then the Kingdom of God has come to you. 21 "When the strong man, fully armed, guards his own dwelling, his goods are safe. 22 But when someone stronger attacks him and overcomes him, he takes from him his whole armor in which he trusted, and divides up his plunder. 23 "He that is not with me is against me. He who does not gather with me scatters. 24 The unclean

through dry places, seeking rest, and finding none, he you load people with burdens that are difficult to carry, says, 'I will turn back to my house from which I came and you yourselves won't even lift one finger to help out.' 25 When he returns, he finds it swept and put in carry those burdens. 47 Woe to you. For you build the order. 26 Then he goes, and takes seven other spirits tombs of the prophets, and your fathers killed them. 48 more evil than himself, and they enter in and dwell So you are witnesses and consent to the works of your there. The last state of that person becomes worse than fathers. For they killed them, and you build their tombs. the first." 27 It came to pass, as he said these things, 49 Therefore also the wisdom of God said, 'I will send to a certain woman out of the crowd lifted up her voice, them prophets and apostles; and some of them they will and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, kill and persecute, 50 that the blood of all the prophets, and the breasts which nursed you." 28 But he said, "On which was shed from the foundation of the world, may the contrary, blessed are those who hear the word of be required of this generation; 51 from the blood of God, and keep it." 29 When the crowds were gathering Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who perished between together to him, he began to say, "This generation is the altar and the sanctuary.' Yes, I tell you, it will be an evil generation. It seeks after a sign. No sign will required of this generation. 52 Woe to you Law scholars. be given to it but the sign of Jonah. 30 For even as For you took away the key of knowledge. You did not Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so will also the enter in yourselves, and those who were entering in, Son of Man be to this generation. 31 The Queen of the you hindered." 53 And when he left there, the scribes South will rise up in the judgment with the people of and the Pharisees began to oppose him bitterly, and to this generation, and will condemn them: for she came provoke him to speak about many things; 54 lying in from a distant land to hear the wisdom of Solomon; wait for him, seeking to catch him in something he might and look, one greater than Solomon is here. 32 The say, that they might accuse him. people of Nineveh will stand up in the judgment with this generation, and will condemn it: for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and look, one greater than Jonah is here. 33 "No one, when he has lit a lamp, puts it in a cellar or under a basket, but on a stand, that those who come in may see the light. 34 The lamp of the body is the eye. Therefore when your eye is good, your whole body is also full of light; but when it is bad, your body also is full of darkness. 35 Therefore see whether the light that is in you is not darkness. 36 If therefore your whole body is full of light, having no part dark, it will be wholly full of light, as when the lamp with its bright shining gives you light." 37 Now as he spoke, a Pharisee asked him to dine with him. He went in, and sat at the table. 38 When the Pharisee saw it, he was surprised that he had not first washed himself before dinner. 39 The Lord said to him, "Now you Pharisees cleanse the outside of the cup and of the platter, but your inward part is full of extortion and wickedness. 40 You foolish ones, did not he who made the outside make the inside also? 41 But give for gifts to the needy those things which are within, and see, all things will be clean to you. 42 But woe to you Pharisees. For you tithe mint and rue and every herb, but you bypass justice and the love of God. You ought to have done these, and not to have left the other undone. 43 Woe to you Pharisees. For you love the best seats in the synagogues, and the greetings in the marketplaces. 44 Woe to you. For you are like hidden graves, and the people who walk over them do not know it." 45 One of the Law scholars answered him, "Teacher, in saying this you insult us

spirit, when he has gone out of the person, passes also," 46 He said, "Woe to you Law scholars also, For

2 Meanwhile, when a crowd of many thousands had 1 gathered together, so much so that they trampled on each other, he began to tell his disciples first of all, "Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. 2 But there is nothing covered up, that will not be revealed, nor hidden, that will not be known. 3 Therefore whatever you have said in the darkness will be heard in the light. What you have spoken in the ear in the inner chambers will be proclaimed on the housetops. 4 "I tell you, my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. 5 But I will warn you whom you should fear. Fear him, who after he has killed, has power to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him. (Geenna g1067) 6 "Are not five sparrows sold for two assaria coins? Not one of them is forgotten by God. 7 But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Therefore do not be afraid. You are of more value than many sparrows. 8 "I tell you, everyone who confesses me before people, him will the Son of Man also confess before the angels of God; 9 but the one who denies me in the presence of people will be denied in the presence of the angels of God. 10 Everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but those who blaspheme against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven. 11 When they bring you before the synagogues, the rulers, and the authorities, do not be anxious how or what you will answer, or what you will say; 12 for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that same hour what you must say." 13 And someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher,

But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or what hour the thief was coming, he would have watched an arbitrator over you?" 15 He said to them, "Beware. and not have allowed his house to be broken into. 40 Keep yourselves from all covetousness, for a man's Therefore be ready also, for the Son of Man is coming in life does not consist of the abundance of the things an hour that you do not expect him." 41 And Peter said, which he possesses." 16 He spoke a parable to them, "Lord, are you telling this parable to us, or to everyone?" saying, "The ground of a certain rich man brought forth 42 The Lord said, "Who then is the faithful and wise abundantly. 17 He reasoned within himself, saying, steward, whom his lord will set over his household, to "What will I do, because I do not have room to store give them their portion of food at the right time? 43 my crops?' 18 He said, 'This is what I will do. I will pull Blessed is that servant whom his lord will find doing so down my barns, and build bigger ones, and there I will when he comes. 44 Truly I tell you, that he will set him store all my grain and my goods. 19 I will tell my soul, over all that he has. 45 But if that servant says in his "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years. heart, 'My lord delays his coming,' and begins to beat Take your ease, eat, drink, be merry." 20 "But God said the menservants and the maidservants, and to eat and to him, 'You foolish one, tonight your soul is required of drink, and to be drunk, 46 then the lord of that servant you. The things which you have prepared—whose will will come in a day when he is not expecting him, and in they be?' 21 So is he who lays up treasure for himself, an hour that he does not know, and will cut him in two, and is not rich toward God." 22 He said to his disciples, and place his portion with the unfaithful. 47 That servant, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious for your life, who knew his lord's will, and did not prepare, nor do what you will eat, nor yet for your body, what you will what he wanted, will be beaten with many stripes, 48 but wear. 23 Life is more than food, and the body is more he who did not know, and did things worthy of stripes, than clothing. 24 Consider the ravens: they do not sow, will be beaten with few stripes. To whomever much is they do not reap, they have no warehouse or barn, and given, of him will much be required; and to whom much God feeds them. How much more valuable are you than was entrusted, of him more will be asked. 49 "I came to birds. 25 Which of you by being anxious can add a cubit throw fire on the earth. I wish it were already kindled. to his height? 26 If then you are not able to do even 50 But I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how the least things, why are you anxious about the rest? distressed I am until it is accomplished. 51 Do you think 27 Consider the lilies, how they grow. They do not toil, that I have come to give peace in the earth? I tell you, neither do they spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all no, but rather division. 52 For from now on, there will be his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 28 But if this five in one house divided, three against two, and two is how God clothes the grass in the field, which today against three. 53 They will be divided, father against exists, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, how much son, and son against father; mother against daughter, more will he clothe you, O you of little faith? 29 Do not and daughter against her mother; mother-in-law against seek what you will eat or what you will drink; neither be her daughter-in-law, and daughter-in-law against her anxious. 30 For the nations of the world seek after all of mother-in-law." 54 He said to the crowds also, "When these things, but your Father knows that you need these you see a cloud rising from the west, immediately you things. 31 But seek his Kingdom, and these things will say, 'A shower is coming,' and so it happens. 55 When be added to you. 32 Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is a south wind blows, you say, 'There will be a scorching your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom. heat,' and it happens. 56 Hypocrites. You know how 33 Sell that which you have, and give gifts to the needy. to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky, Make for yourselves purses which do not grow old, a but why do you not know how to interpret this time? 57 treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no Why do you not judge for yourselves what is right? 58 thief approaches, neither moth destroys. 34 For where For when you are going with your adversary before the your treasure is, there will your heart be also. 35 "Let magistrate, try diligently on the way to be released from your waist be girded and your lamps burning. 36 Be like him, lest perhaps he drag you to the judge, and the people watching for their lord, when he returns from judge deliver you to the officer, and the officer throw you the marriage feast; that, when he comes and knocks, into prison. 59 I tell you, you will by no means get out of they may immediately open to him. 37 Blessed are there, until you have paid the very last penny." those servants, whom the lord will find watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, that he will dress himself, and make them recline, and will come and serve them. 38 And if he comes in the second watch, or even in the third, and finds them so, blessed are they. 39 But and said to them, "Do you think that these Galileans

tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." 14 know this, that if the master of the house had known in

13 Now there were some present at the same time who told him about the Galileans, whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. 2 And he answered they suffered these things? 3 I tell you, no, but unless do not know where you come from. Depart from me, you repent, you will all perish in the same way. 4 Or all you workers of iniquity.' 28 There will be weeping those eighteen, on whom the tower in Siloam fell, and and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham, Isaac, killed them; do you think that they were worse offenders Jacob, and all the prophets, in the Kingdom of God, and than all the others who dwell in Jerusalem? 5 I tell you, yourselves being thrown outside. 29 They will come no, but, unless you repent, you will all perish in the from the east, west, north, and south, and will sit down same way." 6 He spoke this parable. "A certain man had in the Kingdom of God. 30 And look, there are some a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking who are last who will be first, and there are some who fruit on it, and found none. 7 He said to the vine dresser, are first who will be last." 31 In that same hour some 'Look, these three years I have come looking for fruit on Pharisees came, saying to him, "Get out of here, and go this fig tree, and found none. Cut it down. Why does it away, for Herod wants to kill you." 32 And he said to waste the soil?' 8 He answered, 'Lord, leave it alone them, "Go and tell that fox, 'Look, I cast out demons this year also, until I dig around it, and fertilize it. 9 And and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third if it bears fruit next time, [fine]; but if not, you can cut it day I complete my mission. 33 Nevertheless I must go down."" 10 He was teaching in one of the synagogues on my way today and tomorrow and the next day, for it on the Sabbath day. 11 And look, a woman who had a cannot be that a prophet perish outside of Jerusalem.' spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and she was bent over, 34 "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, that kills the prophets, and and could in no way straighten herself up. 12 When stones those who are sent to her. How often I wanted to Jesus saw her, he called her, and said to her, "Woman, gather your children together, like a hen gathers her you are freed from your infirmity." 13 He laid his hands own brood under her wings, and you refused. 35 Look, on her, and immediately she stood up straight, and your house is abandoned to you. And I tell you, you will glorified God. 14 The ruler of the synagogue, being not see me until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, the name of the Lord." said to the crowd, "There are six days when work should be done Therefore come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day." 15 Therefore the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites. Does not each one of you free his ox or his donkey from the stall on the Sabbath, and lead him away to water? 16 Ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan had bound, look, eighteen years, be freed from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" 17 As he said these things, all his adversaries were disappointed, and all the crowd rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by him. 18 Then he said, "What is the Kingdom of God like? And to what can I compare it? 19 It is like a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and put in his own garden. It grew, and became a tree, and the birds of the sky lodged in its branches." 20 And again he said, "To what can I compare the Kingdom of God? 21 It is like veast, which a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, until it was all leavened." 22 He went on his way through cities and villages, teaching, and traveling on to Jerusalem. 23 One said to him, "Lord, are they few who are saved?" He said to them, 24 "Strive to enter in by the narrow door, for many, I tell you, will seek to enter in, and will not be able. 25 When once the master of the house has risen up, and has shut the door, and you begin to stand outside, and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us.' then he will answer and tell you, 'I do not know you or where you come from.' 26 Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence,

were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because and you taught in our streets.' 27 But he will reply. 'I

1 1 And it happened, when he went into the house of one of the rulers of the Pharisees on a Sabbath to eat bread, that they were watching him. 2 And look, a certain man who had dropsy was in front of him. 3 Jesus, answering, spoke to the Law scholars and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath or not?" 4 But they were silent. He took him, and healed him, and let him go. 5 He answered them, "Which of you, if your son or an ox fell into a well, would not immediately pull him out on a Sabbath day?" 6 But they could make no reply to this. 7 He spoke a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the best seats, and said to them, 8 "When you are invited by anyone to a marriage feast, do not sit in the best seat, since perhaps someone more honorable than you might be invited by him, 9 and he who invited both of you would come and tell you, 'Make room for this person.' Then you would begin, with shame, to take the lowest place. 10 But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when he who invited you comes, he may tell you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. 11 For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted." 12 He also said to the one who had invited him, "When you make a dinner or a supper, do not call your friends, nor your brothers, nor your kinsmen, nor rich neighbors, or perhaps they might also return the ask the poor, the maimed, the lame, or the blind: 14 lost one of them, would not leave the ninety-nine in the and you will be blessed, because they do not have the wilderness, and go after the one that was lost, until he resources to repay you. For you will be repaid in the found it? 5 When he has found it, he carries it on his resurrection of the righteous." 15 Now when one of shoulders, rejoicing. 6 When he comes home, he calls those who were reclining with him heard these things, together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, he said to him, "Blessed is he who will eat bread in the 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was Kingdom of God." 16 But he said to him, "A certain man lost.' 7 I tell you that even so there will be more joy in made a great supper, and he invited many people. 17 heaven over one sinner who repents, than over ninety-And he sent his servant at the hour for supper to tell nine righteous people who need no repentance. 8 Or those who were invited, 'Come, for everything is ready what woman, if she had ten drachma coins, if she lost now.' 18 They all as one began to make excuses. "The one drachma coin, would not light a lamp, sweep the first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go house, and seek diligently until she found it? 9 When and see it. Please have me excused.' 19 "Another said, she has found it, she calls together her friends and 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I must go try them neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the out. Please have me excused.' 20 "Another said, 'I have drachma which I had lost.' 10 Even so, I tell you, there is married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' 21 "That joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner servant came, and told his lord these things. Then the repenting." 11 He said, "A certain man had two sons. 12 master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me 'Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and my share of your property.' He divided his livelihood bring in the poor, maimed, blind, and lame.' 22 "The between them. 13 Not many days after, the younger servant said, 'Lord, it is done as you commanded, and son gathered all of this together and traveled into a far there is still room.' 23 "The lord said to the servant, 'Go country. There he wasted his property with riotous living. out into the highways and hedges, and compel them 14 When he had spent all of it, there arose a severe to come in, that my house may be filled. 24 For I tell famine in that country, and he began to be in need. you that none of those individuals who were invited will 15 He went and joined himself to one of the citizens taste of my supper." 25 Now large crowds were going of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed with him. He turned and said to them, 26 "If anyone pigs. 16 And he wanted to fill himself with the carob comes to me, and does not hate his own father, mother, pods that the pigs ate, but no one gave him any. 17 wife, children, brothers, and sisters, yes, and his own But when he came to himself he said, 'How many hired life also, he cannot be my disciple. 27 Whoever does servants of my father's have bread enough to spare, not bear his own cross, and come after me, cannot be and I'm dying here with hunger. 18 I will get up and go my disciple. 28 For which of you, desiring to build a to my father, and will tell him, "Father, I have sinned tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, to against heaven, and in your sight. 19 I am no longer see if he has enough to complete it? 29 Or perhaps, worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your when he has laid a foundation, and is not able to finish, hired servants." 20 "He arose, and came to his father. everyone who sees begins to mock him, 30 saying, But while he was still far off, his father saw him, and 'This man began to build, and was not able to finish.' 31 was moved with compassion, and ran, and fell on his Or what king, as he goes to encounter another king in neck, and kissed him. 21 The son said to him, 'Father, I war, will not sit down first and consider whether he is have sinned against heaven, and in your sight. I am no able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against longer worthy to be called your son.' 22 "But the father him with twenty thousand? 32 Or else, while the other is said to his servants, 'Ouickly, bring out the best robe. yet a great way off, he sends an envoy, and asks for and put it on him. Put a ring on his hand, and shoes on conditions of peace. 33 So therefore whoever of you his feet. 23 Bring the fattened calf, kill it, and let us eat, who does not renounce all that he has, he cannot be and celebrate; 24 for this, my son, was dead, and is my disciple. 34 Salt is good, but if the salt becomes flat alive again. He was lost, and is found.' They began to and tasteless, with what do you season it? 35 It is fit celebrate. 25 "Now his elder son was in the field. As he neither for the soil nor for the manure pile. It is thrown came near to the house, he heard music and dancing. out. He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

15 Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming close to him to hear him. 2 The Pharisees and the scribes murmured, saying, "This man welcomes sinners, and eats with them." 3 He told them this parable. 4

favor, and pay you back. 13 But when you make a feast, "Which one of you, if you had one hundred sheep, and 26 He called one of the servants to him, and asked what was going on. 27 He said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and healthy." 28 But he was angry, and would not go in. Therefore

his father came out, and pleaded with him. 29 But he earth to pass away, than for one tiny stroke of a pen in 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is he was lost, and is found."

16 He also said to his disciples, "There was a certain rich man who had a manager. An accusation was made to him that this man was wasting his possessions. 2 He called him, and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give an accounting of your management, for you can no longer be manager.' 3 "The manager said within himself, 'What will I do, seeing that my lord is taking away the management position from me? I do not have strength to dig. I am ashamed to beg. 41 know what I will do, so that when I am removed from management, they may receive me into their houses.' 5 Calling each one of his lord's debtors to him, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe to my lord?' 6 He said. 'A hundred batos of oil.' He said to him. 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' 7 Then he said to another, 'How much do you owe?' He said, 'A hundred cors of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' 8 "His lord commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness, for the people of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the people of light. (aion g165) 9 And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous mammon, so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the everlasting dwellings. (aionios g166) 10 He who is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much. much. 11 If therefore you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? 12 If you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? 13 No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to one, and despise the other. You are not able to serve God and wealth." 14 The Pharisees, who were scoffed at him. 15 He said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves in the sight of people, but God knows your hearts. For that which is exalted among people is an abomination in the sight of God. 16 The Law and the Prophets were until John. From that time the gospel forcing his way into it. 17 But it is easier for heaven and

answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have the Law to become void. 18 Everyone who divorces his served you, and I never disobeyed a commandment wife, and marries another, commits adultery. He who of yours, but you never gave me a goat, that I might marries one who is divorced from a husband commits celebrate with my friends. 30 But when this, your son, adultery. 19 "Now there was a certain rich man, and came, who has devoured your living with prostitutes, he was clothed in purple and fine linen, living in luxury you killed the fattened calf for him.' 31 "He said to him, every day. 20 A certain beggar, named Lazarus, was placed at his gate, full of sores, 21 and desiring to be yours. 32 But it was appropriate to celebrate and be fed with the crumbs that fell from the rich man's table. glad, for this brother of yours was dead and is alive; and Yes, even the dogs came and licked his sores. 22 It happened that the beggar died, and that he was carried away by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died, and was buried. 23 In hell, he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and saw Abraham far off, and Lazarus at his bosom. (Hades g86) 24 He called out and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue. For I am in anguish in this flame.' 25 "But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you, in your lifetime, received your good things, and Lazarus, in like manner, bad things. But now here he is comforted and you are in anguish. 26 Besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, that those who want to pass from here to you are not able, and that none may cross over from there to us.' 27 "He said, 'I ask you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house; 28 for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, so they won't also come into this place of torment.' 29 "But Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the Prophets. Let them listen to them.' 30 "He said, 'No, father Abraham, but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' 31 "He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be persuaded if one rises from the dead."

17 He said to the disciples, "It is impossible that no occasions of stumbling should come, but woe to He who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in him through whom they come. 2 It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea, rather than that he should cause one of these little ones to stumble. 3 Watch yourselves. If your brother sins, rebuke him. If he repents, forgive him. 4 And if he sins against you seven times in the day, and seven times returns to you, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him." 5 The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." 6 The Lord said, "If you lovers of money, also heard all these things, and they had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you would tell this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted, and be planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. 7 But who is there among you, having a servant plowing or keeping sheep, that will say, when he comes in from the field, 'Come immediately and sit down at the table'? 8 But will he not say to him, of the Kingdom of God is preached, and everyone is 'Prepare my supper, clothe yourself properly, and serve me, while I eat and drink, and afterward you can eat and said to them, "Where the body is, there will the vultures drink'? 9 Does he thank that servant because he did the also be gathered together." things that were commanded? 10 Even so you also, when you have done all the things that are commanded you, say, 'We are unworthy servants. We have done our duty." 11 It happened as he was on his way to Jerusalem, that he was passing along the borders of Samaria and Galilee. 12 As he entered into a certain village, ten men who were lepers met him, who stood at a distance. 13 They lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." 14 When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." It happened that as they went, they were cleansed. 15 One of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice. 16 He fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan. 17 Jesus answered, "Weren't the ten cleansed? But where are the nine? 18 Were there none found who returned to give glory to God, except this stranger?" 19 Then he said to him, "Get up, and go your way. Your faith has healed you." 20 Being asked by the Pharisees when the Kingdom of God would come, he answered them, "The Kingdom of God does not come with observation: 21 neither will they say. 'Look. here.' or, 'Look, there.' for the Kingdom of God is within you." 22 He said to the disciples, "The days will come, when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it. 23 And they will tell you, 'Look, there.' or 'Look, here.' Do not go away, nor follow after them, 24 for as the lightning, when it flashes out of the one part under the sky, shines to the other part under the sky; so will the Son of Man be in his day. 25 But first, he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation. 26 As it happened in the days of Noah, even so will it be also in the days of the Son of Man. 27 They ate, they drank, they married, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the boxshaped ship, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. 28 Likewise, even as it happened in the days of Lot: they ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; 29 but in the day that Lot went out from Sodom, it rained fire and sulfur from the sky, and destroyed them all. 30 It will be the same way in the day that the Son of Man is revealed. 31 In that day. he who will be on the housetop, and his goods in the house, let him not go down to take them away. Let him who is in the field likewise not turn back. 32 Remember Lot's wife. 33 Whoever seeks to keep his life will lose it, but whoever loses it will preserve it. 34 I tell you, in that night there will be two people in one bed. The one will be taken, and the other will be left. 35 Two will be grinding grain together; one will be taken and the other left. 37 They, answering, asked him, "Where, Lord?" He

8 He also spoke a parable to them that they must always pray, and not give up, 2 saying, "There was a judge in a certain city who did not fear God, and did not respect people. 3 A widow was in that city, and she often came to him, saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' 4 He would not for a while, but afterward he said to himself. 'Though I neither fear God, nor respect people, 5 yet because this widow bothers me, I will give her justice, or else she will wear me out by her continual coming." 6 The Lord said, "Listen to what the unrighteous judge says. 7 Won't God avenge his chosen ones, who are crying out to him day and night, and yet he exercises patience with them? 8 I tell you that he will avenge them quickly. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?" 9 He spoke also this parable to certain people who were convinced of their own righteousness, and who despised all others. 10 "Two men went up into the temple to pray: one was a Pharisee, and the other was a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee stood and prayed to himself like this: 'God, I thank you, that I am not like other people, extortioners, unrighteous, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. 12 | fast twice a week. | give tithes of all that | get.' 13 But the tax collector, standing far away, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner.' 14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted." 15 Now they were also bringing their babies to him, that he might touch them. But when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. 16 Jesus summoned them, saying, "Allow the little children to come to me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these. 17 Truly, I tell vou, whoever does not receive the Kinadom of God like a little child, he will in no way enter into it." 18 A certain ruler asked him, saying, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit everlasting life?" (aionios g166) 19 Jesus asked him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good, except one-God. 20 You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not give false testimony,' 'Honor your father and your mother." 21 And he said, "I have kept all these things from my youth up." 22 When Jesus heard it, he said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have, and distribute it to the poor. You will have treasure in heaven. Come, follow me." 23 But when he heard these things, he became very sad, for he was very rich. 24 And Jesus looked at him and said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter into the Kingdom of God. 25 For it is easier for a camel to enter in through a

Kingdom of God." 26 Those who heard it said, "Then of God would be revealed immediately. 12 He said who can be saved?" 27 But he said, "The things which therefore, "A certain nobleman went into a far country are impossible with man are possible with God." 28 to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return. 13 He And Peter said, "Look, we have left our own things and called ten servants of his, and gave them ten mina followed you." 29 He said to them, "Truly I tell you, there coins, and told them, 'Conduct business until I come.' is no one who has left house, or wife, or brothers, or 14 But his citizens hated him, and sent an envoy after parents, or children, for the Kingdom of God's sake, 30 him, saying, 'We do not want this man to reign over who will not receive many times more in this time, and us.' 15 "It happened when he had come back again, in the world to come, everlasting life." (aion g165, aionios having received the kingdom, that he commanded these g166) 31 He took the twelve aside, and said to them, servants, to whom he had given the money, to be called "Look, we are going up to Jerusalem, and all the things to him, that he might know what they had gained by that are written through the prophets concerning the Son conducting business. 16 The first came before him, of Man will be completed. 32 For he will be delivered up saying, 'Lord, your mina has made ten more minas.' 17 to the non-Jews, will be mocked, treated shamefully, "And he said to him, Well done, good servant. Because and spit on. 33 They will scourge and kill him. On the you were faithful with very little, you will have authority third day, he will rise again." 34 They understood none over ten cities.' 18 "The second came, saying, 'Your of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and mina, Lord, has made five minas.' 19 "So he said to him, they did not understand the things that were said. 35 It 'And you are to be over five cities.' 20 Another came, happened, as he came near Jericho, a certain blind saying, 'Lord, look, your mina, which I kept laid away in man sat by the road, begging. 36 Hearing a crowd going a handkerchief, 21 for I feared you, because you are an by, he asked what this meant. 37 They told him that exacting man. You take up that which you did not lay Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. 38 He called out, down, and reap that which you did not sow.' 22 "He said "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me." 39 Those to him, 'Out of your own mouth will I judge you, you who led the way rebuked him, that he should be quiet; wicked servant. You knew that I am an exacting man, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy taking up that which I did not lay down, and reaping that on me." 40 Standing still, Jesus commanded him to be which I did not sow. 23 Then why did you not deposit brought to him. When he had come near, he asked him, my money in the bank, and at my coming, I might have 41 "What do you want me to do?" He said, "Lord, that I earned interest on it?" 24 He said to those who stood may see again." 42 Jesus said to him, "Receive your by, 'Take the mina away from him, and give it to him sight. Your faith has healed you." 43 And immediately who has the ten minas.' 25 "They said to him, 'Lord, he received his sight, and followed him, glorifying God. he has ten minas.' 26 'For I tell you that to everyone All the people, when they saw it, praised God.

19 He entered and was passing through Jericho. **2** And look, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. 3 He was trying to see who Jesus was, and could not because of the crowd, because he was short. 4 He ran on ahead, and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. 5 And as he came to the place, looking up, Jesus saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for today I must stay at your house." 6 He hurried, came down, and received him joyfully. 7 And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, "He has gone in to lodge with a man who is a sinner." 8 And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord. "Look, Lord, half of my goods I give to the poor. If I have wrongfully exacted anything of anyone, I restore four times as much." 9 Jesus said to him, "Today, salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save that which was lost." 11 As they heard these things, he went on and told a parable, because he was

needle's eye, than for a rich person to enter into the near Jerusalem, and they supposed that the Kingdom who has, will more be given; but from him who does not have, even that which he has will be taken away. 27 But bring those enemies of mine who did not want me to reign over them here, and kill them before me." 28 Having said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. 29 It happened, when he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mountain that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, 30 saying, "Go your way into the village on the other side, in which, as you enter, you will find a colt tied, whereon no one ever yet sat. Untie it, and bring it. 31 If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' say to him: 'Because the Lord needs it." 32 Those who were sent went away, and found things just as he had told them. 33 As they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" 34 They said, "Because the Lord needs it." 35 They brought it to Jesus. They threw their cloaks on the colt, and set Jesus on them. 36 As he went, they spread their cloaks in the way. 37 As he was now getting near, at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of the disciples began to rejoice and praise

they had seen, 38 saving, "Blessed is the King who him. What therefore will the lord of the vineyard do to comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven, and them? 16 He will come and destroy these farmers, and glory in the highest." 39 Some of the Pharisees from the will give the vineyard to others." When they heard it, crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." 40 they said, "May it never be." 17 But he looked at them, He answered them, "I tell you that if these were silent, and said, "Then what is this that is written, 'The stone the stones would cry out." 41 When he drew near, he which the builders rejected, the same was made the saw the city and wept over it, 42 saying, "If you, even chief cornerstone?' 18 Everyone who falls on that stone you, had known today the things that make for peace. will be broken to pieces; but on whomever it falls, it will But now, they are hidden from your eyes. 43 For the crush him." 19 The chief priests and the scribes sought days will come on you, when your enemies will throw to lay hands on him that very hour, but they feared up a barricade against you, surround you, hem you in the people-for they knew he had spoken this parable on every side, 44 and will dash you and your children against them. 20 They watched him, and sent out spies, within you to the ground. They will not leave in you one who pretended to be righteous, that they might trap him stone on another, because you did not know the time of in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the your visitation." 45 And he entered into the temple, and power and authority of the governor. 21 They asked began to drive out those who were selling and buying in him, "Teacher, we know that you say and teach what is it, 46 saying to them, "It is written, 'And my house will right, and are not partial to anyone, but truly teach the be a house of prayer,' but you have made it a 'den of way of God. 22 Is it lawful for us to pay taxes to Caesar, robbers'." 47 He was teaching daily in the temple, but or not?" 23 But he perceived their craftiness, and said the chief priests and the scribes and the leaders among to them, 24 "Show me a denarius. Whose image and the people sought to destroy him. 48 They could not inscription are on it?" They answered, "Caesar's." 25 find what they might do, for all the people hung on to He said to them, "Then give to Caesar the things that every word that he said.

20 It happened on one of those days, as he was teaching the people in the temple and preaching the gospel, that the chief priests and scribes came to him with the elders. 2 They asked him, "Tell us: by what authority do you do these things? Or who is giving you this authority?" 3 He answered them, "I also will ask you one question. Tell me: 4 the baptism of John, was it from heaven, or from man?" 5 They reasoned with themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say, 'Why did you not believe him?' 6 But if we say, 'From man,' all the people will stone us, for they are persuaded that John was a prophet." 7 They answered that they did not know where it was from. 8 Jesus said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things." 9 He began to tell the people this parable. "A man planted a vineyard, and rented it out to some farmers, and went on a journey for a long time. 10 At the proper season, he sent a servant to the farmers to collect his share of the fruit of the vineyard. But the farmers beat him, and sent him away empty. 11 He sent yet another servant, and they also beat him, and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty. 12 He sent yet a third, and they also wounded him, and threw him out. 13 The lord of the vineyard said, 'What am I to do? I will send my beloved son. It may be that they will respect him.' 14 "But when the farmers saw him, they reasoned among themselves, saying, 'This is the heir. Let us kill him, that the inheritance may be Psalms, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right

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God with a loud voice for all the mighty works which ours.' 15 They threw him out of the vinevard, and killed are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." 26 They weren't able to trap him in his words before the people. And amazed at his answer, they fell silent. 27 Some of the Sadducees came to him, those who deny that there is a resurrection. 28 They asked him, "Teacher, Moses wrote to us that if a man's brother dies having a wife, and he is childless, his brother should take the wife, and raise up children for his brother. 29 There were therefore seven brothers. The first took a wife, and died childless. 30 The second and 31 the third took her, and likewise the seven all left no children, and died. 32 Afterward the woman also died. 33 Therefore in the resurrection whose wife of them will she be? For the seven had her as a wife." 34 Jesus said to them, "The people of this age marry and are given to someone to marry. (aion g165) 35 But those who are regarded as worthy of a place in that age and the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given to someone to marry. (aion g165) 36 For they cannot die any more, for they are like the angels, and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. 37 But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed at the bush, when he called the Lord 'The God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' 38 Now he is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for all are alive to him." 39 Some of the scribes answered, "Teacher, you speak well." 40 They did not dare to ask him any more questions. 41 He said to them, "Why do they say that the Messiah is David's son? 42 David himself says in the scroll of hand, 43 until I make your enemies the footstool of your by the edge of the sword and be led captive into all the condemnation."

21 He looked up, and saw the rich people who were putting their gifts into the treasury. 2 He saw a certain poor widow casting in two lepta. 3 He said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow put in more than all of them, 4 for all these put in gifts from their abundance, but she, out of her poverty, put in all that she had to live on." 5 As some were talking about the temple and how it was decorated with beautiful stones and gifts, he said, 6 "As for these things which you see, the days will come, in which there will not be left here one stone on another that will not be thrown down." 7 They asked him, "Teacher, so when will these things be? What is the sign that these things are about to happen?" 8 He said, "Watch out that you do not get led astray, for many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he,' and, 'The time is near.' Therefore do not follow them. 9 When you hear of wars and disturbances, do not be terrified, for these things must happen first, but the end won't come immediately." 10 Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. 11 There will be great earthquakes, famines, and plagues in various places. There will be terrors and great signs from heaven. 12 But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and will persecute you, delivering you up to synagogues and prisons, bringing you before kings and governors for my name's sake. 13 It will turn out as a testimony for you. 14 Settle it therefore in your hearts not to meditate beforehand how to answer, 15 for I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries will not be able to withstand or to contradict. 16 You will be handed over even by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends. They will cause some of you to be put to death. 17 And you will be hated by everyone because of my name. 18 But not a hair of your head will perish. 19 "By your endurance you will win your lives. 20 "But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near. **21** Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. Let those who are in the midst of her depart. Let those who are in the country not enter it. 22 For these are days of vengeance, the land, and wrath to this people. 24 And they will fall upper room. Make preparations there." 13 They went,

feet." 44 "David therefore calls him Lord, so how is he nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled down by nonhis son?" 45 In the hearing of all the people, he said to Jewish people until the times are fulfilled. And there will his disciples, 46 "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk be times of the non-Jewish people. 25 And there will be in long robes, and love greetings in the marketplaces, signs in the sun, and moon, and stars, and on the earth the best seats in the synagogues, and the best places distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring at feasts; 47 who devour widows' houses, and for a of the sea and the waves; 26 people will be fainting pretense make long prayers: these will receive greater from fear, and from expectation of the things which are coming on the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 27 Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. 28 But when these things begin to happen, look up, and lift up your heads, because your redemption is near." 29 He told them a parable. "See the fig tree, and all the trees. 30 When they are already budding, you see it and know by your own selves that the summer is already near. 31 Even so you also, when you see these things happening, know that the Kingdom of God is near. 32 Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things are accomplished. 33 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will by no means pass away. 34 "So be careful, or your hearts will be loaded down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that day will come on you suddenly. 35 For it will come like a snare on all those who dwell on the surface of all the earth. 36 Therefore be watchful all the time, praying that you may be able to escape all these things that will happen, and to stand before the Son of Man." 37 Every day Jesus was teaching in the temple, and every night he would go out and spend the night on the mountain that is called Olivet. 38 All the people came early in the morning to him in the temple to hear him.

Now the feast of unleavened bread, which is called the Passover, drew near. 2 The chief priests and the scribes sought how they might kill him, for they feared the people. 3 Satan entered into Judas, who was called Iscariot, who was numbered with the twelve. 4 He went away, and talked with the chief priests and captains about how he might deliver him to them. 5 They were glad, and agreed to give him money. 6 He consented, and sought an opportunity to deliver him to them in the absence of the crowd. 7 The day of unleavened bread came, on which the Passover lamb must be sacrificed. 8 He sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat." 9 They said to him, "Where do you want us to prepare?" 10 He said to them, "Look, when you have entered into the city, a man carrying a pitcher of water will meet you. Follow him into the house which he enters. 11 Tell the that all things which are written may be fulfilled. 23 master of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, "Where Woe to those who are pregnant and to those who nurse is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with infants in those days. For there will be great distress in my disciples?" 12 He will show you a large, furnished found things as he had told them, and they prepared also followed him, 40 When he was at the place, he said the Passover. 14 When the hour had come, he reclined to them, "Pray that you do not enter into temptation." 41 at the table, and the apostles joined him. 15 He said to He was withdrawn from them about a stone's throw, and them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with he knelt down and prayed, 42 saying, "Father, if you are you before I suffer, 16 for I say to you, I will not eat of it willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my again until it is fulfilled in the Kingdom of God." 17 He will, but yours, be done." 43 And an angel from heaven received a cup, and when he had given thanks, he said, appeared to him, strengthening him. 44 Being in agony "Take this, and share it among yourselves, 18 for I tell he prayed more earnestly. His sweat became like great you, from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine drops of blood falling down on the ground. 45 When until the Kingdom of God comes." 19 He took bread, he rose up from his prayer, he came to the disciples, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave to and found them sleeping because of grief, 46 and said them, saying, "This is my body which is given for you. to them, "Why do you sleep? Rise and pray that you Do this in remembrance of me." 20 Likewise, he took may not enter into temptation." 47 While he was still the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup is the speaking, look, a crowd came, and he who was called new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you. Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He came 21 But look, the hand of him who betrays me is with me near to Jesus to kiss him. 48 But Jesus said to him, on the table. 22 The Son of Man indeed goes, as it has "Judas, do you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?" 49 been determined, but woe to that man through whom When those who were around him saw what was about he is betrayed." 23 They began to question among to happen, they said to him, "Lord, should we strike themselves, which of them it was who would do this with the sword?" 50 A certain one of them struck the thing. 24 There arose also a contention among them, servant of the high priest, and cut off his right ear. 51 which of them was considered to be greatest. 25 He But Jesus answered and said, "No more of this." Then said to them, "The kings of the nations lord it over them, he touched his ear and healed him. 52 Jesus said to the and those who have authority over them are called chief priests, captains of the temple, and elders, who 'benefactors.' 26 But not so with you. But one who is the had come against him, "Have you come out as against greater among you, let him become as the younger, and a robber, with swords and clubs? 53 When I was with one who is governing, as one who serves. 27 For who you in the temple daily, you did not stretch out your is greater, one who sits at the table, or one who serves? hands against me. But this is your hour, and the power Is it not he who sits at the table? But I am in the midst of darkness." 54 They seized him, and led him away, of you as one who serves. 28 But you are those who and brought him into the high priest's house. But Peter have continued with me in my trials. 29 I confer on you followed from a distance. 55 When they had kindled a a kingdom, even as my Father conferred on me, 30 fire in the middle of the courtyard, and had sat down that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, together, Peter sat among them. 56 A certain servant and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes girl saw him as he sat in the light, and looking intently of Israel." 31 And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon, look, at him, said, "This man also was with him." 57 But he Satan has demanded to have you all, to sift you like denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him." 58 After wheat, 32 but I prayed for you, that your faith would not a little while someone else saw him, and said, "You also fail. You, when once you have turned again, establish are one of them." But Peter answered, "Man, I am not." your brothers." 33 He said to him, "Lord, I am ready to 59 After about one hour passed, another confidently go with you both to prison and to death." 34 He said, "I affirmed, saying, "Truly this man also was with him, for tell you, Peter, the rooster will by no means crow today he is a Galilean." 60 But Peter said, "Man, I do not know until you deny that you know me three times." 35 He what you are talking about." Immediately, while he was said to them, "When I sent you out without money bag, still speaking, a rooster crowed. 61 The Lord turned, and pack, and shoes, did you lack anything?" They and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the Lord's said, "Nothing." 36 Then he said to them, "But now, word, how he said to him, "Before the rooster crows whoever has a money bag must take it, and likewise today you will deny me three times." 62 And he went a pack. Whoever has none, must sell his cloak, and out, and wept bitterly. 63 The men who held him began buy a sword. 37 For I tell you that this which is written mocking and beating him. 64 And having blindfolded must still be fulfilled in me: 'And he was numbered with him, they were striking his face and kept asking him, transgressors.' For that which concerns me has an end." saying, "Prophesy, who is the one who struck you?" 65 38 They said, "Lord, look, here are two swords." He said They spoke many other things against him, insulting to them, "That is enough." 39 He came out, and went, him. 66 As soon as it was day, the council of the elders

as his custom was, to the Mount of Olives. His disciples of the people gathered together, both chief priests and

God." **70** They all said, "Are you then the Son of God?" have heard from his own mouth."

23 The whole company of them rose up and brought him before Pilate. 2 They began to accuse him, saving. "We found this man subverting our nation. forbidding paying taxes to Caesar, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king." 3 Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered him, "You say so." 4 Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for a charge against this man." 5 But they insisted, saying, "He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee even to this place." 6 But when Pilate heard it, he asked if the man was a Galilean. 7 When he found out that he was in Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem during those days. 8 Now when Herod saw Jesus, he was exceedingly glad, for he had wanted to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him. He hoped to see some miracle done by him. 9 He questioned him with many words, but he gave no answers. 10 The chief priests and the scribes stood, vehemently accusing him. 11 Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him. Dressing him in luxurious clothing, they sent him back to Pilate. 12 Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day, for before that they were enemies with each other. 13 Pilate called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, 14 and said to them, "You brought this man to me as one that subverts the people, and see, I have examined him before you, and found no basis for a charge against this man concerning those things of which you accuse him. 15 Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us, and see, nothing worthy of death has been done by him. 16 I will therefore chastise him and release him." 17 (Now he had to release one prisoner to them at the feast.) 18 But they all shouted out together, saying, "Away with this man. Release to us Barabbas" 19 (one who was thrown into prison for a certain revolt in the city, and for murder.) 20 Then Pilate spoke to them again, wanting to release Jesus, 21 but they shouted, saying, "Crucify. Crucify him." 22 He said to them the third time, "Why? What evil has this man done? I have found no capital crime in him. I will therefore chastise him and release him." 23 But they were urgent with loud voices, asking that he might be crucified. And their voices, and those of the chief priests.

scribes, and they led him away into their council, saying, prevailed. 24 Pilate decreed that what they asked for 67 "If you are the Messiah, tell us." But he said to them, should be done. 25 He released him who had been "If I tell you, you won't believe, 68 and if I ask, you will thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, for whom not answer me, or let me go. 69 From now on, the Son they asked, but he delivered Jesus up to their will. 26 of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of When they led him away, they grabbed one Simon of Cyrene, coming from the country, and placed on him He said to them, "You say that I am." 71 They said, the cross, to carry it after Jesus. 27 A large crowd of "Why do we need any more witness? For we ourselves the people followed him, including women who also mourned and lamented him. 28 But Jesus, turning to them, said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. 29 For look, the days are coming in which they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' 30 Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' 31 For if they do these things in the green tree, what will be done in the dry?" 32 There were also others, two criminals, led with him to be put to death. 33 When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified him there with the criminals, one on the right and the other on the left. 34 And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." Dividing his garments among them, they cast lots. 35 The people stood watching. The rulers also scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others. Let him save himself, if this is the Messiah of God, his Chosen One." 36 The soldiers also mocked him, coming to him and offering him vinegar, 37 and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself." 38 An inscription was also written above him: "THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS." 39 One of the criminals who hung there insulted him, saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us." 40 But the other answered, and rebuking him said, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? 41 And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward for our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." 42 And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom." 43 And he said to him, "Assuredly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise." 44 And it was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. 45 for the sun's light failed. And the veil of the temple was torn in two. 46 And Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. 47 When the centurion saw what was done, he glorified God, saying, "Certainly this was a righteous man." 48 All the crowds that came together to see this, when they saw the things that were done, returned home beating their breasts. 49 All his acquaintances, and the women who followed with him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things. 50 And look, a man named Joseph, who was a member of the council, a good and righteous man 51 (he had not consented to and crucified him. 21 But we were hoping that it was commandment.

21 But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, bringing the spices which they had prepared. 2 They found the stone rolled away from the tomb. 3 They entered in, and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. 4 It happened, while they were greatly perplexed about this, look, two men stood by them in dazzling clothing. 5 Becoming terrified, they bowed their faces down to the earth. They said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? 6 He is not here, but is risen. Remember what he told you when he was still in Galilee, 7 saying that the Son of Man must be delivered up into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again?" 8 Then they remembered his words. 9 And returning from the tomb, they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. 10 Now they were Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles. 11 These words seemed to them to be nonsense, and they did not believe them. 12 But Peter got up and ran to the tomb. Stooping and looking in, he saw the strips of linen by themselves, and he departed to his home, wondering what had happened. 13 And look, two of them were going that very day to a village named Emmaus, which was about seven miles from Jerusalem. 14 They talked with each other about all of these things which had happened. 15 It happened, while they talked and guestioned together, that Jesus himself came near, and went with them. 16 But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. 17 And he said to them, "What are these words that you are exchanging with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. 18 One of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things which have happened there in these days?" 19 He said to them, "What things?" They said to him, "The things concerning Jesus, the Nazarene, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people; 20 and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death,

their counsel and deed), from Arimathea, a city of the he who would redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, Judeans, who was also waiting for the Kingdom of God: it is now the third day since these things happened. 52 this man went to Pilate, and asked for the body of 22 Also, certain women of our company amazed us, Jesus. 53 He took it down, and wrapped it in a linen having arrived early at the tomb; 23 and when they did cloth, and placed him in a tomb that was cut in stone, not find his body, they came saying that they had also where no one had ever been placed. 54 It was the day seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. 24 of the Preparation, and the Sabbath was drawing near. Some of us went to the tomb, and found it just like the 55 The women, who had come with him out of Galilee, women had said, but they did not see him." 25 Then followed after, and saw the tomb, and how his body he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to was placed. 56 They returned, and prepared spices and believe in all that the prophets have spoken. 26 Did not ointments. On the Sabbath they rested according to the the Messiah have to suffer these things and to enter into his glory?" 27 Beginning from Moses and from all the prophets, he explained to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. 28 They drew near to the village, where they were going, and he acted like he would go further. 29 They urged him, saying, "Stay with us, for it is almost evening, and the day is almost over." He went in to stay with them. 30 It happened, that when he had sat down at the table with them, he took the bread and gave thanks. Breaking it, he gave to them. 31 Their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished out of their sight. 32 And they said to one another. "Weren't our hearts burning within us, while he spoke to us along the way, and while he opened the Scriptures to us?" 33 They rose up that very hour, returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and those who were with them, 34 saying, "The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon." 35 They related the things that happened along the way, and how he was recognized by them in the breaking of the bread. 36 As they said these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace be to you." 37 But they were terrified and filled with fear, and supposed that they had seen a spirit. 38 He said to them, "Why are you troubled? Why do doubts arise in your hearts? 39 See my hands and my feet, that it is truly me. Touch me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones, as you see that I have." 40 When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. 41 While they still did not believe for joy, and wondered, he said to them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" 42 And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish. 43 And he took it and ate in front of them. 44 And he said to them, "This is what I told you, while I was still with you, that all things which are written in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms, concerning me must be fulfilled." 45 Then he opened their minds, that they might understand the Scriptures. 46 He said to them, "Thus it is written, for the Messiah to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, 47 and that repentance leading to forgiveness of sins should be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning at Jerusalem. **48** You are witnesses of these things. **49** And look, I send forth the promise of my Father on you. But wait in the city until you are clothed with power from on high." **50** He led them out as far as Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. **51** It happened, while he blessed them, that he departed from them, and was carried up into heaven. **52** They worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, **53** and were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God.

Yochanan

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and apart from him nothing was made that has been made. 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of humanity. 5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness hasn't overcome it. 6 There came a man, sent from God, whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness to testify about the light, that all might believe through him. 8 He was not the light, but was sent that he might testify about the light. 9 The true light that enlightens everyone was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, but the world did not recognize him, 11 He came to his own, and those who were his own did not receive him. 12 But as many as received him, to them he gave the right to become God's children, to those who believe in his name. 13 who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. 14 And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we saw his glory, such glory as of the one and only of the Father, full of grace and truth. 15 John testified about him and shouted out, saying, "This was the one of whom I said. 'He who comes after me has surpassed me, for he was before me." 16 For of his fullness we all received, and grace upon grace. 17 For the Law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus (the) Messiah. 18 No one has seen God at any time. The only Son, who is at the Father's side, has made him known. 19 And this is John's testimony, when the Jewish leaders sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are vou?" 20 And he confessed, and did not deny, but he confessed, "I am not the Messiah." 21 And they asked him. "What then? Are you Elijah?" And he said. "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." 22 They said therefore to him, "Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" 23 He said, "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as Isaiah the prophet said." 24 (Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) 25 And they asked him, "Why then do you baptize, if you are not the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" 26 John answered them, saying, "I baptize in water, but among you stands one whom you do not know. 27 He is the one who comes after me, whose sandal strap I'm not worthy to loosen." 28 These things were done in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing. 29 The next day, he saw Jesus coming to him, and said. "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the

world. 30 This is he of whom I said. 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me, because he existed before me.' 31 I did not know him, but for this reason I came baptizing in water: that he would be revealed to Israel." 32 And John testified, saying, "I saw the Spirit descending like a dove out of heaven, and it remained on him. 33 And I did not recognize him. but he who sent me to baptize in water, he said to me, 'On whomever you will see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, this is he who baptizes in the Holy Spirit.' 34 And I have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One of God." 35 Again, the next day, John was standing with two of his disciples, 36 and he looked at Jesus as he walked, and said, "Look, the Lamb of God." 37 And the two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. 38 And Jesus turned and saw them following. and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" 39 He said to them, "Come, and you will see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon. 40 One of the two who heard John, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41 He first found his own brother. Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah." (which is translated. Anointed One). 42 He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him, and said, "You are Simon the son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which is translated, Peter). 43 On the next day, he was determined to go out into Galilee, and he found Philip. And Jesus said to him, "Follow me." 44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, of the city of Andrew and Peter. 45 Philip found Nathanael, and said to him. "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and the Prophets wrote: Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." 46 And Nathanael said to him, "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." 47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said about him, "Look, a true Israelite in whom there is no deceit." 48 Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw vou." 49 Nathanael answered him. "Rabbi, vou are the Son of God. You are King of Israel." 50 Jesus answered him, "Because I told you, 'I saw you underneath the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." 51 And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

2 And the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. 2 Now Jesus also was invited, with his disciples, to the wedding. 3 And when the wine ran out, Jesus' mother

said to him, "They have no wine." 4 Jesus said to her, is born again he cannot see the Kingdom of God." 4 "Woman, what does that have to do with you and me? Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born when My hour has not yet come." 5 His mother said to the he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's servants, "Whatever he says to you, do it." 6 Now there womb, and be born?" 5 Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I were six stone water jars set there after the Jewish tell you, unless one is born of water and Spirit he cannot manner of purifying, containing two or three metretes enter into the Kingdom of God. 6 That which is born apiece. 7 Jesus said to them, "Fill the water jars with of the flesh is flesh. That which is born of the Spirit is water." They filled them up to the brim. 8 He said to spirit. 7 Do not be surprised that I said to you, 'You must them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the ruler be born again.' 8 The wind blows where it wants to, and of the feast." So they took it. 9 When the ruler of the you hear its sound, but do not know where it comes from feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not and where it is going. So is everyone who is born of the know where it came from (but the servants who had Spirit." 9 Nicodemus answered and said to him, "How drawn the water knew), the ruler of the feast called can these things be?" 10 Jesus answered him, "Are the bridegroom, 10 and said to him, "Everyone serves you the teacher of Israel, and do not understand these the good wine first, and when the guests have drunk things? 11 Truly, truly, I tell you, we speak that which freely, then that which is worse. You have kept the good we know, and testify of that which we have seen, but wine until now." 11 This beginning of his signs Jesus you do not accept our testimony. 12 If I told you earthly did in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I disciples believed in him. 12 After this, he went down tell you heavenly things? 13 And no one has ascended to Capernaum, he, and his mother and brothers, and into heaven, but he who descended out of heaven, the his disciples; and they stayed there a few days. 13 Son of Man, who is in heaven. 14 And as Moses lifted The Jewish Passover was near, and Jesus went up to up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son Jerusalem. 14 And he found in the temple those who of Man be lifted up, 15 so that everyone who believes in sold oxen, sheep, and doves, and the money changers him may have life without end. (aionios g166) 16 For this sitting. 15 And he made a whip of cords, and threw all is how God loved the world: he gave his only Son, so out of the temple, both the sheep and the oxen; and that everyone who believes in him will not perish but he poured out the changers' money, and overthrew have life without end. (aionios g166) 17 For God did not their tables. 16 To those who sold the doves, he said, send his Son into the world to judge the world, but that "Take these things out of here. Do not make my Father's the world should be saved through him. 18 The one who house a marketplace." 17 His disciples remembered believes in him is not judged, but the one who does not that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume believe has been judged already, because he has not me." 18 The Jewish leaders therefore answered him, believed in the name of the only Son of God. 19 This is "What sign do you show us, seeing that you do these the judgment, that the light has come into the world, things?" 19 Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and people loved the darkness rather than the light, and in three days I will raise it up." 20 The Jewish because their works were evil. 20 For everyone who leaders therefore said, "It has taken forty-six years to does evil hates the light, and does not come to the light, build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" so that his works will not be exposed. 21 But the one 21 But he spoke of the temple of his body. 22 When who does the truth comes to the light, that his works therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples may be revealed, that they have been done in God." 22 remembered that he said this, and they believed the After these things, Jesus came with his disciples into Scripture, and the word which Jesus had said. 23 Now the land of Judea. He stayed there with them, and was when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the baptizing, 23 Now John also was baptizing in Aenon feast, many believed in his name, after seeing his signs near Salim, because there was much water there. They which he did. 24 But Jesus did not trust himself to them, came, and were baptized. 24 For John was not yet because he knew everyone, 25 and because he did not thrown into prison. 25 Now a dispute arose between need anyone to testify concerning man; for he himself John's disciples with a Jew about purification. 26 And knew what was in man.

3 Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jewish people. 2 This man came to him at night, and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do, unless God is with him." 3 Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I tell you, unless one

they came to John, and said to him, "Rabbi, he who was with you beyond the Jordan, to whom you have testified, look, he is baptizing, and everyone is coming to him." 27 John answered, "No one can receive anything, unless it has been given to him from heaven. 28 You yourselves bear me witness that I said, 'I am not the Messiah,' but, 'I have been sent before him.' 29 He who has the bride stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the where people ought to worship." 21 Jesus said to her, seen and heard, of that he testifies; and no one receives worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, believe in the Son won't see life, but the wrath of God remains on him." (aionios g166)

Therefore when Jesus knew that the Pharisees had heard, "Jesus is making and baptizing more disciples than John" 2 (although Jesus himself did not baptize, but his disciples), 3 he left Judea, and departed again into Galilee. 4 He needed to pass through Samaria. 5 So he came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son, Joseph. 6 Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being tired from his journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. 7 A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her. "Give me a drink." 8 For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. 9 The Samaritan woman therefore said to him, "How can vou, being a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) 10 Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." 11 The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. From where do you get that living water? 12 Are you greater than our father, Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank of it himself, as did his children, and his livestock?" 13 Jesus answered her. "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, 14 but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never thirst again; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to everlasting life." (aion g165, aionios g166) 15 The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I do not get thirsty, neither come all the way here to draw." 16 He said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." 17 The woman answered and said to him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You said well, 'I have no husband,' 18 for you have had five husbands; and he whom you now have is not your husband. This you have said truly." 19 The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. 20 Our fathers worshiped in this

is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, who mountain, and you say that in Jerusalem is the place bridegroom's voice. So this joy of mine is now complete. "Woman, believe me, the hour comes, when neither in 30 He must increase, but I must decrease. 31 He who this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, will you worship the comes from above is above all. He who is from the Father. 22 You worship that which you do not know. We earth belongs to the earth, and speaks of the earth. He worship that which we know; for salvation is from the who comes from heaven is above all. 32 What he has Jews. 23 But the hour comes, and now is, when the true his witness. 33 He who has received his witness has set for the Father seeks such to be his worshippers. 24 God his seal to this, that God is true. 34 For he whom God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in has sent speaks the words of God; for he does not give spirit and truth." 25 The woman said to him, "I know the Spirit by measure. 35 The Father loves the Son, and that (the) Messiah comes," (he who is called Anointed has given all things into his hand. 36 Whoever believes One). "When he has come, he will declare to us all in the Son has everlasting life, but whoever refuses to things." 26 Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who speaks to you." 27 At this, his disciples came. They were surprised that he was speaking with a woman: vet no one said, "What are you looking for?" or, "Why do vou speak with her?" 28 So the woman left her water pot, and went away into the city, and said to the people, 29 "Come, see a man who told me everything that I did. Can this be the Messiah?" 30 They went out of the city, and were coming to him. 31 In the meanwhile, the disciples urged him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." 32 But he said to them. "I have food to eat that you do not know about." 33 The disciples therefore said one to another, "Has anyone brought him something to eat?" 34 Jesus said to them. "My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work. 35 Do you not say, 'There are vet four months until the harvest?' Look. I tell you, lift up your eyes and see the fields, that they are white for harvest already. 36 He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit to everlasting life; that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. (aionios g166) 37 For in this the saying is true, 'One sows, and another reaps.' 38 I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." 39 From that city many of the Samaritans believed in him because of the word of the woman, who testified, "He told me everything that I did." 40 So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them. He stayed there two days. 41 Many more believed because of his word. 42 They said to the woman, "Now we believe, not because of your speaking: for we have heard for ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Savior of the world." 43 After the two days he departed from there to Galilee. 44 For Jesus himself testified that a prophet has no honor in his own country. 45 So when he came into Galilee, the Galileans received him, having seen all the things that he did in Jerusalem at the feast, for they also went to the feast. 46 Jesus came therefore again to Cana of Galilee, where he made the water into wine. There was a certain nobleman whose son was sick at

Capernaum, 47 When he heard that Jesus had come Son can do nothing of himself, but what he sees the out of Judea into Galilee, he went to him, and pleaded Father doing. For whatever things he does, these the with him that he would come down and heal his son, for Son also does likewise. 20 For the Father loves the he was close to death. 48 Jesus therefore said to him, Son, and shows him all things that he himself does. He "Unless you see signs and wonders, you will in no way will show him greater works than these, so that you may believe." 49 The nobleman said to him, "Sir, come down marvel. 21 For as the Father raises the dead and gives before my child dies." 50 Jesus said to him, "Go your them life, even so the Son also gives life to whom he way. Your son lives." The man believed the word that desires. 22 For the Father judges no one, but he has Jesus spoke to him, and he went his way. 51 As he given all judgment to the Son, 23 that all may honor was now going down, his servants met him, saying that the Son, even as they honor the Father. Whoever does his son was alive. 52 So he inquired of them the hour not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent when he began to get better. They said therefore to him, him. 24 "Truly, truly, I tell you, he who hears my word, "Yesterday at one in the afternoon, the fever left him." 53 So the father knew that it was at that hour in which does not come into judgment, but has passed out of Jesus said to him, "Your son lives." He believed, as did death into life. (aionios g166) 25 Truly, truly, I tell you, his whole house. 54 This is again the second sign that the hour comes, and now is, when the dead will hear Jesus did, having come out of Judea into Galilee.

5 After these things, there was a Jewish festival, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 2 Now in Jerusalem by the sheep area there is a pool, which is called in Hebrew, "Beth Hesda," having five porches. 3 In these lay a multitude of those who were sick, blind, lame, or paralyzed. 5 A certain man was there, who had been sick for thirty-eight years. 6 When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he had been sick for a long time, he asked him, "Do you want to be made well?" 7 The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, but while I am on my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." 8 Jesus said to him, "Arise, take up your mat, and walk." 9 Immediately, the man was made well, and took up his mat and walked. Now it was the Sabbath on that day. 10 So the Jewish leaders said to him who was cured, "It is the Sabbath. It is not lawful for you to carry the mat." 11 But he answered them, "The one who made me well, that one said to me, 'Take up your mat, and walk." 12 Then they asked him, "Who is the man who said to you to pick it up and walk?" 13 But the one who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, a crowd being in the place. 14 Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you are made well. Sin no more, so that nothing worse happens to you." 15 The man went away, and told the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus who had made him well. 16 For this cause the Jewish leaders persecuted Jesus, because he did these things on the Sabbath. 17 But he answered them, "My Father is still working, so I am working, too." 18 For this cause therefore the Jewish leaders sought all the more to kill him, because he not only broke the Sabbath, but also called God his own Father, making himself equal with God. 19 Jesus therefore answered them, "Truly, truly, I tell you, the

and believes him who sent me, has everlasting life, and the Son of God's voice; and those who hear will live.

26 For as the Father has life in himself, even so he gave to the Son also to have life in himself. 27 He also gave him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. 28 Do not be amazed at this, for the hour comes, in which all that are in the tombs will hear his voice, 29 and will come out; those who have done good, to the resurrection of life; and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of judgment. 30 I can of myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is righteous; because I do not seek my own will, but the will of the One who sent me. 31 "If I testify about myself, my witness is not valid. 32 It is another who testifies about me. I know that the testimony which he testifies about me is true. 33 You have sent to John, and he has testified to the truth. 34 But the testimony which I receive is not from man. However, I say these things that you may be saved. 35 He was the burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light. 36 But the testimony which I have is greater than that of John, for the works which the Father gave me to accomplish, the very works that I do, testify about me, that the Father has sent me. 37 The Father himself, who sent me, has testified about me. You have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his form. 38 You do not have his word living in you; because you do not believe him whom he sent. 39 You search the Scriptures, because you think that in them you have everlasting life; and these are they which testify about me. (aionios g166) 40 But you are unwilling to come to me so that you may have life. 41 I do not receive glory from people. 42 But I know you, that you do not have God's love in yourselves. 43 I have come in my Father's name, and you do not receive me. If another comes in his own name, you will receive him. 44 How can you believe, who receive glory from one another, and you do not seek the glory that comes from the only God? 45 "Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father. There is crowd therefore saw that Jesus was not there, nor his one who accuses you, even Moses, on whom you have disciples, they themselves got into the boats, and came set your hope. **46** For if you believed Moses, you would to Capernaum, seeking Jesus. **25** When they found him believe me; for he wrote about me. **47** But if you do not on the other side of the sea, they asked him, "Rabbi, believe his writings, how will you believe my words?" when did you come here?" **26** Jesus answered them,

After these things, Jesus went away to the other side of the sea of Galilee, which is also called the Sea of Tiberias. 2 A large crowd followed him, because they saw the signs which he did on those who were sick. 3 Jesus went up into the mountain, and he sat there with his disciples. 4 Now the Passover, the Jewish festival, was near. 5 Jesus therefore lifting up his eves, and seeing that a large crowd was coming to him, said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, that these may eat?" 6 This he said to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. 7 Philip answered him. "Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that everyone of them may receive a little." 8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 9 "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are these among so many?" 10 Jesus said. "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in that place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. 11 Jesus took the loaves; and having given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to those who were sitting down; likewise also of the fish as much as they desired. 12 When they were filled, he said to his disciples, "Gather up the broken pieces which are left over, that nothing be lost," 13 So they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with broken pieces from the five barley loaves, which were left over by those who had eaten. 14 When therefore the people saw the sign which he did, they said, "This is truly the Prophet who comes into the world." 15 Jesus therefore, perceiving that they were about to come and take him by force, to make him king, withdrew again to the mountain by himself. 16 When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea. 17 and they entered into the boat, and were going over the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. 18 The sea was tossed by a great wind blowing. 19 When therefore they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea, and drawing near to the boat: and they were afraid. 20 But he said to them. "It is I. Do not be afraid." 21 They were willing therefore to receive him into the boat. Immediately the boat was at the land where they were going. 22 On the next day, the crowd that stood on the other side of the sea saw that there was no other boat there, except one, and that Jesus had not entered with his disciples into the boat. but his disciples had gone away alone. 23 Other boats from Tiberias came near to the place where they ate the bread after the Lord had given thanks. 24 When the

disciples, they themselves got into the boats, and came to Capernaum, seeking Jesus. 25 When they found him on the other side of the sea, they asked him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" 26 Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I tell you, you seek me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate of the loaves, and were filled. 27 Do not work for the food which perishes, but for the food which remains to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For God the Father has sealed him." (aionios g166) 28 They said therefore to him, "What must we do, that we may work the works of God?" 29 Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." 30 They said therefore to him, "What then do you do for a sign, that we may see, and believe you? What work do you do? 31 Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness. As it is written. 'He gave them bread out of heaven to eat.'" 32 Jesus therefore said to them, "Truly, truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread out of heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread out of heaven. 33 For the bread of God is that which comes down out of heaven, and gives life to the world." 34 They said therefore to him. "Lord, always give us this bread." 35 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will not be hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty. 36 But I told you that you have seen me, and yet you do not believe. 37 All those whom the Father gives me will come to me. Him who comes to me I will in no way throw out. 38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. 39 This is the will of him who sent me, that of all he has given to me I should lose nothing, but should raise him up at the last day. 40 This is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son, and believes in him, should have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day." (aionios g166) 41 The Jewish people therefore murmured concerning him. because he said, "I am the bread which came down out of heaven." 42 They said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How then does he say. 'I have come down out of heaven?" 43 Therefore Jesus answered them, "Do not murmur among vourselves. 44 No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up in the last day. 45 It is written in the Prophets, 'And they will all be taught by God.' Therefore everyone who hears and learns from the Father comes to me. 46 Not that anyone has seen the Father, except he who is from God. He has seen the Father. 47 Truly, truly, I tell you. he who believes has everlasting life. (aionios g166) 48 I am the bread of life. 49 Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. 50 This is the bread

which comes down out of heaven, that anyone may eat believe in him. 6 Jesus therefore said to them. "My time of it and not die. 51 I am the living bread which came has not yet come, but your time is always ready. 7 The down out of heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he world cannot hate you, but it hates me, because I testify will live forever; and the bread which I will give for the about it, that its works are evil. 8 You go up to the feast. life of the world is my flesh." (aion g165) 52 The Jews I am not yet going up to this feast, because my time is therefore argued with one another, saying, "How can not yet fulfilled." 9 After he had said this, he stayed in this one give us flesh to eat?" 53 Jesus therefore said Galilee. 10 But when his brothers had gone up to the to them, "Truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of feast, then he also went up, not publicly, but as it were the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have in secret. 11 The Jewish leaders therefore sought him life in yourselves. 54 He who eats my flesh and drinks at the feast, and said, "Where is he?" 12 There was my blood has everlasting life, and I will raise him up much murmuring among the crowds concerning him. at the last day. (aionios g166) 55 For my flesh is food Some said, "He is a good man." But others said, "Not indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. 56 He who eats so, but he leads the crowd astray." 13 Yet no one spoke my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me, and I in him. openly of him for fear of the Jewish leaders. 14 But 57 As the living Father sent me, and I live because of when it was now the midst of the feast, Jesus went up the Father: so he who feeds on me, he will also live into the temple and taught. 15 Then the Jewish leaders because of me. 58 This is the bread which came down were astonished, saying, "How does this man know out of heaven----not as the fathers ate, and died. He such writings, having never been educated?" 16 Jesus who eats this bread will live forever." (aion g165) 59 He therefore answered them, "My teaching is not mine, but said these things in the synagogue, as he taught in his who sent me. 17 If anyone desires to do his will, he Capernaum. 60 Therefore many of his disciples, when will know about the teaching, whether it is from God, or they heard this, said, "This is a hard saying. Who can if I am speaking from myself. 18 He who speaks from listen to it?" 61 But Jesus knowing in himself that his himself seeks his own glory, but he who seeks the glory disciples murmured at this, said to them, "Does this of him who sent him is true, and no unrighteousness is cause you to stumble? 62 Then what if you would see in him. 19 Did not Moses give you the Law, and yet the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? 63 none of you keeps the Law? Why do you seek to kill It is the Spirit who gives life. The flesh profits nothing. me?" 20 The crowd answered, "You have a demon. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and are life. Who seeks to kill you?" 21 Jesus answered them, "I 64 But there are some of you who do not believe." For did one work, and you are all amazed. 22 Moses has Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did given you circumcision (not that it is of Moses, but of not believe, and who it was who would betray him. 65 the fathers), and on the Sabbath you circumcise a boy. He said, "For this cause have I said to you that no one 23 If a boy receives circumcision on the Sabbath, that can come to me, unless it is given to him by the Father." the Law of Moses may not be broken, are you angry 66 At this, many of his disciples went back, and walked with me, because I made a man completely healthy on no more with him. 67 Jesus said therefore to the twelve, the Sabbath? 24 Do not judge according to appearance, "You do not also want to go away, do you?" 68 Simon but judge righteous judgment." 25 Therefore some of Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom would we go? them of Jerusalem said, "Is not this he whom they seek You have the words of everlasting life. (aionios g166) 69 to kill? 26 Look, he speaks openly, and they say nothing We have come to believe and know that you are the to him. Can it be that the rulers indeed know that this is Holy One of God." 70 Jesus answered them, "Did I not the Messiah? 27 However we know where this man choose you, the twelve, and one of you is a devil?" 71 comes from, but when the Messiah comes, no one will Now he spoke of Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, for it know where he comes from." 28 Jesus therefore called was he who would betray him, being one of the twelve. out in the temple, teaching and saying, "You both know

he would not walk in Judea, because the Jewish leaders sought to kill him. 2 Now the Jewish festival, the Feast of Tabernacles, was near. 3 So his brothers said to him, "Depart from here, and go into Judea, that your disciples also may see your works that you are doing. 4 For no one does anything in secret when he himself seeks to be known openly. If you do these things, show vourself to the world." 5 For even his brothers did not

me, and know where I am from. I have not come of **7** After these things, Jesus was walking in Galilee, for myself, but he who sent me is true, whom you do not know. 29 I know him, because I am from him, and he sent me." 30 They sought therefore to take him; but no one laid a hand on him, because his hour had not yet come. 31 But many in the crowd believed in him. They said, "When the Messiah comes, he won't do more signs than those which this man has done, will he?" 32 The Pharisees heard the crowd murmuring these things concerning him, and the chief priests and the Pharisees sent officers to arrest him. 33 Then Jesus when they heard it, they went out one by one, beginning find; and where I am, you cannot come." 35 The Jewish Jesus, standing up, said to her, "Woman, where are this man go that we won't find him? Will he go to the one, Lord." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. What is this word that he said, 'You will seek me, but to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who won't find; and where I am, you cannot come'?" 37 Now follows me will not walk in the darkness, but will have on the last and greatest day of the feast, Jesus stood the light of life." 13 The Pharisees therefore said to him, and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him "You testify about yourself. Your testimony is not valid." come to me and drink. 38 He who believes in me, as 14 Jesus answered them, "Even if I testify about myself, the Scripture has said, from within him will flow rivers of my testimony is true, for I know where I came from, and said that the Messiah comes of the offspring of David, me testifies about me." 19 They said therefore to him, So there arose a division in the crowd because of him. neither me, nor my Father. If you knew me, you would "Why did you not bring him?" 46 The officers answered, Jesus said therefore again to them, "I am going away, "No man ever spoke like this man." 47 The Pharisees and you will seek me, and you will die in your sins. are you? 48 Have any of the rulers believed in him, therefore said, "Will he kill himself, that he says, "Where or of the Pharisees? 49 But this crowd that does not I am going, you cannot come?" 23 He said to them, answered him, "Are you also from Galilee? Search, to him, "Who are you?" Jesus said to them, "Just what I everyone went to his own house,

8 but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. 2 Now very early in the morning, he came again into the temple, and all the people came to him, and he sat down and taught them. 3 Then the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman taken in adultery, and having set her in the midst, 4 they said to him, "Teacher, we found this woman in adultery, in the very act. 5 Now in the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such. So what do you say?" 6 Now they said this to test him, that they might have something to accuse him of. But Jesus stooped down, and wrote on the ground with his finger. 7 But when they continued asking him, he looked up and said to them, "He who is without sin among you, let him throw the first stone at her." 8 Again he stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground. 9 But

said, "I will be with you a little while longer, then I go from the oldest, even to the last, and he was left alone to him who sent me. 34 You will seek me, but won't with the woman where she was, in the middle, 10 Then leaders therefore said among themselves, "Where will they? Did no one condemn you?" 11 And she said, "No Diaspora among the Greeks, and teach the Greeks? 36 Go, and sin no more." 12 Again, therefore, Jesus spoke living water." 39 But he said this about the Spirit, which where I am going; but you do not know where I came those believing in him were to receive. For the Spirit from, or where I am going. 15 You judge according to was not vet given, because Jesus was not vet glorified, the flesh. I judge no one. 16 Even if I do judge, my 40 Some of the crowd therefore, when they heard these judgment is true, for I am not alone, but I am with the words, said, "This is truly the Prophet." 41 Others said, Father who sent me. 17 It's also written in your Law "This is the Messiah." But some said, "What, does the that the testimony of two people is valid. 18 I am one Messiah come out of Galilee? 42 Hasn't the Scripture who testifies about myself, and the Father who sent and from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" 43 "Where is your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know 44 Some of them would have arrested him, but no one know my Father also," 20 Jesus spoke these words in laid hands on him. 45 The officers therefore came to the treasury, as he taught in the temple. Yet no one the chief priests and Pharisees, and they said to them, arrested him, because his hour had not yet come. 21 therefore answered them, "You are not also led astray, Where I go, you cannot come." 22 The Jewish leaders know the Law is accursed." 50 Nicodemus (he who "You are from beneath. I am from above. You are of this came to him before, being one of them) said to them, world. I am not of this world. 24 I said therefore to you 51 "Does our Law judge a man, unless it first hears from that you will die in your sins; for unless you believe that I him personally and knows what he does?" 52 They am he, you will die in your sins." 25 They said therefore and see that no prophet comes from Galilee." 53 Then have been saying to you from the beginning. 26 I have many things to speak and to judge concerning you. However he who sent me is true; and the things which I heard from him, these I say to the world." 27 They did not understand that he spoke to them about the Father. 28 Jesus therefore said to them. "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he, and I do nothing of myself, but as the Father taught me, I say these things. 29 He who sent me is with me. The Father hasn't left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him." 30 As he spoke these things, many believed in him. 31 Jesus therefore said to those Judeans who had believed him, "If you remain in my word, then you are truly my disciples. 32 You will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." 33 They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How can

you say, 'You will be made free?'" 34 Jesus answered to throw at him, but Jesus was concealed, and went out them, "Truly I tell you, everyone who commits sin is of the temple. the slave of sin. 35 A slave does not live in the house forever. A son remains forever. (aion g165) 36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. 37 I know that you are Abraham's descendants, yet you seek to kill me, because my word finds no place in you. 38 I say the things which I have seen with my Father; and you also do the things which you have heard from your father." 39 They answered him, "Our father is Abraham." Jesus said to them, "If you were Abraham's children, you would do the works of Abraham. 40 But now you seek to kill me, a man who has told you the truth, which I heard from God. Abraham did not do this. 41 You do the works of your father." They said to him, "We were not born of sexual immorality. We have one Father, God." 42 Therefore Jesus said to them, "If God were your father, you would love me, for I came out and have come from God. For I have not come of myself, but he sent me. 43 Why do you not understand my speech? Because you cannot hear my word. 44 You are of your father, the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks on his own; for he is a liar, and its father. 45 But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me. 46 Which of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? 47 He who is of God hears the words of God. For this cause you do not hear, because you are not of God." 48 Then the Judeans answered him, "Do not we say well that you are a Samaritan, and have a demon?" 49 Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. 50 But I do not seek my own glory. There is one who seeks and judges. 51 Truly, truly, I tell you, if a person keeps my word, he will never see death." (aion g165) 52 Then the Judeans said to him, "Now we know that you have a demon. Abraham died, and the prophets; and you say, 'If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste of death.' (aion g165) 53 Are you greater than our father, Abraham, who died? The prophets died. Who do you make yourself out to be?" 54 Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say 'He is our God.' 55 You have not known him, but I know him. If I said, 'I do not know him,' I would be like you, a liar. But I know him, and keep his word. 56 Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day. He saw it, and was glad." 57 The Judeans therefore said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" 58 Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I tell you, before Abraham came into existence, I AM." 59 Therefore they took up stones

9 And as he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. 2 And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" 3 Jesus answered, "Neither did this man sin, nor his parents; but, that the works of God might be revealed in him. 4 We must work the works of him who sent me, while it is day. The night is coming, when no one can work. 5 While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." 6 When he had said this, he spat on the ground, made mud with the saliva, anointed the blind man's eyes with the mud, 7 and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means "Sent"). So he went away, washed, and came back seeing. 8 The neighbors therefore, and those who saw that he was a beggar before, said, "Is this not the one who used to sit and beg?" 9 Some said, "It is he." Others said, "He looks like him." He said, "I am he." 10 They therefore were asking him, "How were your eyes opened?" 11 He answered, "A man called Jesus made mud, anointed my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam, and wash.' So I went away and washed, and I received sight." 12 Then they asked him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." 13 They brought him who had been blind to the Pharisees. 14 Now it was a Sabbath on the day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. 15 Again therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, I washed, and I see." 16 Some therefore of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, because he does not keep the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" There was division among them. 17 Therefore they asked the blind man again, "What do you say about him, because he opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." 18 The Jewish leaders therefore did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind, and had received his sight, until they called the parents of him who had received his sight, 19 and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" 20 His parents answered them, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; 21 but how he now sees, we do not know; or who opened his eyes, we do not know. He is of age. Ask him. He will speak for himself." 22 His parents said these things because they feared the Jewish leaders; for the Jewish leaders had already agreed that if anyone would confess him as the Messiah, he would be put out of the synagogue. 23 Therefore his parents said, "He is of age. Ask him." 24 So they called the man who was blind a second time, and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner." 25 He therefore answered, "I do not know if he is a sinner. One thing I do know: that though I was blind, now I see." 26 They said runs away: and the wolf snatches them and scatters You do not also want to become his disciples, do you?" me; 15 even as the Father knows me, and I know the 28 They insulted him and said, "You are his disciple, but Father. I lay down my life for the sheep. 16 I have other we are disciples of Moses. 29 We know that God has sheep, which are not of this fold. I must bring them also, spoken to Moses. But as for this man, we do not know and they will hear my voice. They will become one flock where he comes from." 30 The man answered them, with one shepherd. 17 Therefore the Father loves me, "How amazing. You do not know where he comes from, because I lay down my life, that I may take it again. yet he opened my eyes. 31 We know that God does not 18 No one takes it away from me, but I lay it down by listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshipper of God, myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to and does his will, he listens to him. 32 Since the world take it again. I received this commandment from my began it has never been heard of that anyone opened Father." 19 A division arose again among the Jewish the eyes of someone born blind. (aion g165) 33 If this people because of these words. 20 Many of them said. man were not from God, he could do nothing." 34 They "He has a demon, and is insane. Why do you listen to answered him, "You were altogether born in sins, and him?" 21 Others said, "These are not the sayings of one do you teach us?" They threw him out. 35 Jesus heard possessed by a demon. It is not possible for a demon that they had thrown him out, and finding him, he said, to open the eves of the blind, is it?" 22 At that time "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" 36 He answered, Hanukkah took place in Jerusalem. 23 It was winter, and "Who is he, Lord, that I may believe in him?" 37 Jesus Jesus was walking in the temple, in Solomon's porch. said to him, "You have both seen him, and it is he who 24 The Jewish leaders therefore came around him and speaks with you." 38 He said, "Lord, I believe." and he said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If worshiped him, 39 Jesus said, "I came into this world for you are the Messiah, tell us plainly," 25 Jesus answered those who see may become blind." 40 Those of the I do in my Father's name, these testify about me. 26 But Pharisees who were with him heard these things, and you do not believe, because you are not of my sheep. said to him, "Are we also blind?" 41 Jesus said to them, 27 As I said to you, my sheep hear my voice, and I "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but since you know them, and they follow me. 28 I give everlasting say, 'We see,' your sin remains.

10 "Truly, truly, I tell you, one who does not enter by the door into the sheepfold, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. 2 But one who enters in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name, and leads them out. 4 Whenever he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. 5 They will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him; for they do not know the voice of strangers." 6 Jesus spoke this parable to them, but they did not understand what he was telling them. 7 Jesus therefore said to them again, "Truly, truly, I tell you, I am the sheep's door. 8 All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. 9 I am the door. If anyone enters in by me, he will be saved, and will go in and go out, and will find pasture. 10 The thief only comes to steal, kill, and destroy. I came that they may have life, and may have it abundantly. 11 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12 He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and

to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your them. 13 And the hired hand flees because he is a hired eyes?" 27 He answered them, "I told you already, and hand and the sheep means nothing to him. 14 I am you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know judgment, that those who do not see may see; and that them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that life to them. They will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. (aion g165, aionios g166) 29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all. No one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. 30 I and the Father are one." 31 Therefore the Jewish leaders took up stones again to stone him. 32 Jesus answered them, "I have shown you many good works from the Father. For which of those works do you stone me?" 33 The Jewish leaders answered him, "We do not stone you for a good work, but for blasphemy: because you, being a man, make yourself God." 34 Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your law, 'I said, you are gods?' 35 If he called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken). 36 do you say of him whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, 'You blaspheme,' because I said, 'I am the Son of God?' 37 If I do not do the works of my Father, do not believe me. 38 But if I do them, though you do not believe me, believe the works; that you may know and understand that the Father is in me, and I in the Father." 39 Now they sought again to seize him, and he went out of their hand. 40 He went away again beyond the Jordan into the place where John was baptizing at first, and there he stayed. 41

Many came to him, They said, "John indeed did no sign, sister, secretly, saving, "The Teacher is here, and is but everything that John said about this man is true." 42 calling you." 29 When she heard this, she arose quickly, And many believed in him there.

11 Now a certain man was sick, Lazarus from Bethany, was that Mary who had anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother, Lazarus, was sick. 3 The sisters therefore sent to him, saying, "Lord, look, the one you love is sick." 4 But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This sickness is not to death, but for the glory of God, that God's Son may be glorified by it." 5 Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus. 6 When therefore he heard that he was sick, he stayed two days in the place where he was. 7 Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go into Judea again." 8 The disciples told him, "Rabbi, the Jewish leaders were just trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" 9 Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. 10 But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." 11 He said these things, and after that, he said to them, "Our friend, Lazarus, has fallen asleep, but I am going so that I may awake him out of sleep." 12 Then the disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." 13 Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he spoke of taking rest in sleep. 14 So Jesus said to them plainly then, "Lazarus is dead. 15 I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, so that you may believe. Nevertheless, let us go to him." 16 Thomas therefore, who is called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us go also, that we may die with him." 17 So when Jesus came, he found that he had been in the tomb four days already. 18 Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles away. 19 Many of the Jewish people had come to Martha and Mary, to console them concerning their brother. 20 Then when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary stayed in the house. 21 Therefore Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you would have been here, my brother would not have died. 22 Even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." 23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." 24 Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." 25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will still live, even if he dies. 26 And whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" (aion g165) 27 She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, he who comes into the world." 28 And when she had said this, she went away, and called Mary, her

and went to him. 30 Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha met him. 31 Then the Judeans who were with her in the of the village of Mary and her sister, Martha. 2 It house, and were consoling her, when they saw Mary, that she rose up quickly and went out, followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. 32 Therefore when Mary came to where Jesus was, and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you would have been here, my brother would not have died." 33 When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Judeans weeping who came with her, he was deeply moved in spirit and was troubled, 34 and said, "Where have you put him?" They told him, "Lord, come and see." 35 Jesus wept. 36 The Judeans therefore said, "See how he loved him." 37 But some of them said, "Could not this man, who opened the eyes of him who was blind, have also kept this man from dying?" 38 So Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. Now it was a cave, and a stone lay against it. 39 Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days." 40 Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see God's glory?" 41 So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, "Father, I thank you that you listened to me. 42 I know that you always listen to me, but because of the crowd that stands around I said this, that they may believe that you sent me." 43 When he had said this, he shouted with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." 44 The man who had died came out, bound hand and foot with wrappings, and his face was wrapped around with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Free him, and let him go." 45 Therefore many of the Judeans, who came to Mary and had seen the things which he did, believed in him. 46 But some of them went away to the Pharisees, and told them the things which Jesus had done. 47 The chief priests therefore and the Pharisees gathered a council, and said, "What are we doing? For this man does many signs. 48 If we leave him alone like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation." 49 But a certain one of them, Caiaphas, being high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all, 50 nor do you consider that it is advantageous for you that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation not perish." 51 Now he did not say this of himself, but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, 52 and not for the nation only, but that he might also gather together into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. 53 So from that day on they

plotted to kill him. 54 Jesus therefore walked no more after him." 20 Now there were certain Greeks among openly among the Judeans, but departed from there those that went up to worship at the feast. 21 These, the Jewish Passover was near, and many went up from Jesus." 22 Philip came and told Andrew, and in turn, vou think—that he is not coming to the feast at all?" orders that if anyone knew where he was, he should report it, that they might arrest him.

1 7 Then six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus raised from the dead. 2 So they prepared a dinner for him there; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those reclining at the table with him. 3 Mary, therefore, took a pound of ointment of pure nard, very precious, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. 4 Then Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples. who would betray him, said, 5 "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii, and given to the poor?" 6 Now he said this, not because he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and having the money box, used to steal what was put into it. 7 But Jesus said, "Leave her alone, that she may keep this for the day of my burial. 8 For you always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me." 9 A large crowd therefore of the Judeans learned that he was there, and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might see Lazarus also, whom he had raised from the dead. 10 But the chief priests plotted to kill Lazarus also. 11 because on account of him many of the Jewish people went away and believed in Jesus. 12 On the next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, 13 they took the branches of the palm trees, and went out to meet him, and were shouting, "Hosanna, Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel." 14 And Jesus, having found a young donkey, sat on it. As it is written. 15 "Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your King comes, sitting on a donkey's colt." 16 His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about him, and that they had done these things to him. 17 The crowd therefore that was with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb, and raised him from the dead, was testifying about it. 18 For this cause also the crowd went and met him. because they heard that he had done this sign. 19 The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, "See how vou accomplish nothing. Look, the whole world has gone

into the country near the wilderness, to a city called therefore, came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Ephraim; and stayed there with his disciples. 55 Now Galilee, and asked him, saying, "Sir, we want to see the country to Jerusalem before the Passover, to purify Andrew came with Philip, and they told Jesus. 23 And themselves, 56 Then they sought for Jesus and spoke Jesus answered them. "The time has come for the Son one with another, as they stood in the temple, "What do of Man to be glorified. 24 Truly, truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains by 57 Now the chief priests and the Pharisees had given itself alone. But if it dies, it bears much fruit. 25 He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it to everlasting life. (aionios g166) 26 l anyone serves me, let him follow me; and where I am, there will my servant also be. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him. 27 "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I sav? 'Father, save me from this hour?' But for this cause I came to this hour. 28 Father, glorify your name." Then there came a voice out of the sky, saving, "I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again." 29 The crowd therefore, who stood by and heard it, said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." 30 Jesus answered, "This voice hasn't come for my sake, but for your sakes. 31 Now is the judgment of this world. Now the prince of this world will be cast out. 32 And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw everyone to myself." 33 But he said this, signifying by what kind of death he should die. 34 The crowd answered him, "We have heard out of the law that the Messiah remains forever. Then how can you say. 'The Son of Man must be lifted up?' Who is this Son of Man?" (aion g165) 35 Jesus therefore said to them, "Yet a little while the light is with you. Walk while you have the light, that darkness does not overtake you. He who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. 36 While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become children of light." Jesus said these things, and he departed and hid himself from them. 37 But though he had done so many signs before them, yet they did not believe in him, 38 that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke, "Lord, who has believed our report, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?" 39 For this cause they could not believe, for Isaiah said again, 40 He has blinded their eves and hardened their heart, lest they should see with their eyes, and understand with their heart, and turn, and I would heal them. 41 Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory, and spoke of him, 42 Nevertheless even of the rulers many believed in him. but because of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue. 43 for they loved praise from people more than praise from God. 44 Then Jesus shouted out and said. "Whoever believes in me, believes not in me, but in him who sent

me. 45 And he who sees me sees him who sent me. Truly, truly, I tell you, he who receives whomever I send, do not judge him. For I came not to judge the world, of you will betray me." 22 The disciples looked at one spoke not from myself, but the Father who sent me, he him to inquire who it was he was talking about. 25 He, gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what leaning back, as he was, on Jesus' chest, asked him, I should speak. 50 I know that his commandment is as the Father has said to me, so I speak." (aionios g166) dipped it." So when he had dipped the piece of bread,

13 Now before the feast of the Passover, Jesus, knowing that his time had come that he would depart from this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. 2 And during the meal, the devil had already put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him. 3 Because he knew that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he came forth from God, and was going to God, 4 arose from the meal, and removed his outer garments. He took a towel, and wrapped a towel around his waist. 5 Then he poured water into the basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. 6 Then he came to Simon Peter. He said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" 7 Jesus answered him, "You do not know what I am doing now, but you will understand later." 8 Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with me." (aion g165) 9 Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head." 10 Jesus said to him, "Someone who has bathed only needs to have his feet washed, but is completely clean. You are clean, but not all of you." 11 For he knew him who would betray him, therefore he said, "You are not all clean." 12 So when he had washed their feet, put his outer garment back on, and sat down again, he said to them. "Do you know what I have done to you? 13 You call me, 'Teacher' and 'Lord.' You say so correctly, for so I am. 14 If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. 15 For I have given you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. 16 Truly, truly, I tell you, a servant is not greater than his master, neither one who is sent greater than he who sent him. 17 If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. 18 I do not speak concerning all of you. I know whom I have chosen. But that the Scripture may be fulfilled, 'He who ate my bread has lifted up his heel against me.' when it does happen you may believe that I am he. 20 know him and have seen him." 8 Philip said to him,

46 I have come as a light into the world, that whoever receives me; and he who receives me, receives him who believes in me may not remain in the darkness. 47 And sent me." 21 When Jesus had said this, he was troubled if anyone hears my words and does not keep them, I in spirit, and testified, "Truly, truly, I tell you that one but to save the world. 48 He who rejects me, and does another, perplexed about whom he spoke. 23 One of not accept my words, has one who judges him. The his disciples, whom Jesus loved, was reclining against word that I spoke will judge him on the last day. 49 For I Jesus' chest. 24 Simon Peter therefore motioned to "Lord, who is it?" 26 Jesus therefore answered, "It is everlasting life. The things therefore which I speak, even he to whom I will give this piece of bread when I have he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. 27 After the piece of bread, then Satan entered into him. Then Jesus said to him, "What you do, do guickly." 28 Now none of those reclining knew why he said this to him. 29 For some thought, because Judas had the money box, that Jesus said to him, "Buy what things we need for the feast," or that he should give something to the poor. 30 Therefore, having received the piece of bread, he went out immediately; and it was night. 31 When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. 32 If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and he will glorify him at once. 33 Little children. I will be with you a little while longer. You will seek me, and as I said to the Jewish leaders, 'Where I am going, you cannot come,' so now I tell you. 34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." 36 Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus answered, "Where I am going, you cannot follow now, but you will follow afterwards." 37 Peter said to him, "Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you." 38 Jesus answered him, "Will you lay down your life for me? Truly, truly, I tell you, the rooster won't crow until you have denied me three times.

1 Do not let your heart be troubled. Believe in God. Believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many mansions. If it weren't so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and will receive you to myself; that where I am, you may be there also. 4 And you know the way where I am going." 5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" 6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you know 19 I am telling you this now before it happens, so that me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do

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"Lord, show us the Father, and that will be enough for 15 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. us." 9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, and still you do not know me, Philip? He who has takes away. Every branch that bears fruit, he prunes, seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show that it may bear more fruit. 3 You are already clean Father, and the Father is in me? The words that I say to Remain in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear you I do not speak from myself; but the Father who lives fruit by itself, unless it remains in the vine, so neither in me does his works. 11 Believe me that I am in the can you, unless you remain in me. 5 I am the vine. You Father, and the Father is in me; or else believe because are the branches. He who remains in me, and I in him, of the works themselves. 12 Truly, truly, I tell you, he the same bears much fruit, for apart from me you can who believes in me, the works that I do, he will do also; do nothing. 6 If anyone does not remain in me, he is and he will do greater works than these, because I am thrown out as a branch, and withers; and they gather going to the Father. 13 And whatever you ask in my them, throw them into the fire, and they are burned. 7 If the Son. 14 If you ask me anything in my name, I will do whatever you desire, and it will be done for you. 8 "In it. 15 If you love me, you will keep my commandments. this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and 16 I will pray to the Father, and he will give you another so prove to be my disciples. 9 Even as the Father has Helper, that he may be with you forever, — (aion g165) loved me, I also have loved you. Remain in my love. 10 17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive; If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my because it neither sees him nor knows him; but you love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, know him, for he lives with you, and will be in you. 18 I and remain in his love. 11 I have spoken these things will not leave you orphans. I will come to you. 19 Yet a to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy little while, and the world will see me no more; but you may be made full. 12 "This is my commandment, that will see me. Because I live, you will live also. 20 In that you love one another, even as I have loved you. 13 day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays and I in you. 21 The one who has my commandments down his life for his friends. 14 You are my friends, if and keeps them is the one who loves me. And the one you do whatever I command you. 15 No longer do I who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will call you servants, for the servant does not know what love him, and will reveal myself to him." 22 Judas (not his master is doing. But I have called you friends, for Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, what has happened that you everything that I heard from my Father I have made are about to reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?" known to you. 16 You did not choose me, but I chose 23 Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves you, and appointed you, that you should go and bear me, he will keep my word; and my Father will love him, fruit, and that your fruit should remain; that whatever and we will come to him and make our dwelling place you will ask of the Father in my name, he may give it to with him. 24 He who does not love me does not keep you. 17 "I command these things to you, that you may my words. The word which you hear is not mine, but the love one another. 18 If the world hates you, you know Father's who sent me. 25 All this I have spoken to you that it has hated me before it hated you. 19 If you were while I am still with you. 26 But the Helper, the Holy of the world, the world would love its own. But because Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will you are not of the world, since I chose you out of the teach you all things, and will remind you of all that I said world, therefore the world hates you. 20 Remember the to you. 27 Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to word that I said to you: 'A servant is not greater than his vou. I do not give to vou as the world gives. Do not let master,' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. 28 You you. If they kept my word, they will keep yours also. 21 heard how I told you, 'I am going away, and I will come But all these things will they do to you because of my to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am name, because they do not know him who sent me. 22 going to the Father; for the Father is greater than I. 29 If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not Now I have told you before it happens so that, when it have had sin; but now they have no excuse for their happens, you may believe. 30 I will not speak with you sin. 23 He who hates me hates my Father also. 24 If I much longer, for the ruler of this world is coming, and had not done among them the works which no one else he has no hold on me. 31 But that the world may know did, they would not have had sin. But now have they me, so I do. Arise, let us go from here.

2 Every branch in me that does not bear fruit, he us the Father?' 10 Do you not believe that I am in the because of the word which I have spoken to you. 4 name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in you remain in me, and my words remain in you, ask that I love the Father, and as the Father commanded seen and also hated both me and my Father. 25 But this happened so that the word may be fulfilled which is written in their law, 'They hated me without a cause.'

26 "When the Helper has come, whom I will send to you again, and your heart will rejoice, and no one will you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds take your joy away from you. 23 "And in that day you from the Father, he will testify about me. 27 And you will will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly I tell you, whatever also testify, because you have been with me from the beginning. 24 Until now, you have asked nothing in my name.

16 "I have said all these things to you so that you may be kept from stumbling. 2 They will put you out of the synagogues, but an hour is coming when whoever kills you will think that he is offering a service to God. 3 They will do these things because they have not known the Father or me. 4 But I have told you these things, so that when their hour comes, you may remember that I told you about them. I did not tell you these things from the beginning, because I was with you. 5 But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' 6 But because I have told you these things, sorrow has filled your heart. 7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth: It is to vour advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away. the Helper won't come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. 8 When he has come, he will convict the world about sin, and about righteousness, and about judgment; 9 about sin, because they do not believe in me; 10 about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, and you won't see me any more; 11 about judgment, because the prince of this world has been judged. 12 "I have vet many things to tell you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 However when he, the Spirit of truth, has come, he will guide you into all truth, for he will not speak on his own; but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you things that are coming. 14 He will glorify me, for he will take from what is mine, and will declare it to you. 15 All things that the Father has are mine; that is why I said that he takes of mine, and will declare it to you. 16 A little while, and you will no longer see me. Again a little while, and you will see me." 17 Some of his disciples therefore said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you won't see me, and again a little while, and you will see me;' and, 'Because I go to the Father?'" 18 So they kept asking, "What is this that he says, 'A little while?' We do not know what he is saving." 19 Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Do you inquire among yourselves concerning this, that I said, 'A little while, and you won't see me, and again a little while, and you will see me?' 20 Truly, truly, I tell you, that you will weep and lament, but the world will reioice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy. 21 A woman, when she gives birth, has pain, because her time has come. But when she has delivered the child, she does not remember the anguish any more, for the joy that a human being is born into the world. 22 Therefore you have sorrow now, but I will see

will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly I tell you, whatever you. 24 Until now, you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be made full. 25 I have spoken these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no more speak to you in figures of speech, but will tell you plainly about the Father. 26 In that day you will ask in my name, and I am not saying to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf, 27 for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me, and have believed that I came forth from God. 28 I came forth from the Father and have come into the world. Again, I leave the world, and go to the Father." 29 His disciples said to him. "Look, now you are speaking plainly and not in any figure of speech. 30 Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to guestion you. By this we believe that you came forth from God." 31 Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? 32 Look, the time is coming, and has come, that you will be scattered, everyone to his own place, and you will leave me alone. But I am not alone, because the Father is with me. 33 I have told you these things, that in me you may have peace. In the world you have oppression; but cheer up. I have overcome the world."

17 Jesus said these things, and lifting up his eyes to heaven, he said, "Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may also glorify you; 2 even as you gave him authority over all flesh, he will give everlasting life to all whom you have given him. (aionios g166) 3 This is everlasting life, that they may know you, the only true God, and him whom you sent, Jesus (the) Messiah. (aionios g166) 4 | glorified you on the earth by accomplishing the work which you have given me to do. 5 Now, Father, glorify me with your own self with the glory which I had with you before the world existed. 6 I revealed your name to the people whom you have given me out of the world. They were yours, and you have given them to me. They have kept your word. 7 Now they have known that all things whatever you have given me are from you, 8 for the words which you have given me I have given to them, and they received them, and knew for sure that I came forth from you, and they have believed that you sent me. 9 I pray for them. I do not pray for the world, but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. 10 All things that are mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. 11 I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them through your name which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are. 12 While I was with them. I kept them in your name which you struck the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. have given me, and I guarded them, and not one of The servant's name was Malchus. 11 Jesus therefore and I say these things in the world, that they may have So the detachment, the commanding officer, and the my joy made full in themselves. 14 I have given them officers of the Jewish leaders, seized Jesus and bound your word. The world hated them, because they are not him, 13 and led him to Annas first, for he was father-inthat you would take them from the world, but that you it was Caiaphas who advised the Jewish leaders that it would keep them from the evil one. 16 They are not of was expedient that one man should die for the people. the world even as I am not of the world. 17 Sanctify 15 Simon Peter followed Jesus, as did another disciple. them in the truth. Your word is truth. 18 As you sent me Now that disciple was known to the high priest, and into the world, even so I have sent them into the world. entered in with Jesus into the court of the high priest; also may be sanctified in truth. 20 Not for these only do other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went word, 21 that they may all be one; even as you, Father, in Peter. 17 Then the maid who kept the door said to are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us; that Peter, "Are you also one of this man's disciples?" He the world may believe that you sent me. 22 The glory said, "I am not." 18 Now the servants and the officers they may be one, even as we are one; 23 l in them, was cold. They were warming themselves. Peter was and you in me, that they may be perfected into one; with them, standing and warming himself. 19 The high that the world may know that you sent me, and loved priest therefore asked Jesus about his disciples, and them, even as you loved me. 24 Father, I desire that about his teaching. 20 Jesus answered him, "I spoke they also whom you have given me be with me where I openly to the world. I always taught in synagogues. am, that they may see my glory, which you have given and in the temple, where all the Jewish people come 25 Righteous Father, the world hasn't known you, but I me? Ask those who have heard what I spoke to them; knew you; and these knew that you sent me. 26 I made surely they know what I said." 22 When he had said known to them your name, and will make it known; that this, one of the officers standing by slapped Jesus with the love with which you loved me may be in them, and I his hand, saying, "Do you answer the high priest like in them."

18 When Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples over the wadi of the Kidron, where there was a garden, into which he and his disciples entered. 2 Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples. 3 Judas then, having taken a detachment of soldiers and officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, came there with lanterns, torches, and weapons. 4 Jesus therefore, knowing all the things that were happening to him, went forth, and said to them, "Who are you looking for?" 5 They answered him, "Jesus the Nazorean." Jesus said to them, "I AM." Judas also, who betrayed him, was standing with them. 6 When therefore he said to them, "I AM," they went backward, and fell to the ground. 7 Again therefore he asked them, "Who are you looking for?" They said, "Jesus the Nazorean." 8 Jesus answered, "I told you that I AM. If therefore you seek me, let these go their way," 9 that the word might be fulfilled which he spoke, "Of those whom you have given me, I have lost none." 10 Simon Peter therefore, having a sword, drew it, and

them perished, except the son of destruction, that the said to Peter, "Put the sword into its sheath. Am I not Scripture might be fulfilled. 13 But now I come to you, to drink the cup which the Father has given me?" 12 of the world, even as I am not of the world. 15 I pray not law to Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. 14 Now 19 For their sakes I sanctify myself, that they themselves 16 but Peter was standing at the door outside. So the I pray, but for those also who believe in me through their out and spoke to her who kept the door, and brought which you have given me, I have given to them; that were standing there, having made a fire of coals, for it me, for you loved me before the foundation of the world. together. I said nothing in secret. 21 Why do you ask that?" 23 Jesus answered him, "If I have spoken evil, testify of the evil; but if well, why do you beat me?" 24 Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas, the high priest. 25 Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They said therefore to him, "You are not also one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it, and said, "I am not." 26 One of the servants of the high priest, being a relative of him whose ear Peter had cut off, said, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" 27 Peter therefore denied it again, and immediately the rooster crowed. 28 They led Jesus therefore from Caiaphas into the Praetorium. It was early, and they themselves did not enter into the Praetorium, that they might not be defiled, but might eat the Passover. 29 Pilate therefore went out to them, and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" 30 They answered him, "If this man weren't an evildoer, we would not have delivered him up to you." 31 Pilate therefore said to them, "Take him yourselves, and judge him according to your law." Therefore the Jewish leaders said to him, "It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death," 32 that the word of Jesus might be fulfilled, which he spoke, signifying by what kind of death he

Now Barabbas was a robber.

19 So Pilate then took Jesus, and flogged him. 2 The soldiers twisted thorns into a crown, and put it on his head, and dressed him in a purple garment. 3 And they kept coming up to him and saying, "Greetings, King of the Jews." and they struck him with their hands. 4 Then Pilate went out again, and said to them, "Look, I am bringing him out to you, that you may know that I find no basis for a charge against him." 5 Then Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple garment. And he said to them, "Look, here is the man." 6 When therefore the chief priests and the officers saw him, they shouted, saying, "Crucify. Crucify." Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves, and crucify him, for I find no basis for a charge against him." 7 The Jewish leaders answered him, "We have a law, and by that law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God." 8 When therefore Pilate heard this saying, he was more afraid. 9 He entered into the Praetorium again, and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. 10 Pilate therefore said to him, "Are you not speaking to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and have power to crucify you?" 11 Jesus answered, "You would have no power at all against me, unless it were given to you from above. Therefore he who delivered me to you has greater sin." 12 At this, Pilate was seeking to release him, but the Jewish leaders shouted, saying, "If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend. Everyone who makes himself a king speaks against Caesar." 13 When Pilate therefore heard these words, he brought Jesus out,

should die. 33 Pilate therefore entered again into the and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called Praetorium, called Jesus, and said to him, "Are you the "The Pavement," but in Hebrew, "Gabbatha." 14 Now King of the Jews?" 34 Jesus answered him, "Do you say it was the Preparation Day of the Passover, at about this by yourself, or did others tell you about me?" 35 noon. He said to the Jewish leaders, "Look, here is Pilate answered, "I'm not a Jew, am I? Your own nation your King." 15 They shouted, "Away with him. Away and the chief priests delivered you to me. What have with him. Crucify him." Pilate said to them, "Should I you done?" 36 Jesus answered, "My Kingdom is not of crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We this world. If my Kingdom were of this world, then my have no king but Caesar." 16 So then he delivered him servants would fight, that I would not be delivered to the to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus. 17 And Jewish leaders. But now my Kingdom is not from here." he went out, carrying the cross himself, to the place 37 Pilate therefore said to him, "Are you a king then?" called "The Place of a Skull," which is called in Hebrew, Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this "Golgotha," 18 where they crucified him, and with him reason I have been born, and for this reason I have two others, on either side one, and Jesus in the middle. come into the world, that I should testify to the truth. 19 Pilate wrote a title also, and put it on the cross. There Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice." 38 was written, "JESUS THE NAZOREAN, THE KING OF Pilate said to him, "What is truth?" When he had said THE JEWS." 20 Therefore many Jews read this title, for this, he went out again to the Jewish leaders, and said the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; to them, "I find no basis for a charge against him. 39 and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. 21 But you have a custom, that I should release someone The chief priests of the Jewish people therefore said to to you at the Passover. Therefore do you want me to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'he release to you the King of the Jews?" 40 Then they said, I am King of the Jews." 22 Pilate answered, "What shouted again, saying, "Not this man, but Barabbas." I have written, I have written." 23 Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his clothes and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also the tunic. Now the tunic was without seam, woven from the top throughout. 24 Then they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to decide whose it will be," that the Scripture might be fulfilled, which says, "They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast a lot." Therefore the soldiers did these things. 25 But there were standing by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleopas, and Mary Magdalene. 26 Therefore when Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing there, he said to his mother, "Woman, look, your son." 27 Then he said to the disciple, "Look, your mother." From that hour, the disciple took her to his own home. 28 After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now finished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I am thirsty." 29 A vessel full of sour wine was set there; so they put a sponge full of the vinegar on hyssop, and held it at his mouth. 30 When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, "It is finished." He bowed his head, and gave up his spirit. 31 Therefore the Jewish leaders, because it was the Preparation Day, so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a special one), asked of Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. 32 Therefore the soldiers came, and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who was crucified with him; 33 but when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. 34 However one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and immediately blood and water away." 16 Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said the Scripture might be fulfilled, "A bone of him will not tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus. Pilate when the doors were locked where the disciples were. body of Jesus, and bound it in linen cloths with the saw the Lord. 21 Jesus therefore said to them again. In the garden was a new tomb in which no one had on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ever yet been placed. 42 Then because of the Jewish 23 Whoever's sins you forgive, they are forgiven them. Jesus there.

20 Now on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene went early, while it was still dark, to the tomb, and saw the stone taken away from the tomb. 2 Therefore she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have put him." 3 Therefore Peter and the other disciple went out, and they went toward the tomb. 4 They both ran together. The other disciple outran Peter, and came to the tomb first. 5 Stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths lying, yet he did not enter in. 6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and entered into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying, 7 and the cloth that had been on his head, not lying with the linen cloths, but rolled up in a place by itself. 8 So then the other disciple who came first to the tomb also entered in, and he saw and believed. 9 For as yet they did not know the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. 10 So the disciples went away again to their own homes. 11 But Mary was standing outside at the tomb weeping. So, as she wept, she stooped and looked into the tomb, 12 and she saw two angels in white sitting, himself this way. 2 Simon Peter, Thomas called Didymus, one at the head, and one at the feet, where the body of Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the sons of Zebedee. Jesus had lain. 13 They told her, "Woman, why are you and two others of his disciples were together. 3 Simon weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken Peter said to them, "I'm going fishing." They told him, away my Lord, and I do not know where they have put "We are also coming with you." They went out, and him." 14 When she had said this, she turned around and entered into the boat. That night, they caught nothing. 4 saw Jesus standing, and did not know that it was Jesus. But when day had already come, Jesus stood on the 15 Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? beach, yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Who are you looking for?" She, supposing him to be the 5 Jesus therefore said to them, "Children, have you gardener, said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, anything to eat?" They answered him, "No." 6 He said tell me where you have put him, and I will take him to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and

came out. 35 He who has seen has testified, and his to him in Hebrew, "Rabboni." which is to say, "Teacher." testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, that 17 Jesus said to her, "Do not touch me, for I have not you may believe. 36 For these things happened, that yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers, and be broken." 37 Again another Scripture says, "They to my God and your God." 18 Mary Magdalene came will look on him whom they pierced." 38 After these and told the disciples, "I have seen the lord," and that things, Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, he had said these things to her. 19 When therefore it but secretly for fear of the Jewish leaders, asked of was evening, on that day, the first day of the week, and gave him permission. He came therefore and took away for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood his body. 39 Nicodemus, who at first came to Jesus in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be to you." 20 by night, also came bringing a mixture of myrrh and When he had said this, he showed them his hands and aloes, about seventy-five pounds. 40 So they took the his side. The disciples therefore were glad when they spices, according to Jewish burial practice. 41 Now in "Peace be to you. As the Father has sent me, even so the place where he was crucified there was a garden. I send you." 22 When he had said this, he breathed Preparation Day (for the tomb was nearby) they put Whoever's sins you retain, they have been retained." 24 But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them. "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and put my finger into the mark of the nails, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." 26 After eight days again his disciples were inside, and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, the doors being locked, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace be to you." 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and observe my hands. Reach out your hand, and put it into my side; and do not be unbelieving, but believing." 28 Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God." 29 Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen, and have believed." 30 Therefore Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written, that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name.

> **21** After these things, Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples at the sea of Tiberias. He revealed

weren't able to draw it in for the multitude of fish. 7 have room for the books that would be written. That disciple therefore whom Jesus loved said to Peter. "It's the Lord." So when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he wrapped his coat around him (for he was naked), and threw himself into the sea. 8 But the other disciples came in the little boat (for they were not far from the land, but about one hundred yards away), dragging the net full of fish. 9 So when they got out on the land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish placed on it, and bread. 10 Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish which you have just caught." 11 Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land, full of great fish, one hundred fifty-three; and even though there were so many, the net was not torn. 12 Jesus said to them, "Come and eat breakfast." None of the disciples dared inquire of him, "Who are you?" knowing that it was the Lord. 13 Then Jesus came and took the bread, gave it to them, and the fish likewise. 14 This is now the third time that Jesus was revealed to his disciples, after he had risen from the dead. 15 So when they had eaten their breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." 16 He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." 17 He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. 18 Truly I tell you, when you were young, you dressed yourself, and walked where you wanted to. But when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you, and carry you where you do not want to go." 19 Now he said this, signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. When he had said this, he said to him, "Follow me." 20 Then Peter, turning around, saw a disciple following. This was the disciple whom Jesus sincerely loved, the one who had also leaned on Jesus' chest at the evening meal and asked, "Lord, who is going to betray You?" 21 Peter seeing him, said to Jesus, "Lord, what about this man?" 22 Jesus said to him, "If I desire that he stay until I come, what is that to you? You follow me." 23 This saying therefore went out among the brothers, that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, "If I desire that he stay until I come, what is that to you?" 24 This is the disciple who testifies about these things, and wrote these things. We know that his witness is true. 25 There are also many other things which Jesus did, which if they would all be

vou will find some." They cast it therefore, and now they written. I suppose that even the world itself would not

Acts

1 The first account I wrote, Theophilus, concerned all that Jesus began both to do and to teach, 2 until the day in which he was received up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. 3 To these he also showed himself alive after he suffered, by many proofs, appearing to them over a period of forty days, and speaking about God's Kingdom. 4 Being assembled together with them, he commanded them, "Do not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which you heard from me. 5 For John indeed baptized in water, but you will be baptized in the Holy Spirit not many days from now." 6 Therefore, when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, are you now restoring the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. Father has set within his own authority. 8 But you will 3 Tongues like fire appeared and were distributed to receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, them, and one sat on each of them. 4 They were all You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak in other Samaria, and to the farthest part of the earth." 9 When languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak out. 5 he had said these things, as they were looking, he was Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout taken up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10 people from every nation under the sky. 6 When this While they were looking steadfastly into the sky as he sound was heard, the crowd came together, and were went, look, two men stood by them in white clothing, 11 bewildered, because everyone heard them speaking who also said, "You men of Galilee, why do you stand in his own language. 7 They were all amazed and looking into the sky? This Jesus, who was received up marveled, saying, "Look, are not all these who speak from you into the sky will come back in the same way as Galileans? 8 How do we hear, everyone in our own you saw him going into the sky." 12 Then they returned native language? 9 Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and to Jerusalem from the mountain called Olivet, which people from Mesopotamia, Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus, is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. 13 Asia, 10 Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, the parts of Libya When they had come in, they went up into the upper around Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and room, where they were staying; that is Peter, John, proselytes, 11 Cretans and Arabians: we hear them James, Andrew, Philip, Thomas, Bartholomew, Matthew, speaking in our tongues the mighty works of God." 12 James the son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, and They were all amazed, and were perplexed, saying Judas the son of James. 14 All these with one accord one to another, "What does this mean?" 13 Others, continued steadfastly in prayer, along with the women, mocking, said, "They are filled with new wine." 14 But and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers. 15 Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, In these days, Peter stood up in the midst of the brothers and spoke out to them, "You men of Judea, and all you (and the number of names was about one hundred who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and twenty), and said, 16 "Brothers, it was necessary that listen to my words. 15 For these are not drunk, as you this Scripture should be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit suppose, seeing it is only nine in the morning. 16 But spoke before by the mouth of David concerning Judas, this is what has been spoken through the prophet Joel: who was guide to those who took Jesus. 17 For he 17 'And it will be in the last days, says God, that I will was numbered with us, and received his portion in this pour out my Spirit on all flesh; and your sons and your ministry. 18 Now this man obtained a field with the daughters will prophesy, and your young men will see reward for his wickedness, and falling headfirst his body visions, and your old men will dream dreams. 18 And burst open, and all his intestines gushed out. 19 It even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour became known to everyone who lived in Jerusalem that out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. 19 in their language that field was called 'Hakel-Dema,' that And I will show wonders in the sky above, and signs is, 'The field of blood.' 20 For it is written in the scroll of on the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and billows of Psalms, 'Let his habitation be made desolate, and let no smoke. 20 The sun will be turned into darkness. and

one dwell in it:' and. 'Let another take his office.' 21 "Of the men therefore who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, 22 beginning from the baptism of John, to the day that he was received up from us, of these one must become a witness with us of his resurrection." 23 They put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias. 24 They prayed, and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all people, show which one of these two you have chosen 25 to take part in this ministry and office of apostle from which Judas turned away to go to his own place." 26 They drew lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

2 Now when the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly there came from the sky a sound like the rushing of a mighty of the Lord comes. 21 And it will be that whoever will sold their possessions and goods, and distributed them call on the name of the Lord will be saved.' 22 "Men of to all, according as anyone had need. 46 Day by day, Israel, hear these words. Jesus the Nazorean, a man continuing steadfastly with one accord in the temple. approved by God to you by mighty works and wonders and breaking bread at home, they took their food with and signs which God did by him in the midst of you, even as you yourselves know. 23 him, being delivered having favor with all the people. The Lord added to their up by the determined counsel and foreknowledge of number day by day those who were being saved. God, by the hand of lawless men, crucified and killed; 24 whom God raised up, having freed him from the pains of death, because it was not possible that he should be held by it. 25 For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand, that I should not be shaken. 26 Therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced, and moreover my flesh also will dwell in hope: 27 because you will not abandon my soul in Sheol, neither will you allow your Holy One to see decay. (Hades g86) 28 You made known to me the paths of life. You will make me full of joy in your presence.' 29 "Brothers, I may tell you freely of the patriarch David, that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. 30 Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that one of his descendants would sit on his throne. 31 he foreseeing this spoke about the resurrection of the Messiah, that neither was he left in Sheol, nor did his flesh see decay. (Hades a86) 32 This Jesus God raised up, to which we all are witnesses. 33 Being therefore exalted by the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this, which you see and hear. 34 For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit by my right hand, 35 until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet." 36 "Let all the house of Israel therefore know certainly that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." 37 Now when they heard this, they were acutely distressed, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" 38 Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus (the) Messiah for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For to you is the promise, and to your children, and to all who are far off, even as many as the Lord our God will call to himself." 40 With many other words he testified, and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." 41 Then those who received his word were baptized. There were added that day about three thousand souls. 42 They continued steadfastly in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and prayer. 43 Fear came on every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. 44 All who believed

the moon into blood, before the great and glorious day were together, and had all things in common, 45 They gladness and singleness of heart, 47 praising God, and

> **3** Now Peter and John were going up into the temple at the hour of prayer, at three in the afternoon. 2 A certain man who was lame from his mother's womb was being carried, whom they put daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask gifts for the needy of those who entered into the temple. 3 Seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked to receive gifts for the needy. 4 Peter, fastening his eyes on him, with John, said, "Look at us." 5 He listened to them, expecting to receive something from them. 6 But Peter said, "Silver and gold have I none, but what I have, that I give you. In the name of Jesus (the) Messiah the Nazorean, get up and walk." 7 He took him by the right hand, and raised him up. Immediately his feet and his ankle bones received strength. 8 Leaping up, he stood, and began to walk. He entered with them into the temple, walking, leaping, and praising God. 9 All the people saw him walking and praising God. 10 They recognized him, that it was he who used to sit begging for gifts for the needy at the Beautiful Gate of the temple. They were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him. 11 And as he held on to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the porch that is called Solomon's, greatly wondering. 12 When Peter saw it, he responded to the people, "You men of Israel, why are you amazed at this? Why do you fasten your eves on us, as though by our own power or godliness we had made him walk? 13 The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers. has glorified his Servant Jesus, whom you delivered up, and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had determined to release him. 14 But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a man who was a murderer to be granted to you, 15 and killed the Originator of life, whom God raised from the dead, to which we are witnesses. 16 By faith in his name, his name has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which is through him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all. 17 "Now, brothers, I know that you did this in ignorance, as did also your rulers. 18 But the things which God announced by the mouth of all his prophets, that the Messiah should suffer, he thus fulfilled. 19 "Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted

out, so that there may come times of refreshing from the saving, "What should we do with these men? Because families of the earth will be blessed.' 26 God, having raised up his Servant, sent him to you first, to bless you, in turning away everyone of you from your wickedness."

As they spoke to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came to them. 2 being upset because they taught the people and proclaimed in Jesus the resurrection from the dead 3 They laid hands on them, and put them in custody until the next day, for it was now evening. 4 But many of those who heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to be about five thousand. 5 It happened in the morning, that their rulers, elders, and scribes were gathered together in Jerusalem. 6 Annas the high priest was there, with Caiaphas, John, Alexander, and as many as were relatives of the high priest. 7 When they had stood them in the middle of them, they inquired. "By what power, or in what name, have you done this?" 8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people, and elders, 9 if we are examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed. 10 be it known to you all, and to all the children of Israel, that in the name of Jesus (the) Messiah the Nazorean. whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, in him does this man stand here before you whole. 11 This one is the stone which was regarded as worthless by you, the builders, which has become the head of the corner. 12 And there is salvation in no one else. for there is no other name under heaven that is given among people by which we must be saved." 13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and had perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they were amazed. They recognized that they had been with Jesus. 14 Seeing the man who was healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it. 15 But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves, 16

presence of the Lord, 20 and that he may send Jesus, indeed a notable miracle has been done through them. the Messiah who was ordained for you before. 21 whom as can be plainly seen by all who dwell in Jerusalem. heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all and we cannot denvit. 17 But so this does not spread things, which God spoke long ago by the mouth of his any further among the people, let us severely threaten holy prophets. (aion g165) 22 For Moses indeed said to them, that from now on they do not speak to anyone the fathers. 'The Lord your God will raise up a prophet in this name." 18 They called them, and commanded for you from among your brothers, like me. You must them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. listen to him in all things whatever he says to you. 23 It 19 But Peter and John answered them, "Whether it is will be, that every soul that will not listen to that prophet right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to will be utterly destroyed from among the people.' 24 God, judge for yourselves, 20 for we cannot help telling Yes, and all the prophets from Samuel and those who the things which we saw and heard." 21 When they followed after, as many as have spoken, they also told had further threatened them, they let them go, finding of these days. 25 You are the children of the prophets, no way to punish them, because of the people; for and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, everyone glorified God for that which was done. 22 For saving to Abraham. 'And through your offspring all the the man on whom this miracle of healing was performed was more than forty years old. 23 Being let go, they came to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. 24 When they heard it, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, "Lord, you made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and all that is in them. 25 You said through the Holy Spirit, through the mouth of our father David your servant: 'Why do the nations rage, and the peoples plot in vain? 26 The kings of the earth take a stand, and the rulers take council together, against the Lord, and against his Messiah.' 27 "For truly, in this city against your holy servant, Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the non-Jews and the people of Israel, were gathered together 28 to do whatever your hand and your council foreordained to happen. 29 Now, Lord, look at their threats, and grant to your servants to speak your word with all boldness, 30 while you stretch out your hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of your holy Servant Jesus." 31 When they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were gathered together. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness. 32 And the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul. Not one of them claimed that anything of the things which he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common. 33 With great power, the apostles gave their testimony of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. Great grace was on them all. 34 For neither was there among them any who lacked, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of the things that were sold, 35 and put them at the apostles' feet, and distribution was made to each, according as anyone had need. 36 Joseph, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas (which is translated, Son of Encouragement), a Levite, a native of Cyprus by

birth, 37 having a field, sold it, and brought the money no one inside." 24 Now when the captain of the temple. and put it at the apostles' feet.

5 But a certain man named Ananias, with Sappirah. his wife, sold a possession, 2 and kept back part of the price, his wife also being aware of it, and brought a certain part, and put it at the apostles' feet. 3 But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit, and to keep back part of the price of the land? 4 While you kept it, did not it remain your own? After it was sold, was not it in your power? How is it that you have conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to people, but to God." 5 Ananias, hearing these words, fell down and died. Great fear came on all who heard it. 6 The young men arose and wrapped him up, and they carried him out and buried him. 7 About three hours later, his wife, not knowing what had happened, came in. 8 Peter answered her, "Tell me whether you sold the land for so much." She said, "Yes, for so much." 9 But Peter asked her, "How is it that you have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out." 10 She fell down immediately at his feet, and died. The young men came in and found her dead, and they carried her out and buried her by her husband. 11 Great fear came on the whole church, and on all who heard these things. 12 By the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. They were all with one accord in Solomon's porch. 13 None of the rest dared to join them, however the people honored them. 14 More believers were added to the Lord, crowds of both men and women. 15 They even carried out the sick into the streets, and put them on cots and mats, so that as Peter came by at the least his shadow would fall on some of them. 16 Crowds also came together from the cities around Jerusalem, bringing sick people, and those who were tormented by unclean spirits: and they were all healed. 17 But the high priest rose up. and all those who were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with jealousy, 18 and laid hands on the apostles, and put them in public custody. 19 But an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors by night, and brought them out, and said, 20 "Go stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life." 21 When they heard this, they entered into the temple about daybreak, and taught. But the high priest came, and those who were with him, and called the council together, and all the elders of the children of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them in the prison. They returned and reported, 23 "We found the prison shut and locked, and the guards standing

and the chief priests heard these words, they were very perplexed about them and what might become of this. 25 One came and told them, "Look, the men whom you put in prison are in the temple, standing and teaching the people." 26 Then the captain went with the officers, and brought them without violence, for they were afraid that the people might stone them. 27 When they had brought them, they set them before the council. The high priest questioned them, 28 saying, "Did we not strictly command you not to teach in this name? And look, you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and intend to bring this man's blood on us." 29 But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than people. 30 The God of our fathers raised up Jesus. whom you killed, hanging him on a tree. 31 God exalted him with his right hand to be a Leader and a Savior, to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. 32 We are witnesses of these things; and so also is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him." 33 But they, when they heard this, were furious, and wanted to kill them. 34 But one stood up in the council, a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the Law, honored by all the people, and commanded to put the men out for a little while. 35 He said to them, "You men of Israel, be careful concerning these men, what you are about to do. 36 For before these days Todah rose up, making himself out to be somebody; to whom a number of men, about four hundred, joined themselves: who was slain; and all, as many as obeyed him, were dispersed, and came to nothing. 37 After this man, Judas of Galilee rose up in the days of the enrollment, and drew away some people after him. He also perished, and all, as many as obeyed him, were scattered abroad. 38 Now I tell you, withdraw from these men, and leave them alone. For if this counsel or this work is of human origin, it will be overthrown. 39 But if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them, and you would be found even to be fighting against God." 40 They agreed with him. Summoning the apostles, they beat them and commanded them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. 41 They therefore departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the Name. 42 Every day, in the temple and at home, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming that Jesus is the Messiah.

6 Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, a complaint arose from the Hellenists brought. 22 But the officers who came did not find them against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily service. 2 So the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not before the doors, but when we opened them, we found appropriate for us to forsake the word of God and serve tables. 3 Therefore select from among you, brothers, sold him into Egypt; and God was with him, 10 and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. 4 favor and wisdom before Pharaoh, king of Egypt. He ministry of the word." 5 And these words pleased the Now a famine came over all Egypt and Canaan, and faith and of the Holy Spirit, Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, when Jacob heard that there was grain in Egypt, he he spoke. 11 Then they secretly induced men to say, know Joseph.' 19 The same took advantage of our race, elders, and the scribes, and came against him and time Moses was born, and was exceedingly handsome. seized him, and brought him in to the council. 13 and He was nourished three months in his father's house. saw his face like it was the face of an angel.

7 The high priest said, "Are these things so?" 2 He said, "Brothers and fathers, listen. The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham, when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran, 3 and said to him, 'Go out from your land and from your relatives, and come into a land which I will show you.' 4 Then he came out of the land of the Kasdim, and lived in Haran. From there, after his father died, he moved him into this land, where you are now living. 5 He gave him no inheritance in it, no, not so much as to set his foot on. He promised that he would give it to him for a possession, and to his descendants after him, when he still had no child. 6 But God spoke in this way, 'His descendants will live as strangers in a foreign land, and that they will be slaves and mistreated, for four hundred years. 7 But I will judge the nation to which they will be in bondage.' said God. 'and after that will they come out, and serve me in this place.' 8 He gave him the covenant of circumcision. So Abraham became the father of Isaac, and circumcised him the eighth day. Isaac became the father of Jacob. and Jacob became the father of the twelve patriarchs. 9 "The patriarchs, moved with jealousy against Joseph,

seven men of good report, full of the Spirit and of delivered him out of all his afflictions, and gave him But we will continue steadfastly in prayer and in the made him governor over Egypt and all his house. 11 whole gathering. They chose Stephen, a man full of great affliction, and our fathers found no food. 12 But Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch; sent out our fathers the first time. 13 On the second 6 whom they set before the apostles. When they had time Joseph was made known to his brothers, and prayed, they laid their hands on them. 7 The word Joseph's family became known to Pharaoh. 14 Then of God increased and the number of the disciples Joseph sent, and summoned Jacob, his father, and all multiplied greatly in Jerusalem; and a large group of the his relatives, seventy-five souls. 15 Jacob went down priests were obedient to the faith. 8 Stephen, full of into Egypt, and he died, himself and our fathers, 16 grace and power, performed great wonders and signs and they were brought back to Shechem, and placed among the people. 9 But some of those who were in the tomb that Abraham bought for a price in silver of the synagoogue called "The Libertines," and of the from the children of Hamor in Shechem. 17 "But as the Cyrenians, of the Alexandrians, and of those of Cilicia time of the promise came close which God had made to and Asia arose, disputing with Stephen. 10 They weren't Abraham, the people grew and multiplied in Egypt, 18 able to withstand the wisdom and the Spirit by which until 'there arose a different king over Egypt, who did not "We have heard him speak blasphemous words against and mistreated our fathers, and forced them to throw out Moses and God." 12 They stirred up the people, the their babies, so that they would not stay alive. 20 At that set up false witnesses who said, "This man never stops 21 When he was thrown out, Pharaoh's daughter took speaking blasphemous words against this holy place him up, and reared him as her own son. 22 Moses and the Law. 14 For we have heard him say that this was instructed in all the wisdom of the Egyptians. He Jesus the Nazorean will destroy this place, and will was mighty in his words and works. 23 But when he change the customs which Moses delivered to us." 15 was forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his All who sat in the council, fastening their eyes on him, brothers, the children of Israel. 24 Seeing one of them suffer wrong, he defended him, and avenged him who was oppressed, striking the Egyptian. 25 He supposed that his brothers understood that God, by his hand, was giving them deliverance; but they did not understand. 26 "The day following, he appeared to them as they fought, and urged them to be at peace again, saying, 'Men, you are brothers. Why do you wrong one another?' 27 But he who did his neighbor wrong pushed him away, saying, 'Who made you a ruler and a judge over us? 28 Do you want to kill me, as you killed the Egyptian yesterday?' 29 Moses fled at this saying, and became a stranger in the land of Midian, where he became the father of two sons. 30 "When forty years were fulfilled, an angel appeared to him in the wilderness of Mount Sinai, in a flame of fire in a bush. 31 When Moses saw it, he wondered at the sight. As he came close to see, a voice of the Lord came, 32 'I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob.' Moses trembled, and dared not look. 33 The Lord said to him, 'Take your sandals off of your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground. 34 I have surely seen the affliction of my people that is in Egypt, and have heard their groaning. I have come down to

"This Moses, whom they refused, saying, "Who made loud voice, and stopped their ears, and rushed at him you a ruler and a judge?'-God has sent him as both with one accord. 58 They threw him out of the city, and a ruler and a deliverer by the hand of the angel who stoned him. The witnesses placed their garments at appeared to him in the bush. 36 This man led them out, the feet of a young man named Saul. 59 They stoned having worked wonders and signs in Egypt, in the Red Stephen as he called out, saying, "Lord Jesus, receive Sea, and in the wilderness for forty years. 37 This is that my spirit." 60 He kneeled down, and shouted out, "Lord, Moses, who said to the children of Israel, 'God will raise do not hold this sin against them." When he had said up a prophet for you from among your brothers, like me.' this, he fell asleep. 38 This is he who was in the assembly in the wilderness with the angel that spoke to him on Mount Sinai, and with our fathers, who received words of life to give to us, 39 to whom our fathers would not be obedient, but rejected him, and turned back in their hearts to Egypt, 40 saying to Aaron, 'Make us gods that will go before us, for as for this Moses, who led us out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.' 41 They made a calf in those days, and brought a sacrifice to the idol, and rejoiced in the works of their hands. 42 But God turned, and gave them over to worship the host of heaven, as it is written in the book of the prophets, 'Did you offer to me sacrifices and offerings forty years in the wilderness, O house of Israel? 43 You took up the tabernacle of Moloch, and the star of your god Rephan, the images that you made to worship them. Therefore I will exile you beyond Babylon.' 44 "Our fathers had the tabernacle of the testimony in the wilderness, even as he who spoke to Moses commanded him to make it according to the pattern that he had seen; 45 which also our fathers, in their turn, brought in with Joshua when they entered into the possession of the nations, whom God drove out before the face of our fathers, to the days of David, 46 who found favor in the sight of God, and asked to find a habitation for the God of Jacob. 47 But Solomon built him a house. 48 However, the Most High does not dwell in temples made with hands, as the prophet says, 49 'Heaven is my throne, and the earth a footstool for my feet. What kind of house will you build me?' says the Lord; 'or what is the place of my rest? 50 Did not my hand make all these things? 51 "You stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so you do. 52 Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? They killed those who foretold the coming of the Righteous One, of whom you have now become betrayers and murderers. 53 You received the Law as it was ordained by angels, and did not keep it." 54 Now when they heard these things, they were furious, and they ground their teeth at him. 55 But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, looked up steadfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God. 56 And he said, "Look, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at

deliver them. Now come, I will send you to Egypt.' 35 the right hand of God." 57 But they should out with a

8 Saul was consenting to his death. A great persecution arose against the church which was in Jerusalem in that day. They were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except for the apostles. 2 Devout men buried Stephen, and lamented greatly over him. 3 But Saul ravaged the church, entering into every house, and dragged both men and women off to prison. 4 Therefore those who were scattered abroad went around proclaiming the word. 5 And Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and proclaimed to them the Messiah. 6 The crowds listened with one accord to the things that were spoken by Philip, when they heard and saw the signs which he did. 7 For unclean spirits came out of many of those who had them. They came out, crying with a loud voice. Many who had been paralyzed and lame were healed. 8 There was great joy in that city. 9 But there was a certain man, Simon by name, who used to practice sorcery in the city, and amazed the people of Samaria, making himself out to be some great one, 10 to whom they all listened, from the least to the greatest, saying, "This man is that power of God which is called Great." 11 They listened to him, because for a long time he had amazed them with his sorceries. 12 But when they believed Philip as he preached good news concerning the Kingdom of God and the name of Jesus (the) Messiah, they were baptized, both men and women. 13 Simon himself also believed. Being baptized, he continued with Philip. Seeing signs and great miracles occurring, he was amazed. 14 Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, 15 who, when they had come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit; 16 for he had not yet fallen upon any of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 17 Then they laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. 18 Now when Simon saw that the Spirit was given through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money, 19 saying, "Give me also this power, that whomever I lay my hands on may receive the Holy Spirit." 20 But Peter said to him, "May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain the gift of God with money. 21 You have neither part nor lot in this matter, for your heart is not right before God. angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, "Arise, and without sight for three days, and neither ate nor drank. Jerusalem to Gaza. This is a desert." 27 And he arose Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." eunuch of great authority under Kandake, the gueen of him, "Arise, and go to the street which is called Straight, the Ethiopians, who was in charge over all her treasure. and inquire in the house of Judas for one named Saul, returning. And sitting in his chariot, he was reading the vision he has seen a man named Ananias coming in, of the Scripture which he was reading was this, "He was vessel to bear my name before the nations and kings, In his humiliation his justice was taken away. Who will Ananias departed, and entered into the house. Laving this Scripture, preached to him Jesus. 36 As they went scales fell from his eyes, and he received his sight. the cities, until he came to Caesarea.

O But Saul, still breathing threats and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest, 2 and asked for letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. 3 As he traveled, it happened that he got close to Damascus, and suddenly a light from the sky shone around him. 4 And he fell to the ground, and

22 Repent therefore of this, your wickedness, and ask heard a voice saving to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you the Lord if perhaps the thought of your heart may be persecute me?" 5 And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" forgiven you. 23 For I see that you are in the gall of And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. 6 bitterness and in the bondage of iniquity." 24 Simon But rise up, and enter into the city, and you will be told answered, "Pray for me to the Lord, that none of the what you must do." 7 The men who traveled with him things which you have spoken happen to me." 25 They stood speechless, hearing the sound, but seeing no therefore, when they had testified and spoken the word one. 8 Saul arose from the ground, but when he opened of the Lord, returned to Jerusalem, and preached the his eyes he could not see anything. They led him by gospel to many villages of the Samaritans. 26 But an the hand, and brought him into Damascus. 9 He was go toward the south to the way that goes down from 10 Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus named and went. And look, there was a man from Ethiopia, a And he said, "Look, it's me, Lord." 11 The Lord said to He had come to Jerusalem to worship. 28 and he was a man of Tarsus. For look, he is praving, 12 and in a prophet Isaiah. 29 And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go and and laying his hands on him, that he might receive his join up with that chariot." 30 And running near, Philip sight." 13 But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, "Do you from many about this man, how much evil he did to your understand what you are reading?" 31 He said, "How saints at Jerusalem. 14 Here he has authority from the can I, unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited chief priests to bind all who call on your name." 15 But Philip to come up and sit with him. 32 Now the passage the Lord said to him, "Go your way, for he is my chosen led like a sheep to the slaughter, and like a lamb before and the children of Israel. 16 For I will show him how its shearer is silent, so he does not open his mouth. 33 many things he must suffer for my name's sake." 17 declare His generation? For his life is taken from the his hands on him, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord, who earth." 34 The eunuch answered Philip, "Who is the appeared to you on the road by which you came, has prophet talking about? About himself, or about someone sent me, that you may receive your sight, and be filled else?" 35 Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from with the Holy Spirit." 18 Immediately something like on the way, they came to some water, and the eunuch He arose and was baptized. 19 He took food and said, "Look, here is water. What is keeping me from was strengthened. He stayed several days with the being baptized?" 37 And he said to him, "If you believe disciples who were at Damascus. 20 Immediately in with all your heart, you may." And he answered and the synagogues he proclaimed Jesus, that he is the said, "I believe that Jesus (the) Messiah is the Son of Son of God. 21 All who heard him were amazed, and God." 38 He commanded the chariot to stand still, and said, "Is not this he who in Jerusalem made havoc of they both went down into the water, both Philip and the those who called on this name? And he had come here eunuch, and he baptized him. 39 When they came up intending to bring them bound before the chief priests." out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip 22 But Saul increased more in strength, and confounded away, and the eunuch did not see him any more, for he the Jews who lived at Damascus, proving that this is went on his way rejoicing. 40 But Philip was found at the Messiah. 23 When many days were fulfilled, the Azotus, Passing through, he preached the gospel to all Jews conspired together to kill him. 24 but their plot became known to Saul. They watched the gates both day and night that they might kill him, 25 but his disciples took him by night, and let him down through the wall, lowering him in a basket. 26 When Saul had come to Jerusalem, he tried to join himself to the disciples; but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. 27 But Barnabas took him, and brought him to the apostles, and declared to them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and

how at Damascus he had preached boldly in the name Having explained everything to them, he sent them to of Jesus. 28 He was with them coming in and going out Joppa. 9 Now on the next day as they were on their in Jerusalem, speaking boldly in the name of the Lord. journey, and got close to the city, Peter went up on the 29 He spoke and disputed against the Hellenists, but housetop to pray at about noon. 10 He became hungry they were seeking to kill him. 30 When the brothers and desired to eat, but while they were preparing, he fell knew it, they brought him down to Caesarea, and sent into a trance. 11 He saw heaven opened and a certain him off to Tarsus. 31 So the church throughout all Judea container descending to him, like a great sheet let down and Galilee and Samaria had peace, and were built up. by four corners on the earth, 12 in which were all kinds They were multiplied, walking in the fear of the Lord of four-footed animals of the earth, crawling creatures and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit. 32 It happened, as and birds of the sky. 13 A voice came to him, "Rise, Peter went throughout all those parts, he came down Peter, kill and eat." 14 But Peter said, "Not so, Lord; for I also to the saints who lived at Lydda. 33 There he found have never eaten anything that is common or unclean." a certain man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden 15 A voice came to him again the second time, "What for eight years, because he was paralyzed. 34 Peter God has cleansed, you must not call unclean." 16 said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus (the) Messiah heals you. This was done three times, and immediately the vessel Get up and make your bed." Immediately he arose. 35 was received up into heaven. 17 Now while Peter was All who lived at Lydda and in Sharon saw him, and they very perplexed within himself what the vision which he turned to the Lord. 36 Now there was at Joppa a certain had seen might mean, look, the men who were sent disciple named Tabitha (which when translated, means by Cornelius, having made inquiry for Simon's house, Dorcas). This woman was full of good works and acts of stood before the gate, 18 and called and asked whether mercy which she did. 37 It happened in those days that Simon, who was surnamed Peter, was lodging there. 19 she fell sick, and died. When they had washed her, they While Peter was pondering the vision, the Spirit said placed her in an upper chamber. 38 As Lydda was near to him, "Look, three men seek you. 20 But arise, get Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent down, and go with them, doubting nothing; for I have two men to him, imploring him not to delay in coming to sent them." 21 And Peter went down to the men, and us. 39 Peter got up and went with them. When he had said, "Look, I am the one whom you seek. Why have come, they brought him into the upper chamber. All the you come?" 22 They said, "Cornelius, a centurion, a widows stood by him weeping, and showing the coats righteous man and one who fears God, and well spoken and garments which Dorcas had made while she was of by all the Jewish nation, was directed by a holy angel with them. 40 Peter put them all out, and kneeled down to invite you to his house, and to listen to what you and prayed. Turning to the body, he said, "Tabitha, get say." 23 So he called them in and lodged them. On the up." She opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter, next day he arose and went out with them, and some she sat up. 41 He gave her his hand, and raised her of the brothers from Joppa accompanied him. 24 On up. Calling the saints and widows, he presented her the next day he entered into Caesarea. Cornelius was alive. 42 And it became known throughout all Joppa, waiting for them, having called together his relatives and many believed in the Lord. 43 It happened, that he and his near friends. 25 When it happened that Peter stayed many days in Joppa with one Simon, a tanner.

Now there was a certain man in Caesarea, Cornelius by name, a centurion of what was called the Italian Regiment, 2 a devout man, and one who feared God with all his house, who gave gifts for the needy generously to the people, and always prayed to God. 3 At about three in the afternoon, he clearly saw in a vision an angel of God coming to him, and saying to him, "Cornelius." 4 He, fastening his eyes on him, and being frightened, said, "What is it, Lord?" He said to him, "Your prayers and your gifts to the needy have gone up for a memorial before God. 5 Now send men to Joppa, and bring one Simon who is surnamed Peter. 6 He lodges with one Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the seaside." 7 When the angel who spoke to him had departed, he called two of his household servants and a devout soldier of those who waited on him continually. 8

entered, Cornelius met him, fell down at his feet, and worshiped him. 26 But Peter raised him up, saying, "Stand up. I myself am also a man." 27 And as he talked with him, he went in and found many gathered together. 28 He said to them, "You yourselves know how it is an unlawful thing for a man who is a Jew to join himself or come to one of another nation, but God has shown me that I should not call any man unholy or unclean. 29 Therefore also I came without complaint when I was sent for. I ask therefore, why did you send for me?" 30 Cornelius said, "Four days ago until this hour, at three in the afternoon, I was praying in my house, and look, a man stood before me in bright clothing, 31 and said, 'Cornelius, your prayer is heard, and your gifts to the needy are remembered in the sight of God. 32 Send therefore to Joppa, and summon Simon, who is surnamed Peter. He lodges in the house of Simon, a tanner, by the seaside,' 33 Therefore I sent to you at unclean has ever entered into my mouth,' 9 But a voice once, and it was good of you to come. Now therefore we answered the second time out of heaven, 'What God are all here present in the sight of God to hear all things has cleansed, do not call unclean.' 10 This was done that have been commanded you by the Lord." 34 And three times, and all were drawn up again into heaven. Peter opened his mouth and said, "Truly I perceive that 11 And look, immediately three men stood before the God does not show favoritism: 35 but in every nation he house where we were, having been sent from Caesarea who fears him and works righteousness is acceptable to me. 12 The Spirit told me to go with them, without to him. 36 The word which he sent to the children of discriminating. These six brothers also accompanied Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus me, and we entered into the man's house. 13 He told us (the) Messiah—he is Lord of all— 37 that spoken word how he had seen the angel standing in his house, and you yourselves know, which was proclaimed throughout saying to him, 'Send to Joppa, and get Simon, whose all Judea, beginning from Galilee, after the baptism surname is Peter, 14 who will speak to you words by which John preached; 38 even Jesus of Nazareth, how which you will be saved, you and all your house.' 15 As I God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them, even as on who went about doing good and healing all who were us at the beginning. 16 I remembered the word of the oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. 39 We Lord, how he said, 'John indeed baptized in water, but are witnesses of everything he did both in the land of you will be baptized in the Holy Spirit.' 17 If then God the Jews and in Jerusalem, whom they also killed by gave to them the same gift as us, when we believed in hanging on a tree. 40 God raised him up the third day, the Lord Jesus (the) Messiah, who was I, that I could and gave him to be revealed, 41 not to all the people, withstand God?" 18 When they heard these things, they but to witnesses who were chosen before by God, to held their peace, and glorified God, saying, "Then God us, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the has also granted to the non-Jews repentance to life." dead. 42 He commanded us to preach to the people 19 They therefore who were scattered abroad by the and to testify that this is the one who is appointed by oppression that arose about Stephen traveled as far as God as the judge of the living and the dead. 43 All Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, speaking the word to the prophets testify about him, that through his name no one except to Jews only. 20 But there were some everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who, when they sins." 44 While Peter was still speaking these words, had come to Antioch, spoke to the Greeks, proclaiming the Holy Spirit fell on all those who heard the word. 45 the good news of the Lord Jesus. 21 The hand of the They of the circumcision who believed were amazed, as Lord was with them, and a great number believed and many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy turned to the Lord. 22 And the report concerning them Spirit was also poured out on the non-Jewish people. was heard by the church in Jerusalem, so they sent 46 For they heard them speaking in other tongues and Barnabas to Antioch, 23 who, when he had come, and magnifying God. Then Peter answered, 47 "Can anyone had seen the grace of God, was glad. He exhorted them withhold the water, that these who have received the all, that with purpose of heart they should remain true to Holy Spirit as well as we should not be baptized?" 48 He the Lord. 24 For he was a good man, and full of the commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Holy Spirit and of faith, and many people were added to (the) Messiah. Then they asked him to stay some days.

11 Now the apostles and the brothers who were in Judea heard that the non-Jewish people had also received the word of God. 2 When Peter had come up to Jerusalem, those who were of the circumcision contended with him, 3 saying, "You went in to uncircumcised men, and ate with them." 4 But Peter began, and explained to them in order, saving, 5 "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision: a certain container descending. like it was a great sheet let down from heaven by four corners. It came as far as me. 6 When I had looked intently at it, I considered, and saw the four-footed animals of the earth, wild animals, crawling creatures, and birds of the sky. 7 I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Rise, Peter, kill and eat.' 8 But I said, 'Not so, Lord, for nothing unholy or

the Lord. 25 Barnabas went out to Tarsus to look for Saul. 26 When he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. It happened, that for a whole year they were gathered together with the church, and taught many people. The disciples were first called "Followers of the Messiah" in Antioch. 27 Now in these days, prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. 28 One of them named Agabus stood up, and indicated by the Spirit that there should be a great famine all over the world, which also happened in the days of Claudius. 29 As any of the disciples had plenty, each determined to send relief to the brothers who lived in Judea; 30 which they also did, sending it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

2 Now about that time, Herod the king stretched out his hands to oppress some of the church. 2 3 When he saw that it pleased the Jewish people, he throne, and gave a speech to them. 22 But the crowd proceeded to seize Peter also. This was during the days shouted, "The voice of a god, and not of a man." 23 of unleavened bread. 4 When he had arrested him, he Immediately an angel of the Lord struck him, because put him in prison, and delivered him to four squads of he did not give God the glory, and he was eaten by four soldiers each to guard him, intending to bring him worms and died. 24 But the word of God grew and out to the people after the Passover. 5 Peter therefore multiplied. 25 Barnabas and Saul returned to Jerusalem, was kept in the prison, but constant prayer was made when they had fulfilled their service, also taking with by the church to God for him. 6 The same night when them John whose surname was Mark. Herod was about to bring him out, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains. Guards in front of the door kept the prison. 7 And look, an angel of the Lord stood by him, and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side, and woke him up, saying, "Stand up guickly." His chains fell off from his hands. 8 The angel said to him, "Get dressed and put on your sandals." He did so. He said to him, "Put on your cloak, and follow me." 9 And he went out and followed him. He did not know that what was being done by the angel was real, but thought he saw a vision. 10 When they were past the first and the second guard, they came to the iron gate that leads into the city, which opened to them by itself. They went out, and went down one street, and immediately the angel departed from him. 11 When Peter had come to himself, he said, "Now I truly know that the Lord has sent out his angel and delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from everything the Jewish people were expecting." 12 Thinking about that, he came to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose surname was Mark, where many were gathered together and were praying. 13 And when Peter knocked at the door of the gate, a servant girl named Rhoda came to answer. 14 When she recognized Peter's voice, she did not open the gate for joy, but ran in, and reported that Peter was standing in front of the gate. 15 They said to her, "You are crazy." But she insisted that it was so. They said, "It is his angel." 16 But Peter continued knocking. When they had opened, they saw him, and were amazed. 17 But he, beckoning to them with his hand to be silent, declared to them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. He said, "Tell these things to James, and to the brothers." Then he departed, and went to another place. 18 Now as soon as it was day, there was no small stir among the soldiers about what had become of Peter. 19 When Herod had sought for him, and did not find him, he examined the guards, and commanded that they should be put to death. He went down from Judea to Caesarea, and stayed there. 20 Now Herod was very angry with the people of Tyre and Sidon. They came with one accord to him, and, having made Blastus, the king's personal aide, their friend, they asked for peace, because their country depended on the king's country for food. 21 On an appointed day,

He killed James, the brother of John, with the sword. Herod dressed himself in royal clothing, and sat on the

 ${f 3}$ Now in the church that was at Antioch there were some prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen the foster brother of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. 2 As they served the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Separate Barnabas and Saul for me, for the work to which I have called them." 3 Then, when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away. 4 So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia. From there they sailed to Cyprus. 5 When they were at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the Jewish synagogues. They had also John as their attendant. 6 When they had gone through the whole island as far as Paphos, they found a certain man, a magician, a Jewish false prophet whose name was Bar-Jesus, 7 who was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, a man of understanding. This man summoned Barnabas and Saul, and sought to hear the word of God. 8 But Elymas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn aside the proconsul from the faith. 9 But Saul, who is also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, fastened his eyes on him, 10 and said, "Full of all deceit and all fraud, you son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord? 11 Now, look, the hand of the Lord is on you, and you will be blind, unable to see the sun for a time." Immediately a mist and darkness fell on him. He went around seeking someone to lead him by the hand. 12 Then the proconsul, when he saw what was done, believed, being astonished at the teaching of the Lord. 13 Now Paul and his company set sail from Paphos, and came to Perga in Pamphylia, and John departed from them and returned to Jerusalem. 14 But they, passing on from Perga, came to Antioch of Pisidia. They went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and sat down. 15 After the reading of the Law and the Prophets, the rulers of the synagogue sent to them, saying, "Brothers, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, speak." 16 Paul stood up, and beckoning with his hand said, "Men of Israel, and you who fear God, listen. 17 The God of this people Israel chose our fathers, and exalted the people when they stayed as foreigners in the land of Egypt, and with an uplifted arm, he led them out of it. 18 in the wilderness. 19 When he had destroyed seven of the devout proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas; nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land who, speaking to them, urged them to continue in the as an inheritance. 20 All this took about four hundred grace of God. 44 The next Sabbath almost the whole and fifty years. And after these things he gave them city was gathered together to hear the word of the Lord. judges, until Samuel the prophet. 21 Afterward they 45 But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled asked for a king, and God gave to them Saul the son of with jealousy, and contradicted the things which were Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years. 22 spoken by Paul, and reviled him. 46 Paul and Barnabas When he had removed him, he raised up David to be spoke out boldly, and said, "It was necessary that God's their king, to whom he also testified, 'I have found David word should be spoken to you first. Since indeed you the son of Jesse, a man after my heart, who will do all thrust it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of my will.' 23 From this man's offspring, according to his everlasting life, look, we turn to the non-Jewish people. promise, God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus, 24 (aionios g166) 47 For so has the Lord commanded us, before his coming, when John had first preached the saying, 'I have set you as a light to the nations, that you baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. 25 As may bring salvation to the farthest part of the earth." 48 John was fulfilling his course, he said. "What do you As the non-Jewish people heard this, they were glad. suppose that I am? I am not he. But look, one comes and glorified the word of the Lord. As many as were after me the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to appointed to everlasting life believed. (aionios g166) 49 untie.' 26 Brothers, children of the stock of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, the word of this region. 50 But the Jews stirred up the devout women of salvation is sent out to us. 27 For those who dwell in prominence and the chief men of the city, and stirred up Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they did not know a persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and threw him, nor the voices of the prophets which are read every them out of their borders. 51 But they shook off the dust Sabbath, fulfilled them by condemning him. 28 Though of their feet against them, and came to Iconium. 52 The they found no cause for death, they still asked Pilate to disciples were filled with joy with the Holy Spirit. have him killed. 29 When they had fulfilled all things that were written about him, they took him down from the tree, and placed him in a tomb. 30 But God raised him from the dead. 31 and he was seen for many days by those who came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem. who are his witnesses to the people. 32 We bring you good news of the promise made to the fathers, 33 that God has fulfilled for us, their children, in that he raised up Jesus. As it is also written in the second psalm, 'You are my Son. Today I have become your Father.' 34 "Concerning that he raised him up from the dead, now no more to return to corruption, he has spoken thus: 'I will give to you the faithful sacred things of David.' 35 Therefore he says also in another psalm, 'You will not allow your Holy One to see decay.' 36 For David, after he had in his own generation served the counsel of God, fell asleep, and was placed with his fathers. and saw decay. 37 But he whom God raised up saw no decay. 38 Be it known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man is proclaimed to you forgiveness of sins. 39 and by him everyone who believes is justified from all things, from which you could not be justified by the Law of Moses. 40 So beware, lest what is said in the Prophets should come about: 41 'Look, you scoffers, and be amazed, and perish: for I am working a work in your days, a work which you will not believe, if one tells it to you." 42 So when they went out they urged them to speak about these things on the next Sabbath. 43 Now

For a period of about forty years he put up with them when the synagogue broke up, many of the Jews and The Lord's word was spread abroad throughout all the

> 14 It happened in Iconium that they entered together into the Jewish synagogue, and so spoke that a great number of both of Jews and of Greeks believed. 2 But the disbelieving Jews stirred up and embittered the souls of the non-Jewish people against the brothers. 3 Therefore they stayed there a long time, speaking boldly in the Lord, who testified to the word of his grace, granting signs and wonders to be done by their hands. 4 But the population of the city was divided. Some sided with the Jews, and some with the apostles. 5 When some of both the non-Jewish people and the Jews, with their rulers, made a violent attempt to mistreat and stone them, 6 they became aware of it, and fled to the cities of Lycaonia, Lystra, Derbe, and the surrounding region. 7 There they preached the gospel. 8 At Lystra a certain man sat, without strength in his feet, a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked. 9 He was listening to Paul speaking, who, fastening eves on him, and seeing that he had faith to be made whole, 10 said with a loud voice. "Stand upright on your feet." He leaped up and walked. 11 When the crowd saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voice, saying in the language of Lycaonia, "The gods have come down to us in human form." 12 They called Barnabas "Jupiter," and Paul "Mercury," because he was the chief speaker. 13 The priest of Jupiter, whose temple was in front of their city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates, and would have made a sacrifice along with the crowds. 14

But when the apostles, Barnabas and Paul, heard of it, to keep the Law of Moses," 6 The apostles and the they tore their clothes, and sprang into the crowd, crying elders were gathered together to see about this matter. out, 15 "Men, why are you doing these things? We also 7 When there had been much discussion, Peter rose up are men of like passions with you, and bring you good and said to them, "Brothers, you know that a good while news, that you should turn from these vain things to the ago God made a choice among you, that by my mouth living God, who made the sky and the earth and the the nations should hear the word of the gospel, and sea, and all that is in them; 16 who in the generations believe. 8 God, who knows the heart, testified about gone by allowed all the nations to walk in their own them by giving the Holy Spirit, just like he did to us. 9 ways. 17 Yet he did not leave himself without witness, He made no distinction between us and them, cleansing in that he did good and gave you rains from the sky their hearts by faith. 10 Now therefore why do you tempt and fruitful seasons, filling your hearts with food and God, that you should put a yoke on the neck of the gladness." 18 Even saying these things, they hardly disciples which neither our fathers nor we were able to stopped the crowds from making a sacrifice to them. 19 bear? 11 But we believe that we are saved through the But some Jews from Antioch and Iconium came there, grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they are." 12 And all and having persuaded the crowds, they stoned Paul, the people kept guiet, and they listened to Barnabas and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was and Paul reporting what signs and wonders God had dead. 20 But as the disciples stood around him, he done among the nations through them. 13 After they rose up, and entered into the city. On the next day he were silent, James answered, "Brothers, listen to me. 14 went out with Barnabas to Derbe. 21 When they had Simeon has reported how God first visited the nations, preached the gospel to that city, and had made many to take out of them a people for his name. 15 This disciples, they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch, agrees with the words of the prophets. As it is written, 22 confirming the souls of the disciples, exhorting them 16 'After these things I will return; and I will rebuild the to continue in the faith, and that through many afflictions tabernacle of David that has fallen, and I will rebuild its we must enter into the Kingdom of God. 23 When they ruins, and I will restore it, 17 that the rest of humanity had appointed elders for them in every church, and had may seek after the Lord, and all the nations who are prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, called by my name, says the Lord, who makes these on whom they had believed. 24 They passed through things 18 known from long ago.' (aion g165) 19 "Therefore Pisidia, and came to Pamphylia. 25 When they had my judgment is that we do not trouble those from among spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia. the non-Jewish people who turn to God, 20 but that we 26 From there they sailed to Antioch, from where they write to them that they abstain from things defiled by had been committed to the grace of God for the work idols, from sexual immorality, from what is strangled, which they had fulfilled. 27 When they had arrived, and from blood. 21 For Moses from generations of old and had gathered the church together, they reported all has in every city those who proclaim him, being read in the things that God had done with them, and that he the synagogues every Sabbath." 22 Then it seemed had opened a door of faith to the nations. 28 And they good to the apostles and the elders, with the whole stayed with the disciples a long time.

15 Some men came down from Judea and taught the brothers, "Unless you are circumcised after the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved." 2 Therefore when Paul and Barnabas had no small discord and discussion with them, they appointed Paul and Barnabas, and some others of them, to go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and elders about this question. 3 They, being sent on their way by the church, passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, describing in detail the conversion of the non-Jewish people. They caused great joy to all the brothers. 4 When they had come to Jerusalem, they were received by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they reported all things that God had done with them. 5 But some of the sect of the Pharisees who believed rose up, saying, "It is necessary to circumcise them, and to command them

church, to choose men out of their company, and send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas: Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, chief men among the brothers. 23 They wrote these things by their hand: "The apostles, the elders, and the brothers, to the non-Jewish brothers who are in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia: greetings. 24 Because we have heard that some who went out from us have troubled you with words, unsettling your souls, to whom we gave no commandment: 25 it seemed good to us, having come to one accord, to choose out men and send them to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, 26 who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus (the) Messiah. 27 We have sent therefore Judas and Silas, who themselves will also tell you the same things by word of mouth. 28 For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit, and to us, to lay no greater burden on you than these necessary things: 29 that you abstain from things sacrificed to idols, from

blood, from things strangled, and from sexual immorality, which is a principle city of that district of Macedonia. strengthening the churches.

16 He came also to Derbe and Lystra. And look, a certain disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who believed; but his father was a Greek. 2 The brothers who were at Lystra and Iconium gave a good testimony about him. 3 Paul wanted to have him go out with him, and he took and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those parts; for they all knew that his father was a Greek. 4 As they went on their way through the cities, they delivered the decrees to them to keep which had been ordained by the apostles and elders who were at Jerusalem. 5 So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and increased in number daily. 6 When they had gone through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, they were forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. 7 When they had come opposite Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them. 8 Passing by Mysia, they came down to Troas. 9 A vision appeared to Paul in the night. There was a man of Macedonia standing, begging him, and saying, "Come over into Macedonia and help us." 10 When he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go out to Macedonia, concluding that the Lord had called us to proclaim the gospel to them. 11 Then, setting sail from Troas, we made a straight course to Samothrace, and the day following to Neapolis; 12 and from there to Philippi,

from which if you keep yourselves, it will be well with a colony. We were staying some days in this city. 13 you. Farewell." 30 So, when they were sent off, they On the Sabbath day we went forth outside of the gate came to Antioch, and having gathered the congregation by a riverside, where we supposed there was a place together, they delivered the letter. 31 When they had of prayer, and we sat down, and spoke to the women read it, they rejoiced over the encouragement. 32 Judas who had come together. 14 A certain woman named and Silas, also being prophets themselves, encouraged Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, one who the brothers with many words, and strengthened them. worshiped God, heard us; whose heart the Lord opened 33 After they had spent some time there, they were sent to listen to the things which were spoken by Paul. 15 back with greetings from the brothers to those that had When she and her household were baptized, she urged sent them forth. 34 However, Silas decided to remain us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the there. 35 And Paul and Barnabas stayed in Antioch, Lord, come into my house, and stay." So she persuaded teaching and proclaiming the word of the Lord, with us. 16 It happened, as we were going to prayer, that many others also. 36 After some days Paul said to a certain girl having a spirit of Python met us, who Barnabas, "Let us return now and visit our brothers in brought her masters much gain by fortune telling. 17 every city in which we proclaimed the word of the Lord, She followed Paul and us, shouting, "These men are to see how they are doing." 37 Barnabas planned to servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the take John, who was called Mark, with them also. 38 way of salvation." 18 She was doing this for many days. But Paul did not think that it was a good idea to take But Paul, becoming greatly annoved, turned and said to with them someone who had withdrawn from them in the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus (the) Pamphylia, and did not go with them to do the work. 39 Messiah to come out of her." And it came out at once. Then the contention grew so sharp that they separated 19 But when her masters saw that the hope of their gain from each other. Barnabas took Mark with him, and was gone, they seized Paul and Silas, and dragged sailed away to Cyprus, 40 but Paul chose Silas, and them into the marketplace before the rulers, 20 When went out, being commended by the brothers to the they had brought them to the magistrates, they said, grace of the Lord. 41 He went through Syria and Cilicia, "These men, being Jews, are agitating our city, 21 and set forth customs which it is not lawful for us to accept or to observe, being Romans." 22 The crowd rose up together against them, and the magistrates tore their clothes off of them, and commanded them to be beaten with rods. 23 When they had laid many stripes on them, they threw them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely, 24 who, having received such a command, threw them into the inner prison, and secured their feet in the stocks. 25 But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. 26 Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were loosened. 27 The jailer, being roused out of sleep and seeing the prison doors open, drew his sword and was about to kill himself. supposing that the prisoners had escaped. 28 But Paul shouted loudly, saving, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." 29 He called for lights and sprang in, and, fell down trembling before Paul and Silas, 30 and brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" 31 They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." 32 They spoke the word of the Lord to him, and to all who were in his house. 33 He took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes, and was immediately baptized, he and all his household. 34 He brought them up into his brothers, they encouraged them, and departed.

17 Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a Jewish synagogue. 2 Paul, as was his custom, went in to them, and for three Sabbath days reasoned with them from the Scriptures, 3 explaining and demonstrating that the Messiah had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and saying, "This Jesus, whom I proclaim to you, is the Messiah." 4 Some of them were persuaded, and joined Paul and Silas, as did a large number of the devout Greeks, and not a few of the prominent women. 5 But the Jews, being moved with jealousy, took along some wicked men from the marketplace, and gathering a crowd, set the city in an uproar. Assaulting the house of Jason, they sought to bring them out to the people. 6 When they did not find them, they dragged Jason and certain brothers before the rulers of the city, crying, "These who have turned the world upside down have come here also, 7 whom Jason has received. These all act contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, Jesus." 8 The crowd and the rulers of the city were troubled when they heard these things. 9 When they had taken security from Jason and the rest, they let them go. 10 The brothers immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Beroea. When they arrived, they went into the Jewish synagogue. 11 Now these were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of the mind, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so. 12 Many of them therefore believed; also of the prominent Greek women, and not a few men. 13 But when the Jews of Thessalonica had knowledge that the word of God was proclaimed by Paul at Beroea also, they came there likewise, inciting and disturbing the crowds. 14 Then the brothers immediately sent out Paul to go as far as to the

house, and set food before them, and rejoiced greatly, sea, and Silas and Timothy still staved there. 15 But with all his household, having believed in God. 35 But those who escorted Paul brought him as far as Athens. when it was day, the magistrates sent the sergeants, Receiving a commandment to Silas and Timothy that saying, "Let those men go." 36 The jailer reported these they should come to him very quickly, they departed. 16 words to Paul, saying, "The magistrates have sent to let Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was you go; now therefore come out, and go in peace." 37 provoked within him as he saw the city full of idols. 17 But Paul said to them, "They have beaten us publicly, So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the without a trial, men who are Romans, and have cast devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with us into prison. Do they now release us secretly? No those who met him. 18 Some of the Epicurean and Stoic indeed. Let them come themselves and bring us out." 38 philosophers also were conversing with him. Some said, The sergeants reported these words to the magistrates, "What does this babbler want to say?" Others said, "He and they were afraid when they heard that they were seems to be advocating foreign deities," because he Romans, 39 and they came and apologized to them. preached Jesus and the resurrection. 19 They took hold When they had brought them out, they asked them to of him, and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May depart from the city. 40 They went out of the prison, and we know what this new teaching is, which is spoken entered into Lydia's house. When they had seen the by you? 20 For you bring certain strange things to our ears. We want to know therefore what these things mean." 21 Now all the Athenians and the strangers

living there spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell or to hear some new thing. 22 Paul stood in the middle of the Areopagus, and said, "You men of Athens, I perceive that you are very religious in all things. 23 For as I passed along, and observed the objects of your worship. I found also an altar with this inscription: 'TO AN UNKNOWN GOD.' What therefore you worship in ignorance, this I announce to you. 24 The God who made the world and all things in it. he. being Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands, 25 neither is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, seeing he himself gives to all life and breath, and all things. 26 He made from one blood every nation of mankind to dwell on all the surface of the earth, having determined appointed seasons, and the boundaries of their dwellings, 27 that they should seek God, if perhaps they might reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. 28 'For in him we live, and move, and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also his offspring.' 29 Being then the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold, or silver, or stone, engraved by human art and design. 30 The times of ignorance therefore God overlooked. But now he commands that all people everywhere should repent. 31 because he has appointed a day in which he will judge the world in righteousness by the man whom he has ordained; of which he has given assurance to everyone by raising him from the dead." 32 Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked; but others said, "We want to hear you again concerning this." 33 Thus Paul went out from among them. 34 But some people joined with him, and believed, among whom also was Dionysius the Areopagite, and a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

1 Q After these things Paul departed from Athens, and all the disciples. 24 Now a certain Jew named Apollos, Aquila, a man of Pontus by race, who had recently Ephesus. He was mighty in the Scriptures. 25 This man come from Italy, with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being had commanded all the Jews to depart from Rome. He fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the came to them, 3 and because he practiced the same things concerning Jesus, although he knew only the trade, he lived with them and worked, for by trade they baptism of John. 26 He began to speak boldly in the were tent makers. 4 He reasoned in the synagogue synagogue. But when Priscilla and Aguila heard him. every Sabbath, and persuaded Jews and Greeks. 5 But they took him aside, and explained to him the way of when Silas and Timothy came down from Macedonia, God more accurately. 27 When he had determined to Paul was compelled by the word, testifying to the Jews pass over into Achaia, the brothers encouraged him, that Jesus was the Messiah. 6 When they opposed and wrote to the disciples to receive him. When he him and blasphemed, he shook out his clothing and had come, he greatly helped those who had believed said to them, "Your blood be on your own heads. I am through grace; 28 for he powerfully refuted the Jews, clean. From now on, I will go to the non-Jewish people." publicly showing by the Scriptures that Jesus was the 7 He departed there, and went into the house of a Messiah. certain man named Titius Justus, one who worshiped God, whose house was next door to the synagogue, 8 Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed in the Lord with all his house. Many of the Corinthians, when they heard, believed and were baptized. 9 The Lord said to Paul in the night by a vision, "Do not be afraid, but speak and do not be silent; 10 for I am with you, and no one will attack you to harm you, for I have many people in this city." 11 He lived there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them. 12 But when Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews with one accord rose up against Paul and brought him before the judgment seat, 13 saying, "This one persuades people to worship God contrary to the law." 14 But when Paul was about to open his mouth, Gallio said to the Jews, "If indeed it were a matter of wrong or of wicked crime, vou Jews, it would be reasonable that I should bear with you; 15 but if they are questions about words and names and your own law, look to it yourselves. For I do not want to be a judge of these matters." 16 He drove them from the judgment seat. 17 Then they all took hold of Sosthenes, the ruler of the synagogue, and beat him before the judgment seat. But none of these things were of concern to Gallio. 18 Paul, having stayed after this many more days, took his leave of the brothers, and sailed from there for Svria, together with Priscilla and Aguila. He shaved his head in Cenchreae, for he had a vow. 19 They came to Ephesus, and he left them there; but he himself entered into the synagogue, and reasoned with the Jews. 20 When they asked him to stay a longer time, he declined; 21 but taking his leave of them, and saying, "I will return again to you if God wills," he set sail from Ephesus. 22 When he had landed at Caesarea, he went up and greeted the church, and went down to Antioch. 23 Having spent some time there, he departed, and went through the region of Galatia, and Phrygia, in order, strengthening

came to Corinth. 2 He found a certain Jew named an Alexandrian by race, an eloquent man, came to

19 It happened that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul, having passed through the upper country, came to Ephesus, and found certain disciples. 2 He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" They said to him, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." 3 He said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They said, "Into John's baptism." 4 Paul said, "John indeed baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe in the one who would come after him. that is. in Jesus." 5 When they heard this. they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6 When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke with other tongues and prophesied. 7 They were about twelve men in all. 8 He entered into the synagogue, and spoke boldly for a period of three months, reasoning and persuading about the things concerning the Kingdom of God. 9 But when some were hardened and disobedient, speaking evil of the Way before the crowd, he departed from them, and separated the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus. 10 This continued for two years, so that all those who lived in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks. 11 God worked special miracles by the hands of Paul, 12 so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were carried away from his body to the sick, and the evil spirits went out. 13 But some of the itinerant Jews, exorcists, took on themselves to invoke over those who had the evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saving, "I adjure vou by Jesus whom Paul preaches." 14 There were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, who did this. 15 The evil spirit answered, "Jesus I know, and Paul I know, but who are you?" 16 And the man in whom the evil spirit was, having leapt on them, having overpowered them all, prevailed against them so that they fled from that house naked and wounded. 17 This became known to all, both Jews and Greeks, who lived brought these men here, who are neither robbers of at Ephesus. Fear fell on them all, and the name of temples nor blasphemers of our goddess. 38 If therefore the Lord Jesus was magnified. 18 Many also of those Demetrius and the craftsmen who are with him have a who had believed came, confessing, and declaring their matter against anyone, the courts are open, and there deeds. 19 Many of those who practiced magical arts are proconsuls. Let them press charges against one brought their books together and burned them in the another. 39 But if you seek anything further, it will be sight of all. They counted the price of them, and found it settled in the regular assembly. 40 For indeed we are to be fifty thousand pieces of silver. 20 So the word of the in danger of being accused concerning this day's riot, Lord was growing and becoming mighty. 21 Now after there being no cause. Concerning it, we would not be these things had ended, Paul determined in the spirit, able to give an account of this commotion." 41 When he when he had passed through Macedonia and Achaia, had thus spoken, he dismissed the assembly. to go to Jerusalem, saying, "After I have been there, I must also see Rome." 22 Having sent into Macedonia two of those who served him, Timothy and Erastus, he himself stayed in Asia for a while. 23 About that time there arose no small stir concerning the Way. 24 For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, who made silver shrines of Artemis, brought no little business to the craftsmen, 25 whom he gathered together, with the workmen of like occupation, and said, "Sirs, you know that by this business we have our wealth. 26 You see and hear, that not at Ephesus alone, but almost throughout all Asia, this Paul has persuaded and turned away many people, saving that they are no gods, that are made with hands. 27 Not only is there danger that this our trade come into disrepute; but also that the temple of the great goddess Artemis will be counted as nothing, and that she should even be deposed from her magnificence, whom all Asia and the world worships." 28 When they heard this they were filled with anger, and began to shout, saying, "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians." 29 The city was filled with confusion, and they rushed with one accord into the theater, having seized Gaius and Aristarchus, Macedonians, Paul's companions in travel. 30 When Paul wanted to enter in to the people, the disciples did not allow him. 31 And also some of the Asiarchs, who were his friends, sent to him and urged him not to venture into the theater. 32 Some therefore shouted one thing, and some another, for the assembly was in confusion. Most of them did not know why they had come together. 33 They brought Alexander out of the crowd, the Jews putting him forward. Alexander beckoned with his hand, and would have made a defense to the people. 34 But when they perceived that he was a Jew, all with one voice for a time of about two hours shouted, "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians." 35 When the town clerk had quieted the crowd, he said, "You men of Ephesus, is there anyone who does not know that the city of the Ephesians is temple keeper of the great Artemis, and of the image which fell down from Zeus? 36 Seeing then that these things cannot be denied, you ought to be quiet, and to do nothing rash. 37 For you have

20 After the uproar had ceased, Paul sent for the disciples and, after encouraging them, took leave of them, and departed to go into Macedonia. 2 When he had gone through those parts, and had encouraged them with many words, he came into Greece. 3 When he had spent three months there, and a plot was made against him by Jews as he was about to set sail for Syria, he determined to return through Macedonia. 4 He was accompanied by Sopater son of Pyrrhus of Beroea; Aristarchus and Secundus of the Thessalonians; Gaius of Derbe; Timothy; and Tychicus and Trophimus of Asia. 5 But these had gone ahead, and were waiting for us at Troas. 6 We sailed away from Philippi after the days of Unleavened Bread, and came to them at Troas in five days, where we stayed seven days. 7 On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul talked with them, intending to depart on the next day, and continued his speech until midnight. 8 There were many lights in the upper chamber where we were gathered together. 9 A certain young man named Eutychus sat in the window, weighed down with deep sleep. As Paul spoke still longer, being weighed down by his sleep, he fell down from the third story, and was taken up dead. 10 Paul went down, and fell upon him, and embracing him said, "Do not be troubled, for his life is in him." 11 When he had gone up, and had broken bread, and eaten, and had talked with them a long while, even until break of day, he departed. 12 They brought the boy in alive, and were greatly comforted. 13 But we who went ahead to the ship set sail for Assos, intending to take Paul aboard there, for he had so arranged, intending himself to go by land. 14 When he met us at Assos, we took him aboard, and came to Mitylene. 15 Sailing from there, we came the following day opposite Chios. The next day we landed at Samos, and the day after we came to Miletus. 16 For Paul had determined to sail past Ephesus, that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening, if it were possible for him, to be in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost. 17 From Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called to himself the elders of the church. 18 When they had come to him, he said to them, "You yourselves know, from the first day that I set foot in Asia, how I was with you all the time, the Spirit, that he should not go up to Jerusalem, 5 am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to Tyre, we arrived at Ptolemais. We greeted the brothers, his own blood. 29 For I know that after my departure, Then Paul answered, "What are you doing, weeping those who are sanctified. 33 I coveted no one's silver, or had come to Jerusalem, the brothers received us gladly. spoken these things, he knelt down and prayed with there are among the Jews of those who have believed, face no more. And they accompanied him to the ship.

21 When it happened that we had parted from them and had set sail, we came with a straight course to Cos, and the next day to Rhodes, and from there to Patara. 2 Having found a ship crossing over to Phoenicia, we went aboard, and set sail. 3 When we had come in sight of Cyprus, leaving it on the left hand, we sailed to Syria, and landed at Tyre, for there the ship was to unload her cargo. 4 Having found the disciples, we staved there seven days. These said to Paul through

19 serving the Lord with all humility, with many tears, When it happened that we had accomplished the days, and with trials which happened to me by the plots of the we departed and went on our journey. They all, with Jews: 20 how I did not hold back from declaring to you wives and children, brought us on our way until we anything that was profitable, and teaching you publicly were out of the city. And after kneeling down on the and from house to house, 21 testifying both to Jews and beach and praying, 6 we said farewell to one another. to Greeks repentance toward God, and faith toward our And we went on board the ship, and they returned to Lord Jesus. 22 And now, look, compelled by the Spirit, I their own. 7 When we had finished the voyage from me there; 23 except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every and stayed with them one day. 8 On the next day, we city, saying that bonds and afflictions wait for me. 24 But departed and came to Caesarea. We entered into the I make my life an account of nothing precious to myself, house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the so that I may finish my race, and the ministry which seven, and stayed with him. 9 Now this man had four I received from the Lord Jesus, to fully testify to the virgin daughters who prophesied. 10 As we stayed gospel of the grace of God. 25 "And now, look, I know there some days, a certain prophet named Agabus that you all, among whom I went about proclaiming the came down from Judea. 11 Coming to us, and taking Kingdom, will see my face no more. 26 Therefore I testify Paul's belt, he bound his own feet and hands, and to you today that I am innocent of everyone's blood, 27 said, "Thus says the Holy Spirit: 'So will the Jews in for I did not hold back from declaring to you the whole Jerusalem bind the man who owns this belt, and will plan of God. 28 Watch out for yourselves and to all the deliver him into the hands of non-Jewish people." 12 flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, When we heard these things, both we and the people to shepherd the church of God which he purchased with of that place urged him not to go up to Jerusalem. 13 vicious wolves will enter in among you, not sparing the and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be flock. 30 Men will arise from among your own selves, bound, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples the Lord Jesus." 14 When he would not be persuaded, after them. 31 Therefore watch, remembering that for we ceased, saying, "The Lord's will be done." 15 After a period of three years I did not cease to admonish these days we took up our baggage and went up to everyone night and day with tears. 32 Now I entrust Jerusalem. 16 Some of the disciples from Caesarea you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able also went with us, bringing one Mnason of Cyprus, an to build up, and to give you the inheritance among all early disciple, with whom we would stay. 17 When we gold, or clothing. 34 You yourselves know that these 18 The day following, Paul went in with us to James; and hands served my necessities, and those who were with all the elders were present. 19 When he had greeted me. 35 In all things I gave you an example, that so them, he reported one by one the things which God laboring you ought to help the weak, and to remember had worked among the non-Jewish people through his the words of the Lord Jesus, that he himself said, 'It is ministry. 20 They, when they heard it, glorified God. They more blessed to give than to receive." 36 When he had said to him, "You see, brother, how many thousands them all. 37 They all wept a lot, and fell on Paul's neck and they are all zealous for the Law. 21 They have been and kissed him, 38 sorrowing most of all because of the informed about you, that you teach all the Jews who are word which he had spoken, that they should see his among the non-Jews to forsake Moses, telling them not to circumcise their children neither to walk after the customs. 22 What then? The multitude must certainly meet. They will hear that you have come. 23 Therefore do what we tell you. We have four men who have taken a vow. 24 Take them, and purify yourself with them, and pay their expenses for them, that they may shave their heads. Then all will know that there is no truth in the things that they have been informed about you, but that you yourself also walk keeping the Law. 25 But concerning the non-Jewish who believe, we have written our decision that they should keep themselves

from food offered to idols, from blood, from strangled women, 5 As also the high priest and all the council things, and from sexual immorality." 26 Then Paul took of the elders testify, from whom also I received letters the men, and the next day, purified himself and went to the brothers, and traveled to Damascus to bring with them into the temple, declaring the fulfillment of them also who were there to Jerusalem in bonds to be the days of purification, until the offering was offered punished. 6 It happened that, as I made my journey, for every one of them. 27 When the seven days were and came close to Damascus, about noon, suddenly almost completed, the Jews from Asia, when they saw there shone from the sky a great light around me. 7 him in the temple, stirred up all the crowd and laid I fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to me, hands on him, 28 crying out, "Men of Israel, help. This 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?' 8 I answered, is the man who teaches all men everywhere against the 'Who are you, Lord?' He said to me, 'I am Jesus the people, and the Law, and this place. Moreover, he also Nazorean, whom you persecute.' 9 "Those who were brought Greeks into the temple, and has defiled this holy with me indeed saw the light, and were afraid, but they place." 29 For they had previously seen Trophimus, the did not understand the voice of him who spoke to me. Ephesian, with him in the city, and they supposed that 10 I said, 'What should I do, Lord?' The Lord said to me, Paul had brought him into the temple. 30 All the city was 'Arise, and go into Damascus. There you will be told moved, and the people ran together. They seized Paul about all things which are appointed for you to do.' 11 and dragged him out of the temple. Immediately the When I could not see for the glory of that light, being led doors were shut. 31 As they were trying to kill him, news by the hand of those who were with me, I came into came up to the commanding officer of the regiment Damascus. 12 One Ananias, a devout man according to that all Jerusalem was in an uproar. 32 Immediately he the Law, well reported of by all the Jews who lived in took soldiers and centurions, and ran down to them. Damascus, 13 came to me, and standing by me said They, when they saw the chief captain and the soldiers, to me, 'Brother Saul, receive your sight.' In that very stopped beating Paul. 33 Then the commanding officer hour I looked up at him. 14 He said, 'The God of our came near, arrested him, commanded him to be bound fathers has appointed you to know his will, and to see with two chains, and inquired who he was and what the Righteous One, and to hear a voice from his mouth. another, among the crowd. When he could not find out you have seen and heard. 16 Now why do you wait? the truth because of the noise, he commanded him Arise, be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on to be brought into the barracks. 35 When he came his name.' 17 "It happened that, when I had returned to to the stairs, it happened that he was carried by the Jerusalem, and while I prayed in the temple, I fell into a crowd of the people followed after, crying out, "Away out of Jerusalem quickly, because they will not receive with him." 37 As Paul was about to be brought into testimony concerning me from you.' 19 I said, 'Lord, they the barracks, he asked the commanding officer, "May themselves know that I imprisoned and beat in every I speak something to you?" He said, "Do you know synagogue those who believed in you. 20 When the Greek? 38 Are you not then the Egyptian, who before blood of Stephen, your witness, was shed, I also was these days stirred up to sedition and led out into the standing by, and guarding the cloaks of those who killed wilderness the four thousand men of the Assassins?" him.' 21 "He said to me, 'Depart, for I will send you out 39 But Paul said, "I am a Jew, from Tarsus in Cilicia, far from here to non-Jewish people." 22 They listened to a citizen of no insignificant city. I beg you, allow me him until he said that; then they lifted up their voice, and to speak to the people." 40 When he had given him said, "Rid the earth of this fellow, for he is not fit to live." permission. Paul, standing on the stairs, beckoned with 23 As they velled, and threw off their cloaks, and threw his hand to the people. When there was a great silence, dust into the air, 24 the commanding officer commanded he spoke to them in the Hebrew language, saying,

"Brothers and fathers, listen to the defense which I now make to you." 2 When they heard that he spoke to them in the Hebrew language, they were even more guiet. He said, 3 "I am indeed a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, instructed according to the strict manner of the Law of our fathers, being zealous for God, even as you all are this day. 4 I persecuted this Way to the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and

he had done. 34 Some shouted one thing, and some 15 For you will be a witness for him to all people of what soldiers because of the violence of the crowd; 36 for the trance, 18 and saw him saying to me, 'Hurry and get him to be brought into the barracks, ordering him to be examined by scourging, that he might know for what crime they yelled at him like that. 25 When they had tied him up with thongs, Paul asked the centurion who stood by, "Is it lawful for you to scourge a man who is a Roman, and not found guilty?" 26 When the centurion heard it, he went to the commanding officer and told him, "What are you about to do? For this man is a Roman." 27 The commanding officer came and asked him, "Tell me, are you a Roman?" He said, "Yes." 28 The commanding officer answered. "I bought my citizenship the barracks and told Paul. 17 Paul summoned one of Paul down and set him before them.

23 Paul, looking steadfastly at the council, said, "Brothers, I have lived before God in all good conscience until this day." 2 The high priest, Ananias, commanded those who stood by him to strike him on the mouth. 3 Then Paul said to him, "God will strike you, you whitewashed wall. Do you sit to judge me according to the Law, and command me to be struck contrary to the law?" 4 Those who stood by said, "Do you malign God's high priest?" 5 Paul said, "I did not know, brothers, that he was high priest. For it is written, 'You must not speak evil of a ruler of your people." 6 But when Paul perceived that the one part were Sadducees and the other Pharisees, he shouted in the council, "Men and brothers, I am a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees. Concerning the hope and resurrection of the dead I am being judged." 7 When he had said this, an argument arose between the Pharisees and Sadducees, and the assembly was divided. 8 For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, nor angel, nor spirit; but the Pharisees confess all of these. 9 A great clamor arose, and some of the scribes of the Pharisees part stood up, and contended, saying, "We find no evil in this man. What if a spirit spoke to him, or an angel?" 10 When a great argument arose, the commanding officer, fearing that Paul would be torn in pieces by them, commanded the soldiers to go down and take him by force from among them, and bring him into the barracks. 11 The following night, the Lord stood by him, and said, "Cheer up, for as you have testified about me at Jerusalem, so you must testify also at Rome." 12 When it was day, the Jews formed a conspiracy, and bound themselves under a curse, saying that they would neither eat nor drink until they had killed Paul. 13 There were more than forty people who had made this conspiracy. 14 They came to the chief priests and the elders, and said, "We have bound ourselves under a great curse, to taste nothing until we have killed Paul. 15 Now therefore, you with the **21** After five days, the high priest, Ananias, came council inform the commanding officer that he should bring him down to you, as though you were going to Tertullus. They informed the governor against Paul. 2 judge his case more exactly. We are ready to kill him before he comes near." 16 But Paul's sister's son heard saying, "Seeing that by you we enjoy much peace, of their lying in wait, and he came and entered into and that by your foresight reforms are coming to this

for a great price." Paul said, "But I was born a Roman." the centurions, and said, "Bring this young man to the 29 Immediately those who were about to examine him commanding officer, for he has something to tell him." departed from him, and the commanding officer also 18 So he took him, and brought him to the commanding was afraid when he realized that he was a Roman, officer, and said, "Paul, the prisoner, summoned me because he had bound him. 30 But on the next day, and asked me to bring this young man to you, who has desiring to know the truth about why he was accused something to tell you." 19 The commanding officer took by the Jews, he freed him, and commanded the chief him by the hand, and going aside, asked him privately, priests and all the council to come together, and brought "What is it that you have to tell me?" 20 And he said,

"The Jews have agreed to ask you to bring Paul down to the council tomorrow, as though they intended to inquire somewhat more thoroughly concerning him. 21 Therefore do not yield to them, for more than forty men lie in wait for him, who have bound themselves under a curse neither to eat nor to drink until they have killed him. Now they are ready, looking for the promise from you." 22 So the commanding officer let the young man go, charging him, "Tell no one that you have revealed these things to me." 23 He called to himself two of the centurions, and said, "Prepare two hundred soldiers to go as far as Caesarea, with seventy horsemen, and two hundred spearmen, at nine tonight." 24 He asked them to provide animals, that they might set Paul on one, and bring him safely to Felix the governor. 25 He wrote a letter like this: 26 "Claudius Lysias to the most excellent governor Felix: Greetings. 27 "This man was seized by the Jews, and was about to be killed by them, when I came with the soldiers and rescued him, having learned that he was a Roman. 28 Desiring to know the cause why they accused him, I brought him down to their council. 29 I found him to be accused about guestions of their law, but not to be charged with anything worthy of death or of imprisonment. 30 When I was told that there would be a plot against the man, I sent him to you immediately, charging his accusers also to bring their accusations against him before you. Farewell." 31 So the soldiers, carrying out their orders, took Paul and brought him by night to Antipatris. 32 But on the next day they left the horsemen to go with him, and returned to the barracks. 33 When they came to Caesarea and delivered the letter to the governor, they also presented Paul to him. 34 When the governor had read it, he asked what province he was from. When he understood that he was from Cilicia, he said, 35 "I will hear you fully when your accusers also arrive." He commanded that he be kept in Herod's palace.

down with certain elders and an orator, one When he was called, Tertullus began to accuse him, nation, 3 we accept it in all ways and in all places, most delay you, I entreat you to bear with us and hear a few talked with him. 27 But when two years were fulfilled, words. 5 For we have found this man to be a plague, an Felix was succeeded by Porcius Festus, and desiring to instigator of insurrections among all the Jews throughout gain favor with the Jews, Felix left Paul in bonds. the world, and a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes. 6 He even tried to profane the temple, and we arrested him. And we would have judged him according to our law, 7 but the chief captain Lysias came, and with great violence took him away out of our hands, 8 commanding his accusers to come to you. By examining him yourself you may ascertain all these things of which we accuse him." 9 The Jews also joined in the attack, affirming that these things were so. 10 When the governor had beckoned to him to speak, Paul answered, "Because I know that you have been a judge of this nation for many years, I cheerfully make my defense, 11 seeing that you can recognize that it is not more than twelve days since I went up to worship at Jerusalem. 12 In the temple they did not find me disputing with anyone or stirring up a crowd, either in the synagogues, or in the city. 13 Nor can they prove to you the things of which they now accuse me. 14 But this I confess to you, that after the Way, which they call a sect, so I serve the God of our fathers, believing all things which are according to the Law, and which are written in the Prophets; 15 having hope toward God, which these also themselves look for, that there will be a resurrection, both of the just and unjust. 16 This being so, I also do my best to always have a clear conscience toward God and people. 17 Now after some years, I came to bring gifts for the needy to my nation, and offerings; 18 amid which certain Jews from Asia found me purified in the temple, not with a mob, nor with turmoil. 19 They ought to have been here before you, and to make accusation, if they had anything against me. 20 Or else let these men themselves say what injustice they found in me when I stood before the council, 21 unless it is for this one thing that I shouted out standing among them, 'Concerning the resurrection of the dead I am being judged before you today." 22 But Felix, having more exact knowledge concerning the Way, deferred them, saying, "When Lysias, the commanding officer, comes down, I will decide your case." 23 He ordered the centurion that he should be kept in custody, and should have some privileges, and not to forbid any of his friends to serve him or to visit him. 24 But after some days, Felix came with Drusilla, his wife, who was Jewish, and sent for Paul, and heard him concerning the faith in Messiah Jesus. 25 As he reasoned about righteousness, selfcontrol, and the judgment to come, Felix was terrified, and answered, "Go your way for this time, and when it is convenient for me, I will summon you." 26 Meanwhile, he also hoped that money would be given to him by

excellent Felix, with all thankfulness. 4 But, that I do not Paul. Therefore also he sent for him more often, and

25 Festus therefore, having come into the province, after three days went up to Jerusalem from Caesarea. 2 Then the high priest and the principal men of the Jews informed him against Paul, and they urged him, 3 asking a favor against him, that he would summon him to Jerusalem; plotting to kill him on the way. 4 However Festus answered that Paul should be kept in custody at Caesarea, and that he himself was about to depart shortly. 5 "Let them therefore," he said, "that are in power among you go down with me, and if there is anything wrong in the man, let them accuse him." 6 When he had stayed among them more than eight or ten days, he went down to Caesarea, and on the next day he sat on the judgment seat, and commanded Paul to be brought. 7 When he had come, the Jews who had come down from Jerusalem stood around him, bringing against him many and grievous charges which they could not prove. 8 while he said in his defense. "Neither against the law of the Jews, nor against the temple, nor against Caesar, have I sinned at all." 9 But Festus, desiring to gain favor with the Jews, answered Paul and said, "Are you willing to go up to Jerusalem, and be judged by me there concerning these things?" 10 But Paul said, "I am standing before Caesar's judgment seat, where I ought to be tried. I have done no wrong to the Jews, as you also know very well. 11 For if I have done wrong, and have committed anything worthy of death, I do not refuse to die; but if none of those things is true that they accuse me of, no one can give me up to them. I appeal to Caesar." 12 Then Festus, when he had conferred with the council, answered, "You have appealed to Caesar. To Caesar you will go." 13 Now when some days had passed, Agrippa the King and Bernice arrived at Caesarea, and greeted Festus. 14 As they stayed there many days, Festus laid Paul's case before the king, saying, "There is a certain man left a prisoner by Felix; 15 about whom, when I was at Jerusalem, the chief priests and the Jewish elders informed me, asking for a sentence against him. 16 To whom I answered that it is not the custom of the Romans to give up anyone before the accused has met the accusers face to face, and has had opportunity to make his defense against the charge. 17 When therefore they had come together here. I did not delay, but on the next day sat on the judgment seat, and commanded the man to be brought. 18 Concerning whom, when the accusers stood up, they brought no charge of such things as I supposed; 19 but had certain questions against him about their own religion, and about one Jesus, who was dead, whom Paul affirmed to be alive, 20 Being light from the sky, brighter than the sun, shining around there be judged concerning these matters. 21 But when Hebrew language, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting to also specify the charges against him."

26 Agrippa said to Paul, "You may speak for yourself." Then Paul stretched out his hand, and made his defense. 2 "I think myself happy, King Agrippa, that I am to make my defense before you this day concerning all the things that I am accused by the Jews, 3 especially because you are expert in all customs and questions which are among Jews. Therefore I beg you to hear me patiently. 4 "Indeed, all Jews know my way of life from my youth up, which was from the beginning among my own nation and at Jerusalem; 5 having known me from the first, if they are willing to testify, that after the strictest sect of our religion I lived a Pharisee. 6 Now I stand here to be judged for the hope of the promise made by God to our fathers, 7 which our twelve tribes, earnestly serving night and day, hope to attain. Concerning this hope I am accused by the Jews, O King. 8 Why is it judged incredible with you, if God does raise the dead? 9 "In fact. I thought to myself that I ought to do many things against the name of Jesus the Nazorean. 10 This I also did in Jerusalem. I both shut up many of the saints in prisons, having received authority from the chief priests, and when they were put to death I gave my vote against them. 11 Punishing them often in all the synagogues, I tried to make them blaspheme. Being exceedingly enraged against them, I persecuted them even to foreign cities. 12 "Whereupon as I traveled to Damascus with the authority and commission from the chief priests, 13 at noon, O King, I saw on the way a

perplexed how to inquire concerning these things, I me and those who traveled with me. 14 When we had asked whether he was willing to go to Jerusalem and all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice saying to me in the Paul had appealed to be kept for the decision of the me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.' 15 "I emperor, I commanded him to be kept until I could send said, 'Who are you, Lord?' "He said, 'I am Jesus, whom him to Caesar." 22 Agrippa said to Festus, "I also would you are persecuting. 16 But arise, and stand on your like to hear the man myself." "Tomorrow," he said, "you feet, for I have appeared to you for this purpose: to will hear him." 23 So on the next day, when Agrippa appoint you a servant and a witness both of the things and Bernice had come with great pomp, and they had which you have seen me, and of the things which I will entered into the place of hearing with the commanding reveal to you; 17 delivering you from the people, and officers and principal men of the city, at the command of from the non-Jewish people, to whom I send you, 18 to Festus, Paul was brought in. 24 And Festus said, "King open their eyes, that they may turn from darkness to Agrippa, and all people who are here present with us, light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may you see this man, about whom the whole assembly of receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among the Jews petitioned me, both at Jerusalem and here, those who are sanctified by faith in me.' 19 "Therefore, crying that he ought not to live any longer. 25 But when King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly I found that he had committed nothing worthy of death, vision, 20 but declared first to them of Damascus, at and as he himself appealed to the emperor I determined Jerusalem, and throughout all the country of Judea, and to send him. 26 Of whom I have no certain thing to write also to the non-Jews, that they should repent and turn to my lord. Therefore I have brought him forth before to God, doing works worthy of repentance. 21 For this you, and especially before you, King Agrippa, that, after reason Jews seized me when I was in the temple, and examination, I may have something to write. 27 For it tried to kill me. 22 Having therefore obtained the help seems to me unreasonable, in sending a prisoner, not that is from God. I stand to this day testifying both to small and great, saying nothing but what the Prophets and Moses said would happen, 23 how the Messiah would suffer, and how, by the resurrection of the dead. he would be first to proclaim light both to these people and to non-Jewish people." 24 As he thus made his defense, Festus said with a loud voice, "Paul, you are crazy. Your great learning is driving you insane." 25 But he said, "I am not crazy, most excellent Festus, but boldly declare words of truth and reasonableness. 26 For the king knows of these things, to whom also I speak freely. For I am persuaded that none of these things is hidden from him, for this has not been done in a corner. 27 King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you believe." 28 Agrippa said to Paul, "With a little persuasion are you trying to make me a Follower of the Messiah?" 29 Paul said, "I pray to God, that whether with little or with much, not only you, but also all that hear me this day, might become such as I am. except for these bonds." 30 The king rose up with the governor, and Bernice, and those who sat with them. 31 When they had withdrawn, they spoke one to another, saying, "This man does nothing worthy of death or of bonds." 32 Agrippa said to Festus, "This man might have been set free if he had not appealed to Caesar."

> 27 When it was determined that we should sail for Italy, they delivered Paul and certain other prisoners to a centurion named Julius, of the Augustan band. 2 Embarking in a ship from Adramyttium, which

put to sea; Aristarchus, a Macedonian of Thessalonica, up. For I believe God, that it will be just as it has been being with us. 3 The next day, we landed at Sidon. spoken to me. 26 But we must run aground on a certain Julius treated Paul kindly, and gave him permission to island." 27 But when the fourteenth night had come, as go to his friends and refresh himself. 4 Putting to sea we were driven back and forth in the Adriatic Sea, about from there, we sailed under the lee of Cyprus, because midnight the sailors surmised that they were drawing the winds were contrary. 5 When we had sailed across near to some land. 28 They took soundings, and found the sea which is off Cilicia and Pamphylia, we came twenty fathoms. After a little while, they took soundings to Myra, a city of Lycia. 6 There the centurion found again, and found fifteen fathoms. 29 Fearing that we a ship of Alexandria sailing for Italy, and he put us on would run aground on rocky ground, they let go four board. 7 When we had sailed slowly many days, and anchors from the stern, and wished for daylight. 30 had come with difficulty opposite Cnidus, the wind not As the sailors were trying to flee out of the ship, and allowing us further, we sailed under the lee of Crete, had lowered the boat into the sea, pretending that they opposite Salmone. 8 With difficulty sailing along it we would lay out anchors from the bow, 31 Paul said to the came to a certain place called Fair Havens, near the centurion and to the soldiers, "Unless these stay in the city of Lasea. 9 When much time had passed and the ship, you cannot be saved." 32 Then the soldiers cut voyage was now dangerous, because the Fast had now away the ropes of the boat, and let it fall off. 33 While already gone by, Paul admonished them, 10 and said the day was coming on, Paul urged them all to take to them, "Sirs, I perceive that the voyage will be with some food, saying, "This day is the fourteenth day that injury and much loss, not only of the cargo and the ship, you wait and continue fasting, having taken nothing. 34 but also of our lives." 11 But the centurion gave more Therefore I urge you to take some food, for this is for heed to the master and to the owner of the ship than to your preservation; for not a hair will perish from any those things which were spoken by Paul. 12 Because of your heads." 35 When he had said this, and had the haven was not suitable to winter in, the majority taken bread, he gave thanks to God in the presence of advised going to sea from there, if by any means they all, and he broke it, and began to eat. 36 Then they could reach Phoenix, and winter there, which is a port of all cheered up, and they also took food. 37 In all, we Crete, looking northeast and southeast. 13 When the were two hundred seventy-six souls on the ship. 38 south wind blew softly, supposing that they had obtained When they had eaten enough, they lightened the ship, their purpose, they weighed anchor and sailed along throwing out the wheat into the sea. 39 When it was Crete, close to shore. 14 But before long, a stormy wind day, they did not recognize the land, but they noticed a beat down from shore, which is called Euraquilo. 15 certain bay with a beach, and they decided to try to When the ship was caught, and could not face the wind, drive the ship onto it. 40 Casting off the anchors, they we gave way to it, and were driven along. 16 Running left them in the sea, at the same time untying the rudder under the lee of a small island called Cauda, we were ropes. Hoisting up the foresail to the wind, they made able, with difficulty, to secure the boat. 17 After they for the beach. 41 But coming to a place where two seas had hoisted it up, they used cables to help reinforce met, they ran the vessel aground. The bow struck and the ship. Fearing that they would run aground on the remained immovable, but the stern began to break up Syrtis, they lowered the sea anchor, and so were driven by the violence of the waves. 42 The soldiers' counsel along. 18 As we labored exceedingly with the storm, the was to kill the prisoners, so that none of them would next day they began to throw things overboard. 19 On swim out and escape. 43 But the centurion, desiring the third day, they threw out the ship's tackle with their to save Paul, stopped them from their purpose, and own hands. 20 When neither sun nor stars shone on us commanded that those who could swim should throw for many days, and no small storm pressed on us, all themselves overboard first to go toward the land; 44 hope that we would be saved was now taken away. 21 and the rest should follow, some on planks, and some When they had been long without food, Paul stood up in on other things from the ship. So it happened that they the middle of them, and said, "Sirs, you should have all escaped safely to the land. listened to me, and not have set sail from Crete, and have gotten this injury and loss. 22 Now I exhort you to cheer up, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship. 23 For there stood by me this night an angel, belonging to the God whose I am and whom I serve, 24 saying, 'Do not be afraid, Paul. You must

was about to sail to places on the coast of Asia, we all those who sail with you.' 25 Therefore, sirs, cheer

 $\mathbf{28}$ When we had escaped, then we learned that the island was called Malta. 2 The natives showed us uncommon kindness; for they kindled a fire, and received us all, because of the present rain, and because of the cold. 3 But when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks stand before Caesar. And look, God has granted you and placed them on the fire, a viper came out because of the heat, and fastened on his hand. 4 When the natives saw the creature hanging from his hand, they Law of Moses and from the Prophets, from morning said one to another, "No doubt this man is a murderer, until evening. 24 Some believed the things which were whom, though he has escaped from the sea, yet Justice spoken, and some disbelieved. 25 When they did not has not allowed to live." 5 However he shook off the agree among themselves, they departed after Paul had creature into the fire, and was not harmed. 6 But they spoken one word, "The Holy Spirit spoke rightly through expected that he would have swollen or fallen down Isaiah, the prophet, to your fathers, 26 saying, 'Go to dead suddenly, but when they watched for a long time this people, and say, in hearing, you will hear, but will in and saw nothing bad happen to him, they changed no way understand. In seeing, you will see, but will in their minds, and said that he was a god. 7 Now in the no way perceive. 27 For this people's heart has grown neighborhood of that place were lands belonging to the callous. Their ears are dull of hearing. Their eyes they chief official of the island, named Publius, who received have closed. Lest they should see with their eyes, hear us, and courteously entertained us for three days. 8 It with their ears, understand with their heart, and would happened that the father of Publius lay sick of fever turn again, and I would heal them.' 28 "Be it known and dysentery. Paul entered in to him, prayed, and therefore to you, that the salvation of God is sent to laying his hands on him, healed him. 9 Then when this the nations. They will also listen." 29 And when he had was done, the rest also who had diseases in the island said these words, the Jews departed, having a great came, and were cured. 10 They also honored us with dispute among themselves. 30 And Paul stayed two many honors, and when we sailed, they put on board whole years in his own rented house, and received all the things that we needed. 11 After three months, we who were coming to him, 31 proclaiming the Kingdom of set sail in a ship of Alexandria which had wintered in God, and teaching the things concerning the Lord Jesus the island, whose sign was "The Twin Brothers." 12 (the) Messiah with all boldness, without hindrance. Touching at Syracuse, we stayed there three days. 13 From there we cast off and arrived at Rhegium. After one day, a south wind sprang up, and on the second day we came to Puteoli, 14 where we found brothers, and were entreated to stay with them for seven days. So we came to Rome. 15 From there the brothers, when they heard of us, came to meet us as far as The Market of Appius and The Three Taverns. When Paul saw them, he thanked God, and took courage. 16 When we entered into Rome, Paul was allowed to stay by himself with the soldier who guarded him. 17 It happened that after three days he called together those who were the Jewish leaders. When they had come together, he said to them, "I, brothers, though I had done nothing against the people, or the customs of our fathers, still was delivered prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans, 18 who, when they had examined me, desired to set me free, because there was no cause of death in me. 19 But when the Jews spoke against it, I was forced to appeal to Caesar, not that I had anything about which to accuse my nation. 20 For this cause therefore I asked to see you and to speak with you. For because of the hope of Israel I am bound with this chain." 21 They said to him, "We neither received letters from Judea concerning you, nor did any of the brothers come here and report or speak any evil of you. 22 But we desire to hear from you what you think. For, as concerning this sect, it is known to us that everywhere it is spoken against." 23 When they had appointed him a day, many people came to him at his lodging. He explained to them, testifying about the Kingdom of God, and persuading them concerning Jesus, both from the

Romans

1 Paul, a servant of Messiah Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, 2 which he promised before through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, 3 concerning his Son, who was born of the offspring of David according to the flesh, 4 who was declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead, Jesus (the) Messiah our Lord, 5 through whom we received grace and the office of apostle, for obedience of faith among all the nations, for his name's sake; 6 among whom you are also called to belong to Jesus (the) Messiah: 7 to all who are in Rome, loved by God. called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus (the) Messiah. 8 First, I thank my God through Jesus (the) Messiah for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed throughout the whole world. 9 For God is my witness, whom I serve in my spirit in the gospel of his Son, how I constantly mention you 10 always in my prayers, requesting, if by any means now at last I may succeed by the will of God to come to you. 11 For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you; 12 that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine. 13 Now I do another, you condemn yourself. For you who judge not desire to have you unaware, brothers, that I often practice the same things. 2 Now we know that the planned to come to you, and was hindered so far, that I judgment of God is in accordance with truth against might have some fruit among you also, even as among those who practice such things. 3 And do you think this, the other non-Jewish people. 14 I have an obligation you who judge those who practice such things, and do both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and the same, that you will escape the judgment of God? 4 Or to the foolish. 15 So, for my part, I am eager to preach do you despise the riches of his goodness, forbearance, the gospel to you also who are in Rome. 16 For I am and patience, not knowing that the goodness of God not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God leads you to repentance? 5 But according to your for salvation for everyone who believes; for the Jew hardness and unrepentant heart you are storing up for first, and also for the Greek. 17 For in it is revealed yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the God's righteousness from faith to faith. As it is written, righteous judgment of God; 6 who "will pay back to "But the righteous will live by faith." 18 For the wrath of everyone according to their works:" 7 to those who God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness by perseverance in good works seek glory and honor and unrighteousness of people, who suppress the truth and immortality -- everlasting life. (aionios g166) 8 But to by unrighteousness, 19 because what can be known those who are self-seeking, and do not obey the truth, about God is plain to them, because God has shown but obey wickedness -- wrath and anger, 9 affliction and it to them. 20 For since the creation of the world his distress, on every human being who does evil, to the invisible attributes, his eternal power and divine nature, Jew first, and also to the Greek. 10 But glory, honor, and have been clearly seen, being understood from what peace for everyone who does good, to the Jew first, has been made. So they are without excuse. (aïdios and also to the Greek. 11 For there is no partiality with g126) 21 Because, although they knew God, they did God. 12 For as many as have sinned without the law not glorify him as God or give him thanks, but their will also perish without the law. As many as have sinned thinking became nonsense, and their foolish heart was under the law will be judged by the law. 13 For it is not darkened. 22 Claiming to be wise, they became fools, the hearers of the law who are righteous before God. 23 and traded the glory of the immortal God for images but the doers of the law will be justified. 14 For when resembling mortal humans, and of birds, and four-footed the non-Jews who do not have the law do by nature the animals, and crawling creatures. 24 Therefore God also things of the law, these, not having the law, are a law to

abandoned them in the lusts of their hearts to impurity. to the degrading of their bodies among themselves, 25 who exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creation rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. (aion g165) 26 For this reason, God abandoned them to their degrading passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for that which is contrary to nature. 27 Likewise also the men, giving up natural relations with women, burned in their lust toward one another, men with men, committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the due penalty of their error. 28 Even as they refused to have God in their knowledge, God abandoned them to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not right; 29 being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil habits, secret slanderers, 30 slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, 31 foolish, promisebreakers, heartless, unforgiving, unmerciful; 32 who, knowing the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but also approve of those who practice them.

2 Therefore you are without excuse, everyone of you who passes judgment. For in that which you judge themselves. 15 since they show the work of the law seeks after God. 12 They have all turned aside. They written on their hearts, their conscience bearing witness, have together become unprofitable. There is no one 16 in the day when God will judge the secrets of people, is an open tomb. With their tongues they have used according to my gospel, by Messiah Jesus. 17 But if you deceit." "Viper's poison is under their lips;" 14 "Whose God, 18 and know his will, and approve the things that are swift to shed blood. 16 Destruction and calamity are excellent, being instructed out of the law, 19 and are are in their paths. 17 The way of peace, they have confident that you yourself are a guide of the blind, a not known." 18 "There is no fear of God before their embodiment of knowledge and truth. 21 You therefore every mouth may be closed, and all the world may be who teach another, do you not teach yourself? You who brought under the judgment of God. 20 Because by the preach against stealing, do you steal? 22 You who say works of the law, no flesh will be justified in his sight. that one should not commit adultery, do you commit For through the law comes the knowledge of sin. 21 adultery? You who detest idols, do you rob temples? 23 But now apart from the law, a righteousness of God You who boast in the law, do you, by disobeying the law, has been revealed, being testified by the Law and the dishonor God? 24 For because of you the name of God Prophets; 22 even the righteousness of God through is blasphemed among the nations, just as it is written. faith in Jesus (the) Messiah to all who believe. For 25 For circumcision indeed profits, if you are a doer of there is no distinction, 23 for all have sinned, and fall the law, but if you are a transgressor of the law, your short of the glory of God; 24 being justified freely by circumcision has become uncircumcision. 26 If therefore his grace through the redemption that is in Messiah the uncircumcised keep the requirements of the law, Jesus; 25 whom God displayed publicly as a mercy won't his uncircumcision be counted as circumcision? 27 seat, through faith in his blood, for a demonstration Won't the uncircumcision which is by nature, if it fulfills of his righteousness, because in God's forbearance the law, judge you, who with the letter and circumcision he had passed over the sins previously committed; 26 are a transgressor of the law? 28 For he is not a Jew to demonstrate his righteousness at this present time, who is one outwardly, neither is that circumcision which so that he would be just, and the justifier of him who is outward in the flesh; 29 but he is a Jew who is one has faith in Jesus. 27 Where then is the boasting? It is inwardly, and circumcision is that of the heart, by the excluded. By what manner of law? Of works? No, but by Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not from people, a law of faith. 28 For we maintain that one is justified by but from God.

3 Then what advantage does the Jew have? Or what is the profit of circumcision? 2 Much in every way. Because first of all, they were entrusted with the oracles of God. 3 For what if some were without faith? Will their lack of faith nullify the faithfulness of God? 4 Absolutely not. Let God be found true, but every human being a liar. As it is written, "That you may be justified in your words, and prevail when you judge." 5 But if our unrighteousness commends the righteousness of God, what will we say? Is God unrighteous who inflicts wrath? (I am speaking in human terms). 6 Absolutely not. For then how will God judge the world? 7 For if the truth of God through my lie abounded to his glory, why am I also still judged as a sinner? 8 And why not (as we are slanderously reported, and as some affirm that we say), "Let us do evil, that good may come?" Their condemnation is just. 9 What then? Are we better than they? No, in no way. For we previously warned both Jews and Greeks, that they are all under sin. 10 As it is written, "There is no one righteous; no, not one." 11 "There is no one who understands. There is no one who

and their thoughts either accusing or defending them, who does good, there is not even one." 13 "Their throat call yourself a Jew, and rely on the law, and boast in mouth is full of cursing and bitterness." 15 "Their feet light to those who are in darkness, 20 a corrector of eyes." 19 Now we know that whatever things the law the foolish, a teacher of children, having in the law the says, it speaks to those who are under the law, that faith apart from the works of the law. 29 Or is God for Jews only? Is he not the God of the non-Jews also? Yes, of the non-Jews also, 30 since indeed there is one God who will justify the circumcised by faith, and the uncircumcised through faith. 31 Do we then nullify the law through faith? Absolutely not. No, we establish the law.

> A What then will we say that Abraham, our forefather. has found according to the flesh? 2 For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. 3 For what does the Scripture say? "And Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness." 4 Now to the one who works, the pay is not counted as a gift, but as an obligation. 5 But to him who does not work, but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness. 6 Even as David also pronounces blessing on the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works, 7 "Happy are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. 8 Happy is the one whom the Lord will not charge with sin." 9 Is this blessing then pronounced on the circumcised, or on the uncircumcised

also? For we say that faith was credited to Abraham ungodly. 7 For rarely does one die for the righteous. Yet as righteousness. **10** How then was it credited? When perhaps for a good person someone might dare to die. he was in circumcision, or in uncircumcision? Not in 8 But God commends his own love toward us, in that circumcision, but in uncircumcision. 11 He received the while we were yet sinners, Messiah died for us. 9 Much sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the more then, being now justified by his blood, we will be faith which he had while he was in uncircumcision, so that saved from God's wrath through him. 10 For if, while he might be the father of all those who believe, though we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through they be in uncircumcision, that righteousness might also the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we be credited to them. 12 The father of circumcision to will be saved by his life. 11 Not only so, but we also those who not only are of the circumcision, but who also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus (the) Messiah, walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham, through whom we have now received the reconciliation. which he had in uncircumcision. 13 For the promise to 12 Therefore, as sin entered into the world through one Abraham and to his descendants that he should be heir man, and death through sin; and so death passed to all of the world was not through the law, but through the people, because all sinned. 13 For until the law, sin was righteousness of faith. 14 For if those who are of the law in the world; but sin is not charged when there is no are heirs, faith is made void, and the promise is made of law. 14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until no effect. 15 For the law works wrath, for where there is Moses, even over those whose sins weren't like Adam's no law, neither is there disobedience. 16 For this cause disobedience, who is a foreshadowing of him who was it is of faith, that it may be according to grace, to the end to come. 15 But the free gift is not like the trespass. For that the promise may be sure to all the descendants, not if by the trespass of the one the many died, much more to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is did the grace of God, and the gift by the grace of the one of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all. 17 As man, Jesus (the) Messiah, abound to the many. 16 The it is written, "I have made you a father of many nations." gift is not as through one who sinned: for the judgment This is in the presence of him whom he believed: God, came by one to condemnation, but the free gift came of who gives life to the dead, and calls the things that are many trespasses to justification. 17 For if by the trespass not, as though they were. 18 Who hoped in spite of of the one, death reigned through the one; so much hopeless circumstances, with the result that he might more will those who receive the abundance of grace become the father of many nations, according to that and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the which had been spoken, "so will your descendants be." one, Jesus (the) Messiah. 18 So then as through one 19 And not being weak in faith, he considered his own trespass, all people were condemned; even so through body, which was as good as dead (he being about a one act of righteousness, all people were justified to life. hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb. 19 For as through the one man's disobedience many 20 Yet, looking to the promise of God, he did not waver were made sinners, even so through the obedience of through unbelief, but grew strong through faith, giving the one, many will be made righteous. 20 The law came glory to God, 21 and being fully assured that what he in besides, that the trespass might abound; but where had promised, he was able also to perform. 22 And sin abounded, grace abounded more exceedingly; 21 therefore "it was credited to him as righteousness." 23 that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign Now it was not written that it was credited to him for his through righteousness to everlasting life through Jesus sake alone, 24 but for our sake also, to whom it will (the) Messiah our Lord. (aionios g166) be credited, who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, 25 who was delivered up for our 6 What should we say then? Should we continue in trespasses, and was raised for our justification.

with God through our Lord Jesus (the) Messiah; 2 grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3 Not only this, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering works perseverance; character, hope: **5** and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts

sin, that grace may abound? 2 Absolutely not. We who died to sin, how could we live in it any longer? 5 Being therefore justified by faith, we have peace 3 Or do you not know that all we who were baptized into Messiah Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 through whom we also have our access by faith into this We were buried therefore with him through baptism to death, that just like Messiah was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have become united with 4 and perseverance, proven character; and proven him in the likeness of his death, we will also be part of his resurrection; 6 knowing this, that our old self was crucified with him, that the body of sin might be done through the Holy Spirit who was given to us. 6 For while away with, so that we would no longer be in bondage we were yet weak, at the right time Messiah died for the to sin. 7 For he who has died has been freed from sin. 8 But if we died with Messiah, we believe that we have been released from the law, having died to that has dominion over him. 10 For the death that he died, should we say then? Is the law sin? Absolutely not. lives to God. 11 In the same way, consider yourselves the law. For I would not have known covetousness, dead to sin, but alive to God in Messiah Jesus. 12 unless the law had said, "Do not covet." 8 But sin, Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that taking opportunity through the commandment, produced you should obey it in its lusts. 13 Neither present your in me all kinds of covetousness. For apart from the law, and your members as instruments of righteousness died. 10 The commandment, which was for life, this I to God. 14 For sin will not have dominion over you. found to be for death; 11 for sin, taking the opportunity then? Should we sin because we are not under law, but it killed me. 12 Therefore the law indeed is holy, and slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, Absolutely not. But sin, that it might be shown to be sin, which leads to righteousness? 17 But thanks be to through the commandment sin might become exceeding God, that, whereas you were slaves of sin, you became sinful. 14 For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am became slaves of righteousness. 19 | speak in human | hate, that | do. 16 But if | do what | do not want to do, | you presented your members as slaves to uncleanness more I that do it, but sin which dwells in me. 18 For I and to wickedness upon wickedness, even so now know that in me, that is, in my flesh, dwells no good present your members as slaves to righteousness for thing. For the desire is present in me, but the doing of now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. 22 do it, but sin which dwells in me. 21 I find then the law,

7 Or do you not know, brothers (for I speak to those who know the law), that the law has authority over a person for as long as he lives? 2 For the married woman is bound by law to her husband as long as he lives. But if her husband dies, she is released from the law concerning the husband. 3 So then if, while the husband lives, she is joined to another man, she is called an adulteress. But if the husband dies, she is free from the law, so that she is not an adulteress, though she is joined to another man. 4 Therefore, my brothers, you also were made dead to the law through the body members to bring forth fruit for death. 6 But now we

will also live with him; 9 knowing that Messiah, being which held us captive, so that we serve in newness raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no more of the Spirit, and not in oldness of the letter. 7 What he died to sin one time; but the life that he lives, he However, I would not have known sin, except through members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, sin is dead. 9 I was alive apart from the law once, but but present yourselves to God, as alive from the dead, when the commandment came, sin became alive, and I For you are not under law, but under grace. 15 What through the commandment, deceived me, and through under grace? Absolutely not. 16 Do you not know that the commandment holy, and righteous, and good. 13 when you present yourselves to someone as obedient Did that which is good, then, become death to me? whether of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, by working death to me through that which is good; that obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which fleshly, sold under sin. 15 For I do not know what I am you were entrusted. 18 Being made free from sin, you doing. For I do not practice what I desire to do; but what terms because of the weakness of your flesh, for as agree with the law that it is good. 17 So now it is no sanctification. 20 For when you were slaves of sin, you the good is not. 19 For the good which I desire, I do not were free in regard to righteousness. 21 What fruit then do; but the evil which I do not desire, that I practice. 20 did you have at that time in the things of which you are But if what I do not desire, that I do, it is no more I that But now, being made free from sin, and having become that, to me, while I desire to do good, evil is present. 22 slaves of God, you have your fruit of sanctification, For I delight in God's law in my inner being, 23 but I see and the result of everlasting life. (aionios g166) 23 For a different law in my members, warring against the law the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is of my mind, and bringing me into captivity under the law everlasting life in Messiah Jesus our Lord. (aionios g166) of sin which is in my members. 24 What a wretched man I am. Who will deliver me out of the body of this death? 25 Thanks be to God through Jesus (the) Messiah, our Lord. So then with the mind, I myself serve God's law, but with the flesh, the sin's law.

Q There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Messiah Jesus. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Messiah Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. 3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God did, sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh; 4 so that the of Messiah, that you would be joined to another, to him requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who do who was raised from the dead, that we may bear fruit not walk according to the flesh but according to the to God. 5 For when we were in the flesh, the sinful Spirit. 5 For those who live according to the flesh set passions which were through the law, worked in our their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who

For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind predestined, those he also called. Whom he called, set on the Spirit is life and peace; 7 because the mind those he also justified. Whom he justified, those he set on the flesh is hostile towards God, for it does not also glorified. 31 What then are we to say about these submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. 8 And those who things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 But you are not who did not spare his own Son, but delivered him up for in the flesh but in the Spirit, if it is so that the Spirit of us all, how would he not also with him freely give us God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the all things? 33 Who could bring a charge against God's Spirit of Messiah, he does not belong to him. 10 And if chosen ones? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is he who Messiah is in you, the body is dead because of sin, condemns? It is Messiah who died, and more than that, but the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. 11 who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who But if the Spirit of him who raised up Jesus from the also makes intercession for us. 35 Who will separate us dead dwells in you, he who raised up Messiah from the from the love of Messiah? Could oppression, or anguish, dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or Spirit who dwells in you. 12 So then, brothers, we have sword? 36 Even as it is written, "For your sake we are no obligation to the flesh, to live after the flesh. 13 For killed all day long. We were regarded as sheep to be if you live after the flesh, you must die; but if by the slaughtered." 37 No, in all these things, we are more Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I live. 14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, these are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created Spirit of adoption, by whom we cry, "Abba. Father." 16 thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are which is in Messiah Jesus our Lord. children of God; 17 and if children, then heirs; heirs of God and fellow heirs with Messiah; if indeed we suffer with him, that we may also be glorified with him. 18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which will be revealed to us. 19 For the creation waits with eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but because of him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of decay into the glorious freedom of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers with labor pains together until now. 23 And not only this, but ourselves also, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for adoption, the redemption of our body. 24 For we were saved in hope, but hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for that which he sees? 25 But if we hope for that which we do not see. we wait for it with patience. 26 And in the same way, the Spirit also helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought. But the Spirit himself makes intercession for us with inexpressible groanings. 27 And he who searches the hearts knows what is on the Spirit's mind, because he makes intercession for the saints in accordance with God. 28 And we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, to those who are called according to his purpose. 29 For whom he foreknew, he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might

live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. 6 be the firstborn among many brothers. 30 Whom he

9 I tell the truth in Messiah. I am not lying, my conscience testifying with me in the Holy Spirit, 2 that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. 3 For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Messiah for my brothers' sake, my physical relatives according to the flesh, 4 who are Israelites; whose is the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service, and the promises; 5 of whom are the patriarchs, and from whom is the Messiah, as concerning the flesh, who is over all, God, blessed forever. Amen. (aion g165) 6 But it is not as though the word of God has come to nothing. For they are not all Israel, that are of Israel. 7 Neither, because they are Abraham's descendants, are they all children. But, "In Isaac will your descendants be called." 8 That is, it is not the children of the flesh who are children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as descendants. 9 For this is what the promise said, "At the appointed time I will come, and Sarah will have a son." 10 And not only that, but Rebekah also had conceived by one, our father Isaac. 11 For being not yet born, neither having done anything good or bad, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him who calls, 12 it was said to her, "The elder will serve the younger." 13 Even as it is written, "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated." 14 What should we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? Absolutely not. 15 For he said to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion." 16 So then it is not of him who wills, nor of him who runs, but of God your heart, 'Who will go up into heaven?' (that is, to who has mercy. 17 For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, bring Messiah down); 7 or, 'Who will go down into the "For this very purpose I caused you to be raised up, deep?' (that is, to bring Messiah up from the dead.)" that I might show in you my power, and that my name (Abyssos g12) 8 But what does it say? "The word is might be proclaimed in all the earth." 18 So then, he near you, in your mouth, and in your heart;" that is, the has mercy on whom he desires, and he hardens whom message of faith that we proclaim: 9 If you acknowledge he desires. 19 You will say then to me, "Why does he with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your still find fault? For who withstands his will?" 20 But who heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be indeed are you, a human being, to reply against God? saved. 10 For with the heart one believes, resulting in Will the thing formed ask him who formed it, "Why did righteousness, and with the mouth acknowledgment is you make me like this?" 21 Or hasn't the potter a right made, resulting in salvation. 11 For the Scripture says, over the clay, from the same lump to make one part a "Whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." vessel for honor, and another for dishonor? 22 What if 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; God, willing to show his wrath, and to make his power for the same Lord of all is rich to all who call on him. known, endured with much patience vessels of wrath 13 For, "Whoever will call on the name of the Lord will made for destruction, 23 and that he might make known be saved." 14 How then will they call on him in whom the riches of his glory on vessels of mercy, which he they have not believed? How will they believe in him prepared beforehand for glory, 24 us, whom he also whom they have not heard? And how will they hear called, not from the Jews only, but also from the non- without someone preaching? 15 And how will they Jews? 25 As he says also in Hosea, "I will call them preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How which were not my people 'my people,' and her who beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news of was not loved, 'loved." 26 "It will be that in the place peace, who bring good news of good things." 16 But where it was said to them, 'You are not my people,' they did not all listen to the gospel. For Isaiah says, number of the children of Israel are as the sand of the But I ask, isn't it rather that they did not hear? On the sea, the remnant will be kept safe. 28 For he will fulfill contrary, "Their voice has gone out to all the earth, their the word and decisively in righteousness, because the words to the farthest parts of the world." 19 But I ask, Lord will carry out the word decisively in the midst of did not Israel know? First Moses says, "I will provoke Lord of hosts had left us a few survivors, we would have make you angry with a foolish nation." 20 Isaiah is very Gomorrah." 30 What should we say then? That the non- me. I was revealed to those who did not ask for me." 21 Jews, who did not follow after righteousness, attained to But as to Israel he says, "All day long I have stretched righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith; out my hands to a disobedient and obstinate people." 31 but Israel, following after a law of righteousness, did not arrive at that law. 32 Why? Because they did not seek it by faith, but as it were by works. They stumbled over the stumbling stone; 33 even as it is written, "Look, I am laying in Zion a stumbling stone and a rock to trip over; and the one who believes in him will not be put to shame."

God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own according to the election of grace. 6 And if by grace, righteousness of God. 4 For Messiah is the end of longer grace. 7 What then? That which Israel seeks for, the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. 5 that he did not obtain, but the chosen ones obtained it. For Moses writes about the righteousness of the law, and the rest were hardened. 8 According as it is written,

There they will be called 'children of the living God."" "Lord, who has believed our report?" 17 So faith comes 27 And Isaiah cries out concerning Israel, "Though the by hearing, and hearing by the word of Messiah. 18 the earth." 29 As Isaiah has said before, "Unless the you to jealousy with that which is not a people. I will become like Sodom, and would have been made like bold, and says, "I was found by those who did not seek

11 I ask then, has God rejected his people? Absolutely not. For I also am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin, 2 God did not reject his people, which he foreknew. Or do you not know what the Scripture says about Elijah? How he pleads with God against Israel: 3 "Lord, they have killed your prophets, they have broken down your altars; and I am 10 Brothers, my heart's desire and my prayer to left alone, and they seek my life." 4 But how does God God is for them, that they may be saved. 2 For I answer him? "I have kept for myself seven thousand testify about them that they have a zeal for God, but people, who have not bowed the knee to Baal." 5 Even not according to knowledge. 3 For being ignorant of so then at this present time also there is a remnant righteousness, they did not subject themselves to the then it is no longer of works; otherwise grace is no "The one who does them will live by them." 6 But the God gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes that they should righteousness which is of faith says this, "Do not say in not see, and ears that they should not hear, to this very

a trap, and a stumbling block, and a retribution to them. How unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways 10 Let their eyes be darkened, so that they can't see, past tracing out. 34 For "Who has known the mind of the and their backs be bent continually." 11 I ask then, did Lord, or who has been his counselor?" 35 "Or who has they stumble that they might fall? Absolutely not. But by first given to him, and it will be repaid to him again?" 36 their fall salvation has come to the non-Jews, to provoke For from him and by him and in him are all things. To them to jealousy. 12 Now if their fall is the riches of the him be the glory for ever. Amen. (aion g165) world, and their loss the riches of the non-Jews; how much more their fullness? 13 For I speak to you who are the non-Jews. Since then as I am an apostle to the non-Jews, I glorify my ministry; 14 if by any means I may provoke to jealousy those who are my flesh, and may save some of them. 15 For if the rejection of them is the reconciling of the world, what would their acceptance be, but life from the dead? 16 If the first part is holy, so is the whole batch. If the root is holy, so are the branches. 17 But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive, were grafted in among them, and became partaker with them of the rich root of the olive tree; 18 do not boast over the branches. But if you boast, it is not you who support the root, but the root supports you. 19 You will say then, "Branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in." 20 True; by their unbelief they were broken off, and you stand by your faith. Do not be conceited, but fear; 21 for if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will he spare you. 22 See then the goodness and severity of God. Toward those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness, if you continue in his goodness; otherwise you also will be cut off. 23 They also, if they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again. 24 For if you were cut out of that which is by nature a wild olive tree, and were grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree, how much more will these, which are the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree? 25 For I do not desire you to be ignorant, brothers, of this mystery, so that you won't be wise in your own conceits, that a partial hardening has happened to Israel, until the fullness of the non-Jews has come in, 26 and so all Israel will be saved. Even as it is written, "There will come out of Zion the Deliverer; he will turn away ungodliness from Jacob. 27 This is my covenant to them, when I will take away their sins." 28 Concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But concerning the election, they are loved for the fathers' sake. 29 For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. 30 For as you in time past were disobedient to God, but now have obtained mercy by their disobedience, 31 even so these also have now been disobedient, that by the mercy shown to you they may now also obtain mercy. 32 For God has bound everyone over to disobedience, that he might have mercy on all. (eleese g1653) 33 Oh the depth of the the ordinance of God, and those who resist will incur

day. 9 David says, "Let their table be made a snare, and riches both of the wisdom and the knowledge of God.

Therefore I urge you, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what is the good, well-pleasing, and perfect will of God. (aion g165) 3 For I say, through the grace that was given me, to everyone among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, as God has apportioned to each person a measure of faith. 4 For even as we have many members in one body, and all the members do not have the same function, 5 so we, who are many, are one body in Messiah, and individually members one of another. 6 And we have different gifts according to the grace that was given to us. If prophecy, according to the proportion of the faith; 7 if service, in the service; if teaching, in the teaching; 8 if exhorting, in exhortation; giving, in generosity; leading, in diligence; showing mercy, in cheerfulness. 9 Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor that which is evil. Cling to that which is good. 10 In love of the brothers be tenderly affectionate one to another; outdo one another in showing honor; 11 not lagging in diligence; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; 12 rejoicing in hope; enduring in troubles; continuing steadfastly in prayer; 13 contributing to the needs of the saints; given to hospitality. 14 Bless those who persecute you; bless, and do not curse. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice. Weep with those who weep. 16 Live in harmony with one another. Do not be arrogant, but associate with the humble. Do not be conceited. 17 Repay no one evil for evil. Respect what is honorable in the sight of all people. 18 If it is possible, as much as it is up to you, be at peace with all people. 19 Do not seek revenge yourselves, beloved, but leave room for the wrath. For it is written, "Vengeance belongs to me; I will repay, says the Lord." 20 Therefore "If your enemy is hungry, feed him. If he is thirsty, give him a drink; for by doing this you will heap coals of fire on his head." 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

13 Let every person be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. 2 Therefore he who resists the authority resists judgment, 3 For rulers are not a terror to the good Lord of both the dead and the living, 10 But you, why work, but to the evil. Do you desire to have no fear do you judge your brother? Or you again, why do you of the authority? Do that which is good, and you will despise your brother? For we will all stand before the have praise from the same, 4 for it is a servant of God judgment seat of God. 11 For it is written, "As I live," to you for good. But if you do that which is evil, be says the Lord, 'to me every knee will bow. Every tongue afraid, for it does not bear the sword in vain. It is God's will confess to God." 12 So then each one of us will give servant to administer retribution on those who do what account of himself to God. 13 Therefore let us not judge is wrong. 5 Therefore it is necessary to be in subjection, one another any more, but judge this rather, not to put not only because of this retribution, but also as a matter a stumbling block in a brother's way, or an occasion of conscience. 6 For this reason you also pay taxes, for falling. 14 I know, and am persuaded in the Lord for they are servants of God, concerned with this very Jesus, that nothing is unclean of itself; except that to thing. 7 Give therefore to everyone what you owe: taxes him who considers anything to be unclean, to him it to whom taxes are due; customs to whom customs; is unclean. 15 Yet if because of food your brother is respect to whom respect; honor to whom honor. 8 grieved, you walk no longer in love. Do not destroy with Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for your food him for whom Messiah died. 16 Then do not he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law. 9 For let your good be slandered, 17 for the Kingdom of God the commandments, "Do not commit adultery," "Do not is not eating and drinking, but righteousness, peace, murder," "Do not steal," "Do not give false testimony," and joy in the Holy Spirit. 18 For he who serves Messiah "Do not covet," and whatever other commandments in these things is acceptable to God and approved by there are, are all summed up in this saying, namely, "You people. 19 So then, let us follow after things which are to love your neighbor as yourself." 10 Love does make for peace, and things by which we may build one not harm a neighbor. Love therefore is the fulfillment of another up. 20 Do not overthrow God's work for food's the law. 11 Do this, knowing the time, that it is already sake. All things indeed are clean, however it is evil for time for you to awaken out of sleep, for salvation is now anyone who creates a stumbling block by eating. 21 It nearer to us than when we first believed. 12 The night is is good to not eat meat, drink wine, or do anything by far gone, and the day is near. Let us therefore throw off which your brother stumbles, or is offended, or is made the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of weak. 22 The faith you have, keep between yourself light. 13 Let us walk decently, as in the daytime; not in and God. Happy is the one who does not judge himself carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality in that which he approves. 23 But he who doubts is and lustful acts, and not in dissension and jealousy. 14 condemned if he eats, because it is not of faith; and But put on the Lord Jesus (the) Messiah, and make no whatever is not of faith is sin. provision for the flesh, for its lusts.

1 A Now accept one who is weak in faith, but not for disputes over opinions. 2 One person has faith to eat all things, but the one who is weak eats only vegetables. 3 Do not let the one who eats despise the one who does not eat. Do not let the one who does not eat judge the one who eats, for God has accepted him. 4 Who are you who judge another's servant? To his own lord he stands or falls. Yes, he will be made to stand, for the Lord has power to make him stand. 5 One esteems one day as more important; and another one esteems every day alike. Let each one be fully convinced in his own mind. 6 The one who observes the day, observes it to the Lord; and the one who does not observe the day, he does not observe it to the Lord. The one who eats, he eats to the Lord; since he gives thanks to God. And the one who does not eat, he does not eat to the Lord, and gives thanks to God. 7 For none of us lives to himself, and none dies to himself. 8 For if we live, we live to the Lord. Or if we die, we die to the Lord. If therefore we live or die, we are the Lord's. 9 For to this end Messiah died, and lived again, that he might be

1 5 Now we who are strong ought to bear the weaknesses of the weak, and not to please ourselves. 2 Let each one of us please his neighbor for that which is good, to be building him up. 3 For even Messiah did not please himself. But, as it is written, "The insults of those who insult you fell on me." 4 For whatever things were written before were written for our instruction, that through patience and through encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. 5 Now the God of patience and of encouragement grant you to be of the same mind one with another according to Messiah Jesus, 6 that with one accord you may with one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus (the) Messiah. 7 Therefore accept one another, even as Messiah also accepted you, to the glory of God. 8 Now I say that Messiah has been made a servant of the circumcision for the truth of God, that he might confirm the promises given to the fathers, 9 and that the non-Jews might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "therefore I will give praise to you among the non-Jews, and sing to your name." 10 Again he says, "Rejoice, you nations, with his people." 11 Again, "Praise the Lord, all

Isaiah says, "There will be the root of Jesse, he who arises to rule over the peoples; in him will the nations you receive her in the Lord, in a way worthy of the hope." 13 Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy saints, and that you assist her in whatever matter she and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope, may need from you, for she herself also has been a in the power of the Holy Spirit. 14 I myself am also helper of many, and of my own self. 3 Greet Prisca and persuaded about you, my brothers, that you yourselves Aquila, my fellow workers in Messiah Jesus, 4 who are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also for my life, laid down their own necks; to whom not to admonish others. 15 But I write the more boldly to only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the nonyou in part, as reminding you, because of the grace Jewish people. 5 Greet the church that is in their house. that was given to me by God, 16 that I should be a Greet Epaenetus, my beloved, who is the first fruits of servant of Messiah Jesus to the non-Jews, serving as a Asia to Messiah. 6 Greet Mary, who labored much for priest the gospel of God, that the offering up of the non- you. 7 Greet Andronicus and Junia, my compatriots Jews might be made acceptable, sanctified by the Holy and my fellow prisoners, who are notable among the Spirit. 17 I have therefore my boasting in Messiah Jesus apostles, who also were in Messiah before me. 8 Greet in things pertaining to God. 18 For I will not dare to Ampliatus, my beloved in the Lord. 9 Greet Urbanus, speak of any things except those which Messiah worked our fellow worker in Messiah, and Stachys, my beloved. through me, for the obedience of the non-Jews, by word 10 Greet Apelles, the approved in Messiah. Greet those and deed, 19 in the power of signs and wonders, in who are of the household of Aristobulus. 11 Greet the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, Herodion, my kinsman. Greet them of the household of and around as far as to Illyricum, I have fully preached Narcissus, who are in the Lord. 12 Greet Tryphaena the gospel of Messiah. 20 And in this way I desire to and Tryphosa, who labor in the Lord. Greet Persis, the preach the Good News where Messiah was not known, beloved, who labored much in the Lord. 13 Greet Rufus, that I might not build on another's foundation. 21 But, the chosen in the Lord, and his mother and mine. 14 as it is written, "Those who were not told about him, Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, they will see, and those who have not heard, they will and the brothers who are with them. 15 Greet Philologus understand." 22 Therefore also I was hindered these and Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all many times from coming to you, 23 but now, no longer the saints who are with them. 16 Greet one another having any place in these regions, and having these with a holy kiss. The churches of Messiah greet you. 17 many years a longing to come to you, 24 whenever I Now I appeal to you, brothers, look out for those who journey to Spain I will come to you. For I hope to see are causing the divisions and occasions of stumbling, you on my journey, and to be helped on my way there contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and turn by you, if first I may enjoy your company for a while. away from them. 18 For those who are such do not 25 But now, I say, I am going to Jerusalem, serving serve our Lord Messiah, but their own belly; and by their the saints. 26 For it has been the good pleasure of smooth and flattering speech, they deceive the hearts Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution of the innocent. 19 For your obedience has become for the poor among the saints who are at Jerusalem. 27 known to all. I rejoice therefore over you. But I desire to Yes, it has been their good pleasure, and they are their have you wise in that which is good, but innocent in debtors. For if the non-Jewish people have been made that which is evil. 20 And the God of peace will guickly partakers of their spiritual things, they owe it to them crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord also to serve them in fleshly things. 28 When therefore I Jesus (the) Messiah be with you. 21 Timothy, my fellow have accomplished this, and have sealed to them this worker, greets you, as do Lucius, Jason, and Sosipater. fruit, I will go on by way of you to Spain. 29 I know that, my relatives. 22 I, Tertius, who write the letter, greet you when I come to you, I will come in the fullness of the in the Lord. 23 Gaius, my host and host of the whole blessing of Messiah. 30 Now I appeal to you, brothers, church, greets you. Erastus, the treasurer of the city, by our Lord Jesus (the) Messiah, and by the love of the greets you, as does Quartus, the brother. 25 Now to him Spirit, that you strive together with me in your prayers to who is able to establish you according to my gospel and God for me, 31 that I may be delivered from those who the proclamation of Jesus (the) Messiah, according to are disobedient in Judea, and that my service which I the revelation of the mystery which has been kept secret have for Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints; 32 through long ages, (aionios g166) 26 but now is revealed, that I may come to you in joy through the will of God, and by the Scriptures of the prophets, according to the and together with you, find rest. 33 Now the God of commandment of the eternal God, is made known for peace be with you all. Amen.

you nations. Let all the peoples praise him." 12 Again, 16 I commend to you Phoebe, our sister, who is a servant of the church that is at Cenchreae, 2 that obedience of faith to all the nations; (aionios g166) 27 to the only wise God, through Jesus (the) Messiah, to whom be the glory forever. Amen. (aion g165)

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Paul, called to be an apostle of Messiah Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, 2 to the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Messiah Jesus, called to be saints, with all who call on the name of our Lord Jesus (the) Messiah in every place, both theirs and ours: 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus (the) Messiah. 4 I always thank my God concerning you, for the grace of God which was given you in Messiah Jesus: 5 that in everything you were enriched in him, in all speech and all knowledge; 6 even as the testimony of Messiah was confirmed in you: 7 so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for our Lord Jesus (the) Messiah to be revealed; 8 who will also strengthen you to the end, blameless in the day of our the mystery of God. 2 For I determined not to know Lord Jesus (the) Messiah. 9 God is faithful, through anything among you, except Jesus (the) Messiah, and whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus (the) Messiah, our Lord. 10 Now I appeal to you, afraid and I shook. 4 My speech and my preaching were brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus (the) Messiah, not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration that all of you be in agreement, so that there may be of the Spirit and of power, 5 that your faith would not no divisions among you, and to be united by the same rest on human wisdom, but on the power of God. 6 We mind and conviction. 11 For it has been reported to me speak wisdom, however, among those who are mature, concerning you, my brothers, by those who are from but a wisdom not of this age or of the rulers of this age, Chloe's household, that there are contentions among who are passing away. (aion g165) 7 But we speak God's you. 12 Now I mean this, that each one of you says, "I wisdom in a mystery, the wisdom that has been hidden, follow Paul," "I follow Apollos," "I follow Cephas," and, which God determined in advance before the ages for "I follow Messiah," 13 Is Messiah divided? Was Paul our glory, (aion g165) 8 which none of the rulers of this crucified for you? Or were you baptized into the name age has understood. For had they known it, they would of Paul? 14 I thank God that I baptized none of you, not have crucified the Lord of glory. (aion g165) 9 But as except Crispus and Gaius, 15 so that no one should it is written, No eye has seen, and no ear has heard, say that you had been baptized into my own name. and no mind has imagined the things which God has 16 (Now I also baptized the household of Stephanas; prepared for those who love him. 10 But to us God beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized any revealed it through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches all other.) 17 For Messiah sent me not to baptize, but to things, even the deep things of God. 11 For what person preach the gospel-not in wisdom of words, so that the knows the things of a person except the spirit of the cross of the Messiah would not be made void. 18 For person that is in him? So also, no one knows the things the message about the cross is foolishness to those of God except the Spirit of God. 12 But we received, not who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is from God, the power of God. 19 For it is written, "I will destroy that we might know the things that were freely given to the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the us by God. 13 And we speak of these things, not with discerning I will nullify." 20 Where is the wise? Where is words taught by human wisdom, but with those taught the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Hasn't God by the Spirit, comparing spiritual things with spiritual made foolish the wisdom of the world? (aion g165) 21 For things. 14 Now the natural person does not receive the seeing that in the wisdom of God, the world through its things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to wisdom did not know God, it was God's good pleasure him, and he cannot understand them, because they are through the foolishness of the preaching to save those spiritually discerned. 15 But he who is spiritual discerns who believe. 22 For Jews ask for signs, and Greeks all things, and he himself is judged by no one. 16 For, seek after wisdom, 23 but we preach Messiah crucified, "Who has known the mind of the Lord? Who will instruct a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to the non- him?" But we have the mind of Messiah. Jews. 24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Messiah is the power of God and the wisdom of

God. 25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than man's, and the weakness of God is stronger than man's. 26 For consider your calling, brothers, that not many were wise from a human perspective, not many mighty, not many of noble birth. 27 But God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise. And God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong. 28 And God chose the lowly of the world, and the despised, what is considered to be nothing, to bring to nothing what is considered to be something, 29 that no flesh might boast before God. 30 And because of him you are in Messiah Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, 31 so that, as it is written, "Let him who boasts, boast in the Lord."

2 When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with superiority of speech or wisdom, proclaiming to you him crucified. 3 When I was with you, I was weak and

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3 And I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual, the hidden things of darkness, and reveal the counsels milk, not solid food, for you weren't yet ready. And even God. 6 Now these things, brothers, I have in a figure now you are still not ready, 3 for you are still fleshly. transferred to myself and Apollos for your sakes, that in For insofar as there is jealousy and strife among you, us you might learn not to go beyond the things which are you not fleshly, and living by human standards? are written, that none of you be puffed up against one 4 For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I another. 7 For who makes you different? And what do follow Apollos," are you not merely human? 5 What you have that you did not receive? But if you did receive then is Apollos? And what is Paul? Servants through it, why do you boast as if you had not received it? 8 You whom you believed, and each as the Lord gave to him. are already filled. You have already become rich. You 6 I planted. Apollos watered. But God made it grow. 7 have come to reign without us. Yes, and I wish that you So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who did reign, that we also might reign with you. 9 For, I waters, but God who makes it grow. 8 Now he who think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last of plants and he who waters are the same, but each will all, like men sentenced to death. For we are made a receive his own reward according to his own labor. 9 For spectacle to the world, both to angels and people. 10 we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's We are fools for Messiah's sake, but you are wise in building. 10 According to the grace of God which was Messiah. We are weak, but you are strong. You have given to me, as a wise master builder I laid a foundation, honor, but we have dishonor. 11 Even to this present and another builds on it. But let each one be careful hour we hunger, thirst, are naked, are beaten, and have how he builds on it. 11 For no one can lay any other no certain dwelling place. 12 We toil, working with our foundation than that which has been laid, which is Jesus own hands. When people curse us, we bless. Being (the) Messiah. 12 But if anyone builds on the foundation persecuted, we endure. 13 Being defamed, we entreat. with gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay, or straw; We are made as the filth of the world, the dirt wiped off 13 each man's work will be revealed. For the Day will by all, even until now. 14 I do not write these things declare it, because it is revealed in fire; and the fire itself to shame you, but to admonish you as my beloved will test what sort of work each man's work is. 14 If any children. 15 For though you have ten thousand tutors in man's work remains which he built on it, he will receive Messiah, yet not many fathers. For in Messiah Jesus, I a reward. 15 If any man's work is burned, he will suffer became your father through the gospel. 16 I appeal to loss, but he himself will be saved, but as through fire. you therefore, be imitators of me. 17 Because of this 16 Do you not know that you are a temple of God, and I have sent Timothy to you, who is my beloved and that God's Spirit lives in you? 17 If anyone destroys the faithful child in the Lord, who will remind you of my ways temple of God, God will destroy him; for God's temple is which are in Messiah, even as I teach everywhere in holy, which you are. 18 Let no one deceive himself. If every church. 18 Now some are puffed up, as though anyone thinks that he is wise among you in this age, let I were not coming to you. 19 But I will come to you him become a fool, that he may become wise. (aion g165) shortly, if the Lord is willing. And I will know, not the 19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. word of those who are puffed up, but the power. 20 For For it is written, "He traps the wise in their craftiness." the Kingdom of God is not in word, but in power. 21 20 And again, "The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, What do you want? Should I come to you with a rod, or that they are futile." 21 Therefore let no one boast about in love and a spirit of gentleness? people. For all things are yours, 22 whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come. All are yours, 23 and you are Messiah's, and Messiah is God's.

moreover, it is required of stewards, that they be found faithful. 3 But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you, or by man's judgment. Yes, I myself. Yet I am not justified by this, but he who judges me is the Lord. 5 Therefore judge nothing before the

but as fleshly, as infants in Messiah. 2 I fed you with of the hearts. Then each one will get his praise from

5 It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and such sexual immorality as is not even among the nations, that one has his father's wife. 2 You are puffed up, and did not rather mourn, that he ▲ So a person should consider us as Messiah's who had done this deed might be removed from among servants, and stewards of God's mysteries. 2 Here, you. 3 For I most certainly, as being absent in body but present in spirit, have already, as though I were present, judged him who has done this thing. 4 In the name of our Lord Jesus, you being gathered together, and my do not judge my own self. 4 For I know nothing against spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus, 5 are to deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord. 6 time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little yeast leavens the whole lump? 7 Purge out the old yeast, that you may be a new lump, even as you are and make them members of a prostitute? Absolutely wrote to you not to associate with anyone who is called Therefore glorify God in your body. a brother who is a sexual sinner, or covetous, or an idolater, or a slanderer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner. Do not even eat with such a person. 12 For what have I to do with also judging those who are outside? Do you not judge those who are within? 13 But those who are outside, God judges. "Put away the wicked person from among yourselves."

unworthy to judge the smallest matters? 3 Do you not Satan does not tempt you because of your lack of selfamong you who would be able to decide between a remain even as I am. 9 But if they do not have selfwill inherit the Kingdom of God. 11 Such were some of and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the brother. the power of anything. 13 "Foods for the belly, and the save your husband? Or how do you know, husband, them. But the body is not for sexual immorality, but for has assigned to each one, as God has called each, Messiah? Should I then take the members of Messiah. in uncircumcision? Let him not be circumcised. 19

unleavened. For indeed Messiah, our Passover lamb, not. 16 Or do you not know that he who is joined to has been sacrificed for us. 8 Therefore let us keep a prostitute is one body? For he says, "The two will the feast, not with old yeast, neither with the yeast of become one flesh." 17 But he who is joined to the Lord malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread is one spirit. 18 Flee sexual immorality. "Every sin that a of sincerity and truth. 9 I wrote to you in my letter to person does is outside the body," but he who commits have no company with sexual sinners; 10 yet not at all sexual immorality sins against his own body. 19 Or do meaning with the sexual sinners of this world, or with you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy the covetous and extortioners, or with idolaters; for then Spirit which is in you, which you have from God? You you would have to leave the world. 11 But as it is, I are not your own, 20 for you were bought with a price.

7 Now concerning the things about which you wrote: it is good for a man not to touch a woman. 2 But, because of sexual immoralities, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband. 3 Let the husband fulfill his marital duty to his wife, and likewise also the wife to her husband. 4 The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband. 🔓 If any of you has a dispute against another, does he Likewise also the husband does not have authority over dare go to court before the unrighteous, instead of his own body, but the wife. 5 Do not deprive one another, the saints? 2 Do you not know that the saints will judge unless it is by consent for a season, that you may give the world? And if the world is judged by you, are you yourselves to prayer, and may be together again, that know that we will judge angels? How much more, things control. 6 But this I say by way of concession, not of that pertain to this life? 4 If then, you have to judge commandment. 7 Yet I wish that all people were like things pertaining to this life, do you set them to judge me. However each one has his own gift from God, one who have no standing in the church? 5 I say this to of this kind, and another of that kind. 8 But I say to the move you to shame. Is not there even one wise person unmarried and to widows, it is good for them if they brother and his brother? 6 But brother goes to law with control, let them marry. For it's better to marry than to brother, and that before unbelievers. 7 Actually, it is burn. 10 But to the married I command-not I, but the already a defeat for you, that you have lawsuits among Lord-that the wife not leave her husband 11 (but if she yourselves. Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather departs, let her remain unmarried, or else be reconciled be cheated? 8 No, but you yourselves do wrong, and to her husband), and that the husband not leave his cheat, and that against your brothers. 9 Or do you not wife. 12 But to the rest I-not the Lord-say, if any know that the unrighteous will not inherit the Kingdom of brother has an unbelieving wife, and she is content God? Do not be deceived. Neither the sexually immoral, to live with him, let him not leave her. 13 The woman nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor men who has an unbelieving husband, and he is content who have sexual relations with men, 10 nor thieves, nor to live with her, let her not leave her husband. 14 covetous, nor drunkards, nor slanderers, nor swindlers, For the unbelieving husband is sanctified in the wife, you, but you were washed. But you were sanctified. But Otherwise your children would be unclean, but now you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus (the) they are holy. 15 Yet if the unbeliever departs, let there Messiah, and in the Spirit of our God. 12 "All things be separation. The brother or the sister is not under are lawful for me," but not all things are expedient, "All bondage in such cases, but God has called you to things are lawful for me," but I will not be brought under peace. 16 For how do you know, wife, whether you will belly for foods," but God will bring to nothing both it and whether you will save your wife? 17 Only, as the Lord the Lord; and the Lord for the body. 14 Now God raised so let him walk. So I command in all the churches. 18 up the Lord, and will also raise us up by his power. Was anyone called having been circumcised? Let him 15 Do you not know that your bodies are members of not become uncircumcised. Has anyone been called Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing. but the keeping of the commandments of God. 20 Let each person stay in that calling in which he was called. love builds up. 2 But if anyone thinks that he knows 21 Were you called being a slave? Do not let that bother anything, he does not yet know as he ought to know. 3 you, but if you get an opportunity to become free, use But if anyone loves God, the same is known by him. 4 it. 22 For he who was called in the Lord being a slave Therefore concerning the eating of things sacrificed to is the Lord's free person. Likewise he who was called idols, we know that no idol is anything in the world, and being free is Messiah's slave. 23 You were bought with that there is no God but one. 5 For though there are a price. Do not become slaves of people. 24 Brothers, things that are called "gods," whether in the heavens or let each one, in whatever condition he was called, stay on earth; as there are many "gods" and many "lords;" in that condition with God. 25 Now concerning virgins, I 6 yet to us there is one God, the Father, from whom have no commandment from the Lord, but I give my are all things, and we for him; and one Lord, Jesus judgment as one who has obtained mercy from the Lord (the) Messiah, through whom are all things, and we live to be trustworthy. 26 I think that it is good therefore, through him. 7 However, not all have this knowledge. because of the distress that is on us, that it is good But some, being so accustomed to idols until now, eat for a person to remain as he is. 27 Are you bound to as of a thing sacrificed to an idol, and their conscience. a wife? Do not seek to be freed. Are you free from a being weak, is defiled. 8 But food will not commend us wife? Do not seek a wife. 28 But if you marry, you have to God. For neither, if we do not eat, are we the worse; not sinned. If a virgin marries, she has not sinned. Yet nor, if we eat, are we the better. 9 But be careful that by such will have oppression in the flesh, and I want to no means does this liberty of yours become a stumbling spare you. 29 But I say this, brothers: the time is short, block to the weak. 10 For if someone sees you who that from now on, those who have wives should be have knowledge sitting in an idol's temple, won't his as though they had none: 30 and those who weep, conscience, if he is weak, be emboldened to eat things as though they did not weep; and those who rejoice, sacrificed to idols? 11 And through your knowledge. as though they did not rejoice; and those who buy, as he who is weak perishes, the brother for whom the though they did not possess; 31 and those who use the Messiah died. 12 Thus, sinning against the brothers, world, as not using it to the fullest. For the form of this and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you world is passing away. 32 But I desire to have you to be sin against Messiah. 13 Therefore, if food causes my free from cares. He who is unmarried is concerned for brother to stumble. I will eat no meat forevermore, that I the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord: 33 but he who is married is concerned about the things of the world, how he may please his wife, 34 and is divided. And the woman that is unmarried, or a virgin, is concerned about the things of the Lord, so that she may be holy both in body and in spirit. But the one that is married is concerned about the things of the world, how she may please her husband. 35 This I say for your own profit; not that I may ensnare you, but for that which is appropriate, and that you may attend to the Lord without distraction. 36 But if anyone thinks that he is behaving inappropriately toward his virgin, if she is past the flower of her age, and if need so requires, let him do what he desires. He does not sin. Let them marry. 37 But he who stands steadfast in his heart, having no necessity, but has power over his own heart, to keep his own virgin, does well. 38 So then both he who gives his own virgin in marriage does well, and he who does not give her in marriage does better. 39 A wife is bound to her husband as long as he lives; but if the husband is dead, she is free to be married to whomever she desires, only in the Lord. 40 But she is happier if she stays as she is, in my judgment, and I think that I also have God's Spirit.

Q Now concerning things sacrificed to idols: We know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but do not cause my brother to stumble. (aion g165)

9 Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? 2 If to others I am not an apostle, yet at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my office of apostle in the Lord. 3 My defense to those who examine me is this. 4 Have we no right to eat and to drink? 5 Have we no right to take along a wife who is a believer, even as the rest of the apostles, and the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas? 6 Or have only Barnabas and I no right to not work? 7 What soldier ever serves at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard, and does not eat of its fruit? Or who feeds a flock, and does not drink from the flock's milk? 8 Do I say these things according to human authority? Or does not the Law also say the same thing? 9 For it is written in the Law of Moses, "Do not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain." Is it for the oxen that God cares, 10 or does he say it assuredly for our sake? Yes, it was written for our sake, because he who plows ought to plow in hope, and he who threshes in the hope of having a share. 11 If we sowed to you spiritual things. is it a great thing if we reap your fleshly things? 12 If others partake of this right over you, do not we yet more? Nevertheless we did not use this right, but we

bear all things, that we may cause no hindrance to the Messiah, as some of them tested, and perished by the gospel of Messiah. 13 Do you not know that those the serpents. 10 Neither grumble, as some of them also who serve around sacred things eat from the things of grumbled, and perished by the destroyer. 11 Now these the temple, and those who wait on the altar have their things happened to them by way of example, and they portion with the altar? 14 Even so the Lord ordained were written for our admonition, on whom the ends of that those who proclaim the gospel should live from the the ages have come. (aion g165) 12 Therefore let him gospel. 15 But I have used none of these things, and I who thinks he stands be careful that he does not fall. 13 do not write these things that it may be done so in my No temptation has taken you except what is common case; for I would rather die, than that anyone should to humanity. God is faithful, who will not allow you to make my boasting void. 16 For if I preach the gospel, I be tempted above what you are able, but will with the have nothing to boast about, because I am compelled to temptation also make the way of escape, that you may do this. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel. 17 For be able to endure it. 14 Therefore, my beloved, flee from if I do this of my own will, I have a reward. But if not idolatry. 15 I speak as to wise people. Judge what I say. of my own will, I have a stewardship entrusted to me. 16 The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a sharing 18 What then is my reward? That, when I preach the of the blood of Messiah? The bread which we break, is it gospel, I may present the gospel without charge, so as not a sharing of the body of Messiah? 17 Because there not to abuse my authority in the gospel. 19 For though I is one loaf of bread, we, who are many, are one body; was free from all, I brought myself under bondage to all, for we all partake of the one loaf of bread. 18 Consider that I might gain the more. 20 To the Jews I became as Israel according to the flesh. Do not those who eat the a Jew, that I might gain Jews; to those who are under sacrifices participate in the altar? 19 What am I saying the law, as under the law, not being myself under the then? That a thing sacrificed to idols is anything, or that law, that I might gain those who are under the law; 21 to an idol is anything? 20 But I say that the things which those who are without law, as without law (not being pagans sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons, and not to without law toward God, but under law toward Messiah), God, and I do not desire that you would have fellowship that I might win those who are without law. 22 To the with demons. 21 You cannot both drink the cup of the weak I became as weak, that I might gain the weak. Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot both partake I have become all things to all people, that I may by of the table of the Lord, and of the table of demons. 22 all means save some. 23 Now I do all things for the Or do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger sake of the gospel, that I may be a joint partaker of it. than he? 23 "All things are lawful," but not all things are 24 Do you not know that those who run in a race all profitable. "All things are lawful," but not all things build run, but one receives the prize? Run like that, that you up. 24 Let no one seek his own, but his neighbor's good. may win. 25 Now everyone who competes in the games 25 Whatever is sold in the butcher shop, eat, asking no exercises self-control in all things. Now they do it to question for the sake of conscience, 26 for "the earth receive a corruptible crown, but we an incorruptible. 26 is the Lord's, and its fullness." 27 But if one of those I therefore run like that, as not uncertainly. I fight like who do not believe invites you to a meal, and you are that, as not beating the air, 27 but I beat my body and inclined to go, eat whatever is set before you, asking no bring it into submission, lest by any means, after I have guestions for the sake of conscience. 28 But if anyone preached to others, I myself should be rejected.

1 Now I would not have you ignorant, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; 2 and were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea: 3 and all ate the same spiritual food; 4 and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of a spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Messiah. 5 However with most of them. God was not well pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness. 6 Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted. 7 Neither be idolaters, as some of them were. As it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play." 8 Neither let us commit sexual immorality, as some of them committed, and in

says to you, "This was offered to idols," do not eat it for the sake of the one who told you, and for the sake of conscience. 29 Conscience, I say, not your own, but the other's conscience. For why is my liberty judged by another conscience? 30 If I partake with thankfulness. why am I denounced for that for which I give thanks? 31 Whether therefore you eat, or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. 32 Give no occasions for stumbling, either to Jews, or to Greeks, or to the church of God; 33 even as I also please all people in all things, not seeking my own profit, but the profit of the many, that they may be saved.

11 Be imitators of me, even as I also am of Messiah. 2 Now I praise you, that you remember me in all things, and hold firm the traditions, even as I delivered one day twenty-three thousand fell. 9 Neither let us test them to you. 3 But I would have you know that the head

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is the man, and the head of Messiah is God. 4 Every not discern the body. 30 For this cause many among man praving or prophesying, having his head covered, you are weak and sickly, and not a few sleep. 31 For dishonors his head. 5 But every woman praying or if we discerned ourselves, we would not be judged. prophesying with her head unveiled dishonors her head. 32 But when we are judged, we are punished by the For it is one and the same thing as if she were shaved. Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world. 33 6 For if a woman is not covered, let her also be shorn. Therefore, my brothers, when you come together to eat. But if it is shameful for a woman to be shorn or shaved, wait one for another. 34 But if anyone is hungry, let him let her be covered. 7 For a man indeed ought not to eat at home, lest your coming together be for judgment. have his head covered, because he is the image and The rest I will set in order whenever I come. glory of God, but the woman is the glory of the man. 8 For man is not from woman, but woman from man: 9 for neither was man created for the woman, but woman for the man. 10 For this cause the woman ought to have authority on her head, because of the angels. 11 Nevertheless, neither is the woman independent of the man, nor the man independent of the woman, in the Lord. 12 For as woman came from man, so a man also comes through a woman; but all things are from God. 13 Judge for yourselves. Is it appropriate that a woman pray to God unveiled? 14 Doesn't even nature itself teach you that if a man has long hair, it is a dishonor to him? 15 But if a woman has long hair, it is a glory to her, for her hair is given to her for a covering. 16 But if anyone seems to be contentious, we have no such custom, neither do God's churches. 17 But in aiving vou this command. I do not praise you, that you come together not for the better but for the worse. 18 For first of all, when you come together in the church. I hear that divisions exist among you, and I partly believe it. 19 For there also must be factions among you, that those who are approved may be revealed among you. 20 When therefore you assemble yourselves together, it is not the Lord's supper that you eat. 21 For in your eating each one takes his own supper first. One is hungry, and another is drunk. 22 What, do you not have houses to eat and to drink in? Or do you despise God's church, and put them to shame who do not have? What should I tell you? Should I praise you? In this I do not praise you. 23 For I received from the Lord that which also I delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night in which he was betraved took bread. 24 When he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in memory of me." 25 In the same way he also took the cup, after the meal, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink, in memory of me." 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. 27 Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks the Lord's cup in a manner unworthy will be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord. 28 But let a person examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread, and drink of the cup. 29 For he who eats and

of every man is Messiah, and the head of the woman drinks eats and drinks judgment to himself, if he does

2 Now concerning spiritual things, brothers, I do not 1 want you to be ignorant. 2 You know that when you were unbelievers, you were led away to those mute idols, however you might be led. 3 Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by God's Spirit says, "Jesus is accursed." No one can say, "Jesus is Lord," but by the Holy Spirit. 4 Now there are various kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. 5 There are various kinds of service, and the same Lord. 6 There are various kinds of workings, but the same God, who works all things in all. 7 But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the profit of all. 8 For to one is given through the Spirit the word of wisdom, and to another the word of knowledge, according to the same Spirit; 9 to another faith, by the same Spirit; and to another gifts of healings, by the one Spirit; 10 and to another workings of miracles; and to another prophecy; and to another discernings of spirits: to another different kinds of tongues; and to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 But the one and the same Spirit works all of these, distributing to each one separately as he desires. 12 For as the body is one, and has many members. and all the members of the body, being many, are one body; so also is Messiah. 13 For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether bond or free; and were all given to drink of one Spirit. 14 For the body is not one member, but many. 15 If the foot would say, "Because I'm not a hand, I'm not part of the body," that would not make it less a part of the body. 16 And if the ear would say, "Because I'm not the eye, I'm not part of the body," that would not make it less a part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? 18 But as a matter of fact. God has arranged the members of the body, each one of them, according to his design. 19 If they were all the same member, where would the body be? 20 So now there are many members, but one body. 21 The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need for you," or again the head to the feet, "I have no need for you." 22 On the contrary, those members which seem to be weaker are essential, 23 and the parts which we

think less honorable we treat with greater honor, and language edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies our unpresentable parts are treated with dignity, 24 the church. 5 Now I would like you all to speak in whereas our presentable parts have no such need. But tongues, but even more that you would prophesy, and God has put the body together, giving greater honor to he is greater who prophesies than he who speaks with the lesser member, 25 that there may be no division other languages, unless he interprets, that the church in the body, but that the members should have the may be built up. 6 But now, brothers, if I come to you same concern for one another. 26 When one member speaking with other languages, what would I profit you, honored, all rejoice with it. 27 Now you are the body of knowledge, or of prophesying, or of teaching? 7 Even Christ, and members individually. 28 God has set some things without life, giving a voice, whether pipe or harp, helps, governments, and various kinds of tongues. 29 trumpet gave an uncertain sound, who would prepare all miracle workers? 30 Do all have gifts of healings? the tongue words easy to understand, how would it be Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? 31 But known what is spoken? For you would be speaking into most excellent way to you.

13 If I speak with the tongues of humans and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong, or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. 3 If I dole out all my goods to feed the poor, and if I surrender my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, it profits me nothing. 4 Love is patient and is kind; love does not envy. Love does not brag, is not proud, 5 does not behave itself inappropriately, does not seek its own way, is not irritable, does not keep a record of wrongs; 6 does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; 7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 8 Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will be done away with. Where there are tongues, they will cease. Where there is knowledge, it will be done away with. 9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part; 10 but when that which is complete has come, that which is partial will be done away with. 11 When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I felt as a child, I thought as a child. Now that I have become an adult, I have put away childish things. 12 For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I will know fully, even as I was also fully known. 13 But now faith, hope, and love remain-these three. The greatest of these is love.

1 Follow after love, and earnestly desire spiritual things, and especially that you may prophesy. 2 For the one who speaks in another language speaks not to people, but to God; for no one understands; but in the Spirit he speaks mysteries. 3 But he who prophesies speaks to people for their encouragement, strengthening, and comfort. 4 He who speaks in another

suffers, all the members suffer with it. If a member is unless I speak to you either by way of revelation, or of in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third if they did not give a distinction in the sounds, how teachers, then miracle workers, then gifts of healings, would it be known what is piped or harped? 8 For if the Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are himself for war? 9 So also you, unless you uttered by earnestly desire the greater gifts. Moreover, I show a the air. 10 There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none is without meaning. 11 If then

> I do not know the meaning of the sound, I would be to him who speaks a foreigner, and he who speaks would be a foreigner to me. 12 So also you, since you are zealous for spiritual things, seek that you may abound to the building up of the church. 13 Therefore let him who speaks in another language pray that he may interpret. 14 For if I pray in another language, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. 15 What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also. I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also. 16 Otherwise if you bless with the spirit, how will he who fills the place of the unlearned say the "Amen" at your giving of thanks, seeing he does not know what you say? 17 For you truly give thanks well, but the other person is not built up. 18 I thank God I speak in tongues more than you all. 19 However in the church I would rather speak five words with my understanding, that I might instruct others also, than ten thousand words in another language. 20 Brothers, do not be children in thoughts, yet in malice be babies, but in thoughts be mature. 21 In the law it is written, "By people of strange tongues and by the lips of strangers I will speak to this people; but even then they will not listen to me." says the Lord. 22 Therefore tongues are for a sign, not to those who believe, but to the unbelieving; but prophesying is for a sign, not to the unbelieving, but to those who believe.

> 23 If therefore the whole church is assembled together and all speak in tongues, and unlearned or unbelieving people come in, won't they say that you are crazy? 24 But if all prophesy, and someone unbelieving or unlearned comes in, he is reproved by all, and he is judged by all. 25 And thus the secrets of his heart are revealed. So he will fall down on his face and worship God, declaring that God is among you indeed. 26 What

is it then, brothers? When you come together, each has Messiah been raised, 14 lf Messiah has not been one has a psalm, has a teaching, has a revelation, has raised, then our preaching is in vain, and your faith be done to build each other up. 27 If anyone speaks in God, because we testified about God that he raised up another language, let it be two, or at the most three, Messiah, whom he did not raise up, if it is so that the and in turn; and let one interpret. 28 But if there is no dead are not raised. 16 For if the dead are not raised. interpreter, let him keep silent in the church, and let neither has Messiah been raised, 17 If Messiah has not him speak to himself, and to God. 29 Let the prophets been raised, your faith is vain; you are still in your sins. speak, two or three, and let the others discern. 30 But if 18 Then they also who are fallen asleep in Messiah have that all may learn and all may be encouraged. 32 The Messiah has been raised from the dead, the first fruits God is not a God of confusion, but of peace. As in all man, the resurrection of the dead also came by a man. to speak; but let them be in subjection, as the Law also first fruits, then those who are Messiah's, at his coming. says. 35 If they desire to learn anything, let them ask 24 Then the end comes, when he will deliver up the their own husbands at home, for it is shameful for a Kingdom to God, even the Father; when he will have woman to chatter in the church. 36 What? Was it from abolished all rule and all authority and power. 25 For you that the word of God went out? Or did it come to he must reign until he has put all his enemies under recognized. 39 Therefore, my brothers, desire earnestly When all things have been subjected to him, then the to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues. 40 Son will also himself be subjected to him who subjected Let all things be done decently and in order.

15 Now I declare to you, brothers, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which you also stand, 2 by which also you are saved, if you hold firmly the word which I preached to you-unless you believed in vain. 3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Messiah died for our sins according to the Scriptures. 4 that he was buried. that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures. 5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6 After that he appeared to over five hundred brothers at once, most of whom remain until now, but some have also fallen asleep. 7 After that he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, 8 and last of all, as to the child born at the wrong time, he appeared to me also. 9 For I am the least of the apostles, who is not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10 But by the grace of God I am what I am. His grace which was bestowed on me was not futile, but I worked more than all of them; yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. 11 Whether then it was I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed. 12 Now if Messiah is preached, that he has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? 13 But if there is no resurrection of the dead, neither

another language, has an interpretation. Let all things also is in vain. 15 Yes, we are found false witnesses of a revelation is made to another sitting by, let the first perished. 19 If we have only hoped in Messiah in this keep silent. 31 For you can all prophesy one by one, life, we are of all people most to be pitied. 20 But now spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets, 33 for of those who are asleep. 21 For since death came by a the churches of the saints, 34 let the women keep silent 22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Messiah all will be in the churches, for it has not been permitted for them made alive. 23 But each in his own order: Messiah the you alone? 37 If anyone thinks himself to be a prophet, his feet. 26 The last enemy that will be abolished is or spiritual, let him recognize the things which I write death. 27 For, "He put all things under his feet." But to you, that they are the commandment of the Lord, when he says "all things" are put under, it is evident that 38 But if someone does not recognize this, he is not the one who put all things under is the exception. 28 all things to him, that God may be all in all. 29 Or else what will they do who are baptized for the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why then are they baptized for them? 30 Why do we also stand in jeopardy every hour? 31 I affirm, brothers, by the boasting in you which I have in Messiah Jesus our Lord. I die daily. 32 If I fought with animals at Ephesus for human purposes, what does it profit me? If the dead are not raised, then "let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die." 33 Do not be deceived. "Bad company corrupts good morals." 34 Become sober-minded, and do not sin, for some are ignorant about God. I say this to your shame. 35 But someone will say, "How are the dead raised?" and, "With what kind of body do they come?" 36 You foolish one, that which you yourself sow is not made alive unless it dies. 37 That which you sow, you do not sow the body that will be, but a bare grain, maybe of wheat. or of some other kind. 38 But God gives it a body even as it pleased him, and to each seed a body of its own. 39 All flesh is not the same flesh, but there is one flesh of humans, another flesh of animals, another of fish, and another of birds. 40 There are also celestial bodies, and terrestrial bodies: but the glory of the celestial differs from that of the terrestrial. 41 There is one glory of the sun, another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for one star differs from another star in glory. 42

So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in him, But set him forward on his journey in peace, that corruption; it is raised in incorruption. 43 It is sown in he may come to me; for I expect him with the brothers. dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; 12 Now concerning Apollos, the brother, I strongly urged it is raised in power. 44 It is sown a natural body; it him to come to you with the brothers; and it was not at is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body and all his desire to come now; but he will come when he there is also a spiritual body. 45 So also it is written, has an opportunity. 13 Watch. Stand firm in the faith. "The first man, Adam, became a living soul." The last Be courageous. Be strong. 14 Let all that you do be Adam became a life-giving spirit. 46 However that which done in love. 15 Now I appeal to you, brothers (you is spiritual is not first, but that which is natural, then know the house of Stephanas, that it is the first fruits of that which is spiritual. 47 The first man is of the earth, Achaia, and that they have set themselves to serve the made of dust. The second man is from heaven. 48 As saints), 16 that you also be in subjection to such, and to is the one made of dust, such are those who are also everyone who helps in the work and labors. 17 I rejoice made of dust; and as is the heavenly, such are they at the coming of Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus; also that are heavenly. 49 As we have borne the image for that which was lacking on your part, they supplied. of those made of dust, let us also bear the image of 18 For they refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore the heavenly. 50 Now I say this, brothers, that flesh acknowledge those who are like that. 19 The churches and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God; neither of Asia greet you. Aquila and Priscilla greet you much in does corruption inherit incorruption. 51 Look, I tell you a the Lord, together with the church that is in their house. mystery. We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, 20 All the brothers greet you. Greet one another with a 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last holy kiss. 21 This greeting is by me, Paul, with my own trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will hand. 22 If anyone does not love the Lord, a curse be be raised incorruptible, and we will be changed. 53 For on him. Our Lord, come. 23 The grace of the Lord Jesus this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal be with you. 24 My love to all of you in Messiah Jesus. must put on immortality. 54 But when this corruptible will have put on incorruption, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then what is written will happen: "Death is swallowed up in victory." 55 "Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting?" (Hades g86) 56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus (the) Messiah. 58 Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the Lord's work, because you know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

16 Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I commanded the churches of Galatia, you do likewise. 2 On the first day of the week, let each one of you save, as he may prosper, that no collections be made when I come. 3 When I arrive, I will send whoever you approve with letters to carry your gracious gift to Jerusalem. 4 If it is appropriate for me to go also, they will go with me. 5 But I will come to you when I have passed through Macedonia, for I am passing through Macedonia. 6 But with you it may be that I will stay, or even winter, that you may send me on my journey wherever I go. 7 For I do not wish to see you now in passing, but I hope to stay a while with you, if the Lord permits. 8 But I will stay at Ephesus until Pentecost, 9 for a great and effective door has opened to me, and there are many adversaries. 10 Now if Timothy comes, see that he is with you without fear, for he does the work of the Lord, as I also do. 11 Therefore let no one despise

2 Corinthians

1 Paul, an apostle of Messiah Jesus through the will of God, and Timothy our brother, to the church of God which is at Corinth, with all the saints who are in the whole of Achaia: 2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus (the) Messiah. 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus (the) Messiah, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort: 4 who comforts us in all our affliction, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, through the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by sorry, then who will make me glad but he who is made God. 5 For as the sufferings of Messiah abound to us, sorry by me? 3 And I wrote this very thing, so that, when even so our comfort also abounds through Messiah. I came, I would not have sorrow from them of whom I 6 But if we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and ought to rejoice; having confidence in you all, that my salvation. If we are comforted, it is for your comfort, joy would be shared by all of you. 4 For out of much which produces in you the patient enduring of the same affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you with many sufferings which we also suffer. 7 Our hope for you is tears, not that you should be made sorry, but that you steadfast, knowing that, since you are partakers of the might know the love that I have so abundantly for you. sufferings, so also are you of the comfort. 8 For we do 5 But if any has caused sorrow, he has caused sorrow, not desire to have you uninformed, brothers, concerning not to me, but in part (that I not press too heavily) to you our affliction which happened in Asia, that we were all. 6 Sufficient to such a one is this punishment which weighed down exceedingly, beyond our power, so much was inflicted by the many; 7 so that on the contrary you that we despaired even of life. 9 Yes, we ourselves have should rather forgive him and comfort him, lest by any had the sentence of death within ourselves, that we means such a one should be swallowed up with his should not trust in ourselves, but in God who raises the excessive sorrow. 8 Therefore I urge you to confirm dead, 10 who delivered us out of so great a death, and your love toward him, 9 For to this end I also wrote, that he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he I might know the proof of you, whether you are obedient will also deliver us again; 11 you also helping together in all things. 10 Now I also forgive whomever you forgive on our behalf by your petition; that, for the gift bestowed anything. For if indeed I have forgiven anything, I have on us by means of many, thanks may be given by many forgiven that one for your sakes in the presence of persons on our behalf. 12 For our boasting is this: the Messiah, 11 that no advantage may be gained over us testimony of our conscience, that with pure motives by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his schemes. 12 and sincerity of God, not in fleshly wisdom but in the Now when I came to Troas for the gospel of Messiah, grace of God we conducted ourselves in the world, and and when a door was opened to me in the Lord, 13 I more abundantly toward you. 13 For we write no other had no relief for my spirit, because I did not find Titus, things to you, than what you read or even acknowledge, my brother, but taking my leave of them, I went out and I hope you will fully acknowledge; 14 as also you into Macedonia. 14 Now thanks be to God, who always acknowledged us in part, that we are your boasting, leads us in triumph in Messiah, and reveals through us even as you also are ours, in the day of our Lord Jesus. the sweet aroma of his knowledge in every place. 15 15 In this confidence, I was determined to come first to For we are a sweet aroma of Messiah to God, in those you, that you might have a second benefit; 16 and by who are saved, and in those who perish; 16 to the one a you to pass into Macedonia, and again from Macedonia stench from death to death; to the other a sweet aroma to come to you, and to be sent forward by you on my from life to life. Who is sufficient for these things? 17 journey to Judea. 17 When I therefore was planning For we are not, like so many, peddling the word of God. this, did I do it lightly? Or the things that I purpose, do But as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God, I purpose according to the flesh, that with me there we speak in Messiah. should be the "Yes, yes" and the "No, no?" 18 But as God is faithful, our word toward you is not "Yes and no." 19 For the Son of God, Jesus (the) Messiah, who was preached among you by us, by me, Silvanus, and Timothy, was not "Yes and no," but in him is "Yes." 20 For however many are the promises of God, in him

they are "Yes." Therefore also through him they are "Amen," to the glory of God through us. 21 Now he who establishes us with you in Messiah, and anointed us, is God; 22 who also sealed us, and gave us the down payment of the Spirit in our hearts. 23 But I call God as a witness to my soul, that to spare you I did not come again to Corinth. 24 Not that we rule over your faith, but are fellow workers with you for your joy. For you stand firm in faith.

7 For I determined this for myself, that I would not come to you again in sorrow. 2 For if I make you

 $\boldsymbol{3}$ Are we beginning again to commend ourselves? We do not need, as do some, letters of commendation to you or from you, do we? 2 You are our letter, written in our hearts, known and read by everyone; 3 being revealed that you are a letter of Messiah, served by us,

written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God: the death of Jesus, that the life of Jesus may also be is from God; 6 who also made us sufficient as servants same spirit of faith, according to that which is written, of a new covenant; not of the letter, but of the Spirit. For "I believed, and therefore I spoke." We also believe, on the face of Moses for the glory of his face; which was sakes, that the grace, being multiplied through the many, more glory? 9 For if the service of condemnation has God. 16 Therefore we do not become discouraged, but glory, the service of righteousness exceeds much more even though our outer nature is wearing away, yet our has not been made glorious in this respect, by reason momentary light affliction is working for us a far more of the glory that surpasses. 11 For if that which passes exceeding and everlasting weight of glory; (aionios g166) away was with glory, much more that which remains is 18 while we do not look at the things which are seen, but in glory. 12 Having therefore such a hope, we use great at the things which are not seen. For the things which boldness of speech, 13 and not as Moses, who put a are seen are temporal, but the things which are not veil on his face, that the children of Israel would not seen are everlasting. (aionios g166) look steadfastly on the end of that which was passing away. 14 But their minds were hardened, for until this very day at the reading of the old covenant the same veil remains, because in Messiah it passes away. 15 But to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart. 16 But whenever one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. 17 Now the Lord is the Spirit and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. 18 But we all, with unveiled face looking as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord, the Spirit.

1 Therefore seeing we have this ministry, even as we obtained mercy, we do not faint. 2 But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by the manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. 3 Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing; 4 in whom the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving, so they would not see the light of the glorious gospel of Messiah, who is the image of God. (aion g165) 5 For we do not preach ourselves, but Messiah Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your slaves because of Jesus. 6 For it is God, who spoke for light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Messiah. 7 But we have this treasure in clay vessels, that the exceeding greatness of the power may be of God, and not from ourselves. 8 We if we are out of control, it is for God. If we are in a are pressed on every side, yet not crushed; perplexed, yet not to despair; 9 pursued, yet not forsaken; struck constrains us; because we judge thus, that one died down, yet not destroyed; 10 always carrying in the body for all, therefore all died. 15 He died for all, that those

not in tablets of stone, but in tablets that are hearts of revealed in our body. 11 For we who live are always flesh. 4 Such confidence we have through Messiah delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of toward God; 5 not that we are sufficient of ourselves, to Jesus may be revealed in our mortal flesh. 12 So then account anything as from ourselves; but our sufficiency death works in us, but life in you. 13 But having the the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. 7 But if the service and therefore also we speak; 14 knowing that he who of death, written engraved on stones, came with glory, raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and so that the children of Israel could not look steadfastly will present us with you. 15 For all things are for your passing away: 8 won't service of the Spirit be with much may cause the thanksgiving to abound to the glory of in glory. 10 For truly that which has been made glorious inner nature is being renewed day by day. 17 For this

> 5 For we know that if the earthly house of our tent is dissolved, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, everlasting, in the heavens. (aionios g166) 2 For truly in this we groan, longing to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven, 3 since, after we have put it on, we will not be found naked. 4 For indeed we who are in this tent do groan, being burdened; not that we desire to be unclothed, but that we desire to be clothed, that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. 5 Now he who made us for this very thing is God, who also gave to us the down payment of the Spirit. 6 Therefore, we are always confident and know that while we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: 7 for we walk by faith, not by sight. 8 We are of good courage, I say, and are willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be at home with the Lord. 9 Therefore also we make it our aim, whether at home or absent, to be well pleasing to him. 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Messiah; that each one may receive the things in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. 11 Knowing therefore the fear of the Lord, we persuade people, but we are revealed to God; and I hope that we are revealed also in your consciences. 12 We are not commending ourselves to you again, but speak as giving you occasion of boasting on our behalf, that you may have something to answer those who boast in appearance, and not in heart. 13 For reasonable way, it is for you. 14 For the love of Messiah

who live should no longer live to themselves, but to him will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and who for their sakes died and rose again. 16 Therefore daughters," says the Lord Almighty. we know no one after the flesh from now on. Even though we have known Messiah after the flesh, yet now we no longer know him in this way. 17 Therefore if anyone is in Messiah, he is a new creation. The old things have passed away. Look, new things have come. 18 But all things are of God, who reconciled us to himself through Jesus (the) Messiah, and gave to us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 namely, that God was in Messiah reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and having committed to us the word of reconciliation. 20 We are therefore ambassadors on behalf of Messiah, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Messiah, be reconciled to God. 21 For him who knew no sin he made to be sin on our behalf; so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

receive the grace of God in vain, 2 for he says, "At an acceptable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I helped you." Look, now is the "acceptable time." Look, now is the "day of salvation." 3 We give now rejoice, not that you were made sorry, but that you no occasion of stumbling in anything, that our service may not be blamed. 4 but in everything commending ourselves, as servants of God, in great endurance, in in nothing. 10 For godly sorrow works repentance to afflictions, in hardships, in distresses, **5** in beatings, in imprisonments, in riots, in labors, in watchings, in fastings; 6 in pureness, in knowledge, in patience, in you were made sorry in a godly way. What diligence righteousness on the right hand and on the left, 8 by vindication. In everything you proved yourselves to be glory and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as innocent in this matter. 12 So although I wrote to you, I deceivers, and yet true; 9 as unknown, and yet well wrote not for his cause that did the wrong, nor for his not killed; 10 as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as care for us might be revealed in you in the sight of God. yet possessing all things. 11 Our mouth is open to we rejoiced the more exceedingly for the joy of Titus, restricted by us, but you are restricted by your own For if in anything I have boasted to him on your behalf, affections. 13 Now in return, I speak as to my children, with unbelievers, for what fellowship have righteousness and iniquity? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? 15 What agreement has Messiah with Belial? Or what portion has a believer with an unbeliever? 16 What him. 16 I rejoice that in everything I am of good courage agreement has a temple of God with idols? For we are concerning you. a temple of the living God. Even as God said, "I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they will be my people." 17 Therefore, "Go out from their midst, and be separate,' says the Lord, 'and touch no unclean thing,' and I will receive you. 18 "And I

7 Having therefore these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. 2 Open your hearts to us. We wronged no one. We corrupted no one. We took advantage of no one. 3 I say this not to condemn you, for I have said before, that you are in our hearts to die together and live together. 4 Great is my boldness of speech toward you. Great is my boasting on your behalf. I am filled with comfort. I overflow with joy in all our affliction. 5 For even when we had come into Macedonia, our flesh had no relief, but we were afflicted on every side. Fightings were outside. Fear was inside. 6 Nevertheless, he who comforts the lowly, God, comforted us by the coming of Titus; 7 and not by his coming only, but also by the comfort with which he was comforted in you, while he told us of your longing, 6 Working together, we entreat also that you not your mourning, and your zeal for me; so that I reioiced still more. 8 For though I made you sorry with my letter, I do not regret it, though I did regret it. For I see that my letter made you sorry, though just for a while. 9 I were made sorry to repentance. For you were made sorry in a godly way, that you might suffer loss by us salvation, which brings no regret. But the sorrow of the world works death. 11 For look at this very thing, that kindness, in the Holy Spirit, in sincere love, 7 in the it produced in you, what clearing of yourselves, what word of truth, in the power of God; by the armor of indignation, what fear, what longing, what zeal. what known; as dying, and look, we live; as punished, and cause that suffered the wrong, but that your earnest poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and 13 Therefore we have been comforted. In our comfort you, Corinthians. Our heart is enlarged. 12 You are not because his spirit has been refreshed by you all. 14 I was not disappointed. But as we spoke all things to you also be open wide. 14 Do not be unequally yoked you in truth, so our glorying also which I made before Titus was found to be truth. 15 His affection is more abundantly toward you, while he remembers all of your obedience, how with fear and trembling you received

> ${f 8}$ Moreover, brothers, we make known to you the grace of God which has been given in the churches of Macedonia; 2 how that in much proof of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded to the riches of their liberality. 3 For according to their

power. I testify, yes and beyond their power, they gave of Macedonia, that Achaia has been prepared for a of their own accord, 4 begging us with much entreaty year past. Your zeal has stirred up very many of them. to receive this grace and the fellowship in the service 3 But I have sent the brothers that our boasting on to the saints. 5 This was not as we had hoped, but your behalf may not be in vain in this respect, that, just first they gave their own selves to the Lord, and to us as I said, you may be prepared, 4 so that I won't by through the will of God. 6 So we urged Titus, that as he any means, if there come with me any of Macedonia made a beginning before, so he would also complete in and find you unprepared, we (to say nothing of you) you this grace. 7 But as you abound in everything, in should be disappointed in this confidence. 5 I thought it faith, utterance, knowledge, all earnestness, and in the necessary therefore to entreat the brothers that they love from us that is in you, see that you also abound would go before to you, and arrange ahead of time the in this grace. 8 I speak not by way of commandment, generous gift that you promised before, that the same but as proving through the earnestness of others the might be ready as a matter of generosity, and not of sincerity also of your love. 9 For you know the grace of greediness. 6 Remember this: he who sows sparingly our Lord Jesus (the) Messiah, that, though he was rich, will also reap sparingly. He who sows bountifully will also yet for your sakes he became poor, that you through his reap bountifully. 7 Each person should give according poverty might become rich. 10 I give a judgment in this: as he has determined in his heart; not grudgingly, or for this is expedient for you, who were the first to start under compulsion; for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 a year ago, not only to do, but also to be willing. 11 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, that But now complete the doing also, that as there was the you, always having all sufficiency in everything, may readiness to be willing, so there may be the completion abound to every good work. 9 As it is written, "He has also out of your ability. 12 For if the readiness is there, it scattered, he has given to the poor; his righteousness is acceptable according to what you have, not according endures forever." (aion g165) 10 Now he who supplies to what you do not have. 13 For this is not that others seed to the sower and bread for food, will supply and may be eased and you distressed, 14 but for equality. multiply your seed for sowing, and increase the fruits of Your abundance at this present time supplies their lack, your righteousness; 11 you being enriched in everything that their abundance also may become a supply for your to all liberality, which works through us thanksgiving to lack; that there may be equality. 15 As it is written, "He God. 12 For this service of giving that you perform not who gathered much had nothing left over, and he who only makes up for lack among the saints, but abounds gathered little had no lack." 16 But thanks be to God, also through many thanksgivings to God; 13 seeing that who puts the same earnest care for you into the heart of through the proof given by this service, they glorify God Titus. 17 For he indeed accepted our exhortation, but for the obedience of your confession to the gospel of being himself very earnest, he went out to you of his Messiah, and for the liberality of your contribution to own accord. 18 We have sent together with him the them and to all; 14 while they themselves also, with brother whose praise in the gospel is known through petition on your behalf, yearn for you by reason of the all the churches. 19 Not only so, but who was also exceeding grace of God in you. 15 Thanks be to God appointed by the churches to travel with us in this grace, for his inexpressible gift. which is served by us to the glory of the Lord himself, and to show our readiness. 20 We are avoiding this, that no one should blame us concerning this abundance which is administered by us. 21 For we have regard for what is honorable, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of others. 22 We have sent with them our brother, whom we have many times proved earnest in many things, but now much more earnest, by reason of the great confidence which he has in you. 23 As for Titus, he is my partner and fellow worker for you. As for our brothers, they are apostles of the churches, the glory of Messiah. 24 Therefore show the proof of your love to them in front of the churches, and of our boasting about you.

Q It is indeed unnecessary for me to write to you concerning the service to the saints, 2 for I know your readiness, of which I boast on your behalf to them

10 Now I Paul, myself, entreat you by the humility and gentleness of Messiah; I who in your presence am lowly among you, but being absent am of good courage toward you. 2 But I implore you that when I am present I may not have to be bold with the confidence with which I intend on showing against some, who consider us to be walking according to the flesh. 3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not wage war according to the flesh; 4 for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but mighty in God for the tearing down of strongholds, 5 throwing down imaginations and every high thing that is exalted against the knowledge of God, and bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Messiah; 6 and being in readiness to avenge all disobedience, when your obedience will be made full. 7 Do you look anyone trusts in himself that he is Messiah's, let him and I will continue to do so. 10 As the truth of Messiah authority, (which the Lord gave for building you up, and cut off occasion from them that desire an occasion, reach even to you. 14 For we do not stretch ourselves someone makes slaves of you, if someone exploits you, 15 not boasting excessively in the work done by others, by way of disparagement, as though we had been weak. who is approved, but whom the Lord commends.

11 I wish that you would bear with me in a little foolishness, but indeed you do bear with me. 2 For I am jealous over you with a godly jealousy. For I married you to one husband, that I might present you as a pure virgin to Messiah. 3 But I am afraid that somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve in his craftiness, so your minds might be corrupted from the sincerity and purity that is in the Messiah. 4 For if he who comes preaches another Jesus, whom we did not preach, or if you receive a different spirit, which you did not receive, or a different gospel, which you did not accept, you put up with that well enough. 5 For I reckon that I am not at all behind the very best apostles. 6 Even though I am unskilled in speech, I am not unskilled in knowledge. But in every way we have made this known to you in all things. 7 Or did I commit a sin in humbling myself that you might be exalted, because I preached to you God's gospel free of charge? 8 I robbed other churches, taking wages from them that I might serve you. 9 When I was present with you and was in need, I was not a burden on anyone, for the brothers, when they came from Macedonia, supplied the measure of my need. In everything I kept myself from being burdensome to you,

consider this again with himself, that, even as he is is in me, no one will stop me from this boasting in the Messiah's, so also we are Messiah's. 8 For though regions of Achaia. 11 Why? Because I do not love you? I should boast somewhat abundantly concerning our God knows. 12 But what I do, that I will do, that I may not for casting you down) I will not be disappointed, 9 that in which they boast, they may be found even as that I may not seem as if I desire to terrify you by my we. 13 For such people are false apostles, deceitful letters. 10 For, "His letters," they say, "are weighty and workers, masquerading as Messiah's apostles. 14 And strong, but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech no wonder, for even Satan masquerades as an angel of is despised." 11 Let such a person consider this, that light. 15 It is no great thing therefore if his servants also what we are in word by letters when we are absent, such masquerade as servants of righteousness, whose end are we also in deed when we are present. 12 For we are will be according to their works. 16 I say again, let no not bold to number or compare ourselves with some of one think me foolish. But if so, yet receive me as foolish, those who commend themselves. But they themselves, that I also may boast a little. 17 That which I speak, I do measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing not speak according to the Lord, but as in foolishness, in themselves with themselves, are without understanding. this confidence of boasting. 18 Seeing that many boast 13 But we will not boast beyond proper limits, but within after the flesh, I will also boast. 19 For you bear with the the boundaries with which God appointed to us, which foolish gladly, being wise. 20 For you put up with it if too much, as though we did not reach to you. For we if someone takes advantage of you, if someone exalts came even as far as to you with the gospel of Messiah, himself, if someone strikes you on the face. 21 | speak but having hope that as your faith grows, we will be Yet however any is bold (I speak in foolishness), I am abundantly enlarged by you in our sphere of influence, bold also. 22 Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they 16 so as to preach the gospel even to the regions Israelites? So am I. Are they descendants of Abraham? beyond you, not to boast in what someone else has So am I. 23 Are they servants of Messiah? (I speak already done. 17 But "he who boasts, let him boast in as one beside himself) I am more so; in labors more the Lord." 18 For it is not he who commends himself abundantly, in prisons more abundantly, in stripes above measure, in deaths often. 24 Five times from the Jews I received forty stripes minus one. 25 Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I suffered shipwreck. I have been a night and a day in the deep. 26 I have been in travels often, perils of rivers, perils of robbers, perils from my countrymen, perils from those who are not Jews, perils in the city, perils in the wilderness, perils in the sea, perils among false brothers; 27 in labor and travail, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, and in cold and nakedness. 28 Besides those things that are outside, there is that which presses on me daily, anxiety for all the churches. 29 Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is caused to stumble, and I do not burn with indignation? 30 If I must boast, I will boast of the things that concern my weakness. 31 The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed forevermore, knows that I do not lie. (aion g165) 32 In Damascus the governor under Aretas the king guarded the city of the Damascenes, desiring to arrest me. 33 Through a window I was let down in a basket by the wall, and escaped his hands.

> 12 It is necessary to boast, though it is not profitable. But I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord. 2 I know a man in Messiah, fourteen years ago (whether in the body, I do not know, or whether out

of the body. I do not know: God knows), such a one would mourn for many of those who have sinned before was caught up into the third heaven. 3 I know such a now, and not repented of the uncleanness and sexual man (whether in the body, or apart from the body, I do immorality and lustfulness which they committed. not know; God knows), 4 how he was caught up into Paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a human to utter. 5 On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except in my weaknesses. 6 For if I would desire to boast, I will not be foolish; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, so that no one may think more of me than that which he sees in me, or hears from me. 7 And because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, therefore, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to pound away at me, to keep me from exalting myself. 8 Concerning this thing. I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. 9 He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." Most gladly therefore I will rather glory in my weaknesses, that the power of Messiah may rest on me. 10 Therefore I take pleasure in weaknesses, in injuries, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses, for Messiah's sake. For when I am weak, then am I strong. 11 | have become foolish. You compelled me. for I ought to have been commended by you, for in nothing was I inferior to the very best apostles, though I am nothing. 12 Truly the signs of an apostle were worked among you in all patience, in signs and wonders and mighty works. 13 For what is there in which you were made inferior to the rest of the churches, unless it is that I myself was not a burden to you? Forgive me this wrong. 14 Look, for the third time I am ready to come to you, and I will not be a burden to you; for I seek not what is yours, but you. For the children ought not to save up for the parents, but the parents for the children. 15 I will most gladly spend and be spent for your souls. If I love you more abundantly, am I loved the less? 16 But be it so, I did not myself burden you. But, being crafty, I caught you with deception. 17 Did I take advantage of you by anyone of them whom I have sent to you? 18 | exhorted Titus, and I sent the brother with him. Did Titus take any advantage of you? Did not we walk in the same spirit? Did not we walk in the same steps? 19 Have you been thinking all this time that we have been defending ourselves before you? In the sight of God we speak in Messiah; and all things, beloved, are for your edifying. 20 For I am afraid that by any means, when I come, I might find you not the way I want to, and that I might be found by you as you do not desire; that by any means there would be strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, factions, slander, whisperings, proud thoughts, riots; 21 that again when I come my God would humble me before you, and I

3 This is the third time I am coming to you. "At the 1 mouth of two or three witnesses will every word be established." 2 I have said beforehand, and I do say beforehand, as when I was present the second time, so now, being absent, to those who have sinned before now, and to all the rest, that, if I come again, I will not spare; 3 seeing that you seek a proof of Messiah who speaks in me; who toward you is not weak, but is powerful in you. 4 For indeed he was crucified through weakness, yet he lives through the power of God. For we also are weak in him, but we will live with him through the power of God toward you. 5 Test your own selves, whether you are in the faith. Test your own selves. Or do you not know as to your own selves, that Jesus (the) Messiah is in you?---unless indeed you are disgualified. 6 But I hope that you will know that we are not disqualified. 7 Now we pray to God that you do no evil; not that we may appear approved, but that you may do that which is honorable, though we are as reprobate. 8 For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth. 9 For we rejoice when we are weak and you are strong. And this we also pray for, even your perfecting. 10 For this cause I write these things while absent, that I may not deal sharply when present, according to the authority which the Lord gave me for building up, and not for tearing down. 11 Finally, brothers, rejoice. Be perfected, be comforted, be of the same mind, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. 12 Greet one another with a holy kiss. 13 All the saints greet you. 14 The grace of the Lord Jesus (the) Messiah, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

Galatians

1 Paul, an apostle (not from humans, nor through humans, but through Jesus (the) Messiah, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead). 2 and all the brothers who are with me, to the churches of Galatia: 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus (the) Messiah, 4 who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us out of this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father-(aion g165) 5 to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen. (aion g165) 6 I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you by the grace of Messiah to a different gospel: 7 and there is not another gospel. Only there are some who trouble you, and want to pervert the gospel of Messiah. 8 But even though we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel other than that which we preached to you, let him be cursed. 9 As we have said before, so I now say again: if anyone preaches to you a gospel other than that which you received, let him be cursed. 10 For am I now seeking the favor of people, or of God? Or am I striving to please people? For if I were still pleasing people, I would not be a servant of Messiah. 11 But I make known to you, brothers, concerning the gospel which was preached by me, that it is not of human origin. 12 For neither did I receive it from a human, nor was I taught it, but it came to me through revelation of Jesus (the) Messiah. 13 For you have heard of my former way of life in Judaism, how I severely persecuted the church of God, and tried to destroy it. 14 I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my countrymen, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers. 15 But when God, who had set me apart from my mother's womb and called me through his grace, was pleased 16 to reveal his Son to me, that I might preach him among those who are not Jewish. I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, 17 nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia. Then I returned to Damascus. 18 Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Cephas and get information from him, and staved with him fifteen days. 19 But of the other apostles I saw no one, except James, the Lord's brother. 20 Now about the things which I write to you, look, before God, I'm not lying. 21 Then I came to the regions of Syria and Cilicia. 22 I was still unknown by face to the churches of Judea which were in Messiah, 23 but they only heard: "He who once persecuted us now preaches the faith that he once tried to destroy." 24 And they glorified God because of me.

Then after a period of fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus also with me. 2 I went up by revelation, and I explained to them the gospel which I preach among those who are not Jewish, but privately before those who were respected. for fear that I might be running, or had run, in vain. 3 But not even Titus, who was with me, being a Greek. was compelled to be circumcised. 4 This was because of the false brothers secretly brought in, who stole in to spy out our liberty which we have in Messiah Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage; 5 to whom we gave no place in the way of subjection, not for an hour, that the truth of the gospel might continue with you. 6 But from those who were reputed to be important (whatever they were, it makes no difference to me; God shows no favoritism between people)-they. I say, who were respected imparted nothing to me, 7 but to the contrary, when they saw that I had been entrusted with the gospel for the uncircumcision, even as Peter with the gospel for the circumcision 8 (for he who appointed Peter to be an apostle of the circumcision appointed me also to the non-Jews); 9 and when they perceived the grace that was given to me, James and Cephas and John, they who were reputed to be pillars, gave to me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship, that we should go to the non-Jews, and they to the circumcised. 10 They only asked us to remember the poor-which very thing I was also zealous to do. 11 But when Cephas came to Antioch. I resisted him to his face, because he stood condemned. 12 For before some people came from James, he ate with those who were not Jewish. But when they came, he drew back and separated himself, fearing those who were of the circumcision. 13 And the rest of the Jewish believers joined him in his hypocrisy; so that even Barnabas was carried away with their hypocrisy. 14 But when I saw that they did not walk uprightly according to the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, "If you, being a Jew, live as the non-Jews do, and not as the Jews do, how can you compel the non-Jews to live as the Jews do? 15 "We, being Jews by birth, and not non-Jewish sinners. 16 vet knowing that no one is justified by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus (the) Messiah, even we believed in Messiah Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Messiah, and not by the works of the law, because no flesh will be justified by the works of the law. 17 But if, while we sought to be justified in Messiah, we ourselves also were found sinners, is Messiah a servant of sin? Certainly not. 18 For if I build up again those things which I destroyed. I prove myself a law-breaker. 19 For I, through the law, died to the law, that I might live to God. 20 I have been crucified with Messiah. and it is no longer I that live, but Messiah living in me. That life

which I now live in the flesh. I live by faith in the Son of (the) Messiah might be given to those who believe. 23 is through the law, then Messiah died for nothing."

? Foolish Galatians, who has cunningly deceived you, before whose eyes Jesus (the) Messiah was openly set forth as crucified? 2 I just want to learn this from you. Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by hearing of faith? 3 Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now completed in the flesh? 4 Did you suffer so many things in vain, if it is indeed in vain? 5 He therefore who supplies the Spirit to you, and works miracles among you, does he do it by the Abraham "believed God, and it was credited to him as all things under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus had two sons, one by the slave woman, and one by the

God, who loved me, and gave himself up for me. 21 | But before faith came, we were kept in custody under do not make void the grace of God. For if righteousness the law, confined for the faith which should afterwards be revealed. 24 So that the law was our tutor to bring us to Messiah, that we might be justified by faith. 25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. 26 For you are all sons of God, through faith in Messiah Jesus. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Messiah have put on Messiah. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Messiah Jesus. 29 If you are Messiah's, then you are Abraham's offspring and heirs according to promise.

works of the law, or by hearing of faith? 6 Even as **1** But I say that so long as the heir is a child, he is no different from a slave, though he is lord of all; 2 but righteousness." 7 Know therefore that those who are of is under guardians and stewards until the day appointed faith, the same are sons of Abraham. 8 The Scripture, by the father. 3 So we also, when we were children, foreseeing that God would justify the non-Jews by faith, were held in bondage under the elemental principles of preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, the world. 4 But when the fullness of the time came, "Through you all the nations will be blessed." 9 So God sent out his Son, born to a woman, born under the then, those who are of faith are blessed with the faithful law, 5 that he might redeem those who were under the Abraham. 10 For as many as are of the works of the law law, so that we might receive the adoption as sons. 6 are under a curse. For it is written, "Cursed is everyone And because you are sons, God sent out the Spirit of who does not continue in all things that are written in his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba, Father." 7 So you the book of the law, to do them." 11 Now it is evident are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an that no one is justified by the law before God, for, "The heir of God. 8 However at that time, not knowing God, righteous will live by faith." 12 The law is not of faith, but, you were slaves to those who by nature are not gods. 9 "The one who does them will live by them." 13 Messiah But now that you have come to know God, or rather to redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become be known by God, why do you turn back again to the a curse for us. For it is written, "Cursed is everyone who weak and miserable elemental principles, to which you hangs on a tree," 14 that the blessing of Abraham might desire to be enslaved all over again? 10 You observe come on the non-Jews through Messiah Jesus; that we days, months, seasons, and years. 11 I am afraid for might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. you, that I might have wasted my labor for you. 12 I beg 15 Brothers, I am speaking in human terms. Though it you, brothers, become as I am, for I also have become is only a human covenant, once it has been ratified, as you are. You did me no wrong, 13 but you know that no one annuls it or adds to it. 16 Now the promises in physical weakness I preached the gospel to you the were spoken to Abraham and to his offspring. He does first time; 14 and though my condition was a trial to you, not say, "And to offsprings," as of many, but as of one, you did not despise nor reject; but you received me as "And to your offspring," which is Messiah. 17 Now I say an angel of God, even as Messiah Jesus. 15 Where this: the law, which came four hundred thirty years later, was the blessing you enjoyed? For I testify to you that, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, if possible, you would have plucked out your eyes and so as to cancel the promise. 18 For if the inheritance given them to me. 16 So then, have I become your is of the law, it is no more of promise; but God has enemy by telling you the truth? 17 They zealously seek granted it to Abraham by promise. 19 What then is the you, but for no good purpose; they desire to alienate law? It was added because of transgressions, until the you, that you may be zealous for them. 18 But it is offspring should come to whom the promise has been always good to be zealous in a good cause, and not made. It was ordained through angels by the hand of a only when I am present with you. 19 My children, of mediator. 20 Now a mediator is not between one, but whom I am again in travail until Messiah is formed in God is one. 21 Is the law then against the promises of you- 20 but I could wish to be present with you now, God? Certainly not. For if there had been a law given and to change my tone, for I am perplexed about you. which could give life, most certainly righteousness would 21 Tell me, you that desire to be under the law, do you have been of the law. 22 But the Scriptures imprisoned not listen to the law? 22 For it is written that Abraham

Galatians

persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, so another. also it is now. 30 However what does the Scripture sav? "Cast out the slave woman and her son, for the son of 6 Brothers, even if someone is caught in some the slave woman will not inherit with the son of the free handmaid, but of the free woman.

flesh; and these are contrary to one another, that you (the) Messiah be with your spirit, brothers. Amen. may not do the things that you desire. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. 19 Now

free woman, 23 However, the son by the slave woman the works of the flesh are obvious, which are: sexual was born according to the flesh, but the son by the free immorality, uncleanness, lustfulness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, woman was born through promise. 24 These things hatred, strife, jealousies, outbursts of anger, rivalries, contain an allegory, for these are two covenants. One is divisions, heresies, 21 envyings, murders, drunkenness, from Mount Sinai, bearing children to slavery, which orgies, and things like these; of which I forewarn you, is Hagar. 25 For this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, even as I also forewarned you, that those who practice and represents Jerusalem that exists now, for she is in such things will not inherit the Kingdom of God. 22 slavery with her children. 26 But the Jerusalem that is But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, above is free, and she is our mother. 27 For it is written, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, and "Rejoice, you barren who do not bear. Break forth and self-control. Against such things there is no law. 24 shout, you that do not travail. For more are the children Those who belong to Messiah have crucified the flesh of the desolate than of her who has a husband." 28 Now with its passions and lusts. 25 If we live by the Spirit, you, brothers, as Isaac was, are children of promise. 29 let us also walk by the Spirit. 26 Let us not become But as then, he who was born according to the flesh conceited, provoking one another, and envying one

wrongdoing, you who are spiritual must restore such woman." 31 So then, brothers, we are not children of a a one in a spirit of gentleness; looking to yourself so that you also are not tempted. 2 Bear one another's burdens, and so you will fulfill the law of Messiah. 3 For 5 Stand firm therefore in the liberty by which Messiah if anyone thinks himself to be something when he is has made us free, and do not be entangled again nothing, he deceives himself. 4 But let each one test with a yoke of bondage. 2 Listen, I, Paul, tell you his own work, and then he will take pride in himself that if you receive circumcision, Messiah will profit you and not in his neighbor. 5 For every person will bear nothing. 3 Yes, I testify again to every man who receives his own load. 6 But let him who is taught in the word circumcision, that he is a debtor to do the whole law. share all good things with him who teaches. 7 Do not 4 You are alienated from Messiah, you who desire be deceived. God is not mocked, for whatever a person to be justified by the law. You have fallen away from sows, that he will also reap. 8 For he who sows to his grace. 5 For we, through the Spirit, by faith wait for the own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption. But he who hope of righteousness. 6 For in Messiah Jesus neither sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap everlasting circumcision amounts to anything, nor uncircumcision, life. (aionios g166) 9 Let us not be weary in doing good, but faith working through love. 7 You were running well. for we will reap in due season, if we do not give up. Who interfered with you that you should not obey the 10 So then, as we have opportunity, let us do what is truth? 8 This persuasion is not from him who calls you. good toward all people, and especially toward those 9 A little yeast grows through the whole lump. 10 I have who are of the household of the faith. 11 See with what confidence toward you in the Lord that you will think large letters I write to you with my own hand. 12 As no other way. But he who troubles you will bear his many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, judgment, whoever he is. 11 But I, brothers, if I still they compel you to be circumcised; only that they may preach circumcision, why am I still persecuted? Then not be persecuted for the cross of Messiah. 13 For the stumbling block of the cross has been removed. 12 l even they who receive circumcision do not keep the law wish that those who disturb you would cut themselves themselves, but they desire to have you circumcised, off. 13 For you, brothers, were called for freedom. that they may boast in your flesh. 14 But far be it from Only do not use your freedom for gain to the flesh, but me to boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus (the) through love be servants to one another. 14 For the Messiah, through which the world has been crucified to whole law is fulfilled in one word, in this: "You are to me, and I to the world. 15 For neither is circumcision love your neighbor as yourself." 15 But if you bite and anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. 16 devour one another, be careful that you do not consume As many as walk by this rule, peace and mercy be on one another. 16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you them, and on God's Israel. 17 From now on, let no one will not carry out the desires of the flesh. 17 For the cause me any trouble, for I bear the marks of Jesus flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the branded on my body. 18 The grace of our Lord Jesus

Ephesians

1 Paul, an apostle of Messiah Jesus through the will 2 You were made alive when you were dead in your of God, to the saints (in Ephesus) who are faithful in hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule, and together for a habitation of God in the Spirit. authority, and power, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age, but also in that which **3** For this cause I, Paul, am the prisoner of Messiah is to come. (aion g165) 22 He put all things under his

church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

transgressions and sins, 2 in which you once walked Messiah Jesus: 2 Grace to you and peace from God according to the course of this world, according to the our Father and the Lord Jesus (the) Messiah. 3 Blessed prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus (the) Messiah, the children of disobedience; (aion g165) 3 among whom who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the we also all once lived in the lust of our flesh, doing the heavenly places in Messiah; 4 even as he chose us in desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature him before the foundation of the world, that we would be children of wrath, even as the rest. 4 But God, being holy and without blemish before him in love; 5 having rich in mercy, for his great love with which he loved us, predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus (the) 5 even when we were dead through our trespasses. Messiah to himself, according to the good pleasure of made us alive together with Messiah (by grace you have his desire. 6 to the praise of the glory of his grace, been saved), 6 and raised us up with him, and made us which he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved One, 7 to sit with him in the heavenly places in Messiah Jesus, in whom we have our redemption through his blood, the 7 that in the ages to come he might show the exceeding forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Messiah of his grace, 8 which he made to abound toward us Jesus; (aion g165) 8 for by grace you have been saved in all wisdom and prudence, 9 making known to us through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure God, 9 not of works, that no one would boast. 10 For which he purposed in him 10 to an administration of the we are his workmanship, created in Messiah Jesus for fullness of the times, to sum up all things in Messiah, good works, which God prepared before that we would the things in the heavens, and the things on the earth, in walk in them. 11 Therefore remember that once you, the him; 11 in whom also we were assigned an inheritance, non-Jews in the flesh, who are called "uncircumcision" having been foreordained according to the purpose of by that which is called "circumcision," (in the flesh, made him who works all things after the counsel of his will; 12 by hands); 12 that you were at that time separate from to the end that we should be to the praise of his glory, Messiah, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel, we who had before hoped in Messiah: 13 in whom you and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, having also, having heard the word of the truth, the gospel of no hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in your salvation, ---in whom, having also believed, you Messiah Jesus you who once were far away have been were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14 who brought near by the blood of Messiah. 14 For he is is a pledge of our inheritance, to the redemption of our peace, who made both one, and broke down the God's own possession, to the praise of his glory. 15 middle wall of partition, 15 having abolished in the flesh For this cause I also, having heard of the faith in the the hostility, the law of commandments contained in Lord Jesus which is among you, and the love which ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man you have toward all the saints, 16 do not cease to give of the two, making peace; 16 and might reconcile them thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers, both in one body to God through the cross, by which he 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus (the) Messiah, the put to death their enmity. 17 He came and preached Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and peace to you who were far off and peace to those who revelation in the knowledge of him; 18 having the eyes were near. 18 For through him we both have our access of your heart enlightened, that you may know what is in one Spirit to the Father. 19 So then you are no longer the hope of his calling, and what are the riches of the foreigners and noncitizens, but you are fellow citizens glory of his inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is with the saints, and of the household of God, 20 being the exceeding greatness of his power toward us who built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, believe, according to that working of the strength of his Messiah Jesus himself being the chief cornerstone; 21 might 20 which he worked in Messiah, when he raised in whom the whole building, fitted together, grows into a him from the dead, and made him to sit at his right holy temple in the Lord; 22 in whom you also are built

Jesus on behalf of you the non-Jews, 2 if it is so that feet, and gave him to be head over all things for the you have heard of the administration of that grace of God which was given me toward you; 3 how that by

revelation the mystery was made known to me, as I descended is the one who also ascended far above all you can perceive my understanding in the mystery of some to be apostles; and some, prophets; and some, Messiah; 5 which in other generations was not made evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 for known to people, as it has now been revealed to his the perfecting of the saints, to the work of serving, to holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit; 6 that the non- the building up of the body of Messiah; 13 until we all and fellow partakers of the promise in Messiah Jesus the Son of God, to a mature person, to the measure according to the gift of that grace of God which was may no longer be children, tossed back and forth and given me according to the working of his power. 8 To carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery administration of the mystery which for ages has been body, being fitted and knit together through that which hidden in God, who created all things; (aion g165) 10 every joint supplies, according to the proper working to the intent that now through the church the manifold of each individual part, makes the body increase to wisdom of God might be made known to the rulers and the building up of itself in love. 17 This I say therefore, the purpose of the ages which he purposed in Messiah nations also walk, in the futility of their mind, 18 being Jesus our Lord; (aion g165) 12 in whom we have boldness darkened in their understanding, alienated from the and access in confidence through our faith in him. 13 life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, Therefore I ask that you not be discouraged because of because of the hardening of their hearts; 19 who having every family in heaven and on earth is named, 16 that learn Messiah that way; 21 if indeed you heard him, to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or the sun go down on your anger, 27 neither give place be the glory in the church and in Messiah Jesus to all rather let him labor, working with his hands the thing generations forever and ever. Amen. (aion g165)

▲ I therefore, a prisoner in the Lord, urge you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love; 3 being eager to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as you also were called in one hope of your calling; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all, and through all, and in all. 7 But to each one of us was the grace given according to the measure of the gift of Messiah. 8 Therefore he says, "When he ascended on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts to people." descended into the lower parts of the earth? 10 He who

wrote before in few words, 4 by which, when you read, the heavens, that he might fill all things. 11 He gave Jews are fellow heirs, and fellow members of the body, attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of through the gospel, 7 of which I was made a servant, of the stature of the fullness of Messiah; 14 that we me, the very least of all saints, was this grace given, of people, by cleverness in deceitful schemes; 15 but to proclaim to the non-Jews the unsearchable riches speaking truth in love, we may grow up in all things into of Messiah, 9 and to bring to light for all what is the him, who is the head, Messiah; 16 from whom all the the authorities in the heavenly places, 11 according to and testify in the Lord, that you no longer walk as the my sufferings for you, which is your glory. 14 For this become callous gave themselves up to lust, to work cause, I bow my knees before the Father, 15 from whom all uncleanness with greediness. 20 But you did not he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, and were taught in him, even as truth is in Jesus: 22 that you may be strengthened with power through his that you put away, as concerning your former way of Spirit in the inner person; 17 that Messiah may dwell in life, the old self, that grows corrupt after the lusts of your hearts through faith; to the end that you, being deceit; 23 and that you be renewed in the spirit of your rooted and grounded in love, 18 may be strengthened to mind, 24 and put on the new self, who in the likeness of comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and God has been created in righteousness and holiness of length and height and depth, 19 and to know Messiah's truth. 25 Therefore, putting away falsehood, speak truth love which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled each one with his neighbor. For we are members of with all the fullness of God. 20 Now to him who is able one another. 26 "Be angry, but do not sin." Do not let think, according to the power that works in us, 21 to him to the devil. 28 Let him who stole steal no more; but that is good, that he may have something to give to him who has need. 29 Let no corrupt speech proceed out of your mouth, but such as is good for building up as the need may be, that it may give grace to those who hear. 30 Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, in whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, outcry, and slander, be put away from you, with all malice. 32 And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other, just as God also in Messiah forgave you.

G Be therefore imitators of God, as beloved children. 2 And walk in love, even as Messiah also loved us, and gave himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice 9 Now this, "He ascended," what is it but that he also to God for a sweet-smelling fragrance. 3 But sexual

immorality, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it even as himself; and let the wife see that she respects not even be mentioned among you, as becomes saints; 4 nor filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not appropriate; but rather giving of thanks. 5 Know this for sure, that no sexually immoral or impure or greedy person, that is, an idolater, has any inheritance in the Kingdom of Messiah and God. 6 Let no one deceive you with empty words. For because of these things, the wrath of God comes on the children of disobedience. 7 Therefore do not be partakers with them. 8 For you were once darkness, but are now light in the Lord. Walk as children of light, 9 for the fruit of the light is in all goodness and righteousness and truth, 10 proving what is well pleasing to the Lord. 11 Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather even reprove them. 12 For the things which are done by them in secret, it is a shame even to speak of. 13 But all things, when they are reproved, are revealed by the light, for everything that reveals is light. 14 Therefore he says, "Awake, you who sleep, and rise from the dead, and Messiah will shine on you." 15 Therefore watch carefully how you walk, not as unwise, but as wise; 16 redeeming the time, because the days are evil. 17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. 18 Do not get drunk with wine, which is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, 19 speaking to one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing and making music in your heart to the Lord; 20 giving thanks always concerning all things in the name of our Lord Jesus (the) Messiah to God the Father; 21 subjecting yourselves one to another in the fear of Messiah. 22 Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife, and Messiah also is the head of the church, being himself the savior of the body. 24 But as the church is subject to Messiah, so let the wives also be to their husbands in everything. 25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Messiah also loved the church, and gave himself up for it; 26 that he might sanctify it, having cleansed it by the washing of water with the word, 27 that he might present the church to himself gloriously, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. 28 Even so husbands also ought to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself. 29 For no one ever hated his own flesh; but nourishes and cherishes it, even as Messiah also does the church; 30 because we are members of his body, of his flesh and of his bones. 31 "For this cause a man will leave his father and mother, and will be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." 32 This mystery is great, but I speak concerning Messiah and of the church. 33 Nevertheless each of you must also love his own wife

her husband.

6 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with a promise: 3 "that it may be well with you, and that you may live long in the land." 4 And fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but nurture them in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. 5 Servants, be obedient to those who according to the flesh are your masters, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as to Messiah; 6 not in the way of service only when eyes are on you, as peoplepleasers; but as servants of Messiah, doing the will of God from the heart; 7 with good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to people; 8 knowing that whatever good thing each one does, he will receive the same again from the Lord, whether he is bound or free. 9 You masters, do the same things to them, and give up threatening, knowing that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no partiality with him. 10 Finally, be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of his might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. 12 For our wrestling is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world's rulers of this darkness, and against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. (aion g165) 13 Therefore, put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and, having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having the belt of truth buckled around your waist, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having fitted your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 above all, taking up the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the evil one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the spoken word of God; 18 with all prayer and requests, praying at all times in the Spirit, and being watchful to this end in all perseverance and requests for all the saints: 19 on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in opening my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak. 21 But that you also may know my affairs, how I am doing, Tychicus, the beloved brother and faithful servant in the Lord, will make known to you all things; 22 whom I have sent to you for this very purpose, that you may know our state, and that he may comfort your hearts. 23 Peace be to the brothers, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus (the) Messiah. 24 Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus (the) Messiah with incorruptible love.

Philippians

1 Paul and Timothy, servants of Messiah Jesus: To all the saints in Messiah Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons: 2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus (the) Messiah. 3 I thank my God whenever I remember you, 4 always in every prayer of mine for all of you, making my requests with joy, 5 for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now; 6 being confident of this very thing, that he who began a good work in you will complete it until the day of Messiah Jesus. 7 It is even right for me to think this way about all of you, because I have vou in my heart, because, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. you all are partakers with me of grace. 8 For God is full, by being like-minded, having the same love, being my witness, how I long after all of you in the tender mercies of Messiah Jesus. 9 This I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and all discernment; 10 so that you may approve the things to his own things, but each of you also to the things of that are excellent; that you may be pure and blameless for the Day of Messiah; 11 being filled with the fruit of Messiah Jesus, 6 who, existing in the form of God, did righteousness, which are through Jesus (the) Messiah, to the glory and praise of God. 12 Now I desire to have but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being you know, brothers, that the things which happened to made in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in me have turned out rather to the progress of the gospel; human form, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to 13 so that it became evident to the whole praetorian guard, and to all the rest, that my bonds are in Messiah; highly exalted him, and gave to him the name which is 14 and that most of the brothers in the Lord, being confident through my bonds, are more abundantly bold knee should bow, of those in heaven, those on earth, to speak the word without fear. 15 Some indeed preach and those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue Messiah even out of envy and strife, and some also out should confess that Jesus (the) Messiah is Lord. to the of good will. 16 The latter out of love, knowing that I glory of God the Father. 12 So then, my beloved, even am appointed for the defense of the gospel. 17 The as you have always obeyed, not only in my presence, former insincerely preach Messiah from selfish ambition, but now much more in my absence, work out your thinking that they add affliction to my chains. 18 What own salvation with awe and reverence. 13 For it is does it matter? Only that in every way, whether out of God who works in you both to will and to work, for his false motives or in truth, Messiah is proclaimed. I rejoice good pleasure. 14 Do everything without complaining in this, yes, and will rejoice. 19 For I know that this or arguing, 15 that you may become blameless and will turn out for my deliverance, through your petition pure, children of God without blemish in the midst of a and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus (the) Messiah, 20 crooked and perverse generation, among whom you are according to my earnest expectation and hope, that I seen as lights in the world, 16 holding up the word of will in no way be disappointed, but with all boldness, life; that I may have something to boast in the day of as always, now also Messiah will be magnified in my Messiah, that I did not run in vain nor labor in vain. 17 body, whether by life, or by death. 21 For to me to live is Yes, and if I am poured out on the sacrifice and service Messiah, and to die is gain. 22 But if I live on in the of your faith, I rejoice, and rejoice with you all. 18 In flesh, this will bring fruit from my work; yet I do not make the same way, you also rejoice, and rejoice with me. known what I will choose. 23 But I am in a dilemma 19 But I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to between the two, having the desire to depart and be you soon, that I also may be cheered up when I know with Messiah, which is far better. 24 Yet, to remain in the how you are doing. 20 For I have no one else likeflesh is more needful for your sake. 25 And since I am minded, who will truly care about you. 21 For they all persuaded of this, I know that I will remain and continue seek their own, not the things of Jesus (the) Messiah.

that your rejoicing may abound in Messiah Jesus in me through my presence with you again. 27 Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Messiah, that, whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your state, that you stand firm in one spirit, with one soul striving for the faith of the gospel; 28 and in nothing frightened by the adversaries, which is for them a proof of destruction, but to you of salvation, and that from God. 29 Because it has been granted to you on behalf of Messiah, not only to believe in him, but also to suffer on his behalf, 30 having the same conflict which you saw in me, and now hear is in me.

2 If there is therefore any exhortation in Messiah, if any consolation of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any tender mercies and compassion, 2 make my joy of one accord, of one mind; 3 doing nothing through rivalry or through conceit, but in humility, each counting others better than himself; 4 each of you not just looking others. 5 Have this in your attitude, which was also in not consider equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 death, yes, the death of the cross. 9 Therefore God also above every name; 10 that at the name of Jesus every with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, 26 22 But you know the proof of him, that, as a child serves

a father, so he served with me in furtherance of the anything you think otherwise. God will also reveal that may be less anxious. 29 Receive him therefore in the which he is able even to subject all things to himself. Lord with all joy, and hold such in honor, 30 because for the work of Messiah he came near to death, risking his life to supply that which was lacking in your service toward me.

a safeguard for you. 2 Beware of the dogs, beware of the evil workers, beware of the false circumcision. 3 For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, and rejoice in Messiah Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh: 4 though I myself might have confidence even in the flesh. If anyone else thinks that he has confidence in the flesh, I yet more: **5** circumcised Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee; 6 concerning zeal, persecuting the church; blameless. 7 However, what things were gain to me, these have I counted loss for Messiah. 8 More than far greater value of knowing Messiah Jesus, my Lord, therefore, as many as are perfect, think this way. If in in full, and I have an abundance. I am fully supplied.

gospel. 23 Therefore I hope to send him at once, as to you. 16 Nevertheless, to what we have attained, let soon as I see how it will go with me. 24 But I trust in us walk by the same rule, being of the same mind. 17 the Lord that I myself also will come shortly. 25 But I Brothers, be imitators together of me, and note those counted it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my who walk this way, even as you have us for an example. brother, fellow worker, fellow soldier, and your apostle 18 For many, of whom I have often told you, and now tell and servant of my need; 26 since he longed for you all, you with tears, live as enemies of the cross of Messiah, and was very troubled, because you had heard that he 19 whose end is destruction, whose god is the belly, and was sick. 27 For indeed he was sick, nearly to death, whose glory is in their shame, who think about earthly but God had mercy on him; and not on him only, but on things. 20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which me also, that I might not have sorrow on sorrow. 28 I we also eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus (the) have sent him all the more eagerly, therefore, so that Messiah; 21 who will transform our lowly body into the when you see him again you may rejoice, and that I likeness of his glorious body, according to the power by

4 Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, so stand firm in the Lord, my beloved. 2 I appeal to Euodia and I appeal to Syntyche to agree in the Lord. 3 Yes, I ask you also, true companion, 3 Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write help these women, for they labored with me in the the same things to you is no trouble to me, and is gospel, with Clement also, and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the Book of Life. 4 Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, Rejoice. 5 Let your gentleness be evident to all people. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will the eighth day, of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of guard your hearts and your minds in Messiah Jesus. 8 Finally, brothers, whatever things are true, whatever things are honorable, whatever things are just, whatever concerning the righteousness which is in the law, found things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report; if there is any virtue, and if there is any praise, think on these things. 9 And the that, I count all things to be a loss compared to the things you learned and received and heard and saw in me, do these things. And the God of peace will be with for whom I suffered the loss of all things, and count you. 10 Now I rejoice in the Lord greatly that at last them nothing but refuse, that I may gain Messiah 9 you have revived your concern for me; in which you and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my were indeed concerned, but you lacked opportunity. 11 own, that which is of the law, but that which is through I'm not saying this because I am in need, for I have faith in Messiah, the righteousness which is from God learned to be content in any circumstance. 12 I know by faith; 10 that I may know him, and the power of what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, a lot. In any and all circumstances I have learned the becoming conformed to his death; 11 if by any means I secret, whether full or hungry, whether having a lot or may attain to the resurrection from the dead. 12 Not that being in need. 13 I can do all things through him who I have already obtained, or am already made perfect: strengthens me. 14 Still, you have done well to share but I press on, if it is so that I may take hold of that for my hardship. 15 And you Philippians yourselves know which also I was taken hold of by Messiah Jesus. 13 that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed Brothers, I do not regard myself as having taken hold of from Macedonia, no church shared with me in the it, but one thing I do. Forgetting the things which are matter of giving and receiving but you only. 16 For behind, and reaching forward to the things which are even in Thessalonica you sent me aid twice. 17 Not ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases the high calling of God in Messiah Jesus. 15 Let us to your account. 18 But I have received everything

Philippians

having received from Epaphroditus the things that came from you, a sweet-smelling fragrance, an acceptable and well-pleasing sacrifice to God. **19** And my God will supply all your needs according to his glorious riches in Messiah Jesus. **20** Now to our God and Father be the glory forever and ever. Amen. (aion g165) **21** Greet every saint in Messiah Jesus. The brothers who are with me greet you. **22** All the saints greet you, especially those who are of Caesar's household. **23** The grace of the Lord Jesus (the) Messiah be with your spirit.

Colossians

Paul, an apostle of Messiah Jesus through the will of God, and Timothy our brother, 2 to the saints and faithful brothers in Messiah at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. 3 We give thanks to God the Father of our Lord Jesus (the) Messiah, praying always for you, 4 having heard of your faith in Messiah Jesus, and of the love which you have toward all the saints, 5 because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of truth, the gospel, 6 which has come to you; even as it is in all the world and is bearing fruit and growing, as it does in you also, since the day you heard and knew the grace of God in truth; 7 even as you learned of Epaphras our beloved fellow servant, who is a faithful to us your love in the Spirit. 9 For this cause, we also, may be comforted, they being knit together in love, and since the day we heard this, do not cease praying and gaining all riches of the full assurance of understanding, making requests for you, that you may be filled with that they may know the mystery of God, namely, the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and Messiah, 3 in whom are all the treasures of wisdom good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; am absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, of his glory, for all endurance and perseverance with of your faith in Messiah. 6 As therefore you received making peace through the blood of his cross through of your flesh. He made you alive together with him, You, who once were alienated and were hostile in your the handwriting in ordinances which was against us; in the body of his flesh through death, to present you cross; 15 having disarmed the rulers and authorities, servant. 24 Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, no one rob you of your prize by a voluntary humility

and I am completing in my flesh what is lacking in the sufferings of Messiah for the sake of his body, which is the church; 25 of which I was made a servant, according to the stewardship of God which was given me toward you, to fulfill the word of God, 26 the mystery which has been hidden for ages and generations. But now it has been revealed to his saints. (aion g165) 27 To them God was pleased to make known the glorious riches of this mystery among the non-Jews, which is Messiah in you, the hope of glory; 28 whom we proclaim, admonishing everyone and teaching everyone all wisdom, that we may present everyone perfect in Messiah Jesus; 29 for which I also labor, struggling according to his power, which works in me mightily.

 ${f 2}$ For I desire to have you know how greatly I struggle for you, and for those at Laodicea, and for as many servant of Messiah on our behalf, 8 who also declared as have not seen my face in the flesh; 2 that their hearts understanding, 10 that you may walk worthily of the and knowledge hidden. 4 Now I say this so that no one Lord, to please him in every way, bearing fruit in every will deceive you with persuasive words. 5 For though I 11 strengthened with all power, according to the might rejoicing and seeing your order, and the steadfastness joy; 12 giving thanks to the Father, who has gualified Messiah Jesus, the Lord, walk in him, 7 rooted and built you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light; up in him, and established in the faith, even as you 13 who delivered us out of the power of darkness, and were taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving. 8 Be transferred us into the Kingdom of the Son of his love; careful not to allow anyone to captivate you through an 14 in whom we have our redemption, the forgiveness of empty and deceptive philosophy, according to human our sins; 15 who is the image of the invisible God, the tradition, according to the elementary principles of the firstborn over all creation. 16 For by him all things were world, and not according to Messiah. 9 For in him all created, in the heavens and on the earth, things visible the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form, 10 and in him and things invisible, whether thrones or dominions or you are made full, who is the head of all principality and rulers or authorities; all things have been created by him power; 11 in whom you were also circumcised with a and for him. 17 He is before all things, and in him all circumcision not made with hands, in the putting off of things are held together. 18 He is the head of the body, the body of the flesh, in the circumcision of Messiah; 12 the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the having been buried with him in baptism, in which you dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. were also raised with him through faith in the working 19 For all the fullness was pleased to dwell in him, of God, who raised him from the dead. 13 You were 20 and through him to reconcile all things to himself, dead through your trespasses and the uncircumcision him, whether things on the earth or things in heaven. 21 having forgiven us all our trespasses, 14 wiping out minds, doing evil deeds, 22 yet now he has reconciled and he has taken it out of the way, nailing it to the holy and without blemish and blameless before him, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them 23 if it is so that you continue in the faith, established in it. 16 Therefore do not let anyone judge you about and firm, and not moved away from the hope of the food and drink, or with respect to a feast day or a new gospel which you heard, which is being proclaimed in all moon or a Sabbath day, 17 which are a shadow of creation under heaven; of which I, Paul, have become a the things to come; but the body is Messiah's. 18 Let yourselves to ordinances, 21 "Do not handle, nor taste, that he has done, and there is no partiality. nor touch" 22 (all of which perish with use), according to human commandments and teachings? 23 Which things 4 Masters, give to your servants that which is just indeed appear like wisdom in self-imposed worship, and humility, and severity to the body; but are not of any value against the indulgence of the flesh.

you do, in word or in deed, do all in the name of the my chains. Grace be with you. Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father, through him. 18 Wives, be in subjection to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. 19 Husbands, love your wives, and do not be bitter against them. 20 Children, obey your parents in all things, for this pleases the Lord. 21 Fathers, do not provoke your children, so that they won't be discouraged. 22 Servants, obey in all things

and worshipping of the angels, dwelling in the things those who are your masters according to the flesh, not which he has seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, just when they are looking, as people-pleasers, but in 19 and not holding firmly to the Head, from whom all singleness of heart, fearing the Lord. 23 And whatever the body, being supplied and knit together through the you do, work heartily, as for the Lord, and not for people, joints and ligaments, grows with God's growth. 20 If you 24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward died with Messiah from the elementary principles of the of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Messiah. 25 world, why, as though living in the world, do you subject But he who does wrong will receive again for the wrong

and equal, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven. 2 Continue steadfastly in prayer, watching in it with thanksgiving; 3 praying together for us also, that God may open to us a door for the word, to speak 3 If then you were raised together with Messiah, seek the mystery of Messiah, for which I am also in bonds; the things that are above, where Messiah is, seated 4 that I may reveal it as I ought to speak. 5 Walk in on the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on the things wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the that are above, not on the things that are on the earth. time. 6 Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned 3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Messiah with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer in God. 4 When Messiah, your life, is revealed, then each one. 7 All my affairs will be made known to you you will also be revealed with him in glory. 5 Put to by Tychicus, the beloved brother, faithful servant, and death, therefore, whatever is worldly in you: sexual fellow slave in the Lord. 8 I am sending him to you for immorality, impurity, lust, evil desire, and covetousness, this very purpose, that you may know our circumstances which is idolatry. 6 Because of these, the wrath of God and that he may encourage your hearts, 9 together with is coming on the children of disobedience. 7 You also Onesimus, the faithful and beloved brother, who is one once walked in those, when you lived in them; 8 but of you. They will make known to you everything that is now you also put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, going on here. 10 Aristarchus, my fellow prisoner greets slander, and shameful speaking out of your mouth. 9 you, and Mark, the cousin of Barnabas (concerning Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off whom you received commandments, "if he comes to the old self with its practices, 10 and have put on the you, receive him"), 11 and Jesus who is called Justus, new self, who is being renewed in knowledge after the who are of the circumcision. These are my only fellow image of his Creator, 11 where there cannot be Greek workers for the Kingdom of God, and they have been and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, a comfort to me. 12 Epaphras, who is one of you, a Scythian, slave, freeman; but Messiah is all, and in all. servant of Messiah, salutes you, always striving for you 12 Put on therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and in his prayers, that you may stand perfect and fully beloved, a heart of compassion, kindness, gentleness, assured in all the will of God. 13 For I testify about humility, and patience; 13 bearing with one another, and him, that he has worked hard for you, and for those forgiving each other, if anyone has a complaint against in Laodicea, and for those in Hierapolis. 14 Luke, the another; even as the Lord forgave you, so you also do. beloved physician, and Demas greet you. 15 Greet the 14 Above all these things, walk in love, which is the brothers who are in Laodicea, and to Nympha and the bond of perfection. 15 And let the peace of Messiah rule church that is in her house. 16 When this letter has been in your hearts, to which also you were called in one read among you, cause it to be read also in the church body; and be thankful. 16 Let the word of Messiah dwell of the Laodiceans; and that you also read the letter from in you richly; in all wisdom teaching and admonishing Laodicea. 17 Tell Archippus, "See that you fulfill the one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, ministry that you have been given in the Lord." 18 I. singing with grace in your heart to God. 17 Whatever Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember

1 Thessalonians

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus (the) Messiah: Grace to you and peace. 2 We always give thanks to God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers, 3 remembering without ceasing your work of faith and labor of love and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus (the) Messiah, before our God and Father. 4 We know, brothers loved by God, that you are chosen, 5 and that our gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit, and with much assurance. You know what kind of persons we showed ourselves to be among you for your sake. 6 You became imitators of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit, 7 so that you became an example to all who believe in Macedonia and in Achaia. 8 For from you the word of the Lord has been declared, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith toward God has gone out; so that we do not need to say anything. 9 For they themselves report concerning us what kind of a reception we had from you; and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, 10 and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who delivers us from the wrath to come.

 $\mathbf{2}$ For you yourselves know, brothers, our visit to you was not in vain, 2 but having suffered before and been shamefully treated, as you know, at Philippi, we grew bold in our God to tell you the gospel of God in much conflict. 3 For our exhortation is not of error, nor of uncleanness, nor in deception. 4 But even as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak; not as pleasing people, but God, who tests our hearts. 5 For neither were we at any time found using words of flattery, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed (God is witness), 6 nor seeking alory from people (neither from you nor from others), when we might have claimed authority as apostles of Messiah. 7 But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother cherishes her own children. 8 Even so, affectionately longing for you, we were well pleased to impart to you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because you had become very dear to us. 9 For you remember, brothers, our labor and travail; for working night and day, that we might not burden any of you, we preached to you the gospel of God. 10 You are witnesses with God, how holy, righteously, and blamelessly we behaved ourselves toward you who believe. 11 As you know, as a father with his own children, 12 we exhorted, comforted, and implored every one of you to lead a life worthy of God, who calls you

into his own Kingdom and glory. 13 For this cause we also thank God without ceasing, that, when you received from us the word of the message of God, you accepted it not as a human word, but, as it is in truth, the word of God, which also works in you who believe. 14 For you, brothers, became imitators of the churches of God which are in Judea in Messiah Jesus; for you also suffered the same things from your own countrymen, even as they did from the Judeans; 15 who killed both the Lord Jesus and the prophets, and drove us out, and did not please God, and are hostile to all people; 16 forbidding us to speak to those who are not Jewish that they may be saved; to fill up their sins always. But wrath has come on them to the uttermost. 17 But we, brothers, being bereaved of you for a short season, in presence, not in heart, tried even harder to see your face with great desire, 18 because we wanted to come to you-indeed, I, Paul, once and again-but Satan hindered us. 19 For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Is it not even you, before our Lord Jesus at his coming? 20 For you are our glory and our joy.

3 Therefore, when we could not stand it any longer, we thought it good to be left behind at Athens alone, 2 and sent Timothy, our brother and God's fellow worker in the gospel of Messiah, to establish you, and to comfort you concerning your faith; 3 that no one be moved by these afflictions. For you know that we are appointed to this task. 4 For truly, when we were with you, we told you beforehand that we are to suffer affliction, even as it happened, and you know. 5 For this cause I also, when I could not stand it any longer, sent that I might know your faith, for fear that by any means the tempter had tempted you, and our labor would have been in vain. 6 But when Timothy came just now to us from vou, and brought us glad news of your faith and love. and that you have good memories of us always, longing to see us, even as we also long to see you; 7 for this cause, brothers, we were comforted over you in all our distress and affliction through your faith. 8 For now we live, since you stand firm in the Lord. 9 For what thanksgiving can we render again to God for you, for all the joy with which we rejoice for your sakes before our God; 10 night and day praying exceedingly that we may see your face, and may perfect that which is lacking in your faith? 11 Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you; 12 and the Lord make you to increase and abound in love for one another and for all, even as we also do toward you, 13 to the end he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

A Finally then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the let us, since we belong to the day, be sober, putting ought to live and to please God, even as you are living, the hope of salvation. 9 For God did not appoint us to that you excel more and more. 2 For you know what wrath, but to the obtaining of salvation through our Lord instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. 3 Jesus (the) Messiah, 10 who died for us, that, whether For this is the will of God: your sanctification, that you we wake or sleep, we should live together with him. 11 abstain from sexual immorality, 4 that each one of Therefore exhort one another, and build each other up, you know how to possess himself of his own vessel in even as you also do. 12 But we ask you, brothers, to sanctification and honor, 5 not in the passion of lust, recognize those who labor among you, and are over even as the nations who do not know God; 6 that no you in the Lord, and admonish you, 13 and to respect one should take advantage of and wrong a brother or and honor them in love for their work's sake. Be at sister in this matter; because the Lord is an avenger peace among yourselves. 14 We exhort you, brothers, in all these things, as also we forewarned you and admonish the disorderly, encourage the fainthearted, testified. 7 For God called us not for uncleanness, but support the weak, be patient toward all. 15 See that in sanctification. 8 Therefore he who rejects this does no one returns evil for evil to anyone, but always seek not reject man, but God, who has also given his Holy what is good both for each other and for all. 16 Rejoice Spirit to you. 9 But concerning brotherly love, you have always. 17 Pray without ceasing. 18 In everything give no need that one write to you. For you yourselves are thanks, for this is the will of God in Messiah Jesus taught by God to love one another, 10 for indeed you toward you. 19 Do not guench the Spirit. 20 Do not treat do it toward all the brothers who are in all Macedonia. prophecies with contempt, 21 but test all things; hold But we exhort you, brothers, that you abound more and firmly that which is good. 22 Abstain from every form more; 11 and that you make it your ambition to lead a of evil. 23 May the God of peace himself sanctify you quiet life, and to do your own business, and to work with completely. May your whole spirit, soul, and body be your own hands, even as we instructed you; 12 that you preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus may walk properly toward those who are outside, and (the) Messiah. 24 He who calls you is faithful, who will may have need of nothing. 13 But we do not want you to also do it. 25 Brothers, pray for us also. 26 Greet all be ignorant, brothers, concerning those who have fallen the brothers with a holy kiss. 27 I solemnly command asleep, so that you do not grieve like the rest, who have you by the Lord that this letter be read to all the holy no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose brothers. 28 The grace of our Lord Jesus (the) Messiah again, even so God will bring with him those who have be with you. fallen asleep in Jesus. 15 For this we tell you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left to the coming of the Lord, will in no way precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with God's trumpet. The dead in Messiah will rise first, 17 then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air. So we will be with the Lord forever. 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

5 But concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need that anything be written to you. 2 For you yourselves know well that the day of the Lord comes like a thief in the night. 3 Now when they are saying, "Peace and safety," then sudden destruction will come on them, like birth pains on a pregnant woman; and they will in no way escape. 4 But you, brothers, are not in darkness, that the day should overtake you like a thief. 5 You are all sons of light, and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night, nor to darkness, 6 so then let us not sleep, as the rest do, but let us watch and be sober. 7 For those who sleep, sleep in the night. and those who are drunk are drunk in the night. 8 But

Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you on the breastplate of faith and love, and, for a helmet,

2 Thessalonians

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father, and the Lord Jesus (the) Messiah: 2 Grace to you and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus (the) Messiah. 3 We are bound to always give thanks to God for you, brothers, even as it is appropriate, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of each and every one of you towards one another abounds; 4 so that we ourselves boast about you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and in the afflictions which you endure. 5 This is an obvious sign of the righteous judgment of God, to the end that you may be counted worthy of the Kingdom of God, for which you also suffer. 6 Since it is a righteous thing with God to repay affliction to those who afflict you, 7 and to give relief to you who are afflicted with us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire, 8 giving vengeance to those who do not know God, and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus, 9 who will pay the penalty: everlasting destruction from the face of the Lord and from the glory of his might, (aionios g166) 10 when he comes to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at among all those who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed. 11 To this end we also pray always for you, that our God may count you worthy of your calling, and fulfill every desire of goodness and work of faith, with power: 12 that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace every brother who lives an undisciplined life, and not of our God and the Lord Jesus (the) Messiah.

2 Now, brothers, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus (the) Messiah, and our gathering together to him, we ask you 2 not to be quickly shaken in your mind, nor yet be troubled, either by spirit, or by word, or by letter as from us, saying that the day of the Lord had come. 3 Let no one deceive you in any way. For it will not be, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, 4 he who opposes and exalts himself against all that is called God or that is worshiped; so that he sits in the temple of God, setting himself up as God. 5 Do you not remember that, when I was still with you, I told you these things? 6 Now you know what is restraining him, to the end that he may be revealed in his own season. 7 For the mystery of lawlessness already works. Only there is one who restrains now, until he is taken out of the way. 8 Then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth, and destroy by the manifestation of his coming; 9 even he whose coming is according to the working of Satan with

all power and signs and lying wonders, 10 and with all deception of wickedness for those who are perishing, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11 And because of this, God sends them a strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, 12 in order that all might be judged who did not believe the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness. 13 But we are bound to always give thanks to God for you, brothers loved by the Lord, because God chose you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief in the truth; 14 to which he called you through our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus (the) Messiah. 15 So then, brothers, stand firm, and hold the traditions which you were taught by us, whether by word, or by letter. 16 Now our Lord Jesus (the) Messiah himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us everlasting comfort and good hope through grace, (aionios g166) 17 comfort your hearts and establish you in every good work and word.

? Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be glorified, even as also with you; 2 and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and evil people; for not all have faith. 3 But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you, and guard you from the evil one. 4 We have confidence in the Lord concerning you, that you both do and will do the things we command. 5 May the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patience of Messiah. 6 Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus (the) Messiah, that you withdraw yourselves from after the tradition which they received from us. 7 For you know how you ought to imitate us. For we were not undisciplined among you, a neither did we eat bread from anyone's hand without paying for it, but in labor and travail worked night and day, that we might not burden any of you; 9 not because we do not have the right, but to make ourselves an example to you, that you should imitate us. 10 For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: "If anyone will not work, neither let him eat." 11 For we hear that some among you are living an undisciplined life, who do not work at all, but are busybodies. 12 Now those who are that way, we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus (the) Messiah, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread. 13 But you, brothers, do not be weary in doing well. 14 If anyone does not obey our word in this letter, note that person, that you have no company with him, to the end that he may be ashamed. 15 Do not count him as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother. 16 Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in all ways. The Lord be with you all. 17 The greeting of me, Paul, with my own hand, which is the sign in every letter: this is how I write. **18** The grace of our Lord Jesus (the) Messiah be with you all.

1 Timothy

Paul, an apostle of Messiah Jesus according to the commandment of God our Savior, and Messiah Jesus our hope; 2 to Timothy, my true child in faith: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and Messiah Jesus our Lord. 3 As I urged you when I was going into Macedonia, stay at Ephesus that you might command certain people not to teach a different doctrine, 4 neither to pay attention to myths and endless genealogies, which cause speculation, rather than God's stewardship, which is in faith— 5 but the goal of this command is love, out of a pure heart and a good conscience and unfeigned faith; 6 from which things some, having missed the mark, have turned aside to vain talking; 7 desiring to be teachers of the law, though they understand neither what they say, nor about what they strongly affirm. 8 But we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully, 9 as knowing this, that law is not made for a righteous person, but for the lawless and insubordinate, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who kill their father or mother, for murderers, 10 for the sexually immoral, for men who have sexual relations with men, for kidnappers, for liars, for perjurers, and for whatever else is contrary to sound teaching; 11 according to the gospel of the glory of The overseer, therefore, must be beyond criticism, the blessed God, which was committed to my trust. 12 the husband of one wife, temperate, self-controlled, And I thank him who enabled me, Messiah Jesus our respectable, hospitable, good at teaching; 3 not a Lord, because he counted me faithful, appointing me drunkard, not violent, but gentle, not guarrelsome, not a to service: 13 although I was before a blasphemer, a lover of money: 4 one who rules his own house well. persecutor, and insolent. However, I obtained mercy, having children in subjection with all reverence; 5 (but if because I did it ignorantly in unbelief. 14 The grace someone does not know how to manage his own house, of our Lord abounded exceedingly with faith and love how will he take care of the church of God?) 6 not a which is in Messiah Jesus. 15 The saying is faithful new convert, lest being puffed up he fall into the same and worthy of all acceptance, that Messiah Jesus came condemnation as the devil. 7 Moreover he must have into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief. 16 good testimony from those who are outside, to avoid However, for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me falling into disgrace and the trap of the devil. 8 Deacons, first, Jesus (the) Messiah might display all his patience, in the same way, must be reverent, not double-tongued, for an example of those who were going to believe not devoted to a lot of wine, not greedy for money; 9 in him for everlasting life. (aionios g166) 17 Now to the holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience. 10 King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor Let them also first be tested; then let them serve as and glory forever and ever. Amen. (aion g165) 18 This deacons, if they are blamesless. 11 Their wives in the instruction I commit to you, my child Timothy, according to the prophecies which led the way to you, that by them faithful in all things. 12 Let deacons be husbands of one you may wage the good warfare; 19 holding faith and wife, ruling their children and their own houses well. 13 a good conscience; which some having thrust away For those who have served well as deacons gain for made a shipwreck concerning the faith; 20 of whom is Hymenaeus and Alexander; whom I delivered to Satan, that they might be taught not to blaspheme.

2 I exhort therefore, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings, be made for all people: 2 for kings and all who are in high places; that

we may lead a tranguil and guiet life in all godliness and reverence. 3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior; 4 who desires all people to be saved and come to full knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and humanity, a human, Messiah Jesus, 6 who gave himself as a ransom for all; the testimony in its own times; 7 to which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the non-Jews in faith and truth. 8 I desire therefore that the men in every place pray, lifting up holy hands without anger and doubting. 9 In the same way, that women also adorn themselves in decent clothing, with modesty and propriety; not just with braided hair, gold, pearls, or expensive clothing; 10 but (which becomes women professing godliness) with good works. 11 Let a woman learn in quietness with all subjection. 12 But I do not permit a woman to teach, nor to exercise authority over a man, but to be in guietness. 13 For Adam was first formed, then Eve. 14 Adam was not deceived, but the woman, being deceived, has fallen into disobedience; 15 but she will be delivered through the childbirth, if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

? This is a faithful saying: If someone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a good work. 2 same way must be reverent, not slanderers, temperate, themselves a good standing, and great boldness in the faith which is in Messiah Jesus. 14 These things I write to you, hoping to come to you shortly; 15 but if I wait long, that you may know how people ought to behave themselves in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth. 16 Without controversy, the mystery of godliness is great: He was revealed in the flesh, justified by the Spirit, seen 10 being approved by good works, if she has brought the world, and received up in glory.

A But the Spirit says expressly that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to seducing spirits and doctrines of demons. 2 through the hypocrisy of liars, branded in their own conscience as with a hot iron; 3 forbidding marriage and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. 4 For every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be rejected, if it is received with thanksgiving. 5 For it is sanctified through the word of God and prayer. 6 If you instruct the brothers of these things, you will be a good servant of Messiah Jesus, nourished in the words of the faith, and of the good doctrine which you have followed. 7 But have nothing to do with irreverent and silly myths. And train yourself for godliness. 8 For bodily exercise has some value, but godliness has value in all things, having the promise of the life which is now, and of that which is to come. 9 This saying is faithful and worthy of all acceptance. 10 For to this end we both labor and strive, because we have set our trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe. 11 Command and teach these things. 12 Let no one despise your youth; but be an example to those who believe, in word, in your way of life, in love, in faith, and in purity. 13 Until I come, pay attention to reading, to exhortation, and to teaching. 14 Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the elders. 15 Be diligent in these things. Give yourself wholly to them, that your progress may be revealed to all. 16 Pay attention to yourself, and to your teaching. Continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both vourself and those who hear vou.

5 Do not rebuke an older man, but exhort him as a father; the younger men as brothers; 2 the older women as mothers; the younger as sisters, in all purity. 3 Honor widows who are widows indeed. 4 But if any widow has children or grandchildren, let them learn first to show piety towards their own family, and to repay their parents, for this is acceptable in the sight of God. 5 Now she who is a widow indeed, and desolate, has her hope set on God, and continues in petitions and prayers night and day. 6 But she who gives herself to pleasure is dead while she lives. 7 Also command these things, so that they will be without fault. 8 But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially his own household, he has denied the faith, and is worse than an unbeliever. 9 Let no one be enrolled as a widow under sixty years old, having been the wife of one man,

by angels, preached among the nations, believed on in up children, if she has been hospitable to strangers, if she has washed the saints' feet, if she has relieved the afflicted, and if she has diligently followed every good work. 11 But refuse younger widows, for whenever their passions lead them away from Messiah, they desire to marry: 12 having condemnation, because they have rejected their first pledge. 13 Besides, they also learn to be idle, going about from house to house. Not only idle, but also gossips and busybodies, saying things which they ought not. 14 I desire therefore that the younger widows marry, bear children, rule the household, and give no occasion to the adversary for reviling. 15 For already some have turned aside after Satan. 16 If any believing woman has widows, she must assist them, and do not let the church be burdened: that it might help those widows who are truly in need. 17 Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and in teaching. 18 For the Scripture says, "Do not muzzle the ox when it treads out the grain." And, "The laborer is worthy of his wages." 19 Do not receive an accusation against an elder, except at the word of two or three witnesses. 20 Those who sin, reprove in the sight of all, that the rest also may be in fear. 21 I command you in the sight of God, and Messiah Jesus, and the chosen angels, that you observe these things without prejudice, doing nothing by partiality. 22 Do not ordain anyone hastily, nor participate in the sins of others. Keep yourself pure. 23 Be no longer a drinker of water only, but use a little wine for your stomach's sake and your frequent infirmities. 24 The sins of some people are obvious, going before them to judgment, but those of others show up later. 25 In the same way also there are good works that are obvious, and those that are otherwise cannot be hidden.

> 6 Let as many as are slaves under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honor, that the name of God and the doctrine not be blasphemed. 2 Those who have believing masters, let them not despise them, because they are brothers, but rather let them serve them, because those who partake of the benefit are believing and beloved. Teach and exhort these things. 3 If anyone teaches a different doctrine, and does not consent to sound words, the words of our Lord Jesus (the) Messiah, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness, 4 he is conceited, knowing nothing, but obsessed with arguments, disputes, and word battles. from which come envy, strife, reviling, evil suspicions, 5 constant friction of people of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain. 6 But godliness with contentment is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into the world, so neither can we carry anything out. 8 But having food and clothing, we

will be content with that. 9 But those who are determined to be rich fall into a temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful lusts, such as plunge people into ruin and destruction. 10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some have been led astray from the faith in their greed, and have pierced themselves through with many sorrows. 11 But you, man of God, flee these things, and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. 12 Fight the good fight of faith. Lay hold of the everlasting life to which you were called, and you confessed the good confession in the sight of many witnesses. (aionios g166) 13 | command you before God, who gives life to all things, and before Messiah Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate testified the good confession, 14 that you keep the commandment without spot, blameless, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus (the) Messiah; 15 which in its own times he will show, who is the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; 16 who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light; whom no human has seen, nor can see: to whom be honor and eternal power. Amen. (aionios g166) 17 Charge those who are rich in this present world that they not be haughty, nor have their hope set on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy; (aion g165) 18 that they do good, that they be rich in good works, that they be ready to distribute, willing to communicate; 19 laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold of that which is truly life. 20 Timothy, guard that which is committed to you, turning away from the empty chatter and oppositions of the knowledge which is falsely so called; 21 which some professing have erred concerning the faith. Grace be with you.

2 Timothy

1 Paul, an apostle of Messiah Jesus through the will of God, according to the promise of the life which is in Messiah Jesus, 2 to Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and Messiah Jesus our Lord. 3 I thank God, whom I serve as my forefathers did, with a pure conscience. How unceasing is my memory of you in my petitions, night and day 4 longing to see you, remembering your tears, that I may be filled with joy; 5 having been reminded of the unfeigned faith that is in you; which lived first in your grandmother Lois, and your mother Eunice, and, I am persuaded, in you also, 6 For this cause, I remind you that you should stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. 7 For God did not give us a spirit of fear, but of power and love and of a sound mind. 8 Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner; but endure hardship for the gospel according to the power of God, 9 who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given to us in Messiah Jesus before time began, (aionios g166) 10 but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior, Messiah Jesus, who abolished death, and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. 11 For this, I was appointed a preacher, an apostle, and a teacher. 12 For this cause I also suffer these things. Yet I am not ashamed, for I know him whom I have believed, and I am persuaded that he is able to guard that which I have committed to him against that day. 13 Hold the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which is in Messiah Jesus. 14 That good thing which was committed to you, guard through the Holy Spirit who dwells in us. 15 This you know, that all who are in Asia turned away from me: of whom are Phygelus and Hermogenes. 16 May the Lord grant mercy to the house of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain, 17 but when he was in Rome, he sought me diligently, and found me 18 (the Lord grant to him to find the Lord's mercy in that day); and in how many things he served at Ephesus, you know verv well.

2 You therefore, my child, be strengthened in the grace that is in Messiah Jesus. 2 The things which you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit the same to faithful people, who will be able to teach others also. 3 You therefore must share in hardship, as a good soldier of Messiah Jesus. 4 No soldier on duty entangles himself in the affairs of life, that he may please him who enrolled him as a soldier. 5 Also, if

anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he has competed by the rules. 6 The farmers who labor must be the first to get a share of the crops. 7 Consider what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in all things. 8 Remember Jesus (the) Messiah, risen from the dead, a descendant of David, according to my gospel, 9 in which I suffer hardship to the point of chains as a criminal. But God's word is not chained. 10 Therefore I endure all things for the chosen ones' sake, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Messiah Jesus with everlasting glory. (aionios g166) 11 This saying is faithful: "For if we died with him, we will also live with him. 12 If we endure, we will also reign with him. If we deny him, he also will deny us. 13 If we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself." 14 Remind them of these things, charging them in the presence of God, not to wrangle about words, to no profit, to the subverting of those who hear. 15 Do your best to present yourself approved by God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, properly handling the word of truth. 16 But shun empty chatter, for they will proceed further in ungodliness, 17 and their word will consume like gangrene, of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus; 18 who have erred concerning the truth, saving that the resurrection is already past, and overthrowing the faith of some. 19 However God's firm foundation stands, having this seal. "The Lord knows those who are his." and. "Let every one who names the name of the Lord depart from unrighteousness." 20 Now in a large house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of clay. Some are for honor, and some for dishonor. 21 If anyone therefore purges himself from these, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified, and suitable for the master's use, prepared for every good work. 22 Flee from youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. 23 But refuse foolish and ignorant questionings, knowing that they generate strife. 24 The Lord's servant must not quarrel, but be gentle towards all, able to teach, patient, 25 in gentleness correcting those who oppose him: perhaps God may give them repentance leading to a full knowledge of the truth. 26 and they may recover themselves out of the devil's snare, having been taken captive by him to his will.

3 But know this, that in the last days terrible times will come. **2** For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, **3** unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, hateful of good, **4** treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God; **5** holding a form of godliness, but having denied the power thereof. Turn away from these, also. **6** For among them are those who crawl

into households and take captive weak-willed women our words. 16 At my first defense, no one came to help weighed down with sins, led away by various passions me, but all left me. May it not be held against them. 17 and pleasures, 7 always learning, and never able But the Lord stood by me, and strengthened me, that to come to the knowledge of the truth. 8 Even as through me the message might be fully proclaimed, and Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so do these also that all the non-Jewish people might hear; and I was oppose the truth; people corrupted in mind, disapproved delivered out of the mouth of the lion. 18 And the Lord concerning the faith. 9 But they will proceed no further. will deliver me from every evil deed, and will bring me For their folly will be evident to all, as theirs also was. 10 safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory But you did follow my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, forever and ever. Amen. (aion g165) 19 Greet Prisca patience, love, steadfastness, 11 persecutions, and and Aquila, and the house of Onesiphorus. 20 Erastus sufferings: those things that happened to me at Antioch, remained at Corinth, and I left Trophimus at Miletus, ill. Iconium, and Lystra. I endured those persecutions. 21 Be diligent to come before winter. Eubulus salutes Out of them all the Lord delivered me. 12 Yes, and all you, as do Pudens, Linus, Claudia, and all the brothers. who desire to live godly in Messiah Jesus will suffer 22 The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you. persecution. 13 But evil people and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. 14 But you remain in the things which you have learned and have been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them. 15 From infancy, you have known the holy Scriptures which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith, which is in Messiah Jesus. 16 All Scripture is God-breathed and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the person of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

I command you therefore before God and Messiah Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his Kingdom: 2 preach the word; be urgent in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with all patience and teaching. 3 For the time will come when they will not listen to the sound doctrine, but, having itching ears, will heap up for themselves teachers after their own lusts; 4 and will turn away their ears from the truth, and turn aside to myths. 5 But you be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. 6 For I am already being offered, and the time of my departure has come. 7 I have fought the good fight. I have finished the course. I have kept the faith. 8 From now on, there is stored up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day; and not to me only, but also to all those who have loved his appearing. 9 Be diligent to come to me soon. 10 for Demas left me, having loved this present world, and went to Thessalonica: Crescens to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia. (aion g165) 11 Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for service. 12 But I sent Tychicus to Ephesus. 13 Bring the cloak that I left at Troas with Carpus when you come, and the books, especially the parchments. 14 Alexander, the coppersmith, did much evil to me. The Lord will repay him according to his works, 15 of whom you also must beware; for he greatly opposed

2 Timothy

Titus

Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus (the) Messiah, according to the faith of God's chosen ones, and the knowledge of the truth which is according to godliness, 2 in hope of everlasting life, which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began; (aionios q166) 3 but in his own time revealed his word in the message with which I was entrusted according to the commandment of God our Savior; 4 to Titus, my true child according to a common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and Messiah Jesus our Savior. 5 I left you in Crete for this reason, that you would set in order the things that were lacking, and appoint elders in every city, as I directed you; 6 if anyone is blameless, the husband of one wife, having children who believe, who are not accused of loose or unruly behavior. 7 For the overseer must be blameless, as God's steward; not self-pleasing, not easily angered, not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for dishonest gain; 8 but given to hospitality, as a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined; 9 holding to the faithful word which is according to the teaching, that he may be able to exhort in the sound doctrine, and to convict those who contradict him. 10 For there are many rebellious people, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the our Savior and his love toward humankind appeared, 5 circumcision, 11 whose mouths must be silenced; who are upsetting whole families, teaching things which they should not, for the sake of dishonest gain. 12 One of them, a prophet of their own, said, "Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, and idle gluttons." 13 This testimony is true. For this cause, reprove them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith, 14 not paying attention to Jewish myths and commandments of people who reject faithful, and concerning these things I desire that you the truth. 15 To the pure, all things are pure; but to those who are defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure; but both their mind and their conscience are defiled. 16 They profess that they know God, but by their works they deny him, being abominable, disobedient, and unfit the law; for they are unprofitable and vain. 10 Reject for any good work.

2 But say the things which fit sound doctrine, 2 that older men should be sober-minded, worthy of respect, self-controlled, sound in faith, in love, and in patience: 3 and that older women likewise be reverent in behavior, not slanderers nor enslaved to much wine, teachers of that which is good; 4 that they may train the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, 5 to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and being subject to their own husbands, so that God's word may not be discredited. 6 Likewise, exhort the younger men to be self-controlled; 7 in all things showing yourself an example of good works.

In your teaching show integrity, seriousness, 8 and a sound message that cannot be condemned; that he who opposes you may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say about us. 9 Exhort servants to be in subjection to their own masters, and to be well-pleasing in all things; not contradicting; 10 not stealing, but showing all good fidelity: that they may adorn the doctrine of God. our Savior, in all things. 11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all people, 12 instructing us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly desires, and to live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present age; (aion g165) 13 looking for the blessed hope and appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus (the) Messiah; 14 who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify for himself a people for his own possession, zealous for good works. 15 Say these things and exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no one despise you.

2 Remind them to be in subjection to rulers and to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, 2 to speak evil of no one, not to be contentious, to be gentle, showing courtesy to all people. 3 For we were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another. 4 But when the kindness of God not by works of righteousness, which we did ourselves. but according to his mercy, he saved us, through the washing of rebirth and renewing by the Holy Spirit, 6 whom he poured out on us richly, through Jesus (the) Messiah our Savior; 7 that, being justified by his grace, we might be made heirs according to the hope of everlasting life. (aionios g166) 8 This saying is affirm confidently, so that those who have believed God may be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable for people; 9 but shun foolish questionings, genealogies, strife, and disputes about a divisive person after a first and second warning; 11 knowing that such a one is perverted, and sins, being self-condemned. 12 When I send Artemas to you, or Tychicus, be diligent to come to me to Nicopolis, for I have determined to winter there. 13 Send Zenas, the Law scholar, and Apollos on their journey speedily, that nothing may be lacking for them. 14 Let our people also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they may not be unfruitful. 15 All who are with me greet you. Greet those who love us in faith. Grace be with you all.

Philemon

1 Paul, a prisoner of Messiah Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to Philemon, our beloved fellow worker, 2 and to Apphia our sister, to Archippus, our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus (the) Messiah. 4 I thank my God always, making mention of you in my prayers, 5 hearing of your love, and of the faith which you have toward the Lord Jesus, and toward all the saints; 6 that the fellowship of your faith may become effective, in the knowledge of every good thing which is in you in Messiah. 7 For I have much joy and comfort in your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, brother. 8 Therefore, though I have all boldness in Messiah to command you that which is appropriate, 9 yet on the basis of love I rather appeal, being such a one as Paul, the aged, but also a prisoner of Messiah Jesus. 10 I appeal to you for my child, whom I have become the father of in my chains, Onesimus, 11 who once was useless to you, but now is useful to you and to me. 12 I am sending back to you, him who is my very heart, 13 whom I desired to keep with me, that on your behalf he might serve me in my chains for the gospel. 14 But I was willing to do nothing without your consent, that your goodness would not be as of necessity, but of free will. 15 For perhaps he was therefore separated from you for a while, that you would have him forever, (aionios g166) 16 no longer as a slave, but more than a slave, a beloved brother, especially to me, but how much rather to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. 17 If then you count me a partner, receive him as you would receive me. 18 But if he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, put that to my account. 19 I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it (not to mention to you that you owe to me even your own self besides). 20 Yes, brother, let me have joy from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Messiah. 21 Having confidence in your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even beyond what I say. 22 Also, prepare a guest room for me, for I hope that through your prayers I will be restored to you. 23 Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Messiah Jesus, greets vou. 24 as do Mark. Aristarchus. Demas. and Luke. mv fellow workers. 25 The grace of the Lord Jesus (the) Messiah be with your spirit.

Hebrews

1 God, having in the past spoken to the fathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, 2 in these last days has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom also he made the ages. (aion g165) 3 He is the radiance of his glory, the very image of his substance, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had made purification for sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high: 4 having become so much better than the angels, as he has inherited a more excellent name than they have. 5 For to which of the angels did he say at any time, "You are my Son, Today I have become your Father"? And again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"? 6 And again, when he brings in the firstborn into the world he says, "Let all the angels of God worship him." 7 Of the angels he says. "Who makes his angels winds, and his servants a flame of fire." 8 But of the Son he says. "Your throne. O God. is forever and ever, and the righteous scepter is the scepter of your Kingdom. (aion g165) 9 You have loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your companions." 10 And, "In the beginning, Lord, you established the foundation of the earth. The heavens are the works of your hands. 11 They will perish, but you remain; and they will all wear out like a garment. 12 As a cloak, you will roll them up, and like a garment they will be changed. But you remain the same, and your years will have no end." 13 But which of the angels our confession, Jesus; 2 who was faithful to him who has he told at any time, "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies the footstool of your feet?" 14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent out to do service for just as he who built the house has more honor than the the sake of those who will inherit salvation?

Therefore we ought to pay greater attention to the things that were heard, so that we will not drift away. 2 For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense; 3 how will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation-which at the first having been spoken through the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard; 4 God also testifying with them, both by signs and wonders, by various works of power, and by gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to his own will? 5 For he did not subject the world to come, of which we speak, to angels. 6 But one has somewhere testified. saying, "What is man, that you think of him? Or the son of man, that you care for him? 7 You made him a little lower than the angels. You crowned him with glory and honor. 8 You have put all things in subjection under his feet." For in that he put all things under him,

he left nothing that is not under him. But now we do not yet see that all things are under him. 9 But we see him who has been made a little lower than the angels. Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that by the grace of God he should taste of death for everyone. 10 For it became him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things. in bringing many sons to glory, to make the author of their salvation perfect through sufferings. 11 For both he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified are all from one, for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brothers, 12 saying, "I will declare your name to my brothers. In the midst of the assembly I will praise you." 13 And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again, "Look, I and the children whom God has given me." 14 Since then the children have shared in flesh and blood. he also himself in like manner partook of the same, that through death he might bring to nothing him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and might deliver all of them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. 16 For, truly, he did not come to help the angels, but to help the offspring of Abraham. 17 Therefore he was obligated in all things to be made like his brothers, that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make atonement for the sins of the people, 18 For in that he himself has suffered being tempted, he is able to help those who are tempted.

2 Therefore, holy brothers, partakers of a heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of appointed him, as also was Moses in his house. 3 For he has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, house. 4 For every house is built by someone: but he who built all things is God. 5 Moses indeed was faithful in all his house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were afterward to be spoken, 6 but Messiah is faithful as a Son over his house: whose house we are, if we hold fast our confidence and the boast of our hope. 7 Therefore, even as the Holy Spirit says, "Today if you will hear his voice. 8 do not harden your hearts. as in the provocation, like as in the day of the trial in the wilderness. 9 where your fathers tested me and challenged me, and saw my works for forty years. 10 Therefore I was displeased with this generation, and said, 'They always err in their heart, but they did not know my ways;' 11 as I swore in my wrath, 'They will not enter into my rest." 12 Beware, brothers, lest perhaps there be in any one of you an evil heart of unbelief, in falling away from the living God; 13 but exhort one another day by day, so long as it is called "today;" lest any one of you be hardened by the deceitfulness of

sin. 14 For we have become partakers of Messiah, if **5** For every high priest, being taken from among people, is appointed for people in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for voice, do not harden your hearts, as in the rebellion." sins. 2 The high priest can deal gently with those who 16 For who, when they heard, rebelled? No, did not all to so surrounded with weakness. 3 Because he himself is also surrounded with weakness. 3 Because of this, he must offer sacrifices for sins for the people, as well who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? 18 To so for himself. 4 Nobody takes this honor on himself, whom did he swear that they would not enter into his but he is called by God, just like Aaron was. 5 So rest, but to those who were disobedient? 19 We see also Messiah did not glorify himself to be made a high that they were not able to enter in because of unbelief.

Let us fear therefore, lest perhaps anyone of you should seem to have come short of a promise of entering into his rest. 2 For indeed we have had good news preached to us, even as they also did, but the word they heard did not profit them, because they were not united by faith with those who heard. 3 For we who have believed do enter into that rest, even as he has said, "As I swore in my wrath, they will not enter into my rest;" although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. 4 For he has said this somewhere about the seventh day, "And God rested on the seventh day from all his works;" 5 and in this place again, "They will not enter into my rest." 6 Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and they to whom the good news was before preached failed to enter in because of disobedience, 7 he again appoints a certain day, "Today," saying through David so long a time afterward (just as has been said), "Today if you will hear his voice, do not harden your hearts." 8 For if Joshua had given them rest, he would not have spoken afterward of another day. 9 There remains therefore a Sabbath rest for the people of God. **10** For he who has entered into his rest has himself also rested from his diligence to enter into that rest, lest anyone fall after the same example of disobedience. 12 For the word of God is living, and active, and sharper than any two-edged naked and laid open before the eyes of him with whom for help in time of need.

F For every high priest, being taken from among people, is appointed for people in things pertaining also Messiah did not glorify himself to be made a high priest, but it was he who said to him, "You are my Son. Today I have become your Father." 6 As he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek." (aion g165) 7 In the days of his flesh, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. 8 Although he was a Son, he learned obedience by the things which he suffered. 9 Having been made perfect, he became to all of those who obey him the author of everlasting salvation, (aionios g166) 10 named by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek. 11 About him we have many words to say, and hard to interpret, seeing you have become dull of hearing. 12 For when by reason of the time you ought to be teachers, you again need to have someone teach you the rudiments of the first principles of the oracles of God. You have come to need milk, not solid food. 13 For everyone who lives on milk is not experienced in the word of righteousness, for he is a baby. 14 But solid food is for those who are full grown, who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern good and evil.

6 Therefore leaving the doctrine of the first principles of Messiah, let us press on to perfection-not laying works, as God did from his. 11 Let us therefore give again a foundation of repentance from dead works, of faith toward God, 2 of the teaching of washings, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of everlasting judgment. (aionios g166) 3 And this we will do sword, and piercing even to the dividing of soul and if God permits. 4 For concerning those who were once spirit. of both joints and marrow, and is able to discern enlightened and tasted of the heavenly gift, and were the thoughts and intentions of the heart. 13 There is no made partakers of the Holy Spirit, 5 and tasted the good creature that is hidden from his sight, but all things are word of God, and the powers of the age to come, (aion g165) 6 and then fell away, it is impossible to renew them we have to do. 14 Having then a great high priest, who again to repentance; seeing they crucify the Son of God has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of for themselves again, and put him to open shame. 7 God, let us hold tightly to our confession. 15 For we For the land which has drunk the rain that comes often do not have a high priest who cannot be touched with on it, and brings forth a crop suitable for them for whose the feeling of our infirmities, but one who has been in sake it is also tilled, receives blessing from God; 8 but if all points tempted like we are, yet without sin. 16 Let it bears thorns and thistles, it is rejected and near being us therefore draw near with boldness to the throne of cursed, whose end is to be burned. 9 But, beloved, grace, that we may receive mercy, and may find grace we are persuaded of better things for you, and things that accompany salvation, even though we speak like this. 10 For God is not unrighteous, so as to forget your work and the love which you showed toward his Aaron? 12 For the priesthood being changed, there is 12 that you won't be sluggish, but imitators of those For it is evident that our Lord has sprung out of Judah, who through faith and patience inherited the promises. about which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning 13 For when God made a promise to Abraham, since priests. 15 This is yet more abundantly evident, if after he could swear by none greater, he swore by himself, the likeness of Melchizedek there arises another priest, 14 saying, "I will indeed bless you, and I will greatly 16 who has been made, not after the law of a fleshly multiply you." 15 Thus, having patiently endured, he commandment, but after the power of an endless life: obtained the promise. 16 For people swear oaths by 17 for it is testified, "You are a priest forever, according the promise the immutability of his counsel, interposed nothing perfect), and a bringing in of a better hope, it is impossible for God to lie, we may have a strong was not made priest without the taking of an oath, 21 for encouragement, who have fled for refuge to take hold of they indeed have been made priests without an oath, the hope set before us. 19 This hope we have as an but he with an oath by him that says of him, "The Lord anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast and entering into that which is within the curtain; 20 where as a forerunner Jesus entered for us, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek. (aion g165)

7 For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of God Most High, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, 2 to whom also Abraham divided "a tenth part of everything" (being first, by interpretation, king of righteousness, and then also king of Salem, which is king of peace; 3 without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God), remains a priest continually. 4 Now consider how great this man was, to whom even Abraham, the patriarch, gave a tenth out of the most valuable plunder. 5 They indeed of the sons of Levi who receive the priest's office have a commandment to take tithes of the people according to the Law, that is, of their brothers, though these have come out of the body of Abraham, 6 but he whose genealogy is not counted from them has accepted tithes from Abraham, and has blessed him who has the promises. 7 But without any dispute the lesser is blessed by the greater. 8 Here people who die receive tithes, but there one receives tithes of whom it is testified that he lives. 9 We can say that through Abraham even Levi, who receives tithes, has paid tithes, 10 for he was yet in the body of his father when Melchizedek met him. 11 Now if there was perfection through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people have received the law), what further need was there for another priest to arise after the order of Melchizedek, and not be called after the order of

name, in that you served the saints, and still do serve of necessity a change made also in the law. 13 For them. 11 We desire that each one of you may show the he of whom these things are said belongs to another same diligence to the fullness of hope even to the end, tribe, from which no one has officiated at the altar. 14 something greater, and in every dispute of theirs the to the order of Melchizedek." (aion g165) 18 For there is oath is final for confirmation. 17 In this way God, being an annulling of a foregoing commandment because of determined to show more abundantly to the heirs of its weakness and uselessness 19 (for the law made with an oath: 18 that by two immutable things, in which through which we draw near to God. 20 Inasmuch as he swore and will not change his mind, 'You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." (aion g165) 22 Accordingly Jesus has become the guarantor of a better covenant. 23 Many, indeed, have been made priests, because they are hindered from continuing by death. 24 But he, because he lives forever, has his priesthood unchangeable. (aion g165) 25 Therefore he is also able to save completely those who draw near to God through him, seeing that he lives forever to make intercession for them. 26 For such a high priest was indeed fitting for us: holy, guiltless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; 27 who does not need, like those high priests, to offer up sacrifices daily, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people. For he did this once for all, when he offered up himself. 28 For the Law appoints men as high priests who have weakness, but the word of the oath which came after the Law appoints a Son forever who has been perfected. (aion g165)

> ${\bf 8}$ Now in the things which we are saying, the main point is this. We have such a high priest, who sat down on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, 2 a servant of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord set up, and not man. 3 For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices. Therefore it is necessary that this high priest also have something to offer. 4 Now if he were on earth, he would not be a priest at all, seeing there are priests who offer the gifts according to the Law; 5 who serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things, even as Moses was warned when he was about to make the tabernacle, for he said, "See that you make everything according to the pattern that was shown to you on the mountain." 6 But now he has obtained a more excellent ministry, by

so much as he is also the mediator of a better covenant. having obtained everlasting redemption. (aionios g166) 13 been sought for a second. 8 For finding fault with them, to the cleanness of the flesh: 14 how much more will the he said, "Look, the days are coming," says the Lord, blood of Messiah, who through the eternal Spirit offered "when I will make a new covenant with the house of himself without blemish to God, cleanse our conscience Israel and with the house of Judah; 9 not according to from dead works to serve the living God? (aionios g166) the covenant that I made with their fathers, in the day 15 For this reason he is the mediator of a new covenant, that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land since a death has occurred for the redemption of the merciful to their unrighteousness. I will remember their the Law, he took the blood of the calves and the goats, sins no more." 13 In that he says, "new," he has made with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled aged is near to vanishing away.

Q Now indeed even the first had ordinances of divine service, and an earthly sanctuary. 2 For a tabernacle was prepared. In the first part were the lampstand, the table, and the show bread; which is called the Holy Place. 3 After the second curtain was the tabernacle which is called the Holy of Holies, 4 having a golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which was a gold jar containing the manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant; 5 and above it cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat, of which things we cannot speak now in detail. 6 Now these things having been thus prepared, the priests go in continually into the first tabernacle, performing their duties. 7 But into the second the high priest alone, once in the year, not without blood, which he offers for himself, and for the sins of the people committed in ignorance. 8 The Holy Spirit is indicating this, that the way into the Holy Place was not yet revealed while the first tabernacle was still standing; 9 which is a symbol of the present age, where gifts and sacrifices are offered that are incapable, concerning the conscience, of making the worshipper perfect; 10 but 10 For the Law, having a shadow of the good to deal only with foods and drinks and various washings;

which on better promises has been given as Law. 7 For For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the ashes of a if the first had been faultless, then no place would have heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled, sanctify of Egypt; for they did not continue in my covenant, and I transgressions that were under the first covenant, that disregarded them," says the Lord. 10 "For this is the those who have been called may receive the promise of covenant that I will make with the house of Israel. After the everlasting inheritance. (aionios g166) 16 Now where those days," says the Lord; "I will put my laws into their there is a will, the death of the one who made it must be mind, I will also write them on their heart. I will be their proven. 17 For a will is in force where there has been God, and they will be my people. 11 They will not teach death, for it is never in force while the one who made it each one his fellow citizen, and each one his brother, lives. 18 Therefore even the first has not been dedicated saying, 'Know the Lord,' for all will know me, from the without blood. 19 For when every commandment had least of them to the greatest of them. 12 For I will be been spoken by Moses to all the people according to the first old. But that which is becoming old and grows both the scroll itself and all the people, 20 saying, "This is the blood of the covenant which God has commanded

> you." 21 Moreover he sprinkled the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry in like manner with the blood. 22 According to the Law, nearly everything is cleansed with blood, and apart from shedding of blood there is no forgiveness. 23 It was necessary therefore that the copies of the things in the heavens should be cleansed with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. 24 For Messiah hasn't entered into holy places made with hands, which are representations of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us; 25 nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest enters into the holy place year by year with blood not his own, 26 or else he must have suffered often since the foundation of the world. But now once at the end of the ages, he has been revealed to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. (aion g165) 27 Inasmuch as it is appointed for people to die once, and after this, judgment, 28 so Messiah also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, without sin, to those who are eagerly waiting for him for salvation.

come, not the very image of the things, can never they are regulations for the flesh imposed until the time with the same sacrifices year by year, which they offer of setting things right. 11 But Messiah having come as a continually, make perfect those who draw near. 2 Or high priest of the good things that have come, through else would not they have ceased to be offered, because the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with the worshippers, having been once cleansed, would hands, that is to say, not of this creation, 12 nor yet have had no more consciousness of sins? 3 But in those through the blood of goats and calves, but through his sacrifices there is yearly reminder of sins. 4 For it is own blood, entered in once for all into the Holy Place, impossible that the blood of bulls and goats should take he says, "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a former days, in which, after you were enlightened, you body you prepared for me. 6 Whole burnt offerings and endured a great struggle with sufferings; 33 partly, being sin-offerings you took no pleasure in. 7 Then I said, exposed to insults and abuse in public, and sometimes 'Look, I have come. It is written about me in the scroll you came to share with others who were treated in of a book; to do your will, God." 8 Previously saying, the same way. 34 For you both had compassion on "Sacrifices and offerings and whole burnt offerings and them that were in chains, and joyfully accepted the sin-offerings you did not desire, nor took pleasure in" plundering of your possessions, since you knew that you (which are offered according to the Law), 9 then he yourselves had a better possession and an enduring said, "Look, I have come to do your will." He takes away one. 35 Therefore do not throw away your boldness. the first, that he may establish the second, 10 by which which has a great reward. 36 For you need patient will we have been sanctified through the offering of the endurance so that, having done the will of God, you body of Jesus (the) Messiah once for all. 11 Every priest may receive the promise. 37 "For in just a little while, he indeed stands day by day serving and often offering the who is coming will come and will not delay. 38 But the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins, 12 righteous will live by faith, and if he holds back, my soul but this one, when he had offered one sacrifice for sins has no pleasure in him." 39 But we are not of those who forever, sat down on the right hand of God; 13 from that shrink back to destruction, but of those who have faith time waiting until his enemies are made the footstool to the saving of the soul. of his feet. 14 For by one offering he has perfected forever those who are being sanctified. 15 The Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, 16 "This is the covenant that I will make with them: 'After those days,' says the Lord, 'I will put my laws on their hearts, I will also write them on their minds." 17 "And I will remember their sins and their iniquities no more." 18 Now where forgiveness of these is, there is no more offering for sin. 19 Having therefore, brothers, boldness to enter into the holy place by the blood of Jesus, 20 by the way which he dedicated for us, a new and living way, through the curtain, that is to say, his flesh; 21 and having a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near with a true heart in fullness of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and having our body washed with pure water, 23 let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering; for he who promised is faithful. 24 Let us consider how to motivate one another to love and good works, 25 not forsaking our own assembling together, as the custom of some is, but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as you see the Day approaching. 26 For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remains no more a sacrifice for sins. 27 but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and a fierceness of fire which will devour the adversaries. 28 Anvone who disregards the Law of Moses dies without compassion on the word of two or three witnesses. 29 How much worse punishment, do you think, will he be judged worthy of, who has trodden under foot the Son of God, and has counted the blood of the covenant with which he was sanctified an unholv thing, and has insulted the Spirit of grace? 30 For we know him who said, "Vengeance belongs to me; I will repay." Again, "The Lord will judge his people." 31 It is a fearful thing to fall

away sins, 5 Therefore when he comes into the world, into the hands of the living God, 32 But remember the

1 Now faith is being confident of what we hope for. 1 convinced about things we do not see. 2 For by this, the people of old were attested. 3 By faith, we understand that the ages were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen has not been made out of things which are visible. (aion g165) 4 By faith, Abel offered to God a better sacrifice than Cain, through which he was attested as righteous, God testifying with respect to his gifts; and though he died he still speaks through it. 5 By faith, Enoch was taken away, so that he would not see death, "and he was not found, because God took him away." For before he was taken he was attested as having pleased God. 6 Now without faith it is impossible to be well pleasing to him, for he who comes to God must believe that he exists, and that he is a rewarder of those who seek him. 7 By faith. Noah. being warned about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared a box-shaped ship for the salvation of his household, through which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith. 8 By faith, Abraham, when he was called, obeyed to go out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance. He went out, not knowing where he was going. 9 By faith, he sojourned in a land of promise, as a foreigner, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise. 10 For he looked for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. 11 By faith, even barren Sarah herself received power to conceive when she was past age, and gave birth, since she considered him faithful who had promised. 12 Therefore as many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as innumerable as the sand which is by the sea shore, were fathered by one man, and him as good as dead. 13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having

acknowledged that they were foreigners and temporary stoned, they were sawed apart, they were put to the residents on the earth. 14 For those who say such test, they were killed with the sword. They went around things make it clear that they are seeking a country of in sheepskins and in goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, their own. 15 If indeed they had been thinking of that mistreated 38 (of whom the world was not worthy), country from which they went out, they would have had wandering in deserts, mountains, caves, and the holes enough time to return. 16 Instead, they were longing for of the earth. 39 These all, having had testimony given to a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God them through their faith, did not receive the promise, 40 is not ashamed of them, to be called their God, for he God having provided some better thing concerning us, has prepared a city for them. 17 By faith, Abraham, so that apart from us they should not be made perfect. being tested, offered up Isaac; and he who had gladly received the promises was offering up his one and only son; 18 even he to whom it was said, "In Isaac will your descendants be called;" 19 concluding that God is able to raise up even from the dead. Figuratively speaking, he also did receive him back from the dead. 20 By faith, Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau, even concerning things to come. 21 By faith, Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and bowed over the top of his staff. 22 By faith, Joseph, when his end was near, made mention of the departure of the children of Israel; and gave instructions concerning his bones. 23 By faith, Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that he was a beautiful child, and they were not afraid of the king's commandment. 24 By faith, Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, 25 choosing rather to share ill treatment with God's people, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a time: 26 considering the abuse suffered for the Messiah greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he looked to the reward. 27 By faith, he left Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible. 28 By faith, he kept the Passover, and the sprinkling of the blood, that the destroyer of the firstborn should not touch them. 29 By faith, they passed through the Red Sea as on dry land. When the Egyptians tried to do so, they were swallowed up. 30 By faith, the walls of Jericho fell down, after they had been encircled for seven days. 31 By faith, Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, having received the spies in peace. 32 And what more should I sav? For the time would fail me if I told of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, and the prophets: 33 who, through faith subdued kingdoms, worked out righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, 34 guenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, grew mighty in war, and caused foreign armies to flee. 35 Women received their dead by resurrection. And others were tortured, not accepting the payment for release, that they might obtain a better resurrection. 36 Others were tried by mocking and scourging, yes,

seen them and embraced them from afar, and having moreover by bonds and imprisonment. 37 They were

2 Therefore let us also, seeing we are surrounded Ί by so great a cloud of witnesses, lay aside every weight and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus, the founder and completer of the faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 For consider him who has endured such hostility from sinners against himself, so that you may not become tired and give up. 4 You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood in your struggle against sin; 5 and you have forgotten the exhortation which reasons with you as with sons, "My son, do not take lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor lose heart when you are corrected by him. 6 For whom the Lord loves he disciplines, and punishes every son he accepts." 7 If you are enduring discipline. God is dealing with you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? 8 But if you are without discipline, of which all have been made partakers, then you are illegitimate, and not sons. 9 Furthermore, we had earthly fathers who disciplined us. and we paid them respect. Should we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live? 10 For they indeed, for a few days, disciplined us as seemed good to them; but he for our profit, that we may be partakers of his holiness. 11 All discipline seems for the moment painful, not joyful; yet afterward it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been exercised thereby. 12 Therefore, lift up the hands that hang down and the feeble knees, 13 and make straight paths for your feet, so that which is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed. 14 Pursue peace with everyone, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord. 15 looking carefully lest there be anyone who falls short of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by it many become defiled: 16 that there be no sexually immoral or profane person like Esau, who sold his own birthright for one meal. 17 For you know that even when he afterward desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for a change of mind though he sought something that might be touched, and that burned with he might sanctify the people through his own blood, fire, and darkness, gloom, and storm, 19 the sound of a suffered outside of the gate. 13 Let us therefore go out trumpet, and the voice of words; which those who heard to him outside of the camp, bearing the abuse he bore. it begged that not one more word should be spoken 14 For we do not have here an enduring city, but we seek to them, 20 for they could not stand that which was that which is to come. 15 Through him, then, let us offer commanded, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it up a sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the must be stoned;" 21 and so fearful was the appearance, fruit of lips that confess his name. 16 But do not forget that Moses said, "I am terrified and trembling." 22 But to be doing good and sharing, for with such sacrifices you have come to Mount Zion, and to the city of the God is well pleased. 17 Obey your leaders and submit living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable to them, for they watch on behalf of your souls, as those multitudes of angels, 23 to the assembly of the firstborn who will give account, that they may do this with joy, who are enrolled in heaven, to God the Judge of all, and not with groaning, for that would be unprofitable to the spirits of righteous people made perfect, 24 to for you. 18 Pray for us, for we are persuaded that we Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the blood have a good conscience, desiring to live honorably in all of sprinkling that speaks better than that of Abel. 25 things. 19 I strongly urge you to do this, that I may be See that you do not refuse him who speaks. For if they restored to you sooner. 20 Now may the God of peace, did not escape when they refused him who warned on who brought again from the dead the great Shepherd of the earth, how much more will we not escape who turn the sheep with the blood of an everlasting covenant. away from him who warns from heaven, 26 whose voice our Lord Jesus, (aionios g166) 21 make you complete shook the earth then, but now he has promised, saying, in every good thing to do his will, working in us that "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth, but also which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus (the) the heavens." 27 This phrase, "Yet once more," signifies Messiah, to whom be the glory forever. Amen. (aion the removing of those things that are shaken, as of g165) 22 But I exhort you, brothers, endure the word of things that have been made, that those things which are exhortation, for I have written to you in few words. 23 not shaken may remain. 28 So since we are receiving Know that our brother Timothy has been freed, with a Kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, whom, if he comes shortly, I will see you. 24 Greet all of through which we may offer service pleasing to God, your leaders and all the saints. Those from Italy send with reverence and awe, 29 for our God is a consuming you greetings. 25 Grace be with you all. fire.

13 Let brotherly love continue. 2 Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for in doing so, some have entertained angels without knowing it. 3 Remember those who are in bonds, as bound with them; and those who are ill-treated, since you are also in the body. 4 Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the bed be undefiled: for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. 5 Be free from the love of money, content with such things as you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." 6 So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can humans do to me?" 7 Remember your leaders, who spoke to you the word of God, and considering the results of their conduct, imitate their faith. 8 Jesus (the) Messiah is the same vesterday, today, and forever. (aion g165) 9 Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings, for it is good that the heart be established by grace, not by food, through which those who were so occupied were not benefited. 10 We have an altar from which those who serve the holy tabernacle have no right to eat. 11 For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the holy place by the high priest as an offering for sin, are burned

it diligently with tears, 18 For you have not come to outside of the camp, 12 Therefore Jesus also, that

Jacob

James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus (the) Messiah, to the twelve tribes which are in the Diaspora: Greetings. 2 Count it all joy, my brothers, when you encounter various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. 4 Let with a gold ring, in fine clothing, comes into your endurance have its perfect work, that you may be synagogue, and a poor person in filthy clothing also perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. 5 But if any of comes in; 3 and you pay special attention to the one you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all who wears the fine clothing, and say, "Sit here in a good generously and without finding fault; and it will be given place;" but you tell the poor person, "Stand there," or "Sit to him. 6 But let him ask in faith, without any doubting, by my footstool." 4 Have you not discriminated among for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, driven yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? 5 and tossed by the wind. 7 For let that person not think Listen, my beloved brothers. Did not God choose those that he will receive anything from the Lord. 8 He is who are poor in this world to be rich in faith, and heirs of a double-minded person, unstable in all his ways. 9 the Kingdom which he promised to those who love him? But let the brother in humble circumstances glory in 6 But you have dishonored the poor person. Do not his high position; 10 and the rich, in that he is made the rich oppress you, and personally drag you before humble, because like the flower in the grass, he will the courts? 7 Do not they blaspheme the honorable pass away. 11 For the sun arises with the scorching name by which you are called? 8 However, if you fulfill wind, and withers the grass, and the flower in it falls, the royal law, according to the Scripture, "You are to and the beauty of its appearance perishes. So also will love your neighbor as yourself," you do well. 9 But if the rich person fade away in his pursuits. 12 Blessed is you show partiality, you commit sin, being convicted the one who perseveres under trial, for when he has by the law as transgressors. 10 For whoever keeps been approved, he will receive the crown of life, which the whole law, and yet stumbles in one point, he has he promised to those who love him. 13 Let no one say become guilty of all. 11 For he who said, "Do not commit when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God," for God adultery," also said, "Do not commit murder." Now if you cannot be tempted by evil, and he himself tempts no do not commit adultery, but murder, you have become a one. 14 But each one is tempted, when he is drawn transgressor of the law. 12 So speak, and so do, as away by his own lust, and enticed. 15 Then the lust, those who are to be judged by a law of freedom. 13 For when it has conceived, bears sin; and the sin, when it is judgment is without mercy to him who has shown no full grown, brings forth death. 16 Do not be deceived, mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment. 14 What good is my beloved brothers. 17 All generous giving and every it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith, but has no perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father works? Can faith save him? 15 And if a brother or sister of lights, with whom can be no variation, nor turning is poorly clothed and may be lacking in daily food, 16 shadow. 18 Of his own will he brought us forth by the and one of you tells them, "Go in peace, be warmed word of truth, that we should be a kind of first fruits of and filled;" and yet you did not give them the things the his creatures. 19 This you know, my beloved brothers. body needs, what good is it? 17 Even so faith, if it has But let every person be swift to hear, slow to speak, and no works, is dead in itself. 18 But someone will say, slow to anger; 20 for human anger does not produce "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith the righteousness of God. 21 Therefore, putting away without works, and I by my works will show you my faith. all filthiness and overflowing of wickedness, receive with 19 You believe that God is one. You do well. The demons humility the implanted word, which is able to save your also believe, and shudder. 20 But do you want to know, souls. 22 But be doers of the word, and not only hearers, foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless? deluding your own selves. 23 For if anyone is a hearer 21 Wasn't Abraham our father justified by works, in that of the word and not a doer, he is like someone looking at he offered up Isaac his son on the altar? 22 You see his natural face in a mirror; 24 for he sees himself, and that faith worked with his works, and by works faith was goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of person perfected; 23 and the Scripture was fulfilled which says. he was. 25 But he who looks into the perfect Law of "And Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him freedom, and continues, not being a hearer who forgets, as righteousness;" and he was called the friend of God. but a doer of the work, this person will be blessed in 24 You see that a person is justified by works and not what he does. 26 If anyone thinks himself to be religious by faith alone. 25 In like manner was not Rahab the while he does not control his tongue, but deceives his prostitute also justified by works, in that she received

heart, this one's religion is worthless. 27 Pure religion and undefiled before our God and Father is this: to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

2 My brothers, do not hold the faith of our Lord Jesus (the) Messiah of glory with partiality. 2 For if someone

the messengers, and sent them out another way? 26 the Scripture says in vain. "The Spirit which he made faith apart from works is dead.

3 Let not many of you be teachers, my brothers, knowing that we will receive heavier judgment. 2 For in many things we all stumble. If anyone does not stumble in word, this one is a perfect person, able to bridle the whole body also. 3 Now if we put bits into the horses' mouths so that they may obey us, we guide their whole body. 4 And look at the ships also, though they are so big and are driven by fierce winds, are yet guided by a very small rudder, wherever the pilot desires. 5 So the tongue is also a little member, and boasts great things. See how a small fire can spread to a large forest. 6 And the tongue is a fire. The world of iniquity among our members is the tongue, which defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature, and is set on fire by hell. (Geenna g1067) 7 For all kinds of animals, and birds, of reptiles and sea creatures, are being tamed and have been tamed by humankind. 8 But nobody can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. 9 With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people, who are made in the image of God. 10 Out of the same mouth comes forth blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. 11 Does a spring send out from the same opening fresh and bitter water? 12 Can a fig tree, my brothers, vield olives, or a vine figs? Nor is salt water able to produce sweet. 13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by his good conduct that his deeds are done in gentleness of wisdom. 14 But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart. do not boast and do not lie against the truth. 15 This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, sensual, and demonic. 16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition are, there is confusion and every evil deed. 17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceful, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, without hypocrisy. 18 Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

A Where do conflicts and quarrels among you come from? Do they not come from your passions that war in your members? 2 You lust, and do not have. You kill, covet, and cannot obtain. You fight and make war. You do not have, because you do not ask. 3 You ask, and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it for your pleasures. 4 You adulterers and adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. 5 Or do you think that

For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, even so to dwell in us yearns jealously"? 6 But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble. 7 Be subject therefore to God. But resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. 9 Lament, mourn, and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to gloom. 10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he will exalt you. 11 Do not speak against one another, brothers. He who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law, but a judge. 12 Only one is the lawgiver and judge, who is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor? 13 Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow let us go into this city, and spend a year there, trade, and make a profit." 14 Whereas you do not know what tomorrow will be like. What is your life? For you are a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. 15 For you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will both live, and do this or that." 16 But now vou glory in your boasting. All such boasting is evil. 17 To him therefore who knows to do good, and does not do it, to him it is sin.

> 5 Come now, you rich, weep and cry aloud for your miseries that are coming on you. 2 Your riches are corrupted and your garments are moth-eaten. 3 Your gold and your silver are corroded, and their corrosion will be for a testimony against you, and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up your treasure in the last days. 4 Look, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you have kept back by fraud, cry out, and the cries of those who reaped have entered into the ears of the Lord of hosts. 5 You have lived delicately on the earth, and taken your pleasure. You have nourished your hearts in a day of slaughter. 6 You have condemned, you have murdered the righteous one. He does not resist you. 7 Be patient therefore. brothers, until the coming of the Lord. Look, the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient over it, until it receives the early and late rain. 8 You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. 9 Do not grumble, brothers, against one another, so that you won't be judged. Look, the judge stands at the door. 10 Take, brothers, for an example of suffering and of patience, the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. 11 Look, we call them blessed who endured. You have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the Lord in the outcome, and how the Lord is full of compassion and mercy. 12 But above all things, my brothers, do not swear, neither by heaven,

nor by the earth, nor by any other oath; but let your "yes" be "yes," and your "no," "no;" so that you do not fall under judgment. 13 Is anyone among you suffering? He should pray. Is anyone cheerful? He should sing praises. 14 Is anyone among you sick? He should call for the elders of the church, and they should pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. 15 And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. If he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. 16 Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerfully effective. 17 Elijah was a human being with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. 18 He prayed again, and the sky gave rain, and the earth brought forth its fruit. 19 My brothers, if any among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, 20 let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death, and will cover a multitude of sins.

1 Peter

1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus (the) Messiah, to the chosen ones who are living as foreigners in the Diaspora in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, 2 according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, that you may obey Jesus (the) Messiah and be sprinkled with his blood: Grace to you and peace be multiplied. 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus (the) Messiah, who according to his great mercy caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus (the) Messiah from the dead, 4 to an incorruptible and undefiled inheritance that does not fade away. reserved in Heaven for you, 5 who by the power of God newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, that are guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be you may grow thereby to salvation, 3 if indeed you have revealed in the last time. 6 Wherein you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been stone, though rejected by people but chosen by God, grieved by various trials, 7 that the genuineness of your precious. 5 You also, as living stones, are built up as faith, which is more precious than gold that perishes a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer up even though it is tested by fire, may be found to result in spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God through Jesus praise and glory and honor when Jesus (the) Messiah (the) Messiah. 6 Because it is contained in Scripture, is revealed— 8 whom not having seen you love; in "Look, I am laying in Zion a stone, a chosen precious whom, though now you do not see him, yet believing, cornerstone, and whoever believes in him will not be put you rejoice greatly with joy inexpressible and full of to shame." 7 For you who believe therefore is the honor, glory- 9 receiving the result of your faith, the salvation but for those who do not believe, "The stone which the of your souls. 10 Concerning this salvation, the prophets builders rejected, has become the chief cornerstone," 8 sought and searched diligently, who prophesied of the and, "a stone to stumble over, and a rock to trip over." grace that would come to you, 11 searching for who or For they stumble at the word, being disobedient, to what kind of time the Spirit of Messiah, which was in which also they were appointed. 9 But you are a chosen them, pointed to, when he predicted the sufferings of race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his Messiah, and the glories that would follow them. 12 own possession, that you may proclaim the excellence To them it was revealed, that not to themselves, but to of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous you, they ministered these things, which now have been light: 10 who once were not a people, but now are God's announced to you through those who preached the people, who had not obtained mercy, but now have gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent out from heaven; obtained mercy. 11 Beloved, I urge you as foreigners which things angels desire to look into. 13 Therefore, and temporary residents, to abstain from fleshly lusts, prepare your minds for action, be sober and set your which war against the soul; 12 having good behavior hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you among the nations, so in that of which they speak when Jesus (the) Messiah is revealed. 14 As obedient against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, children, do not be conformed to the desires as in your which they see, glorify God in the day of visitation. 13 ignorance, 15 but just as he who called you is holy, Subject yourselves to every human institution for the you yourselves also be holy in all of your behavior; 16 Lord's sake: whether to the king, as supreme; 14 or to because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy." 17 If you governors, as sent by him for vengeance on evildoers call on him as Father, who without respect of persons and for praise to those who do well. 15 For this is the judges according to each man's work, pass the time will of God, that by well-doing you should put to silence of your living as foreigners here in reverent fear: 18 the ignorance of foolish people: 16 as free, and not knowing that you were redeemed, not with corruptible using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but as slaves things, with silver or gold, from the useless way of life of God. 17 Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. handed down from your fathers, 19 but with precious Fear God. Honor the king. 18 Servants, be in subjection blood, as of an unblemished and spotless lamb, namely to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and Messiah. 20 He was chosen in advance before the gentle, but also to the wicked. 19 For it is commendable foundation of the world, but was revealed in these last if someone endures pain, suffering unjustly, because

times for your sake. 21 who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead, and gave him glory; so that your faith and hope might be in God. 22 Seeing you have purified your souls in your obedience to the truth in sincere brotherly affection, love one another from a pure heart fervently: 23 having been born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, through the living and abiding word of God. (aion g165) 24 For, "All flesh is like grass, and all its glory like the flower in the grass. The grass withers, and its flower falls; 25 but the word of the Lord endures forever." This is the word preached as gospel to you. (aion g165)

2 Putting away therefore all wickedness, and all deceit, and hypocrisy, and envy, and all slander, 2 as tasted that the Lord is good: 4 coming to him, a living of conscience toward God. 20 For what glory is it if, you, they may be put to shame who slander your good commendable with God. 21 For to this you were called, evil. 18 Because Messiah also suffered for sins once, him who judges righteously; 24 who his own self bore of Noah, while the box-shaped ship was being built. your souls.

3 In like manner, wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; so that, even if any do not obey the word, they may be won by the behavior of their wives without 👖 Forasmuch then as Messiah suffered in the flesh, a word; 2 seeing your pure behavior in fear. 3 Let your beauty be not just the outward adorning of braiding the has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin; 2 that hair, and of wearing jewels of gold, or of putting on you no longer should live the rest of your time in the fine clothing; 4 but in the hidden person of the heart, flesh for human desires, but for the will of God. 3 For in the incorruptible adornment of a gentle and quiet enough time in the past has been spent doing the will spirit, which is in the sight of God very precious. 5 of the unbelievers, and having walked in lewdness, For this is how the holy women before, who hoped lusts, drunkenness, orgies, carousings, and abominable in God also adorned themselves, being in subjection idolatries. 4 They think it is strange that you do not to their own husbands: 6 as Sarah obeyed Abraham, run with them into the same flood of debauchery, calling him lord, whose children you now are, if you blaspheming: 5 who will give account to him who is do well, and are not put in fear by any terror. 7 You ready to judge the living and the dead. 6 For this reason husbands, in like manner, live with your wives according also the gospel was preached to those who are now to knowledge, giving honor to the woman, as to the dead, that they might be judged according to man in the weaker vessel, as being also joint heirs of the grace of flesh, but might live according to God in the Spirit. 7 life; that your prayers may not be hindered. 8 Finally, But the end of all things is near. Therefore be serious be all like-minded, compassionate, loving as brothers, and disciplined in your prayers. 8 Above all things be tenderhearted, humble, 9 not rendering evil for evil, or earnest in your love among yourselves, for love covers a reviling for reviling; but instead blessing; because to multitude of sins. 9 Be hospitable to one another without this were you called, that you may inherit a blessing. grumbling. 10 As each has received a gift, employ it in 10 For, "He who would love life, and see good days, serving one another, as good managers of the grace let him keep his tongue from evil, and his lips from of God in its various forms. 11 If anyone speaks, let it speaking deceit. 11 Let him turn away from evil, and be as it were the very words of God. If anyone serves, do good. Let him seek peace, and pursue it. 12 For let it be as of the strength which God supplies, that the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears in all things God may be glorified through Jesus (the) open to their prayer; but the face of the Lord is against Messiah, to whom belong the glory and the dominion those who do evil." 13 Now who is he who will harm forever and ever. Amen. (aion g165) 12 Beloved, do not you, if you become zealous of that which is good? 14 be astonished at the fiery trial which has come upon But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you, to test you, as though a strange thing happened to you are blessed. "And do not fear what they fear, nor you. 13 But because you are partakers of Messiah's be troubled." 15 But sanctify in your hearts Messiah sufferings, rejoice; that at the revelation of his glory as Lord; and always be ready to give an answer to you also may rejoice with exceeding joy. 14 If you are everyone who asks you a reason concerning the hope insulted for the name of Messiah, you are blessed; that is in you, yet with humility and fear: 16 having a because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. good conscience; so that when they speak evil against On their part he is blasphemed, but on your part he is

when you sin, you patiently endure beating? But if, manner of life in Messiah. 17 For it is better, if it is when you do well, you patiently endure suffering, this is God's will, that you suffer for doing well than for doing because Messiah also suffered for you, leaving you the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring an example, that you should follow his steps, 22 who you to God; being put to death in the flesh, but made "committed no sin, nor was deceit found in his mouth." alive in the spirit; 19 in which he also went and made a 23 Who, when he was cursed, did not curse back. When proclamation to the spirits in prison, 20 who before were he suffered, did not threaten, but committed himself to disobedient, when God waited patiently in the days our sins in his body on the tree, that we, having died to In it, few, that is, eight souls, were saved by means sins, might live to righteousness; by whose wounds you of water. 21 This is a symbol of baptism, which now were healed. 25 For you were going astray like sheep; saves you-not the removal of dirt from the body, but but now have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus (the) Messiah, 22 who is at the right hand of God, having gone into heaven, angels and authorities and powers being made subject to him.

arm yourselves also with the same mind; for he who

glorified. **15** For let none of you suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or an evil doer, or a meddler. **16** But if as a "Follower of the Messiah," let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this name. **17** For the time has come for judgment to begin with the household of God; and if it begins first with us, what will happen to those who do not obey the gospel of God? **18** And "If the righteous is delivered with difficulty, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?" **19** Therefore let them also who suffer according to the will of God in doing good entrust their souls to him, as to a faithful Creator.

5 I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Messiah, and who will also share in the glory that will be revealed: 2 Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, exercising the oversight, not under compulsion, but voluntarily, as God wants; not for dishonest gain, but willingly; 3 neither as lording it over those entrusted to you, but making yourselves examples to the flock. 4 When the chief Shepherd is revealed, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. 5 Likewise, you younger ones, be subject to the elder. Yes, all of you clothe yourselves with humility, towards one another; for God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble. 6 Humble vourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time; 7 casting all your worries on him, because he cares for you. 8 Be sober and self-controlled. Be watchful. Your adversary the devil, walks around like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. 9 Withstand him steadfast in your faith, knowing that your brothers who are in the world are undergoing the same sufferings. 10 And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Messiah, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen and establish you. (aionios g166) 11 To him be the power forever. Amen. (aion g165) 12 Through Silvanus, our faithful brother, as I consider him, I have written to you briefly, exhorting, and testifying that this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it. 13 She who is in Babylon, chosen together with you, greets you; and so does Mark, my son. 14 Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace be to you all who are in Messiah.

2 Peter

Simeon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus (the) Messiah, to those who have obtained a like precious faith with us in the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus (the) Messiah: 2 Grace to you and peace be multiplied in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, 3 seeing that his divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and virtue; 4 by which he 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. 5 Yes, and for this very cause adding on your part all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence; and in moral excellence, knowledge; 6 and in knowledge, self-control; and in self-control, perseverance; and in perseverance, godliness; 7 and in godliness, brotherly affection; and in brotherly affection, love. 8 For if these things are yours and abound, they make you to be not idle nor unfruitful to the knowledge of our Lord Jesus (the) Messiah. 9 For he who lacks these things is blind, seeing only what is near, having forgotten the cleansing from his old sins. 10 Therefore, brothers, be more diligent to make your calling and election sure. For if you do these things, you will never stumble. 11 For thus you will be richly supplied with the entrance into the everlasting Kingdom of our Lord and Savior, Jesus (the) Messiah. (aionios g166) 12 Therefore I will be ready always to remind you of these things, though you know them, and are established in the present truth. 13 I think it right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding you; 14 knowing that the putting off of my tent comes swiftly, even as our Lord Jesus (the) Messiah made clear to me. 15 Yes, I will make every effort that you may always be able to remember these things even after my departure. 16 For we did not follow cunningly devised tales, when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus (the) Messiah, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. 17 For he received from God the Father honor and glory, when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." 18 We heard this voice come out of heaven when we were with him on the holy mountain. 19 We have the more sure word of prophecy; and you do well that you heed it, as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns, and the morning star arises in your hearts: 20 knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of private interpretation. 21 For no prophecy ever came by human will, but people spoke from God, being moved by the Holy Spirit.

But false prophets also arose among the people, as false teachers will also be among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, denying even the Master who bought them, bringing on themselves swift destruction. 2 Many will follow their immoral ways, and as a result, the way of the truth will be maligned. 3 In covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words: whose sentence now from of old does not linger, and their destruction is not asleep. 4 For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them down to the lower parts of hell, and committed them to chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment; (Tartaroo g5020) 5 and did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah with seven others, a preacher of righteousness, when he brought a flood on the world of the ungodly; 6 and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned them to destruction, having made them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly; 7 and delivered righteous Lot, who was very distressed by the lustful life of the wicked 8 (for that righteous man dwelling among them, was tormented in his righteous soul from day to day with seeing and hearing lawless deeds): 9 the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptation and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgment; 10 but chiefly those who walk after the flesh in the lust of defilement, and despise authority. Daring, self-willed, they are not afraid to blaspheme the glories; 11 whereas angels, though greater in might and power, do not bring a railing judgment against them before the Lord. 12 But these, as unreasoning creatures, born natural animals to be taken and destroyed, speaking evil in matters about which they are ignorant, will in their destroying surely be destroyed, 13 suffering the penalty as the wages of evil; people who count it pleasure to revel in the daytime, spots and blemishes, reveling in their deceit while they feast with you; 14 having eyes full of adultery, and insatiable for sin, enticing unstable people, having a heart trained in greed. Children under a curse. 15 Forsaking the right way they went astray, having followed the way of Balaam the son of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness. 16 But he was rebuked for his own transgression; a donkey that could not talk spoke with a human voice and stopped the irrationality of the prophet. 17 These are wells without water, and mists driven by a storm; for whom the blackness of darkness has been reserved. 18 For, uttering great swelling words of emptiness, they entice in the lusts of the flesh, by licentiousness, those who actually escape from those who live in error; 19 promising them liberty, while they themselves are slaves of corruption; for a person is brought into bondage by whoever overcomes him. 20 For if, after they have escaped the defilement of to the true proverb, "The dog turns to his own vomit Amen. (aion g165) again," and "the sow that has washed to wallowing in the mire."

3 This is now, beloved, the second letter that I have written to you; and in both of them I stir up your sincere mind by reminding you; 2 that you should remember the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles: 3 knowing this first, that in the last days scoffers will come, mocking and walking after their own lusts, 4 and saying, "Where is the promise of his coming? For, from the day that the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation." 5 For this they willfully forget, that there were heavens from of old, and an earth formed out of water and amid water, by the word of God; 6 by which means the world that then was, being deluged with water, was destroyed. 7 But the heavens that now are, and the earth, by the same word have been stored up for fire, being reserved against the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly people. 8 But do not forget this one thing, beloved, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. 9 The Lord is not slow concerning his promise, as some count slowness; but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. 10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief; in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fervent heat, and the earth and the works on it will not be found. 11 Therefore since all these things will be destroyed like this, what kind of people ought you to be in holy living and godliness, 12 looking for and earnestly desiring the coming of the day of God, which will cause the burning heavens to be dissolved, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? 13 But, according to his promise, we look for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells. 14 Therefore, beloved, seeing that you look for these things, be diligent to be found in peace, without blemish and blameless in his sight. 15 Regard the patience of our Lord as salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also, according to the wisdom given to him, wrote to you; 16 as also in all of his letters, speaking in them of these things. In those, there are some things that are hard to understand, which the

the world through the knowledge of our Lord and Savior ignorant and unsettled twist, as they also do to the other Jesus (the) Messiah, they are again entangled in it and Scriptures, to their own destruction. 17 You therefore, overcome, the last state has become worse for them beloved, knowing these things beforehand, beware, lest than the first. 21 For it would be better for them not being carried away with the error of the wicked, you to have known the way of righteousness, than, after fall from your own steadfastness. 18 But grow in the knowing it, to turn back from the holy commandment grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus (the) delivered to them. 22 It has happened to them according Messiah. To him be the glory both now and forever.

1 Yochanan

1 That which was from the beginning, that which we have heard, that which we have seen with our eyes, that which we saw, and our hands touched, concerning the Word of life 2 (and the life was revealed, and we have seen, and testify, and declare to you the life, the eternal life, which was with the Father, and was revealed to us); (aionios g166) 3 that which we have seen and heard we declare to you also, that you also may have fellowship with us. Yes, and our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son, Jesus (the) Messiah. 4 And we write these things, that our joy may be fulfilled. 5 This is the message which we have heard from him and announce to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say that we have fellowship with him and walk in the darkness, we lie, and do not tell the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us the sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

 $m{2}$ My little children, I write these things to you so Whoever denies the Son, the same does not have the advocate with the Father, Jesus (the) Messiah, the 24 As for you, let that remain in you which you heard righteous. 2 And he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, from the beginning. If that which you heard from the and not for ours only, but also for the whole world. 3 beginning remains in you, you also will remain in the This is how we know that we know him: if we keep his Son, and in the Father. 25 This is the promise which he commandments. 4 One who says, "I know him," and promised us, the everlasting life. (aionios g166) 26 These does not keep his commandments, is a liar, and the things I have written to you concerning those who would truth is not in him. 5 But whoever keeps his word, God's lead you astray. 27 As for you, the anointing which you love has truly been perfected in him. This is how we received from him remains in you, and you do not need know that we are in him: 6 he who says he remains in for anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches him ought himself also to walk just like he walked. 7 you concerning all things, and is true, and is no lie, and Beloved, I write no new commandment to you, but an even as it taught you, you remain in him. 28 Now, little old commandment which you had from the beginning. children, remain in him, that when he appears, we may The old commandment is the word which you heard. 8 have boldness, and not be ashamed before him at his Again, I write a new commandment to you, which is coming. 29 If you know that he is righteous, you know true in him and in you; because the darkness is passing that everyone also who practices righteousness is born away, and the true light already shines. 9 He who says of him. he is in the light and hates his brother, is in the darkness even until now. 10 He who loves his brother remains in the light, and there is no occasion for stumbling in him. 11 But he who hates his brother is in the darkness, and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes. 12 I write to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake. 13 I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the

beginning. I write to you, young people, because you have overcome the evil one. I write to you, little children, because you know the Father. 14 I have written to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I have written to you, young people, because you are strong, and the word of God remains in you, and you have overcome the evil one. 15 Do not love the world, neither the things that are in the world. If anyone loves the world, the Father's love is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not the Father's, but is the world's. 17 The world is passing away with its lusts, but he who does God's will remains forever. (aion g165) 18 Little children, these are the end times, and as you heard that the antimessiah is coming, even now many antimessiahs have arisen. By this we know that it is the final hour. 19 They went out from us, but they did not belong to us; for if they had belonged to us, they would have continued with us. But they left, that they might be revealed that none of them belong to us. 20 But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things. 21 I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and because no lie is of the truth. 22 Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Messiah? This is the antimessiah, he who denies the Father and the Son. 23 that you may not sin. If anyone sins, we have an Father. He who confesses the Son has the Father also.

> 3 See what kind of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God; and we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know him. 2 Beloved, now we are children of God, and it is not yet revealed what we will be. We know that, when he is revealed, we will be like him; for we will see him just as he is. 3 Everyone who has this hope set on him purifies himself, even as he is pure. 4 Everyone who sins also commits lawlessness.

Sin is lawlessness, 5 You know that he was revealed them; because greater is he who is in you than he who to take away sins, and in him is no sin. 6 Whoever is in the world. 5 They are of the world. Therefore they remains in him does not sin. Whoever sins hasn't seen speak of the world, and the world hears them. 6 We are even as he is righteous. 8 He who sins is of the devil, of truth, and the spirit of error. 7 Beloved, let us love one for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. To another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is this end the Son of God was revealed, to destroy the born of God, and knows God. 8 He who does not love works of the devil. 9 Whoever is born of God does not does not know God, for God is love. 9 By this God's commit sin, because his seed remains in him; and he love was revealed in us, that God has sent his one and cannot sin, because he is born of God. 10 In this the only Son into the world that we might live through him. children of God are revealed, and the children of the 10 In this is love, not that we have loved God, but that devil. Whoever does not do righteousness is not of God, he loved us, and sent his Son as the atoning sacrifice neither is he who does not love his brother. 11 For this for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God loved us in this way, we is the message which you heard from the beginning, also ought to love one another. 12 No one has seen was of the evil one, and killed his brother. Why did he us, and his love has been perfected in us. 13 By this we kill him? Because his works were evil, and his brother's know that we remain in him and he in us, because he righteous. 13 Therefore do not be surprised, brothers, if has given us of his Spirit. 14 We have seen and testify the world hates you. 14 We know that we have passed that the Father has sent the Son as the Savior of the out of death into life, because we love the brothers. world. 15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no and have believed the love which God has for us. God murderer has everlasting life remaining in him. (aionios is love, and he who remains in love remains in God, q166) 16 By this we know love, because he laid down and God remains in him. 17 In this love has been made his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for perfect among us, that we may have boldness in the day the brothers. 17 But whoever has the world's goods, of judgment, because as he is, even so are we in this and sees his brother in need, and closes his heart of world. 18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts compassion against him, how does the love of God out fear, because fear has punishment. He who fears is only, neither with the tongue only, but in deed and truth. loved us. 20 If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his 19 And by this we will know that we are of the truth, and brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows seen. 21 This commandment we have from him, that he all things. 21 Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn who loves God should also love his brother. us, we have confidence before God; 22 and whatever we ask, we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do the things that are pleasing in his sight. 23 This is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus (the) Messiah, and love one another, even as he commanded us. 24 He who keeps his commandments remains in him, and he in him. By this we know that he remains in us, by the Spirit which he gave us.

prophets have gone out into the world. 2 By this you Messiah; not with the water only, but with the water and know the Spirit of God: every spirit who confesses that the blood. It is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit Jesus (the) Messiah has come in the flesh is of God, 3 is the truth. 7 For there are three who testify: 8 the and every spirit who does not confess Jesus is not of Spirit, the water, and the blood; and the three agree God; and this is that of the antimessiah, of whom you as one. 9 If we accept human testimony, the witness have heard that it comes. Now it is in the world already. of God is greater; for this is God's testimony that he 4 You are of God, little children, and have overcome has testified concerning his Son. 10 He who believes in

him, neither knows him. 7 Children, let no one lead of God. He who knows God listens to us. He who is not you astray. He who does righteousness is righteous, of God does not listen to us. By this we know the spirit that we should love one another; 12 unlike Cain, who God at any time. If we love one another, God remains in He who does not love remains in death. 15 Whoever God, God remains in him, and he in God. 16 We know remain in him? 18 Little children, let us not love in word not made perfect in love. 19 We love, because he first persuade our heart before him, 20 because if our heart whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not

 ${\bf 5}$ Whoever believes that Jesus is the Messiah is born of God. Whoever loves the Father also loves the child who is born of him. 2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and do his commandments. 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. His commandments are not grievous. 4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world: our faith. 5 Who is he who overcomes the world. A Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? 6 spirits, whether they are of God, because many false This is he who came by water and blood, Jesus (the)

the Son of God has the testimony in himself. He who does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. 11 The testimony is this, that God gave to us everlasting life, and this life is in his Son. (aionios g166) 12 He who has the Son has the life. He who does not have God's Son does not have the life. 13 These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have everlasting life. (aionios g166) 14 This is the boldness which we have toward him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he listens to us. 15 And if we know that he listens to us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions which we have asked of him. 16 If anyone sees his brother sinning a sin not leading to death, he should ask, and he will give him life for those who sin not leading to death. There is a sin leading to death. I do not say that he should make a request concerning this. 17 All unrighteousness is sin, and there is a sin not leading to death. 18 We know that whoever is born of God does not sin, but he who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him. 19 We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one. 20 We know that the Son of God has come, and has given us an understanding, that we know him who is true, and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus (the) Messiah. He is the true God and eternal life. (aionios g166) 21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols.

2 Yochanan

1 The elder, to the chosen lady and her children, whom I love in truth; and not I only, but also all those who know the truth; 2 for the truth's sake, which remains in us, and it will be with us forever: (aion g165) 3 Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us, from God the Father, and from Jesus (the) Messiah, the Son of the Father, in truth and love. 4 I rejoice greatly that I have found some of your children walking in truth, even as we have been commanded by the Father. 5 And now I ask you, dear lady, not as though I wrote to you a new commandment, but that which we had from the beginning, that we love one another. 6 This is love, that we should walk according to his commandments. This is the commandment, even as you heard from the beginning, that you should walk in it. 7 For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not confess that Jesus (the) Messiah came in the flesh. This is the deceiver and the antimessiah. 8 Watch vourselves, that you do not lose the things which we have accomplished, but that you receive a full reward. 9 Whoever goes on and does not remain in the teaching of Messiah, does not have God. He who remains in the teaching, the same has both the Father and the Son. 10 If anyone comes to you, and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house, and do not welcome him, 11 for he who welcomes him participates in his evil works. 12 Having many things to write to you, I do not want to do so with paper and ink, but I hope to come to you, and to speak face to face, that our joy may be made full. 13 The children of your chosen sister greet you.

3 Yochanan

1 The elder to Gaius the beloved, whom I love in truth. 2 Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in good health, even as your soul prospers. 3 For I rejoiced greatly, when brothers came and testified about your truth, even as you walk in truth. 4 I have no greater joy than this, to hear about my children walking in truth. 5 Beloved, you do a faithful work in whatever you accomplish for those who are brothers and strangers. 6 They have testified about your love before the church. You will do well to send them forward on their journey in a manner worthy of God, 7 because for the sake of the Name they went out, taking nothing from the non-believers. 8 We therefore ought to receive such, that we may be fellow workers for the truth. 9 I wrote something to the church, but Diotrephes, who loves to be first among them, does not accept what we say. 10 Therefore, if I come, I will call attention to his deeds which he does, unjustly accusing us with wicked words. Not content with this, neither does he himself receive the brothers, and those who would, he forbids and throws out of the church. 11 Beloved, do not imitate that which is evil, but that which is good. He who does good is of God. He who does evil hasn't seen God. 12 Demetrius has the testimony of all, and of the truth itself; yes, we also testify, and you know that our testimony is true. 13 I had many things to write to you, but I am unwilling to write to you with ink and pen; 14 but I hope to see you soon, and we will speak face to face. Peace be to you. The friends greet you. Greet the friends by name.

Judah

1 Jude, a servant of Jesus (the) Messiah, and brother of James, to those who are called, loved by God the Father, and kept for Jesus (the) Messiah: 2 Mercy to you and peace and love be multiplied. 3 Beloved, while I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I was constrained to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. 4 For there are certain people who crept in secretly, even those who were long ago written about for this condemnation: ungodly people, turning the grace of our God into sensuality, and denying our only Master and Lord. Jesus (the) Messiah. 5 Now I want to remind you, though you already know all these things, that the Lord, having saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe. 6 Angels who did not keep their first domain. but deserted their own dwelling place, he has kept in everlasting bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day. (aïdios g126) 7 Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them, having, in the same way as these, given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the punishment of everlasting fire. (aionios g166) 8 Yet in like manner these also in their dreaming defile the flesh, despise authority, and blaspheme the glories. 9 But Michael, the archangel, when contending with the devil and arguing about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him an abusive condemnation, but said, "May the Lord rebuke you." 10 But these speak evil of whatever things they do not know. What they understand naturally, like the creatures without reason, they are destroyed in these things. 11 Woe to them. For they went in the way of Cain, and ran riotously in the error of Balaam for profit, and perished in Korah's rebellion. 12 These are hidden rocky reefs in your love feasts when they feast with you, shepherds who without fear feed themselves: clouds without water. carried along by winds; autumn leaves without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots; 13 wild waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, for whom the blackness of darkness has been reserved forever. (aion g165) 14 About these also Enoch. the seventh from Adam, prophesied, saying, "Look, the Lord comes with ten thousands of his holy ones, 15 to execute judgment on all, and to convict every person of all their works of ungodliness which they have done in an ungodly way, and of all the hard things which ungodly sinners have spoken against him." 16 These are murmurers and complainers, walking after their lusts (and their mouth speaks proud things), showing respect of persons to gain advantage. 17 But you, beloved,

remember the words which have been spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus (the) Messiah. 18 They said to you that "In the end time there will be mockers. walking after their own ungodly lusts." 19 These are they who cause divisions, and are sensual, not having the Spirit. 20 But you, beloved, keep building yourselves up in your most holy faith, praving in the Holy Spirit. 21 Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus (the) Messiah to everlasting life. (aionios g166) 22 And be merciful on those who doubt, 23 and some save, snatching them out of the fire, and on some have mercy with fear; hating even the clothing stained by the flesh. 24 Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory in great joy, 25 to the only God our Savior, through Jesus (the) Messiah our Lord, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen. (aion g165)

Revelation

1 This is the Revelation of Jesus (the) Messiah, which **2** "To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: "He God gave him to show to his servants the things **2** who holds the seven stars in his right hand, he

The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches. The seven lampstands are seven churches.

which must happen soon, which he sent and made who walks among the seven golden lampstands says known by his angel to his servant, John, 2 who testified these things: 2"I know your works, and your toil and to God's word, and of the testimony of Jesus (the) perseverance, and that you cannot tolerate those who Messiah, about everything that he saw. 3 Blessed is are evil, and have tested those who call themselves he who reads and those who hear the words of the apostles, and they are not, and found them false. 3 You prophecy, and keep the things that are written in it, for have perseverance and have endured for my name's the time is near. 4 John, to the seven churches that sake, and have not grown weary. 4 But I have this are in Asia: Grace to you and peace, from him who is against you, that you left your first love. 5 Remember and who was and who is to come; and from the seven therefore from where you have fallen, and repent and Spirits who are before his throne; 5 and from Jesus do the first works; or else I am coming to you, and (the) Messiah, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the will move your lampstand out of its place, unless you dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who repent. 6 But this you have, that you hate the works of loves us, and freed us from our sins by his blood; 6 and the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. 7 He who has an he made us to be a Kingdom, priests to his God and ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. Father; to him be the glory and the dominion forever and To him who overcomes I will give to eat of the tree of ever. Amen. (aion g165) 7 Look, he is coming with the life, which is in the Paradise of God. 8 "To the angel of clouds, and every eve will see him, including those who the church in Smyrna write: "The first and the last, who pierced him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn was dead, and has come to life says these things: 9 over him. Even so, Amen. 8 "I am the Alpha and the "I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and rich), and the blasphemy of those who say they are who is to come, the Almighty." 9 I John, your brother Jews, and they are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. and fellow-partner with you in persecution, Kingdom, 10 Do not be afraid of the things which you are about to and patient endurance in Jesus, was on the island that suffer. Look, the devil is about to throw some of you is called Patmos because of the word of God and the into prison, that you may be tested; and you will have testimony of Jesus. 10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's oppression for ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, like a trumpet give you the crown of life. 11 He who has an ear, let 11 saying, "What you see, write on a scroll and send to him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, overcomes won't be harmed by the second death. 12 Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and to Laodicea." 12 I "To the angel of the church in Pergamum write: "He who turned to see the voice that spoke with me. Having has the sharp two-edged sword says these things: 13 "I turned, I saw seven golden lampstands. 13 And among know where you dwell, where Satan's throne is. You the lampstands was one like a son of man, clothed with hold firmly to my name, and did not deny my faith even a robe reaching down to his feet, and with a golden in the days of Antipas, my witness, my faithful one, who sash around his chest. 14 His head and his hair were was killed among you, where Satan dwells. 14 But I white as white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a have a few things against you, because you have there flame of fire. 15 His feet were like burnished bronze, as some who hold the teaching of Balaam, who taught if it had been refined in a furnace. His voice was like the Balak to throw a stumbling block before the children of voice of many waters. 16 He had seven stars in his Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit right hand. Out of his mouth proceeded a sharp two- sexual immorality. 15 So you also have some who hold edged sword. His face was like the sun shining at its to the teaching of the Nicolaitans likewise. 16 Repent brightest. 17 When I saw him, I fell at his feet like a therefore, or else I am coming to you quickly, and I will dead man. He laid his right hand on me, saying, "Do not make war against them with the sword of my mouth. 17 be afraid. I am the first and the last, 18 and the Living He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to one. I was dead, but look, I am alive forevermore. I have the churches. To him who overcomes, to him I will give the keys of Death and of hell. (aion g165, Hades g86) 19 of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, Write therefore the things which you have seen, and and on the stone a new name written, which no one the things which are, and the things which will happen knows but he who receives it. 18 "To the angel of the hereafter; 20 the mystery of the seven stars which you church in Thyatira write: "The Son of God, who has his saw in my right hand, and the seven golden lampstands. eves like a flame of fire, and his feet are like burnished

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bronze. says these things: 19 "I know your works, your command to endure, I also will keep you from the hour love, faith, service, patient endurance, and that your of testing, which is to come on the whole world, to test last works are more than the first. 20 But I have this those who dwell on the earth. 11 I am coming quickly. against you, that you tolerate the woman, Jezebel, who Hold firmly that which you have, so that no one takes calls herself a prophetess. She teaches and seduces your crown. 12 He who overcomes, I will make him a my servants to commit sexual immorality, and to eat pillar in the temple of my God, and he will go out from things sacrificed to idols. 21 I gave her time to repent, there no more. I will write on him the name of my God, but she refuses to repent of her sexual immorality. 22 and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, Look, I will throw her into a sickbed, and those who which comes down out of heaven from my God, and my commit adultery with her into great oppression, unless own new name. 13 He who has an ear, let him hear they repent of her works. 23 I will kill her children with what the Spirit says to the churches. 14 "To the angel of Death, and all the churches will know that I am he who the church in Laodicea write: "The Amen, the Faithful searches the minds and hearts. I will give to each one of and True Witness, the Head of God's creation, says you according to your deeds. 24 But to you I say, to the these things: 15 "I know your works, that you are neither rest who are in Thyatira, as many as do not have this cold nor hot. I wish you were cold or hot. 16 So, because teaching, who do not know what some call 'the deep you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will vomit things of Satan,' to you I say, I am not putting any other you out of my mouth. 17 Because you say, 'I am rich, burden on you. 25 Nevertheless, hold that which you and have gotten riches, and have need of nothing;' and have firmly until I come. 26 He who overcomes, and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, he who keeps my works to the end, to him I will give blind, and naked; 18 I counsel you to buy from me gold authority over the nations. 27 He will rule them with an refined by fire, that you may become rich; and white iron scepter, shattering them like clay pots; as I also garments, that you may clothe yourself, and that the have received of my Father: 28 and I will give him the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and morning star. 29 He who has an ear. let him hear what eve salve to put on your eves, that you may see, 19 the Spirit says to the churches.

3 "And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: "He who has the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars says these things: "I know your works, that you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead. 2 Wake up, and keep the things that remain, which were about to die, for I have found no works of yours perfected before my God. 3 Remember therefore how you have received and heard. Keep it, and repent. If therefore you do not wake up, I will come as a thief, not defile their garments. They will walk with me in after this." 2 Immediately I was in the Spirit; and look, white, for they are worthy. 5 He who overcomes will there was a throne set in heaven, and one sitting on churches. 7 "To the angel of the church in Philadelphia twenty-four elders sitting, dressed in white garments, no one can shut, and who shuts and no one opens: 8 "I of thunder. And there were seven torches of fire burning door, which no one can shut. For you have a little power, Before the throne was something like a sea of glass, say they are Jews, and they are not, but lie; look, I will and behind. 7 The first living creature was like a lion, to know that I have loved you. 10 Because you kept my living creature had a face like a man, and the fourth

As many as I love, I rebuke and discipline. Be zealous therefore, and repent. 20 Look, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him, and will dine with him, and he with me. 21 He who overcomes, I will give to him to sit down with me on my throne, as I also overcame, and sat down with my Father on his throne. 22 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

After these things I looked and saw a door opened in heaven, and the first voice that I heard, like a and you won't know what hour I will come to you. 4 trumpet speaking with me, was one saying, "Come up Nevertheless you have a few names in Sardis that did here, and I will show you the things which must happen be arrayed in white garments, and I will in no way blot the throne. 3 And the one who sat there looked like a his name out of the Book of Life, and I will confess his jasper stone and a sardius. There was a rainbow around name before my Father, and before his angels. 6 He the throne, like an emerald to look at. 4 Around the who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the throne were twenty-four thrones. On the thrones were write: "These are the words of the Holy One, the True with crowns of gold on their heads. 5 And from the One, he who has the key of David, he who opens and throne came flashes of lightning and sounds and peals know your works. Look, I have set before you an open before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God. 6 and have kept my word, and did not deny my name. 9 similar to crystal. In the midst of the throne, and around Look, I give of the synagogue of Satan, of those who the throne were four living creatures full of eyes before make them to come and worship before your feet, and and the second living creature like a calf, and the third creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within. They have no rest day and night, saying, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was and who is and who is to come." 9 And when the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who sits on the throne, to him who lives forever and ever, (aion g165) 10 the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne, and worship him who lives forever and ever, and throw their crowns before the throne, saying, (aion g165) 11 "Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive the glory, the honor, and the power, for you created all things, and because of your desire they existed, and were created."

with seven seals. 2 I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in his hand. 6 I heard something like a voice in the with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll, midst of the four living creatures saying, "A choenix of and to break its seals?" 3 No one in heaven above, wheat for a denarius, and three choenixes of barley or on the earth, or under the earth, was able to open for a denarius. Do not damage the oil and the wine." the scroll, or to look in it. 4 And I wept much, because 7 When he opened the fourth seal, I heard the fourth no one was found worthy to open the scroll, or to look living creature saying, "Come." 8 And I looked, and in it. 5 One of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. suddenly there was a pale horse, and he who sat on it, Look, the Lion who is of the tribe of Judah, the Root of his name was Death. Hell followed with him. Authority David, has overcome so that he can open the scroll over one fourth of the earth, to kill with the sword, with and loose its seven seals." 6 I saw in the midst of the famine, with death, and by the wild animals of the earth throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst was given to him. (Hades g86) 9 When he opened the of the elders, a Lamb standing, as though it had been fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of people slain, having seven horns, and seven eyes, which are who had been killed for the Word of God, and for the the seven Spirits of God, sent out into all the earth. 7 testimony which they had. 10 They called out with a loud Then he came, and he took it out of the right hand of voice, saying, "How long, Master, the holy and true, until him who sat on the throne. 8 Now when he had taken you judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four on the earth?" 11 A long white robe was given to each elders fell down before the Lamb, each one having a of them. They were told that they should rest yet for a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the little longer, until their fellow servants and their brothers, prayers of the saints. 9 They sang a new song, saying, who would also be killed even as they were, should "You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals: complete their course. 12 I saw when he opened the for you were killed, and redeemed for God with your sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake. The sun blood those from every tribe, language, people, and became black as sackcloth made of hair, and the whole nation, 10 and made them a kingdom and priests to moon became as blood. 13 The stars of the sky fell to our God, and they will reign on earth." 11 I saw, and I the earth, like a fig tree dropping its unripe figs when it heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the is shaken by a great wind. 14 The sky was removed like living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them a scroll when it is rolled up. Every mountain and island was ten thousands of ten thousands, and thousands were moved out of their places. 15 The kings of the of thousands; 12 saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is earth, the princes, the commanding officers, the rich, the the Lamb who has been killed to receive the power, strong, and every slave and free person, hid themselves wealth, wisdom, strength, honor, glory, and blessing." in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains. 16 They 13 I heard every created thing which is in heaven, on told the mountains and the rocks, "Fall on us, and hide the earth, under the earth, on the sea, and everything us from the face of him who sits on the throne, and from in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne, and the wrath of the Lamb, 17 for the great day of their wrath to the Lamb be the blessing, the honor, the glory, and has come; and who is able to stand?" the dominion, forever and ever." (aion g165) 14 The four

living creature was like a flving eagle. 8 The four living living creatures were saving. "Amen." The elders fell down and worshiped.

 ${\bf 6}$ I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures saying, as with a voice of thunder, "Come." 2 And I looked, and suddenly there was a white horse, and he who sat on it had a bow. A crown was given to him, and he came forth conquering, and to conquer. 3 When he opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come." 4 Another came forth, a fiery red horse. To him who sat on it was given power to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another. There was given to him a great sword. 5 When he opened the third seal, I heard the third living 5 I saw, in the right hand of him who sat on the throne, creature saying, "Come." And I saw, and suddenly there a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed shut was a black horse and he who sat on it had a balance

7 And after this, I saw four angels standing on the over the altar, having a golden censer. Much incense the earth, so that no wind would blow on the earth, saints, on the golden altar which was before the throne. or on the sea, or on any tree. 2 I saw another angel 4 The smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the ascend from the sunrise, having the seal of the living saints, went up before God out of the angel's hand. 5 God. He called out with a loud voice to the four angels The angel took the censer, and he filled it with the fire to whom it was given to harm the earth and the sea, 3 of the altar, and threw it on the earth. There followed saying, "Do not harm the earth, neither the sea, nor thunders, sounds, lightnings, and an earthquake. 6 The the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared on their foreheads." 4 I heard the number of those themselves to sound. 7 And the first sounded, and there who were sealed, one hundred forty-four thousand, followed hail and fire, mixed with blood, and they were sealed out of every tribe of the children of Israel: 5 thrown to the earth. One third of the earth was burnt up, of the tribe of Judah were sealed twelve thousand, of and one third of the trees were burnt up, and all green the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand, of the tribe of grass was burnt up. 8 The second angel sounded, and Gad twelve thousand, 6 of the tribe of Asher twelve something like a great mountain burning with fire was thousand, of the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand, of thrown into the sea. One third of the sea became blood, the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand, 7 of the tribe 9 and one third of the living creatures which were in the of Simeon twelve thousand, of the tribe of Levi twelve sea died. One third of the ships were destroyed. 10 thousand, of the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand, 8 The third angel sounded, and a great star fell from the of the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand, of the tribe of sky, burning like a torch, and it fell on one third of the Joseph twelve thousand, of the tribe of Benjamin were rivers, and on the springs of the waters. 11 The name of sealed twelve thousand. 9 After these things I looked, the star is called "Wormwood." One third of the waters and suddenly there was a great multitude, which no became wormwood. Many people died from the waters, one could number, out of every nation and of all tribes, because they were made bitter. 12 The fourth angel peoples, and languages, standing before the throne and sounded, and one third of the sun was struck, and one before the Lamb, dressed in white robes, with palm third of the moon, and one third of the stars; so that one branches in their hands. 10 They should with a loud third of them would be darkened, and the day would not voice, saving, "Salvation be to our God, who sits on shine for one third of it, and the night in the same way. the throne, and to the Lamb." 11 All the angels were 13 I saw, and I heard an eagle, flying in mid heaven, standing around the throne, the elders, and the four saying with a loud voice, "Woe. Woe for those living creatures; and they fell on their faces before the who dwell on the earth, because of the other voices of throne, and worshiped God, 12 saying, "Amen. Blessing, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honor, power, and might, be to our God forever and ever. Amen." (aion g165) 13 One of the elders answered, saying to me, "These who are arrayed in white robes, who are they, and from where did they come?" 14 So I said to him, "My lord, you know." He said to me, "These are the ones who came out of the great tribulation. They washed their robes, and made them white in the Lamb's blood. 15 Therefore they are before the throne of God, they serve him day and night in his temple. He who sits on the throne will spread his tabernacle over them. 16 They will hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither will the sun beat on them, nor any heat; 17 for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne shepherds them, and leads them to springs of waters of life. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

in heaven for about half an hour. 2 I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets

four guarters of the earth, holding the four winds of was given to him to offer up, with the prayers of all the the trumpets of the three angels, who are yet to sound."

9 The fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star from the sky which had fallen to the earth. The key to the pit of the abyss was given to him. (Abyssos g12) 2 He opened the shaft of the bottomless pit, and smoke went up out of the shaft, like the smoke from a great furnace. The sun and the air were darkened because of the smoke from the pit. (Abyssos g12) 3 Then out of the smoke came forth locusts on the earth, and power was given to them, as the scorpions of the earth have power. 4 They were told that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree, but only those people who do not have God's seal on their foreheads. 5 They were given power not to kill them, but to torment them for five months. Their torment was like the torment of a scorpion, when it strikes a person. 6 In those days people will seek death, and will 8 When he opened the seventh seal, there was silence in no way find it. They will desire to die, and death will flee from them. 7 The shapes of the locusts were like horses prepared for war. On their heads were something were given to them. 3 Another angel came and stood like golden crowns, and their faces were like people's faces. 8 They had hair like women's hair, and their teeth were like those of lions. 9 They had breastplates, like finished, as he declared to his servants, the prophets, 8 before God, 14 saying to the sixth angel who had one many peoples, nations, languages, and kings." trumpet, "Free the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates." 15 The four angels were freed who had been prepared for this hour and day and month and year, so that they might kill one third of humanity. 16 The number of the armies of the horsemen was two hundred million. I heard the number of them. 17 Thus I saw the horses in the vision, and those who sat on them, having breastplates of fiery red, hyacinth blue, and sulfur yellow; and the heads of lions. Out of their mouths proceed fire, smoke, and sulfur. 18 By these three plagues were one third of humanity killed: from the fire, the smoke, and the sulfur, which proceeded out of their mouths. 19 For the power of the horses is in their mouths, and in their tails. For their tails are like serpents, and have heads, and with them they harm, 20 The rest of humanity, who were not killed with these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, that they would not worship demons, and the idols of gold, and of silver, and of bronze, and of stone, and of wood; which can neither see, nor hear, nor walk. 21 They did not repent of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their sexual immorality, nor of their thefts.

10 I saw another mighty angel coming down out of the sky, clothed with a cloud. A rainbow was on his head. His face was like the sun, and his legs like pillars of fire. 2 He had in his hand a little open scroll. He set his right foot on the sea, and his left on the land. 3 He shouted with a loud voice, as a lion roars. When he shouted, the seven thunders uttered their voices. 4 When the seven thunders sounded, I was about to write; but I heard a voice from the sky saying, "Seal up the things which the seven thunders said, and do not write them." 5 The angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land lifted up his right hand to the sky, 6 and swore by him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things that are in it, the earth and the things that are in it, and the sea and the things that are in it, that there will no longer be delay, (aion g165) 7 but in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, then the mystery of God is

breastplates of iron. The sound of their wings was like The voice which I heard from heaven, again speaking the sound of chariots, or of many horses rushing to with me, said, "Go, take the scroll which is open in the war. 10 They have tails like those of scorpions, and hand of the angel who stands on the sea and on the stings. In their tails is their power to harm people for land." 9 I went to the angel, telling him to give me the five months. 11 They have over them as king the angel little scroll. He said to me, "Take it, and eat it up. It will of the abyss. His name in Hebrew is "Abaddon," and make your stomach bitter, but in your mouth it will be in Greek, he has the name "Apollyon." (Abyssos g12) as sweet as honey." 10 I took the little scroll out of the 12 The first woe is past. Look, there are still two woes angel's hand, and ate it up. It was as sweet as honey in coming after this. 13 The sixth angel sounded. I heard a my mouth. When I had eaten it, my stomach was made voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is bitter. 11 They told me, "You must prophesy again about

> A reed like a rod was given to me. Someone said, "Rise and measure God's temple, and the altar, and those who worship in it. 2 Leave out the court which is outside of the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the nations. They will tread the holy city under foot for forty-two months. 3 I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred sixty days, clothed in sackcloth." 4 These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands, standing before the Lord of the earth. 5 If anyone desires to harm them, fire proceeds out of their mouth and devours their enemies. If anyone desires to harm them, he must be killed in this way. 6 These have the power to shut up the sky, that it may not rain during the days of their prophecy. They have power over the waters, to turn them into blood, and to strike the earth with every plague, as often as they desire. 7 When they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up out of the abyss will make war with them, and overcome them, and kill them. (Abyssos g12) 8 Their dead bodies will be in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified. 9 From among the peoples, tribes, languages, and nations people will look at their dead bodies for three and a half days, and will not allow their dead bodies to be placed in a tomb. 10 Those who dwell on the earth rejoice over them, and they will be glad. They will give gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth. 11 After the three and a half days, the breath of life from God entered into them, and they stood on their feet. Great fear fell on those who saw them. 12 I heard a loud voice from heaven saving to them. "Come up here." They went up into heaven in the cloud, and their enemies saw them. 13 In that hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. Seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the rest were terrified, and gave glory to the God of heaven. 14 The second woe is past. Look, the third woe comes quickly. 15 The seventh angel sounded, and great voices in heaven followed, saying, "The kingdom of the world

to the small and the great; and to destroy those who the testimony of Jesus. destroy the earth." 19 God's temple that is in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen in his temple. Lightnings, sounds, thunders, an earthquake, and great hail followed.

with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. 2 She was with child. She screamed out in pain, laboring to give birth. 3 Another sign was seen in heaven. Look, a great fiery red serpent, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven crowns. 4 His tail drew one third of 4 They worshiped the serpent, because he gave his the stars of the sky, and threw them to the earth. The authority to the beast, and they worshiped the beast, serpent stood before the woman who was about to give saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make birth, so that when she gave birth he might devour her war with him?" 5 A mouth was given to him speaking child. 5 She gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to proud words and blasphemies. There was given to him rule all the nations with an iron scepter. Her child was authority to act for forty-two months. 6 He opened his caught up to God, and to his throne. 6 The woman fled mouth for blasphemies against God, to blaspheme his into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by name, and his dwelling, those who dwell in heaven. 7 God, that there they may nourish her one thousand two It was given to him to make war with the saints, and hundred sixty days. 7 There was war in the sky. Michael to overcome them. Authority over every tribe, people. and his angels made war on the serpent. The serpent language, and nation was given to him. 8 All who dwell and his angels made war. 8 They did not prevail, neither on the earth will worship him, everyone whose name was a place found for them any more in heaven. 9 The has not been written from the foundation of the world great serpent was thrown down, the ancient serpent, he in the Book of Life of the Lamb who has been killed. who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the 9 If anyone has an ear, let him hear. 10 If anyone is whole world. He was thrown down to the earth, and his to go into captivity, he will go into captivity. If anyone angels were thrown down with him. 10 I heard a loud is to be killed with the sword, he must be killed with voice in heaven, saying, "Now is come the salvation, the the sword. Here is the endurance and the faith of the power, and the Kingdom of our God, and the authority saints. 11 I saw another beast coming up out of the of his Messiah; for the accuser of our brothers has been earth. He had two horns like a lamb, and he spoke like thrown down, who accuses them before our God day a serpent. 12 He exercises all the authority of the first and night. 11 They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony. They did not love their life, even to death. 12 Therefore rejoice, heavens, and you who dwell in them. Woe to the land and the sea, because the devil has gone down to you, having great wrath, knowing that he has but a short time." 13 When the serpent saw that he was thrown down to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male child. 14 Two wings of the great eagle were given to the woman, that she might fly into the given to him to give breath to it, to the image of the

now belongs to our Lord and to his Messiah, and he will wilderness to her place, so that she might be nourished reign forever and ever." (aion g165) 16 The twenty-four for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of elders, who sit on their thrones before God's throne, fell the serpent. 15 The serpent spewed water out of his on their faces and worshiped God, 17 saying: "We give mouth after the woman like a river, that he might cause you thanks, Lord God Almighty, the one who is and who her to be carried away by the stream. 16 The earth was; because you have taken your great power, and helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth reigned. 18 The nations were angry, and your wrath and swallowed up the river which the serpent spewed came, as did the time for the dead to be judged, and out of his mouth. 17 The serpent grew angry with the to give your servants the prophets, their reward, as woman, and went away to make war with the rest of her well as to the saints, and those who fear your name, offspring, who keep God's commandments and hold to

13 And he stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads. On his horns were ten crowns, and on his heads, blasphemous names. 2 The beast 12 A great sign was seen in heaven: a woman clothed which I saw was like a leopard, and his feet were like those of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The serpent gave him his power, his throne, and great authority. 3 One of his heads looked like it had been wounded fatally. His fatal wound was healed, and the whole earth was amazed and followed the beast. beast in his presence. He makes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose fatal wound was healed. 13 He performs great signs, even making fire come down out of heaven to the earth in the sight of people. 14 He deceives those who dwell on the earth because of the signs he was granted to do in front of the beast; saying to those who dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast who had been wounded by the sword and yet lived. 15 It was beast, that the image of the beast could both speak

and cause those who would not worship the image of suddenly there was a white cloud; and on the cloud one hundred sixty-six.

1 And I looked, and suddenly on Mount Zion stood the Lamb, and with him one hundred forty-four thousand, having his name, and the name of his Father, written on their foreheads. 2 I heard a sound from heaven, like the sound of many waters, and like the sound of a great thunder. The sound which I heard was like that of harpists playing on their harps. 3 They sing a new song before the throne, and before the four living creatures and the elders. No one could learn the song except the one hundred forty-four thousand, those who had been redeemed out of the earth. 4 These are those who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. goes. These were redeemed from among humanity, the first fruits to God and to the Lamb. 5 In their mouth was found no lie; they are blameless. 6 I saw another angel flying in mid heaven, having an everlasting gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on the earth, and to every waters." 8 Another, a second angel, followed, saying, forehead, or on his hand, 10 he also will drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is prepared unmixed in the cup of his anger. He will be tormented with fire and sulfur in the presence of the holy angels, and in the goes up forever and ever. They have no rest day and seven angels would be finished. night, those who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name. (aion g165) 12 Here is the patience of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." 13 I heard the voice from heaven saying, "Write, 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors; for their works follow with them." 14 And I looked, and

the beast to be killed. 16 He causes all, the small and sitting like a son of man, having on his head a golden the great, the rich and the poor, and the free and the crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle. 15 Another angel slave, to be given a mark on their right hand, or on their came out from the temple, crying with a loud voice to forehead; 17 and that no one could be able to buy or to him who sat on the cloud, "Send forth your sickle, and sell, unless he has that mark, the name of the beast or reap; for the hour to reap has come; for the harvest of the number of his name. 18 Here is wisdom. He who the earth is ripe." 16 He who sat on the cloud thrust has understanding, let him calculate the number of the his sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped. 17 beast, for it is the number of a man. His number is six Another angel came out from the temple which is in heaven. He also had a sharp sickle. 18 Another angel came out from the altar, he who has power over fire, and he called with a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, "Send forth your sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for its grapes are fully ripe." 19 The angel thrust his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vintage of the earth, and threw it into the great winepress of the wrath of God. 20 The winepress was trodden outside of the city, and blood came out from the winepress, even to the bridles of the horses, as far as one hundred eighty four miles.

15 I saw another great and marvelous sign in the sky: seven angels having the seven last plagues, for in These are those who follow the Lamb wherever he them God's wrath is finished. 2 I saw something like a sea of glass mixed with fire, and those who overcame the beast, his image, and the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God. 3 They sang the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, "Great and marvelous are nation, tribe, language, and people. (aionios g166) 7 He your works, Lord God Almighty. Righteous and true are said with a loud voice, "Fear God, and give him glory; your ways, King of the nations. 4 Who would not fear for the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who you, Lord, and glorify your name? For you only are holy. made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and the springs of For all the nations will come and worship before vou. For your righteous acts have been revealed." 5 After "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, which has made these things I looked, and the temple of the tabernacle all the nations to drink of the wine of the wrath of her of the testimony in heaven was opened. 6 The seven sexual immorality." 9 Another angel, a third, followed angels came out of the temple who had the seven them, saying with a great voice, "If anyone worships plagues, clothed with pure, bright linen, and wearing the beast and his image, and receives a mark on his golden sashes around their chests. 7 One of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God, who lives forever and ever. (aion g165) 8 The temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power. No one was able presence of the Lamb. 11 The smoke of their torment to enter into the temple, until the seven plagues of the

> 16 I heard a loud voice out of the temple, saying to the seven angels, "Go and pour out the seven bowls of the wrath of God on the earth." 2 The first went, and poured out his bowl into the earth, and it became a harmful and evil sore on the people who had the mark of the beast, and who worshiped his image. 3 The second one poured out his bowl into the sea, and it became blood as of a corpse. And every living

thing in the sea died. 4 The third poured out his bowl scarlet-colored animal, full of blasphemous names. blood. 5 I heard the angel of the waters saying, "You are dressed in purple and scarlet, and decked with gold righteous, who is and who was, the Holy One, because and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand given them blood to drink. They deserve this." 7 I heard name was written, "MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, the altar saving, "Yes, Lord God of hosts, true and THE MOTHER OF THE PROSTITUTES AND OF THE throne of the beast, and his kingdom was darkened. and the ten horns. 8 The beast that you saw was, and They gnawed their tongues because of the pain, 11 and is not; and is about to come up out of the abyss and they blasphemed the God of heaven because of their is going to destruction. Those who dwell on the earth pains and their sores. They did not repent of their works. and whose names have not been written in the Book of 12 The sixth poured out his bowl on the great river, the Life from the foundation of the world will marvel when Euphrates. Its water was dried up, that the way might be they see that the beast was, and is not, but is to come. made ready for the kings that come from the sunrise. 13 (Abyssos g12) 9 Here is the mind that has wisdom. The the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false sits. 10 They are seven kings. Five have fallen, the one go forth to the kings of the whole inhabited earth, to is not, is himself also an eighth, and is of the seven; is he who watches, and keeps his clothes, so that he yet, but they receive authority as kings, with the beast, does not walk naked, and they see his shame." 16 He for one hour. 13 These have one mind, and they give in Hebrew, Har Megiddo. 17 The seventh poured out war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome temple, from the throne, saving, "It is done." 18 There also will overcome who are with him, called and chosen was a great earthquake, such as was not since man saw, where the prostitute sits, are peoples, multitudes, The great city was divided into three parts, and the cities saw, and the beast, these will hate the prostitute, and of the nations fell. Babylon the great was remembered will make her desolate and naked, and will eat her flesh, sky on people. People blasphemed God because of the whom you saw is the great city, which reigns over the plague of the hail, for this plague is exceedingly severe. kings of the earth."

came and spoke with me, saying, "Come here.

into the rivers and springs of water, and they became having seven heads and ten horns. 4 The woman was you have judged these things. 6 For they poured out a golden cup full of abominations and the impurities the blood of the saints and the prophets, and you have of her sexual immorality. 5 And on her forehead a righteous are your judgments." 8 The fourth poured out ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH." 6 I saw the woman his bowl on the sun, and it was given to him to scorch drunk with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of people with fire. 9 People were scorched with great the martyrs of Jesus. When I saw her, I wondered with heat, and they blasphemed the name of God who has great amazement. 7 The angel said to me, "Why do you the power over these plaques. They did not repent and wonder? I will tell you the mystery of the woman, and of give him glory. 10 The fifth poured out his bowl on the the beast that carries her, which has the seven heads I saw coming out of the mouth of the serpent, and out of seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman prophet, three unclean spirits, something like frogs; 14 is, the other has not yet come. When he comes, he for they are spirits of demons, performing signs; which must continue a little while. 11 The beast that was, and gather them together for the war of the great day of God and he goes to destruction. 12 The ten horns that you the Almighty. 15 "Look, I am coming like a thief. Blessed saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as gathered them together into the place which is called their power and authority to the beast. 14 These will his bowl into the air. A loud voice came forth out of the them, for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings. They were lightnings, voices, and peals of thunder; and there and faithful." 15 He said to me, "The waters which you was on the earth, so great an earthquake, so mighty. 19 nations, and languages. 16 The ten horns which you in the sight of God, to give to her the cup of the wine of and will burn her utterly with fire. 17 For God has put in the fierceness of his wrath. 20 Every island fled away, their hearts to do what he has in mind, and to be of one and the mountains were not found. 21 Great hailstones, mind, and to give their kingdom to the beast, until the about one hundred pounds each, came down out of the words of God should be accomplished. 18 The woman

17 One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls 18 After these things, I saw another angel coming down out of the sky, having great authority. The I will show you the judgment of the great prostitute earth was illuminated with his glory. 2 He shouted with a who sits on many waters, 2 with whom the kings of mighty voice, saying, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, the earth committed sexual immorality, and those who and she has become a habitation of demons, a prison dwell in the earth were made drunk with the wine of of every unclean spirit, and a prison of every unclean her sexual immorality." 3 He carried me away in the bird, and a prison of every unclean and detestable Spirit into a wilderness. I saw a woman sitting on a beast. 3 For all the nations have drunk of the wine

of the wrath of her sexual immorality, the kings of the the sea, saving, "Thus with violence will Babylon, the earth committed sexual immorality with her, and the great city, be thrown down, and will be found no more at merchants of the earth grew rich from the abundance all. 22 The voice of harpists, minstrels, flute players, of her luxury." 4 I heard another voice from heaven, and trumpeters will be heard no more at all in you. No saying, "Come out of her, my people, that you have no craftsman, of whatever craft, will be found any more at participation in her sins, and that you do not receive all in you. The sound of a mill will be heard no more at of her plagues, 5 for her sins have reached to the all in you. 23 The light of a lamp will shine no more at all sky, and God has remembered her iniquities. 6 Return in you. The voice of the bridegroom and of the bride will to her just as she returned, and repay her double as be heard no more at all in you; for your merchants were she did, and according to her works. In the cup which the princes of the earth; for with your sorcery all the she mixed, mix to her double. 7 However much she nations were deceived. 24 In her was found the blood of glorified herself, and grew wanton, so much give her prophets and of saints, and of all who have been slain of torment and mourning. For she says in her heart, on the earth." 'I sit a gueen, and am no widow, and will in no way see mourning.' 8 Therefore in one day her plaques will come: death, mourning, and famine; and she will be utterly burned with fire; for the Lord God who has judged her is strong. 9 The kings of the earth, who committed sexual immorality and lived wantonly with her, will weep and wail over her, when they look at the smoke of her burning, 10 standing far away for the fear of her torment, saying, 'Woe, woe, the great city, Babylon, the strong city. For your judgment has come in one hour.' 11 The merchants of the earth weep and mourn over her, for no one buys their merchandise any more; 12 merchandise of gold, silver, precious stones, pearls, fine linen, purple, silk, scarlet, all expensive wood, every vessel of ivory, every vessel made of most precious wood, and of bronze, and iron, and marble; 13 and cinnamon, spice, incense, perfume, frankincense, wine, olive oil, fine flour, wheat, cattle, sheep, horses, chariots, slaves and human lives. 14 The fruits which your soul lusted after have been lost to you, and all things that were luxury and splendor have perished from you, and you will never ever find them again. 15 The merchants of these things, who were made rich by her, will stand far away for the fear of her torment, weeping and mourning; 16 saying, 'Woe, woe, the great city, she who was dressed in fine linen, purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls. 17 For in an hour such great riches are made desolate.' Every shipmaster, and everyone who sails anywhere. and mariners, and as many as gain their living by sea, stood far away. 18 and exclaimed as they looked at the smoke of her burning, saying, 'What is like the great city?' 19 They cast dust on their heads, and shouting, weeping and mourning, saving, 'Woe, woe, the great city, in which all who had their ships in the sea were made rich by reason of her great wealth.' For in one hour is she made desolate. 20 "Rejoice over her, O heaven, you saints, apostles, and prophets; for God has judged your judgment on her." 21 A mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and cast it into

19 After these things I heard something like a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, "Hallelujah. Salvation, glory, and power belong to our God: 2 for true and righteous are his judgments. For he has judged the great prostitute, who corrupted the earth with her sexual immorality, and he has avenged the blood of his servants at her hand." 3 A second said, "Hallelujah. Her smoke goes up forever and ever." (aion g165) 4 The twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sits on the throne, saying, "Amen. Hallelujah." 5 A voice came forth from the throne, saying, "Give praise to our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, the small and the great." 6 I heard something like the voice of a great multitude, and like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of mighty thunders, saying, "Hallelujah. For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. 7 Let us rejoice and be exceedingly glad, and let us give the glory to him. For the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his wife has made herself ready." 8 It was given to her that she would array herself in bright, pure, fine linen: for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. 9 He said to me, "Write, 'Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." He said to me, "These are true words of God." 10 I fell down before his feet to worship him. He said to me, "Look. Do not do it. I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God, for the testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of Prophecy." 11 I saw the heaven opened, and suddenly there was a white horse, and he who sat on it is called Faithful and True. In righteousness he judges and makes war. 12 His eyes are a flame of fire, and on his head are many crowns. He had a name written which no one knows but he himself. 13 He is clothed in a garment dipped in blood. His name is called "The Word of God." 14 The armies which are in heaven followed him on white horses, clothed in white, pure, fine linen. 15 Out of his mouth proceeds a sharp sword, that with it he should strike the nations. He will rule them with an iron scepter.

Revelation

He treads the winepress of the fierceness of the wrath saw a great white throne, and him who sat on it, from flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the it. Death and hell gave up the dead who were in them. flesh of all people, both free and slave, and small and They were judged, each one according to his works. him who sat on the horse, and against his army. 20 The beast was taken, and with him the false prophet who worked the signs in his sight, with which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur. (Limne Pyr g3041 g4442) 21 The rest were killed with the sword of him who sat on the horse, the sword which came forth out of his mouth. All the birds were filled with their flesh.

20 I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. (Abyssos g12) 2 He seized the serpent, the ancient snake, which is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, 3 and cast him into the abyss, and shut it, and sealed it over him, that he should deceive the nations no more, until the thousand years were finished. After this, he must be freed for a short time. (Abyssos g12) 4 I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus, and for the word of God, and such as did not worship the beast nor his image, and did not receive the mark on their forehead and on their hand. They lived, and reigned with Messiah for a thousand years. 5 The rest of the dead did not live until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. 6 Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over these, the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Messiah, and will reign with him one thousand years. 7 And after the thousand years, Satan will be released from his prison, 8 and he will come out to deceive the nations which are in the four guarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to the war; the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. 9 They went up over the breadth of the earth, and surrounded the camp of the saints, and the beloved city, and fire came down out of heaven and devoured them. 10 The devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet are also. They will be tormented day and night forever and ever. (aion g165, Limne Pyr g3041 g4442) 11

of God, the Almighty. 16 He has on his garment and whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. There on his thigh a name written, "King of kings, and Lord was found no place for them. 12 I saw the dead, the of lords." 17 I saw an angel standing in the sun. He great and the small, standing before the throne, and shouted with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly they opened books. Another book was opened, which in the sky, "Come. Be gathered together to the great is the Book of Life. The dead were judged out of the supper of God, 18 that you may eat the flesh of kings, things which were written in the books, according to the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty people, and the their works. 13 The sea gave up the dead who were in great." 19 I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, (Hades g86) 14 Death and hell were thrown into the lake and their armies, gathered together to make war against of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. (Hades g86, Limne Pyr g3041 g4442) 15 If anyone was not found written in the Book of Life, he was cast into the lake of fire. (Limne Pyr g3041 g4442)

> 21 I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth have passed away, and the sea is no more. 2 I saw the holy city. New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready like a bride adorned for her husband. 3 I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look, the tabernacle of God is with humans, and he will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 4 And he will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, nor will there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the first things have passed away." 5 He who sits on the throne said, "Look, I am making all things new." He said. "Write, for these words are faithful and true." 6 He said to me, "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give freely to him who is thirsty from the spring of the water of life. 7 He who overcomes, I will give him these things. I will be his God, and he will be my son. 8 But to the cowards, and unbelieving, and detestable, and murderers, and sexually immoral, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death." (Limne Pyr g3041 g4442) 9 One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls, full of the seven last plagues came, and he spoke with me, saying, "Come here. I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb." 10 He carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, 11 having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, as if it was a jasper stone, clear as crystal; 12 having a great and high wall; having twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels; and names written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel. 13 On the east were three gates; and on the north three gates; and on the south three gates; and on the west three gates. 14

The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them your brothers, the prophets, and with those who keep twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. 15 He the words of this book. Worship God." 10 He said to who spoke with me had for a measure, a golden reed, me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this to measure the city, its gates, and its wall. 16 The city book, for the time is near. 11 He who acts unjustly, let lies foursquare, and its length is as great as its breadth. him act unjustly still. He who is filthy, let him be filthy He measured the city with the reed, one thousand three still. He who is righteous, let him do righteousness still. hundred eighty miles. Its length, breadth, and height He who is holy, let him be holy still." 12 "Look, I am are equal. 17 Its wall is one hundred forty-four cubits, coming quickly. My reward is with me, to repay to each by human measurement, that is, of an angel. 18 The person according to his work. 13 I am the Alpha and the construction of its wall was jasper. The city was pure Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the gold, like pure glass. 19 The foundations of the city's End. 14 Blessed are they who wash their robes, that wall were adorned with all kinds of precious stones. they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; in by the gates into the city. **15** Outside are the dogs, the third, chalcedony; the fourth, emerald; 20 the fifth, the sorcerers, the sexually immoral, the murderers, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the the idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices eighth, beryl; the ninth, topaz; the tenth, chrysoprasus; falsehood. 16 l, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify the eleventh, jacinth; and the twelfth, amethyst. 21 The these things to you for the churches. I am the root and twelve gates were twelve pearls. Each one of the gates the offspring of David; the bright morning star." 17 The was made of one pearl. The street of the city was pure Spirit and the bride say, "Come." He who hears, let him gold, like transparent glass. 22 I saw no temple in it, for say, "Come." He who is thirsty, let him come. He who the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. desires, let him take the water of life freely. 18 I testify to 23 The city has no need for the sun, neither of the moon, everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this to shine, for the very glory of God illuminated it, and its book, if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the lamp is the Lamb. 24 The nations will walk in its light. plagues which are written in this book. 19 If anyone The kings of the earth bring their splendor into it. 25 takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy. Its gates will in no way be shut by day (for there will God will take away his part from the tree of life, and out be no night there), 26 and they will bring the glory and of the holy city, which are written in this book. 20 He the honor of the nations into it. 27 There will in no way who testifies these things says, "Yes, I come guickly." enter into it anything profane, or one who causes an Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. 21 The grace of the Lord abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in Jesus be with all. the Lamb's Book of Life.

22 He showed me a river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb, 2 in the middle of its street. On this side of the river and on that was the tree of life, bearing twelve kinds of fruits, yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. 3 There will be no curse any more. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants serve him. 4 They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. 5 There will no longer be any night, and they have no need for the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, because the Lord God will shine on them. And they will reign forever and ever. (aion g165) 6 He said to me, "These words are faithful and true. The Lord God of the spirits of the prophets sent his angel to show to his servants the things which must happen soon." 7 "Look, I am coming guickly. Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book." 8 Now I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. When I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel who had shown me these things. 9 He said to me, "See you do not do it. I am a fellow servant with you and with



The New Jerusalem

I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready like a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Look, the tabernacle of God is with humans, and he will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. Revelation 21:2-3

Reader's Guide

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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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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 possibility, 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 <u>ntgreek.org</u>.

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 g86

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 g5020

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.

Abyssos

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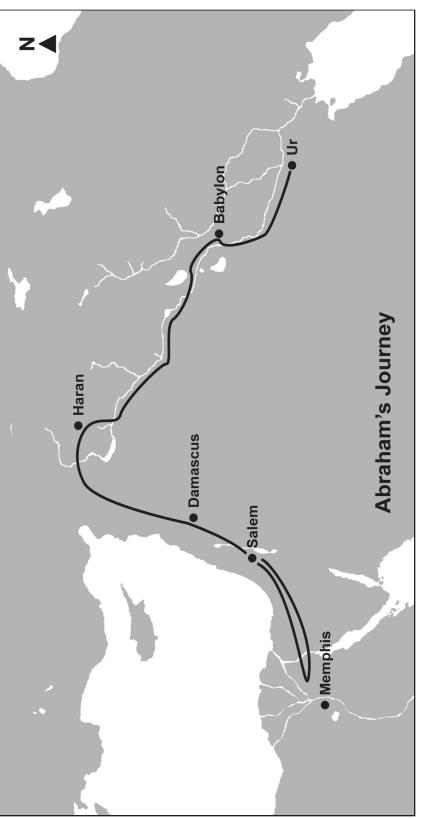
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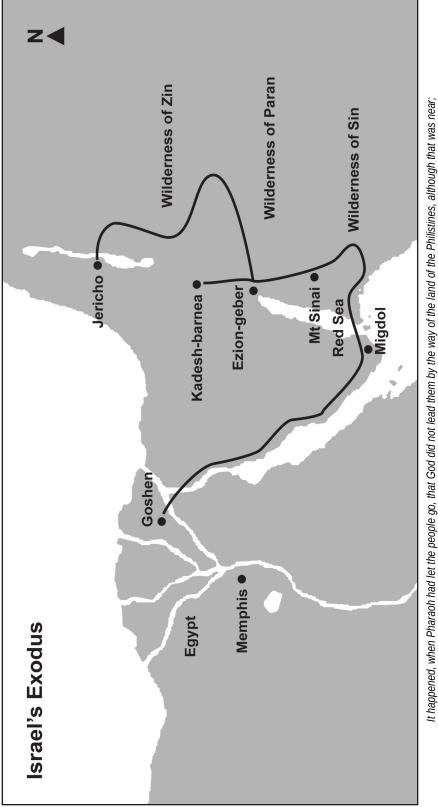
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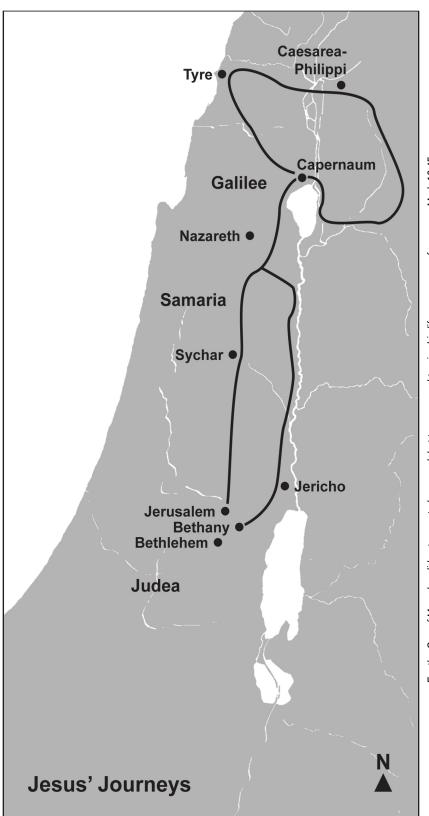
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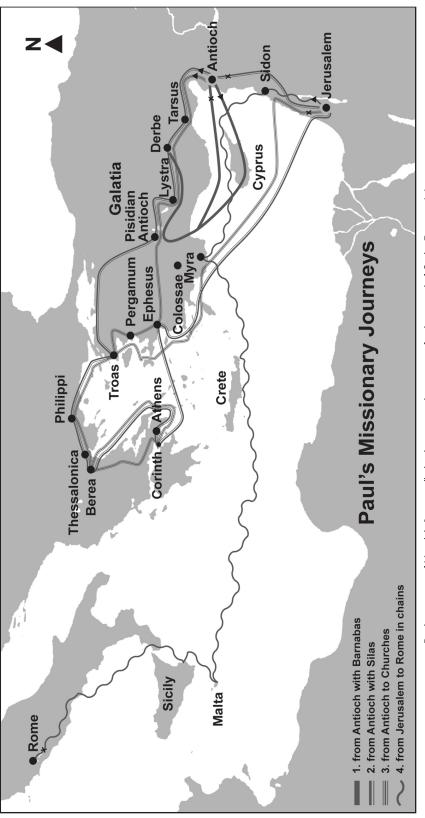
By faith, Abraham, when he was called, obeyed to go out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance. He went out, not knowing where he was going. - Hebrews 11:8



for God said, 'Lest perhaps the people change their minds when they see war, and they return to Egypt.' - Exodus 13:17



For the Son of Man also did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. - Mark 10:45



Paul, a servant of Messiah Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, - Romans 1:1

Creation 4004 B.C.

4004 Adam and Eve created **Tubal-cain forges metal** 3300 Enoch walks with God 3017 2349 Methuselah dies at age 969 God floods the Earth 2349 2247 Tower of Babel thwarted Abraham sojourns to Canaan 1922 1706 Jacob moves to Egypt Moses leads Exodus from Egypt 1491 Gideon judges Israel 1245 Ruth embraces the God of Israel 1168 David installed as King 1055 1018 King Solomon builds the Temple 896 Elijah defeats Baal's prophets 800 Jonah preaches to Nineveh 721 Assyrians conquer Israelites King Josiah reforms Judah 630 605 **Babylonians capture Judah** Persians conquer Babylonians 539 Cyrus frees Jews, rebuilds Temple 537 Nehemiah rebuilds the wall 454 Malachi prophecies the Messiah 416 331 **Greeks conquer Persians** 312 **Seleucids conquer Greeks** Hebrew Bible translated to Greek 250 Maccabees defeat Seleucids 165 63 **Romans subject Judea** 37 Herod the Great rules Judea (The Annals of the World, James Uusher)

Jesus Christ born 4 B.C.

New Heavens and Earth

Christ returns for his people 1956 Jim Elliot martyrd in Ecuador 1830 John Williams reaches Polynesia 1731 Zinzendorf leads Moravian mission 1614 Japanese kill 40,000 Christians 1572 Jesuits reach Mexico 1517 Martin Luther leads Reformation 1455 Gutenberg prints first Bible 1323 Franciscans reach Sumatra 1276 Ramon Llull trains missionaries 1100 Crusades tarnish the church 1054 The Great Schism 997 Adalbert marytyrd in Prussia 864 **Bulgarian Prince Boris converts** 716 **Boniface reaches Germany** 635 Alopen reaches China 569 Longinus reaches Alodia / Sudan 432 Saint Patrick reaches Ireland 397 **Carthage ratifies Bible Canon** Ulfilas reaches Goth / Romania 341 325 Niceae proclaims God is Trinity 250 **Denis reaches Paris, France** 197 Tertullian writes Christian literature 70 Titus destroys the Jewish Temple 61 Paul imprisoned in Rome, Italy 52 Thomas reaches Malabar. India 39 Peter reaches Gentile Cornelius 33 Holy Spirit empowers the Church (Wikipedia, Timeline of Christian missions)

Resurrected 33 A.D.

What a	are we?		Genesis 1:26 - 2:3	
How a	re we si	nful? 🕨	Romans 5:12-19	
Where	are we	?	Innocence	
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Nho are we?	God	Father	John 10:30	
		Son	God's perfect fellowship	Genesis 1:31 God's perfect fellowship with Adam in The Garden of Eden
		Holy Spirit		
	Mankind	Living	Genesis 1:1 No Creation No people	
		Deceased believing		
		Deceased unbelieving		
	Angels	Holy		
		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?							
	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 Living in ur	Acts 3:21						
John 8:58 Pre-incarnate		John 1:14 Incarnate	Luke 23:43 Paradise	Philippians 2:11 Revelation 20:3			
Psalm 139:7 Everywhere		John 14:17 Living in believers		God's perfectly			
Ephesians Serving the	restored fellowship with all Mankind praising Christ as Lord in the Holy City						
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1 Peter 5:8, Revelation 12:10 Rebelling against Christ Accusing mankind			Revelation 19:20 Lake of Fire				
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For God has bound all over to disobedience in order to show mercy to all

Destiny

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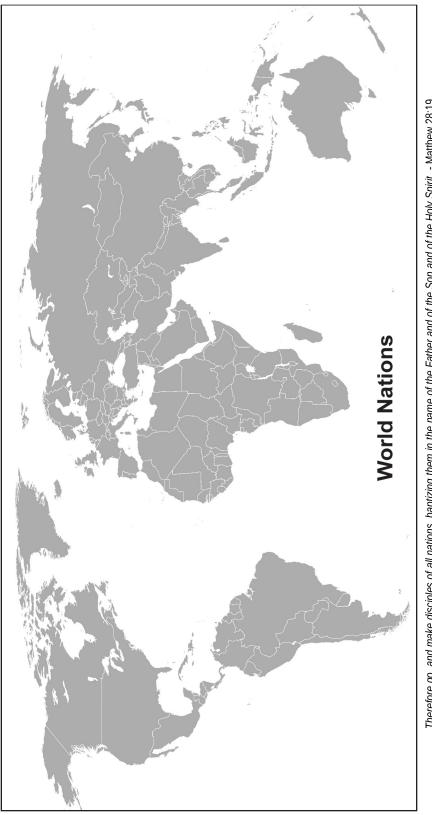
The Aionian Bible shows the location of eleven special Greek and Hebrew Aionian Glossary words to help us better understand God's love for individuals and for all mankind, and the nature of after-life destinies. The underlying Hebrew and Greek words typically translated as *Hell* show us that there are not just two after-life destinies, Heaven or Hell. Instead, there are a number of different locations, each with different purposes, different durations, and different inhabitants. Locations include 1) Old Testament *Sheol* and New Testament *Hadēs*, 2) *Geenna*, 3) *Tartaroō*, 4) *Abyssos*, 5) *Limnē Pyr*, 6) *Paradise*, 7) *The New Heaven*, and 8) *The New Earth*. So there is reason to review our conclusions about the destinies of redeemed mankind and fallen angels.

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.



Therefore 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