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Preface

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

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

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

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

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Adam and Eve Driven Out of the Garden of Eden

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

Genesis 3:24

Genesis

1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was formless and empty. Darkness was on the surface of the deep and God's Spirit was hovering over the surface of the waters. 3 God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. 4 God saw the light, and saw that it was good. God divided the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light "day" and the darkness he called "night". There was evening and there was morning, the first day. 6 God said, "Let there be an expanse in the middle of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters." 7 God made the expanse, and divided the waters which were under the expanse from the waters which were above the expanse; and it was so. 8 God called the expanse "sky". There was evening and there was morning, a second day. 9 God said. "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together to one place, and let the dry land appear;" and it was so. 10 God called the dry land "earth", and the gathering together of the waters he called "seas". God saw that it was good. 11 God said, "Let the earth yield grass, herbs yielding seeds, and fruit trees bearing fruit after their kind, with their seeds in it, which he had done; and he rested on the seventh day on the earth;" and it was so. 12 The earth yielded grass, from all his work which he had done. 3 God blessed the herbs yielding seed after their kind, and trees bearing seventh day, and made it holy, because he rested in it fruit, with their seeds in it, after their kind; and God saw from all his work of creation which he had done. 4 This that it was good. 13 There was evening and there was is the history of the generations of the heavens and morning, a third day, 14 God said, "Let there be lights in of the earth when they were created, in the day that the expanse of the sky to divide the day from the night; Yahweh God made the earth and the heavens. 5 No and let them be for signs to mark seasons, days, and plant of the field was yet in the earth, and no herb of years; 15 and let them be for lights in the expanse of the field had yet sprung up; for Yahweh God had not the sky to give light on the earth;" and it was so. 16 God caused it to rain on the earth. There was not a man to made the two great lights: the greater light to rule the till the ground, 6 but a mist went up from the earth, and day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He also made watered the whole surface of the ground, 7 Yahweh God the stars. 17 God set them in the expanse of the sky to formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed give light to the earth, 18 and to rule over the day and into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. living soul. 8 Yahweh God planted a garden eastward, in God saw that it was good. 19 There was evening and Eden, and there he put the man whom he had formed. there was morning, a fourth day. 20 God said, "Let the 9 Out of the ground Yahweh God made every tree to waters abound with living creatures, and let birds fly grow that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food, above the earth in the open expanse of the sky." 21 including the tree of life in the middle of the garden and God created the large sea creatures and every living the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. 10 A river creature that moves, with which the waters swarmed, went out of Eden to water the garden; and from there after their kind, and every winged bird after its kind. God it was parted, and became the source of four rivers. saw that it was good. 22 God blessed them, saying, "Be 11 The name of the first is Pishon: it flows through the fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; 12 and the let birds multiply on the earth." 23 There was evening gold of that land is good. Bdellium and onyx stone are and there was morning, a fifth day. 24 God said, "Let the also there. 13 The name of the second river is Gihon. It earth produce living creatures after their kind, livestock, is the same river that flows through the whole land of creeping things, and animals of the earth after their Cush. 14 The name of the third river is Hiddekel. This is kind;" and it was so. 25 God made the animals of the the one which flows in front of Assyria. The fourth river

and everything that creeps on the ground after its kind. God saw that it was good. 26 God said, "Let's make man in our image, after our likeness. Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the sky, and over the livestock, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 God created man in his own image. In God's image he created him; male and female he created them. 28 God blessed them. God said to them, "Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth, and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the sky, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." 29 God said, "Behold, I have given you every herb yielding seed, which is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree, which bears fruit yielding seed. It will be your food. 30 To every animal of the earth, and to every bird of the sky, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food;" and it was so. 31 God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. There was evening and there was morning, a sixth day.

7 The heavens, the earth, and all their vast array were finished. 2 On the seventh day God finished his work earth after their kind, and the livestock after their kind, is the Euphrates. 15 Yahweh God took the man, and

Genesis

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not ashamed.

3 Now the serpent was more subtle than any animal of the field which Yahweh God had made. He said to the woman, "Has God really said, 'You shall not eat of any tree of the garden'?" 2 The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees of the garden, 3 but not the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden. God has said, 'You shall not eat of it. You shall not touch it, lest you die." 4 The serpent said to the woman, "You won't really 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 to be desired to make one wise, she took some of its fruit, and ate. Then she gave some to her husband with 12 The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be

put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate and keep with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate it. 16 Yahweh God commanded the man, saying, "You it." 13 Yahweh God said to the woman, "What have may freely eat of every tree of the garden; 17 but you you done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived shall not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and me, and I ate." 14 Yahweh God said to the serpent, evil; for in the day that you eat of it, you will surely die." "Because you have done this, you are cursed above 18 Yahweh God said, "It is not good for the man to be all livestock, and above every animal of the field. You alone. I will make him a helper comparable to him." 19 shall go on your belly and you shall eat dust all the days Out of the ground Yahweh God formed every animal of of your life. 15 I will put hostility between you and the the field, and every bird of the sky, and brought them to woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. the man to see what he would call them. Whatever the He will bruise your head, and you will bruise his heel." man called every living creature became its name. 20 16 To the woman he said, "I will greatly multiply your The man gave names to all livestock, and to the birds of pain in childbirth. You will bear children in pain. Your the sky, and to every animal of the field; but for man desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over there was not found a helper comparable to him. 21 you." 17 To Adam he said, "Because you have listened Yahweh God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep. to your wife's voice, and have eaten from the tree, about As the man slept, he took one of his ribs, and closed up which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it,' the flesh in its place. 22 Yahweh God made a woman the ground is cursed for your sake. You will eat from it from the rib which he had taken from the man, and with much labor all the days of your life. 18 It will yield brought her to the man. 23 The man said, "This is now thorns and thistles to you; and you will eat the herb of bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh. She will be the field. 19 You will eat bread by the sweat of your face called 'woman,' because she was taken out of Man." 24 until you return to the ground, for you were taken out Therefore a man will leave his father and his mother, of it. For you are dust, and you shall return to dust." and will join with his wife, and they will be one flesh. 25 20 The man called his wife Eve because she would The man and his wife were both naked, and they were be the mother of all the living. 21 Yahweh God made garments of animal skins for Adam and for his wife, and clothed them. 22 Yahweh God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand, and also take of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever-" 23 Therefore Yahweh God sent him out from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from which he was taken. 24 So he drove out the man; and he placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.

⚠ The man knew Eve his wife. She conceived, and gave birth to Cain, and said, "I have gotten a man the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and with Yahweh's help." 2 Again she gave birth, to Cain's that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was brother Abel. Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. 3 As time passed, Cain brought an offering to Yahweh from the fruit of the ground. 4 Abel her, and he ate it, too. 7 Their eyes were opened, and also brought some of the firstborn of his flock and of they both knew that they were naked. They sewed fig its fat. Yahweh respected Abel and his offering, 5 but leaves together, and made coverings for themselves. 8 he didn't respect Cain and his offering. Cain was very They heard Yahweh God's voice walking in the garden angry, and the expression on his face fell. 6 Yahweh said in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why has the expression themselves from the presence of Yahweh God among of your face fallen? 7 If you do well, won't it be lifted the trees of the garden. 9 Yahweh God called to the up? If you don't do well, sin crouches at the door. Its man, and said to him, "Where are you?" 10 The man desire is for you, but you are to rule over it." 8 Cain said, "I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid, said to Abel, his brother, "Let's go into the field." While because I was naked; so I hid myself." 11 God said, they were in the field, Cain rose up against Abel, his "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten brother, and killed him. 9 Yahweh said to Cain, "Where from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?" is Abel, your brother?" He said, "I don't know. Am I my

time men began to call on Yahweh's name.

5 This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, he made him in God's likeness. 2 He created them male and female, and blessed them. On the day they were created, he named them Adam. 3 Adam lived one hundred 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 eight hundred years,

brother's keeper?" 10 Yahweh said, "What have you All of the days of Seth were nine hundred twelve years, done? The voice of your brother's blood cries to me then he died. 9 Enosh lived ninety years, and became from the ground. 11 Now you are cursed because of the the father of Kenan. 10 Enosh lived after he became ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your the father of Kenan eight hundred fifteen years, and brother's blood from your hand. 12 From now on, when became the father of other sons and daughters. 11 All you till the ground, it won't yield its strength to you. You of the days of Enosh were nine hundred five years, then will be a fugitive and a wanderer in the earth." 13 Cain he died. 12 Kenan lived seventy years, then became said to Yahweh, "My punishment is greater than I can the father of Mahalalel. 13 Kenan lived after he became bear. 14 Behold, you have driven me out today from the father of Mahalalel eight hundred forty years, and the surface of the ground. I will be hidden from your became the father of other sons and daughters 14 and face, and I will be a fugitive and a wanderer in the earth. all of the days of Kenan were nine hundred ten years, Whoever finds me will kill me." 15 Yahweh said to him, then he died. 15 Mahalalel lived sixty-five years, then "Therefore whoever slays Cain, vengeance will be taken became the father of Jared. 16 Mahalalel lived after he on him sevenfold." Yahweh appointed a sign for Cain, became the father of Jared eight hundred thirty years, so that anyone finding him would not strike him. 16 Cain and became the father of other sons and daughters. 17 left Yahweh's presence, and lived in the land of Nod, All of the days of Mahalalel were eight hundred ninetyeast of Eden. 17 Cain knew his wife. She conceived, five years, then he died. 18 Jared lived one hundred and gave birth to Enoch. He built a city, and named the sixty-two years, then became the father of Enoch. 19 city after the name of his son, Enoch. 18 Irad was born Jared lived after he became the father of Enoch eight to Enoch. Irad became the father of Mehujael. Mehujael hundred years, and became the father of other sons became the father of Methushael. Methushael became and daughters. 20 All of the days of Jared were nine the father of Lamech. 19 Lamech took two wives: the hundred sixty-two years, then he died. 21 Enoch lived name of the first one was Adah, and the name of the sixty-five years, then became the father of Methuselah. second one was Zillah. 20 Adah gave birth to Jabal. 22 After Methuselah's birth. Enoch walked with God for who was the father of those who dwell in tents and three hundred years, and became the father of more have livestock. 21 His brother's name was Jubal, who sons and daughters. 23 All the days of Enoch were was the father of all who handle the harp and pipe. 22 three hundred sixty-five years. 24 Enoch walked with Zillah also gave birth to Tubal Cain, the forger of every God, and he was not found, for God took him. 25 cutting instrument of bronze and iron. Tubal Cain's sister Methuselah lived one hundred eighty-seven years, then was Naamah. 23 Lamech said to his wives, "Adah and became the father of Lamech. 26 Methuselah lived after Zillah, hear my voice. You wives of Lamech, listen to he became the father of Lamech seven hundred eightymy speech, for I have slain a man for wounding me, a two years, and became the father of other sons and young man for bruising me. 24 If Cain will be avenged daughters. 27 All the days of Methuselah were nine seven times, truly Lamech seventy-seven times." 25 hundred sixty-nine years, then he died. 28 Lamech lived Adam knew his wife again. She gave birth to a son, and one hundred eighty-two years, then became the father named him Seth, saying, "for God has given me another of a son. 29 He named him Noah, saying, "This one child instead of Abel, for Cain killed him." 26 A son was will comfort us in our work and in the toil of our hands, also born to Seth, and he named him Enosh. At that caused by the ground which Yahweh has cursed." 30 Lamech lived after he became the father of Noah five hundred ninety-five years, and became the father of other sons and daughters. 31 All the days of Lamech were seven hundred seventy-seven years, then he died. 32 Noah was five hundred years old, then Noah became the father of Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

6 When men began to multiply on the surface of the ground, and daughters were born to them, 2 God's sons saw that men's daughters were beautiful, and he became the father of other sons and daughters. and they took any that they wanted for themselves as 5 All the days that Adam lived were nine hundred thirty wives. 3 Yahweh said, "My Spirit will not strive with man years, then he died. 6 Seth lived one hundred five years, forever, because he also is flesh; so his days will be then became the father of Enosh. 7 Seth lived after he one hundred twenty years." 4 The Nephilim were in the became the father of Enosh eight hundred seven years, earth in those days, and also after that, when God's and became the father of other sons and daughters. 8 sons came in to men's daughters and had children with

that is eaten, and gather it to yourself; and it will be for The waters flooded the earth one hundred fifty days. food for you, and for them." 22 Thus Noah did. He did all that God commanded him.

them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men everything that Yahweh commanded him. 6 Noah was of renown. 5 Yahweh saw that the wickedness of man six hundred years old when the flood of waters came on was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the earth. 7 Noah went into the ship with his sons, his the thoughts of man's heart was continually only evil. 6 wife, and his sons' wives, because of the floodwaters. 8 Yahweh was sorry that he had made man on the earth, Clean animals, unclean animals, birds, and everything and it grieved him in his heart. 7 Yahweh said, "I will that creeps on the ground 9 went by pairs to Noah destroy man whom I have created from the surface of into the ship, male and female, as God commanded the ground—man, along with animals, creeping things, Noah. 10 After the seven days, the floodwaters came and birds of the sky-for I am sorry that I have made on the earth. 11 In the six hundredth year of Noah's them." 8 But Noah found favor in Yahweh's eyes. 9 life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of This is the history of the generations of Noah: Noah the month, on that day all the fountains of the great was a righteous man, blameless among the people of deep burst open, and the sky's windows opened. 12 It his time. Noah walked with God. 10 Noah became the rained on the earth forty days and forty nights. 13 In the father of three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. 11 The same day Noah, and Shem, Ham, and Japheth—the earth was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled sons of Noah—and Noah's wife and the three wives with violence. 12 God saw the earth, and saw that it of his sons with them, entered into the ship— 14 they, was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted their way on the and every animal after its kind, all the livestock after earth. 13 God said to Noah, "I will bring an end to all their kind, every creeping thing that creeps on the earth flesh, for the earth is filled with violence through them. after its kind, and every bird after its kind, every bird Behold, I will destroy them and the earth. 14 Make a of every sort. 15 Pairs from all flesh with the breath of ship of gopher wood. You shall make rooms in the ship, life in them went into the ship to Noah. 16 Those who and shall seal it inside and outside with pitch. 15 This is went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God how you shall make it. The length of the ship shall be commanded him; then Yahweh shut him in. 17 The three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height flood was forty days on the earth. The waters increased. thirty cubits. 16 You shall make a roof in the ship, and and lifted up the ship, and it was lifted up above the you shall finish it to a cubit upward. You shall set the earth. 18 The waters rose, and increased greatly on door of the ship in its side. You shall make it with lower, the earth; and the ship floated on the surface of the second, and third levels. 17 I, even I, will bring the flood waters. 19 The waters rose very high on the earth. of waters on this earth, to destroy all flesh having the All the high mountains that were under the whole sky breath of life from under the sky. Everything that is in were covered. 20 The waters rose fifteen cubits higher, the earth will die. 18 But I will establish my covenant and the mountains were covered. 21 All flesh died that with you. You shall come into the ship, you, your sons, moved on the earth, including birds, livestock, animals, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. 19 Of every every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every living thing of all flesh, you shall bring two of every sort man. 22 All on the dry land, in whose nostrils was the into the ship, to keep them alive with you. They shall be breath of the spirit of life, died. 23 Every living thing male and female. 20 Of the birds after their kind, of the was destroyed that was on the surface of the ground, livestock after their kind, of every creeping thing of the including man, livestock, creeping things, and birds of ground after its kind, two of every sort will come to you, the sky. They were destroyed from the earth. Only Noah to keep them alive. 21 Take with you some of all food was left, and those who were with him in the ship. 24

R God remembered Noah, all the animals, and all the livestock that were with him in the ship; and $oldsymbol{7}$ Yahweh said to Noah, "Come with all of your God made a wind to pass over the earth. The waters household into the ship, for I have seen your subsided. 2 The deep's fountains and the sky's windows righteousness before me in this generation. 2 You shall were also stopped, and the rain from the sky was take seven pairs of every clean animal with you, the restrained. 3 The waters continually receded from the male and his female. Of the animals that are not clean, earth. After the end of one hundred fifty days the waters take two, the male and his female. 3 Also of the birds of receded. 4 The ship rested in the seventh month, on the the sky, seven and seven, male and female, to keep seventeenth day of the month, on Ararat's mountains. 5 seed alive on the surface of all the earth. 4 In seven The waters receded continually until the tenth month. days, I will cause it to rain on the earth for forty days. In the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the and forty nights. I will destroy every living thing that I tops of the mountains were visible. 6 At the end of forty have made from the surface of the ground." 5 Noah did days, Noah opened the window of the ship which he

found no place to rest her foot, and she returned into and with every living creature that is with you: the birds, the ship to him, for the waters were on the surface of the livestock, and every animal of the earth with you, another seven days; and again he sent the dove out of will not be cut off any more by the waters of the flood. first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth, that the rainbow will be seen in the cloud, 14 In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of waters will no more become a flood to destroy all flesh. the month, the earth was dry. 15 God spoke to Noah, 16 The rainbow will be in the cloud. I will look at it, winter, and day and night will not cease."

God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them, "Be fruitful, multiply, and replenish the earth. 2 The fear of you and the dread of you will be on every animal of the earth, and on every bird of the sky. Everything that moves along the ground, and all the fish of the sea, are delivered into your hand. 3 Every moving thing that lives will be food for you. As I gave you the green herb, I have given everything to you. 4 But flesh with its life, that is, its blood, you shall not eat. 5 I will surely require accounting for your life's blood. At the hand of every animal I will require it. At the hand of man, even at the hand of every man's brother, I will require the life of man. 6 Whoever sheds man's blood, his blood will be shed by man, for God made man in his own image. 7 were the islands of the nations divided in their lands,

had made. 7 and he sent out a raven. It went back and Be fruitful and multiply. Increase abundantly in the earth. forth, until the waters were dried up from the earth. 8 and multiply in it." 8 God spoke to Noah and to his sons He himself sent out a dove to see if the waters were with him, saying, 9 "As for me, behold, I establish my abated from the surface of the ground, 9 but the dove covenant with you, and with your offspring after you, 10 the whole earth. He put out his hand, and took her, of all that go out of the ship, even every animal of the and brought her to him into the ship. 10 He waited yet earth. 11 I will establish my covenant with you: All flesh the ship. 11 The dove came back to him at evening and, There will never again be a flood to destroy the earth." behold, in her mouth was a freshly plucked olive leaf. 12 God said, "This is the token of the covenant which I So Noah knew that the waters were abated from the make between me and you and every living creature earth. 12 He waited yet another seven days, and sent that is with you, for perpetual generations: 13 I set my out the dove; and she didn't return to him any more. rainbow in the cloud, and it will be a sign of a covenant 13 In the six hundred first year, in the first month, the between me and the earth. 14 When I bring a cloud over the earth. Noah removed the covering of the ship, and 15 I will remember my covenant, which is between me looked. He saw that the surface of the ground was dry. and you and every living creature of all flesh, and the saying, 16 "Go out of the ship, you, your wife, your sons, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between and your sons' wives with you. 17 Bring out with you God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the every living thing that is with you of all flesh, including earth." 17 God said to Noah, "This is the token of the birds, livestock, and every creeping thing that creeps covenant which I have established between me and all on the earth, that they may breed abundantly in the flesh that is on the earth." 18 The sons of Noah who earth, and be fruitful, and multiply on the earth." 18 went out from the ship were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. Noah went out, with his sons, his wife, and his sons' Ham is the father of Canaan. 19 These three were the wives with him. 19 Every animal, every creeping thing, sons of Noah, and from these the whole earth was and every bird, whatever moves on the earth, after their populated. 20 Noah began to be a farmer, and planted families, went out of the ship. 20 Noah built an altar to a vineyard. 21 He drank of the wine and got drunk. Yahweh, and took of every clean animal, and of every He was uncovered within his tent. 22 Ham, the father clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. 21 of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told Yahweh smelled the pleasant aroma. Yahweh said in his two brothers outside. 23 Shem and Japheth took a his heart, "I will not again curse the ground any more for garment, and laid it on both their shoulders, went in man's sake because the imagination of man's heart is backwards, and covered the nakedness of their father. evil from his youth. I will never again strike every living Their faces were backwards, and they didn't see their thing, as I have done. 22 While the earth remains, seed father's nakedness. 24 Noah awoke from his wine, and time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and knew what his youngest son had done to him. 25 He said, "Canaan is cursed. He will be a servant of servants to his brothers." 26 He said, "Blessed be Yahweh, the God of Shem. Let Canaan be his servant. 27 May God enlarge Japheth. Let him dwell in the tents of Shem. Let Canaan be his servant." 28 Noah lived three hundred fifty years after the flood. 29 All the days of Noah were nine hundred fifty years, and then he died.

1 Now this is the history of 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 were: Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, and Tiras. 3 The sons of Gomer were: Ashkenaz, Riphath, and Togarmah. 4 The sons of Javan were: Elishah, Tarshish, Kittim, and Dodanim. 5 Of these

flood.

11 The whole earth was of one language and of one speech. 2 As they traveled east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they lived there. 3 They said to one another, "Come, let's make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." They had brick for stone, and they used tar for mortar. 4 They said, "Come, let's build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top reaches to the sky, and let's make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad on the surface of the whole earth." 5 Yahweh

everyone after his language, after their families, in their came down to see the city and the tower, which the nations. 6 The sons of Ham were: Cush, Mizraim, Put, children of men built. 6 Yahweh said, "Behold, they are and Canaan. 7 The sons of Cush were: Seba, Havilah, one people, and they all have one language, and this Sabtah, Raamah, and Sabteca. The sons of Raamah is what they begin to do. Now nothing will be withheld were: Sheba and Dedan. 8 Cush became the father of from them, which they intend to do. 7 Come, let's go Nimrod. He began to be a mighty one in the earth. 9 down, and there confuse their language, that they may He was a mighty hunter before Yahweh. Therefore it is not understand one another's speech." 8 So Yahweh said, "like Nimrod, a mighty hunter before Yahweh". 10 scattered them abroad from there on the surface of all The beginning of his kingdom was Babel, Erech, Accad, the earth. They stopped building the city. 9 Therefore and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. 11 Out of that land its name was called Babel, because there Yahweh he went into Assyria, and built Nineveh, Rehoboth Ir, confused the language of all the earth. From there, Calah, 12 and Resen between Nineveh and the great Yahweh scattered them abroad on the surface of all the city Calah. 13 Mizraim became the father of Ludim, earth. 10 This is the history of the generations of Shem: Anamim, Lehabim, Naphtuhim, 14 Pathrusim, Casluhim Shem was one hundred years old when he became the (which the Philistines descended from), and Caphtorim. father of Arpachshad two years after the flood. 11 Shem 15 Canaan became the father of Sidon (his firstborn), lived five hundred years after he became the father Heth, 16 the Jebusites, the Amorites, the Girgashites, 17 of Arpachshad, and became the father of more sons the Hivites, the Arkites, the Sinites, 18 the Arvadites, the and daughters. 12 Arpachshad lived thirty-five years Zemarites, and the Hamathites. Afterward the families and became the father of Shelah. 13 Arpachshad lived of the Canaanites were spread abroad. 19 The border four hundred three years after he became the father of the Canaanites was from Sidon—as you go toward of Shelah, and became the father of more sons and Gerar—to Gaza—as you go toward Sodom, Gomorrah, daughters. 14 Shelah lived thirty years, and became Admah, and Zeboiim—to Lasha. 20 These are the the father of Eber. 15 Shelah lived four hundred three sons of Ham, after their families, according to their years after he became the father of Eber, and became languages, in their lands and their nations. 21 Children the father of more sons and daughters. 16 Eber lived were also born to Shem (the elder brother of Japheth), thirty-four years, and became the father of Peleg. 17 the father of all the children of Eber. 22 The sons of Eber lived four hundred thirty years after he became Shem were: Elam, Asshur, Arpachshad, Lud, and Aram. the father of Peleg, and became the father of more 23 The sons of Aram were: Uz, Hul, Gether, and Mash. sons and daughters. 18 Peleg lived thirty years, and 24 Arpachshad became the father of Shelah. Shelah became the father of Reu. 19 Peleg lived two hundred became the father of Eber. 25 To Eber were born two nine years after he became the father of Reu, and sons. The name of the one was Peleg, for in his days became the father of more sons and daughters. 20 the earth was divided. His brother's name was Joktan. Reu lived thirty-two years, and became the father of 26 Joktan became the father of Almodad, Sheleph, Serug. 21 Reu lived two hundred seven years after he Hazarmaveth, Jerah, 27 Hadoram, Uzal, Diklah, 28 became the father of Serug, and became the father of Obal, Abimael, Sheba, 29 Ophir, Havilah, and Jobab. more sons and daughters. 22 Serug lived thirty years, All these were the sons of Joktan. 30 Their dwelling and became the father of Nahor. 23 Serug lived two extended from Mesha, as you go toward Sephar, the hundred years after he became the father of Nahor, mountain of the east. 31 These are the sons of Shem, and became the father of more sons and daughters. 24 by their families, according to their languages, lands, Nahor lived twenty-nine years, and became the father of and nations. 32 These are the families of the sons of Terah. 25 Nahor lived one hundred nineteen years after Noah, by their generations, according to their nations, he became the father of Terah, and became the father The nations divided from these in the earth after the of more sons and daughters. 26 Terah lived seventy vears, and became the father of Abram, Nahor, and Haran. 27 Now this is the history of the generations of Terah. Terah became the father of Abram, Nahor, and Haran. Haran became the father of Lot. 28 Haran died in the land of his birth, in Ur of the Chaldees, while his father Terah was still alive. 29 Abram and Nahor married wives. The name of Abram's wife was Sarai. and the name of Nahor's wife was Milcah, the daughter of Haran, who was also the father of Iscah. 30 Sarai was barren. She had no child. 31 Terah took Abram his

son. Lot the son of Haran, his son's son, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, his son Abram's wife. They went from came to Haran and lived there. 32 The days of Terah were two hundred five years. Terah died in Haran.

12 Now Yahweh said to Abram, "Leave your country. and your relatives, and your father's house, and go to the land that I will show you. 2 I will make of you a great nation. I will bless you and make your name great. You will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who treats you with contempt. All the families of the earth will be blessed through you." 4 So Abram went, as Yahweh had told him. Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. 5 Abram took Sarai his wife. Lot his brother's son, all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people whom they had acquired in Haran, and they went to go into the land of Canaan. They entered into the land of Canaan. 6 Abram passed through the land to the place of Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time, Canaanites were in the land. 7 Yahweh appeared to Abram and said, "I will give this land to your offspring." He built an altar there to Yahweh, who had appeared to him. 8 He left from there to go to the mountain on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, having Bethel on the west, and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to Yahweh and called on Yahweh's name. 9 Abram traveled, still going on toward the South. 10 There was a famine in the land. Abram went down into Egypt to live as a foreigner there, for the famine was severe in the land. 11 When he had come near to enter Egypt, he said to Sarai his wife, "See now, I know that you are a beautiful woman to look at. 12 It will happen that when the Egyptians see you, they will say, 'This is his wife.' They will kill me, but they will save you alive. 13 Please say that you are my sister, that it may be well with me for your sake, and that my soul may live because of you." 14 When Abram had come into Egypt, Egyptians saw that the woman was very beautiful. 15 The princes of Pharaoh saw her, and praised her to Pharaoh; and the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house. 16 He dealt well with Abram for her sake. He had sheep, cattle, male donkeys, male servants, female servants, female donkeys, and camels, 17 Yahweh afflicted Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram's wife. 18 Pharaoh called Abram and said, "What is this that you have done to me? Why didn't you tell me that she was your wife? 19 Why did you say, 'She is my sister,' so that I took her to be my wife? Now therefore, see your wife, take her, and go your way." 20 Pharaoh commanded men concerning him, and they escorted him away with his wife and all that he had.

3 Abram went up out of Egypt—he, his wife, all that he had, and Lot with him-into the South. 2 Ur of the Chaldees, to go into the land of Canaan, They Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver, and in gold. 3 He went on his journeys from the South as far as Bethel, to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai, 4 to the place of the altar, which he had made there at the first. There Abram called on Yahweh's name. 5 Lot also, who went with Abram, had flocks, herds, and tents. 6 The land was not able to bear them, that they might live together; for their possessions were so great that they couldn't live together. 7 There was strife between the herdsmen of Abram's livestock and the herdsmen of Lot's livestock. The Canaanites and the Perizzites lived in the land at that time. 8 Abram said to Lot, "Please, let there be no strife between you and me, and between your herdsmen and my herdsmen; for we are relatives. 9 Isn't the whole land before you? Please separate yourself from me. If you go to the left hand, then I will go to the right. Or if you go to the right hand, then I will go to the left." 10 Lot lifted up his eyes, and saw all the plain of the Jordan, that it was well-watered everywhere, before Yahweh destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, like the garden of Yahweh, like the land of Egypt, as you go to Zoar, 11 So Lot chose the Plain of the Jordan for himself. Lot traveled east, and they separated themselves from one other. 12 Abram lived in the land of Canaan, and Lot lived in the cities of the plain, and moved his tent as far as Sodom. 13 Now the men of Sodom were exceedingly wicked and sinners against Yahweh. 14 Yahweh said to Abram, after Lot was separated from him, "Now, lift up your eyes, and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward. 15 for I will give all the land which you see to you and to your offspring forever. 16 I will make your offspring as the dust of the earth, so that if a man can count the dust of the earth, then your offspring may also be counted. 17 Arise, walk through the land in its length and in its width; for I will give it to you." 18 Abram moved his tent, and came and lived by the oaks of Mamre, which are in Hebron, and built an altar there to Yahweh.

> 1 1 In the days of Amraphel, king of Shinar; Arioch, king of Ellasar; Chedorlaomer, king of Elam; and Tidal, king of Goiim, 2 they made war with Bera, king of Sodom; Birsha, king of Gomorrah; Shinab, king of Admah; Shemeber, king of Zeboiim; and the king of Bela (also called Zoar). 3 All these joined together in the valley of Siddim (also called the Salt Sea). 4 They served Chedorlaomer for twelve years, and in the thirteenth year they rebelled. 5 In the fourteenth year Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him came and struck the Rephaim in Ashteroth Karnaim, the

enemies into your hand." Abram gave him a tenth of Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, 21 the Amorites, all. 21 The king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give me the the Canaanites, the Girgashites, and the Jebusites." people, and take the goods for yourself." 22 Abram said to the king of Sodom, "I have lifted up my hand to Yahweh, God Most High, possessor 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."

in a vision, saying, "Don't be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward." 2 Abram

Zuzim in Ham, the Emim in Shaveh Kiriathaim. 6 and childless, and he who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of the Horites in their Mount Seir, to El Paran, which is Damascus?" 3 Abram said, "Behold, you have given no by the wilderness. 7 They returned, and came to En children to me: and, behold, one born in my house is Mishpat (also called Kadesh), and struck all the country my heir." 4 Behold, Yahweh's word 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 out Hazazon Tamar. 8 The king of Sodom, and the king of your own body will be your heir." 5 Yahweh brought of Gomorrah, the king of Admah, the king of Zeboiim, him outside, and said, "Look now toward the sky, and and the king of Bela (also called Zoar) went out; and count the stars, if you are able to count them." He said they set the battle in array against them in the valley of to Abram, "So your offspring will be." 6 He believed in Siddim 9 against Chedorlaomer king of Elam, Tidal king Yahweh, who credited it to him for righteousness. 7 of Goiim, Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of He said to Abram, "I am Yahweh who brought you out Ellasar; four kings against the five. 10 Now the valley of Ur of the Chaldees, to give you this land to inherit of Siddim was full of tar pits; and the kings of Sodom it." 8 He said, "Lord Yahweh, how will I know that I and Gomorrah fled, and some fell there. Those who will inherit it?" 9 He said to him, "Bring me a heifer remained fled to the hills. 11 They took all the goods three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their food, and went three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." their way. 12 They took Lot, Abram's brother's son, who 10 He brought him all these, and divided them in the lived in Sodom, and his goods, and departed. 13 One middle, and laid each half opposite the other; but he who had escaped came and told Abram, the Hebrew. At didn't divide the birds. 11 The birds of prey came down that time, he lived by the oaks of Mamre, the Amorite, on the carcasses, and Abram drove them away. 12 brother of Eshcol and brother of Aner. They were allies When the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on of Abram. 14 When Abram heard that his relative was Abram. Now terror and great darkness fell on him. 13 taken captive, he led out his three hundred eighteen. He said to Abram, "Know for sure that your offspring will trained men, born in his house, and pursued as far as live as foreigners in a land that is not theirs, and will Dan. 15 He divided himself against them by night, he serve them. They will afflict them four hundred years. and his servants, and struck them, and pursued them to 14 I will also judge that nation, whom they will serve. Hobah, which is on the left hand of Damascus. 16 He Afterward they will come out with great wealth; 15 but brought back all the goods, and also brought back his you will go to your fathers in peace. You will be buried relative Lot and his goods, and the women also, and the at a good old age. 16 In the fourth generation they will other people. 17 The king of Sodom went out to meet come here again, for the iniquity of the Amorite is not him after his return from the slaughter of Chedorlaomer yet full." 17 It came to pass that, when the sun went and the kings who were with him, at the valley of Shaveh down, and it was dark, behold, a smoking furnace and a (that is, the King's Valley). 18 Melchizedek king of Salem flaming torch passed between these pieces. 18 In that brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most day Yahweh made a covenant with Abram, saying, "I High. 19 He blessed him, and said, "Blessed be Abram have given this land to your offspring, from the river of of God Most High, possessor of heaven and earth. 20 Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates: 19 the land Blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your of the Kenites, the Kenizzites, the Kadmonites, 20 the

16 Now Sarai, Abram's wife, bore him no children. She had a servant, an Egyptian, whose name was Hagar. 2 Sarai said to Abram, "See now, Yahweh has restrained 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 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 went 15 After these things Yahweh's word came to Abram in to Hagar, and she conceived. When she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her eyes. 5 Sarai said to Abram, "This wrong is your fault. I said, "Lord Yahweh, what will you give me, since I go gave my servant into your bosom, and when she saw that she had conceived, she despised me. May Yahweh

iudge between me and you." 6 But Abram said to Sarai, foreigner who is not of your offspring, 13 He who is born "Behold, your maid is in your hand. Do to her whatever in your house, and he who is bought with your money, is good in your eyes." Sarai dealt harshly with her, and must be circumcised. My covenant shall be in your flesh she fled from her face. 7 Yahweh's angel found her by a for an everlasting covenant. 14 The uncircumcised male fountain of water in the wilderness, by the fountain on who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin, that the way to Shur. 8 He said, "Hagar, Sarai's servant, soul shall be cut off from his people. He has broken where did you come from? Where are you going?" She my covenant." 15 God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai said, "I am fleeing from the face of my mistress Sarai." your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but her 9 Yahweh's angel said to her, "Return to your mistress, name shall be Sarah. 16 I will bless her, and moreover and submit yourself under her hands." 10 Yahweh's I will give you a son by her. Yes, I will bless her, and angel said to her, "I will greatly multiply your offspring, she will be a mother of nations. Kings of peoples will that they will not be counted for multitude." 11 Yahweh's come from her." 17 Then Abraham fell on his face, and angel said to her, "Behold, you are with child, and will laughed, and said in his heart, "Will a child be born to bear a son. You shall call his name Ishmael, because him who is one hundred years old? Will Sarah, who is Yahweh has heard your affliction. 12 He will be like a ninety years old, give birth?" 18 Abraham said to God, wild donkey among men. His hand will be against every "Oh that Ishmael might live before you!" 19 God said, man, and every man's hand against him. He will live "No, but Sarah, your wife, will bear you a son. You shall opposed to all of his brothers." 13 She called the name call his name Isaac. I will establish my covenant with of Yahweh who spoke to her, "You are a God who sees," him for an everlasting covenant for his offspring after for she said, "Have I even stayed alive after seeing him. 20 As for Ishmael, I have heard you. Behold, I him?" 14 Therefore the well was called Beer Lahai Roi. have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will Behold, it is between Kadesh and Bered. 15 Hagar bore multiply him exceedingly. He will become the father of a son for Abram. Abram called the name of his son, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael, 16 Abram was eighty-six But I will establish my covenant with Isaac, whom Sarah years old when Hagar bore Ishmael to Abram.

17 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, Yahweh appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty. Walk before me and be blameless. 2 I will make my covenant between me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly." 3 Abram fell on his face. God talked with him, saying, 4 "As for me, behold, my covenant is with you. You will be the father of a multitude of nations. 5 Your name will no more be called Abram, but your name will be Abraham; for I have made 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 offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God to you and to your offspring after you. 8 I will give to you, and to your offspring after you, the land where you are traveling, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession. I will be their God." God said to Abraham, "As for you, you shall keep my covenant, you and your offspring after you throughout their generations. 10 This is my covenant, which you shall keep, between me and you and your offspring after you. Every male among you shall be circumcised. 11 You shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskin. It will be a token of the covenant between me and you. 12 He who is eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every male throughout your generations, he who is born in the house, or bought with money from any

twelve princes, and I will make him a great nation. 21 will bear to you at this set time next year." 22 When he finished talking with him, God went up from Abraham. 23 Abraham took Ishmael his son, all who were born in his house, and all who were bought with his money: every male among the men of Abraham's house, and circumcised the flesh of their foreskin in the same day, as God had said to him. 24 Abraham was ninety-nine years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. 25 Ishmael, his son, was thirteen years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. 26 In the same day both Abraham and Ishmael, his son, were circumcised. 27 All the men of his house, those born in the house, and those bought with money from a foreigner, were circumcised with him.

1 R Yahweh appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre. as he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day. 2 He lifted up his eyes and looked, and saw that three men stood near him. When he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself to the earth, 3 and said, "My lord, if now I have found favor in your sight, please don't go away from your servant. 4 Now let a little water be fetched, wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. 5 I will get a piece of bread so you can refresh your heart. 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 prepare three seahs of fine meal, knead it, and make cakes." 7 Abraham ran to the herd, and fetched a

hurried to dress it. 8 He took butter, milk, and the calf now, I have taken it on myself to speak to the Lord. which he had dressed, and set it before them. He stood What if there are twenty found there?" He said, "I will by them under the tree, and they ate. 9 They asked not destroy it for the twenty's sake." 32 He said, "Oh him, "Where is Sarah, your wife?" He said, "There, in don't let the Lord be angry, and I will speak just once the tent." 10 He said, "I will certainly return to you at more. What if ten are found there?" He said, "I will not about this time next year; and behold, Sarah your wife destroy it for the ten's sake." 33 Yahweh went his way will have a son." Sarah heard in the tent door, which as soon as he had finished communing with Abraham, was behind him. 11 Now Abraham and Sarah were old, well advanced in age. Sarah had passed the age of childbearing. 12 Sarah laughed within herself, saying, "After I have grown old will I have pleasure, my lord being old also?" 13 Yahweh said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, saying, 'Will I really bear a child when I am old?' 14 Is anything too hard for Yahweh? At the set time I will return to you, when the season comes around, and Sarah will have a son." 15 Then Sarah denied it, saying, "I didn't laugh," for she was afraid. He said, "No, but you did laugh." 16 The men rose up from there, and looked toward Sodom. Abraham went with them to see them on their way. 17 Yahweh said, "Will I hide from Abraham what I do, 18 since Abraham will surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth will be blessed in him? 19 For I have known him, to the end that he may command his children and his household after him, that they may keep the way of Yahweh, to do righteousness and justice; to the end that Yahweh may bring on Abraham that which he has spoken of him." 20 Yahweh said, "Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous, 21 I will go down now, and see whether their deeds are as bad as the reports which have come to me. If not, I will know." 22 The men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, but Abraham stood yet before Yahweh. 23 Abraham came near, and said, "Will you consume the righteous with the wicked? 24 What if there are fifty righteous within the city? Will you consume and not spare the place for the fifty righteous who are in it? 25 May it be 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 Yahweh said, "If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare the whole place for their sake." 27 Abraham answered, "See now, I have taken it on myself to speak to the Lord, although I am 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 don't let the Lord be angry, and I will speak. What if there are thirty found there?" He said,

tender and good calf, and gave it to the servant. He "I will not do it if I find thirty there." 31 He said, "See and Abraham returned to his place.

> $oldsymbol{19}$ 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 come into your servant's house, stay all night, wash your feet, and you can rise up early, and go on your way." They said, "No, but we will stay in the street all night." 3 He urged them greatly, and 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 lay down, 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 through the door, and shut the door after himself. 7 He said, "Please, my brothers, don't act so wickedly. 8 See now, 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 don't do anything to these men, because they have come under the shadow of my roof." 9 They said, "Stand back!" Then they said, "This one fellow came in to live as a foreigner, and he appoints himself a judge. Now we will deal worse with you than with them!" They pressed hard on the man Lot, and came near to break the door. 10 But the men reached out their hand, and brought 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 wearied themselves to find the door. 12 The men said to Lot, "Do you have anybody else here? Sons-in-law, your sons, your daughters, and whomever 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 so great before Yahweh that Yahweh has sent us to destroy it." 14 Lot went out, and spoke to his sons-inlaw, who were pledged to marry his daughters, and said, "Get up! Get out of this place, for Yahweh 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, saying, "Get up! Take your wife and your two daughters who are here, lest you be consumed in the iniquity of the city." 16 But he lingered; and the men grabbed his hand,

being merciful to him; and they took him out, and set Ammon to this day. him outside of the city. 17 It came to pass, when they had taken them out, that he said, "Escape for your life! Don't look behind you, and don't stay anywhere in the plain. Escape to the mountains, lest you be consumed!" 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 evil overtake me, and I die. 20 See now, this city is near to flee to, and it is a little one. Oh let me escape there (isn't it a little one?), and my soul will live." 21 He said to him, "Behold, 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 Yahweh rained on Sodom and on Gomorrah sulfur and fire from Yahweh out of the sky. 25 He overthrew those cities, all the plain, all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew on the ground. 26 But Lot's wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt. 27 Abraham went up early in the morning to the place where he had stood before Yahweh. 28 He looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the plain, and saw that the smoke of the land went up as the smoke of a furnace. 29 When God destroyed the cities of the plain, 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 earth to come in to us in the way of all the earth. 32 Come, let's make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve our father's family line." 33 They made their father drink wine that night: and the firstborn went in, and lay with her father. He didn't know when she lay down, nor when she arose. 34 It came to pass on the next day, that the firstborn said to the younger, "Behold, I lav last night with my father. Let's make him drink wine again tonight. You go in, and lie with him, that we may preserve our father's family line." 35 They made their father drink wine that night also. The younger went and lay with him. He didn't know when she lay down, nor when she got up. 36 Thus both of Lot's daughters were with child 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 wife's hand, and his two daughters' hands. Yahweh his name Ben Ammi. He is the father of the children of

20 Abraham traveled from there toward the land of the South, and lived between Kadesh and Shur. He lived as a foreigner in Gerar. 2 Abraham said about Sarah his wife, "She is my sister." Abimelech king of Gerar sent, and took Sarah. 3 But God came to Abimelech in a dream of the night, and said to him, "Behold, you are a dead man, because of the woman whom you have taken; for she is a man's wife." 4 Now Abimelech had not come near her. He said. "Lord. will you kill even a righteous nation? 5 Didn't he tell me, 'She is my sister'? She, even she herself, said, 'He is my brother.' I have done this in the integrity of my heart and the innocence of my hands." 6 God said to him in the dream, "Yes, I know that in the integrity of your heart you have done this, and I also withheld you from sinning against me. Therefore I didn't allow you to touch her. 7 Now therefore, restore the man's wife. For he is a prophet, and he will pray for you, and you will live. If you don't restore her, know for sure that you will die, you, and all who are yours." 8 Abimelech rose early in the morning, and called all his servants, and told all these things in their ear. The men were very scared. 9 Then Abimelech called Abraham, and said to him, "What have you done to us? How have I sinned against you, that you have brought on me and on my kingdom a great sin? You have done deeds to me that ought not to be done!" 10 Abimelech said to Abraham, "What did you see, that you have done this thing?" 11 Abraham said, "Because I thought, 'Surely the fear of God is not in this place. They will kill me for my wife's sake.' 12 Besides, she is indeed my sister, the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother; and she became my wife. 13 When God caused me to wander from my father's house, I said to her, 'This is your kindness which you shall show to me. Everywhere that we go, say of me, "He is my brother."" 14 Abimelech took sheep and cattle, male servants and female servants, and gave them to Abraham, and restored Sarah, his wife, to him. 15 Abimelech said, "Behold, my land is before you. Dwell where it pleases you." 16 To Sarah he said, "Behold, I have given your brother a thousand pieces of silver. Behold, it is for you a covering of the eyes to all that are with you. In front of all you are vindicated." 17 Abraham prayed to God. So God healed Abimelech, his wife, and his female servants, and they bore children. 18 For Yahweh had closed up tight all the wombs of the house of Abimelech, because of Sarah, Abraham's wife.

Yahweh visited Sarah as he had said, and Yahweh did to Sarah as he had spoken. 2 Sarah conceived, and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time

son who was born to him, whom Sarah bore to him, me, and I didn't hear of it until today." 27 Abraham Isaac. 4 Abraham circumcised his son, Isaac, when he took sheep and cattle, and gave them to Abimelech. was eight days old, as God had commanded him. 5 Those two made a covenant. 28 Abraham set seven Abraham was one hundred years old when his son, ewe lambs of the flock by themselves. 29 Abimelech Isaac, was born to him. 6 Sarah said, "God has made said to Abraham, "What do these seven ewe lambs, me laugh. Everyone who hears will laugh with me." 7 which you have set by themselves, mean?" 30 He said, She said, "Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah "You shall take these seven ewe lambs from my hand, would nurse children? For I have borne him a son in his that it may be a witness to me, that I have dug this well." old age." 8 The child grew and was weaned. Abraham 31 Therefore he called that place Beersheba, because made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. they both swore an oath there. 32 So they made a 9 Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she covenant at Beersheba. Abimelech rose up with Phicol, had borne to Abraham, mocking. 10 Therefore she said the captain of his army, and they returned into the land to Abraham, "Cast out this servant and her son! For of the Philistines. 33 Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in the son of this servant will not be heir with my son. Beersheba, and there he called on the name of Yahweh, Isaac." 11 The thing was very grievous in Abraham's the Everlasting God. 34 Abraham lived as a foreigner in sight on account of his son. 12 God said to Abraham, the land of the Philistines many days. "Don't let it be grievous in your sight because of the boy, and because of your servant. In all that Sarah says to you, listen to her voice. For your offspring will be named through Isaac. 13 I will also make a nation of the son of the servant, because he is your child." 14 Abraham rose up early in the morning, and took bread and a container of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder; and gave her the child, and sent her away. She departed, and wandered in the wilderness of Beersheba. 15 The water in the container was spent. and she put the child under one of the shrubs. 16 She went and sat down opposite him, a good way off, about a bow shot away. For she said, "Don't let me see the death of the child." She sat opposite him, and lifted up her voice, and wept. 17 God heard the voice of the boy. The angel of God called to Hagar out of the sky. and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Don't be afraid. For God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. 18 Get up, lift up the boy, and hold him with your hand. For I will make him a great nation." 19 God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went, filled the container with water, and gave the boy a drink. 20 God was with the boy, and he grew. He lived in the wilderness, and as he grew up, he became an archer. 21 He lived in the wilderness of Paran. His mother got a wife for him out of the land of Egypt. 22 At that time. Abimelech and Phicol the captain of his army spoke to Abraham, saying, "God is with you in all that you do. 23 Now, therefore, swear to me here by God that you will not deal falsely with me, nor with my son, nor with my son's son. But according to the kindness that I have done to you, you shall do to me, and to the land in which you have lived as a foreigner." Abraham said, "I will swear." 25 Abraham complained to Abimelech because of a water well, which Abimelech's servants had violently taken away. 26 Abimelech said,

of which God had spoken to him. 3 Abraham called his "I don't know who has done this thing. You didn't tell

22 After these things, God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" He said, "Here I am." 2 He said, "Now take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, 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. 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 wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" 8 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 laid the wood in order, bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar, on the wood. 10 Abraham stretched out his hand, and took the knife to kill his son. 11 Yahweh's angel called to him out of the sky, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" He said, "Here I am." 12 He said, "Don't lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him. For now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." 13 Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and saw that behind him was a ram caught in the thicket by his horns. Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering instead of his son. 14 Abraham called the name of

Kemuel the father of Aram, 22 Chesed, Hazo, Pildash, possession for a burial place. Jidlaph, and Bethuel." 23 Bethuel became the father of Rebekah. These eight Milcah bore to Nahor, Abraham's brother. 24 His concubine, 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 (also called 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 children of Heth, saying, 4 "I am a stranger and a foreigner living with you. Give me a possession of a burying-place with you, that I may bury my dead out of my sight." 5 The children 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. Bury your dead." 7 Abraham rose up, and bowed himself to the people of the land, to the children of Heth. 8 He talked with them, saying, "If you agree that I should bury my dead out of my sight, hear me, and entreat for me to Ephron the son of Zohar, 9 that he may sell me the cave of Machpelah, which he has, which is in the end of his field. For the full price let him sell it to me among you as a possession for a burial place." 10 Now Ephron was sitting in the middle of the children of Heth. Ephron the Hittite answered Abraham in the hearing of the children 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 children 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 the land, saying, "But if you will, please hear me. I will give the price of the field. Take it from me, and I will bury my dead there." 14 Ephron answered Abraham, saying to him, 15 "My lord,

that place "Yahweh Will Provide". As it is said to this listen to me. What is a piece of land worth four hundred day, "On Yahweh's mountain, it will be provided." 15 shekels of silver between me and you? Therefore bury Yahweh's angel called to Abraham a second time out of your dead." 16 Abraham listened to Ephron. Abraham the sky, 16 and said, "'I have sworn by myself,' says weighed to Ephron the silver which he had named in the Yahweh, 'because you have done this thing, and have hearing of the children of Heth, four hundred shekels of not withheld your son, your only son, 17 that I will bless silver, according to the current merchants' standard. you greatly, and I will multiply your offspring greatly like 17 So the field of Ephron, which was in Machpelah, the stars of the heavens, and like the sand which is which was before Mamre, the field, the cave which was on the seashore. Your offspring will possess the gate in it, and all the trees that were in the field, that were of his enemies. 18 All the nations of the earth will be in all of its borders, were deeded 18 to Abraham for blessed by your offspring, because you have obeyed my a possession in the presence of the children of Heth, voice." 19 So Abraham returned to his young men, and before all who went in at the gate of his city. 19 After they rose up and went together to Beersheba. Abraham this, Abraham buried Sarah his wife in the cave of the lived at Beersheba. 20 After these things, Abraham was field of Machpelah before Mamre (that is, Hebron), in told, "Behold, Milcah, she also has borne children to the land of Canaan. 20 The field, and the cave that is in vour brother Nahor: 21 Uz his firstborn, Buz his brother, it, were deeded to Abraham by the children of Heth as a

> **24** Abraham was old, and well advanced in age. Yahweh 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 Yahweh, the God of heaven and the God of the earth, that you shall not take a wife for my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I live. 4 But you shall go to my country, and to my 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 bring your son again to the land you came from?" 6 Abraham said to him, "Beware that you don't bring my son there again. 7 Yahweh, 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 clear 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 of his master's camels, and departed, having a variety of good things of his master's with him. He arose, and went to Mesopotamia, 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, "Yahweh, the God of my master Abraham, please give me success today, and show kindness to my master Abraham. 13 Behold, 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 lady to whom I will say, 'Please let down your pitcher, that I may drink,' then she says,

'Drink, and I will also give your camels a drink.'—let her my master when she was old. He has given all that he be the one you have appointed for your servant Isaac. has to him. 37 My master made me swear, saying, 'You By this I will know that you have shown kindness to my shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of master." 15 Before he had finished speaking, behold, the Canaanites, in whose land I live, 38 but you shall go Rebekah came out, who was born to Bethuel the son to my father's house, and to my relatives, and take a of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, with wife for my son.' 39 I asked my master, 'What if the her pitcher on her shoulder. 16 The young lady was woman will not follow me?' 40 He said to me, 'Yahweh, very beautiful to look at, a virgin. No man had known before whom I walk, will send his angel with you, and her. She went down to the spring, filled her pitcher, and prosper your way. You shall take a wife for my son from came up. 17 The servant ran to meet her, and said, my relatives, and of my father's house. 41 Then you will "Please give me a drink, a little water from your pitcher." be clear from my oath, when you come to my relatives. 18 She said, "Drink, my lord." She hurried, and let down. If they don't give her to you, you shall be clear from my her pitcher on her hand, and gave him a drink. 19 When oath.' 42 I came today to the spring, and said, 'Yahweh, she had finished giving him a drink, she said, "I will also the God of my master Abraham, if now you do prosper draw for your camels, until they have finished drinking." my way which I go- 43 behold, I am standing by this 20 She hurried, and emptied her pitcher into the trough, spring of water. Let it happen, that the maiden who and ran again to the well to draw, and drew for all his comes out to draw, to whom I will say, "Please give me camels. 21 The man looked steadfastly at her, remaining a little water from your pitcher to drink," 44 then she tells silent, to know whether Yahweh had made his journey me, "Drink, and I will also draw for your camels,"—let prosperous or not. 22 As the camels had done drinking, her be the woman whom Yahweh has appointed for my the man took a golden ring of half a shekel weight, and master's son.' 45 Before I had finished speaking in my two bracelets for her hands of ten shekels weight of heart, behold, Rebekah came out with her pitcher on gold, 23 and said, "Whose daughter are you? Please her shoulder. She went down to the spring, and drew. I tell me. Is there room in your father's house for us to said to her, 'Please let me drink.' 46 She hurried and let stay?" 24 She said to him, "I am the daughter of Bethuel down her pitcher from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, the son of Milcah, whom she bore to Nahor." 25 She and I will also give your camels a drink.' So I drank, said moreover to him, "We have both straw and feed and she also gave the camels a drink, 47 I asked her. enough, and room to lodge in." 26 The man bowed his and said, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The head, and worshiped Yahweh. 27 He said, "Blessed be daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to Yahweh, the God of my master Abraham, who has not him.' I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her forsaken his loving kindness and his truth toward my hands. 48 I bowed my head, and worshiped Yahweh, master. As for me, Yahweh has led me on the way to and blessed Yahweh, the God of my master Abraham, the house of my master's relatives." 28 The young lady who had led me in the right way to take my master's ran, and told her mother's house about these words. brother's daughter for his son. 49 Now if you will deal 29 Rebekah had a brother, and his name was Laban. kindly and truly with my master, tell me. If not, tell me, Laban ran out to the man, to the spring. 30 When he that I may turn to the right hand, or to the left." 50 Then saw the ring, and the bracelets on his sister's hands, Laban and Bethuel answered, "The thing proceeds from and when he heard the words of Rebekah his sister, Yahweh. We can't speak to you bad or good. 51 Behold, saying, "This is what the man said to me," he came to Rebekah is before you. Take her, and go, and let her be the man. Behold, he was standing by the camels at the your master's son's wife, as Yahweh has spoken." 52 spring. 31 He said, "Come in, you blessed of Yahweh. When Abraham's servant heard their words, he bowed Why do you stand outside? For I have prepared the himself down to the earth to Yahweh. 53 The servant house, and room for the camels." 32 The man came brought out jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and into the house, and he unloaded the camels. He gave clothing, and gave them to Rebekah. He also gave straw and feed for the camels, and water to wash his precious things to her brother and her mother. 54 They feet and the feet of the men who were with him. 33 ate and drank, he and the men who were with him, and Food was set before him to eat, but he said, "I will not stayed all night. They rose up in the morning, and he eat until I have told my message." Laban said, "Speak said, "Send me away to my master." 55 Her brother and on." 34 He said, "I am Abraham's servant. 35 Yahweh her mother said, "Let the young lady stay with us a few has blessed my master greatly. He has become great. days, at least ten. After that she will go." 56 He said to Yahweh has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, them, "Don't hinder me, since Yahweh has prospered male servants and female servants, and camels and my way. Send me away that I may go to my master." 57

donkeys. 36 Sarah, my master's wife, bore a son to They said, "We will call the young lady, and ask her."

58 They called Rebekah, and said to her, "Will you go gave up his spirit and died, and was gathered to his with this man?" She said, "I will go." 59 They sent away people. 18 They lived from Havilah to Shur that is before Rebekah, their sister, with her nurse, Abraham's servant, Egypt, as you go toward Assyria. He lived opposite all and his men. 60 They blessed Rebekah, and said to his relatives. 19 This is the history of the generations her, "Our sister, may you be the mother of thousands of of Isaac, Abraham's son. Abraham became the father ten thousands, and let your offspring possess the gate of Isaac. 20 Isaac was forty years old when he took of those who hate them." 61 Rebekah arose with her Rebekah, the daughter of Bethuel the Syrian of Paddan ladies. They rode on the camels, and followed the man. Aram, the sister of Laban the Syrian, to be his wife. 21 The servant took Rebekah, and went his way. 62 Isaac Isaac entreated Yahweh for his wife, because she was came from the way of Beer Lahai Roi, for he lived in the barren. Yahweh was entreated by him, and Rebekah land of the South. 63 Isaac went out to meditate in the his wife conceived. 22 The children struggled together field at the evening. He lifted up his eyes and looked. within her. She said, "If it is like this, why do I live?" Behold, there were camels coming. 64 Rebekah lifted She went to inquire of Yahweh. 23 Yahweh said to up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac, she got off the her, "Two nations are in your womb. Two peoples will camel. 65 She said to the servant, "Who is the man who be separated from your body. The one people will be is walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It stronger than the other people. The elder will serve is my master." She took her veil, and covered herself. the younger." 24 When her days to be delivered were 66 The servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. fulfilled, behold, there were twins in her womb. 25 The 67 Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent, and first came out red all over, like a hairy garment. They took Rebekah, and she became his wife. He loved her. named him Esau. 26 After that, his brother came out, So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

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 were Ephah, Epher, Hanoch, Abida, and Eldaah. All these were the children of Keturah. 5 Abraham gave all that he had to Isaac, 6 but Abraham gave gifts to the sons of Abraham's concubines. While he still lived, he sent them away from Isaac his son, eastward, to the east country. 7 These are the days of the years of Abraham's life which he lived: one hundred seventy-five years. 8 Abraham gave up his spirit, and died at a good old age, an old man, and full of years, 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 Hittite, which is near Mamre, 10 Isaac went to Abimelech king of the Philistines, to Gerar. wife. 11 After the death of Abraham, God blessed Isaac, in this land, and I will be with you, and will bless you. birth: the firstborn of Ishmael, Nebaioth, then Kedar, will be blessed. 5 because Abraham obeyed my voice. sons of Ishmael, and these are their names, by their men of the place asked him about his wife. He said, villages, and by their encampments: twelve princes, "She is my sister," for he was afraid to say, "My wife",

and his hand had hold on Esau's heel. He was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. 27 The boys grew. Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field. Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. 28 Now Isaac loved Esau, because he ate his venison. Rebekah loved Jacob. 29 Jacob boiled stew. Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. 30 Esau said to Jacob. "Please feed me with some of that red stew, for I am famished." Therefore his name was called Edom. 31 Jacob said, "First, sell me your birthright." 32 Esau said, "Behold, I am about to die. What good is the birthright to me?" 33 Jacob said, "Swear to me first." He swore to him. He sold his birthright to Jacob. 34 Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew. He ate and drank, rose up, and went his way. So Esau despised his birthright.

26 There was a famine in the land, in addition to the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. the field which Abraham purchased from the children 2 Yahweh appeared to him, and said, "Don't go down of Heth. Abraham was buried there with Sarah, his into Egypt. Live in the land I will tell you about. 3 Live his son. Isaac lived by Beer Lahai Roi. 12 Now this is For I will give to you, and to your offspring, all these the history of the generations of Ishmael, Abraham's lands, and I will establish the oath which I swore to son, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah's servant, bore Abraham your father. 41 will multiply your offspring as to Abraham. 13 These are the names of the sons of the stars of the sky, and will give all these lands to your Ishmael, by their names, according to the order of their offspring. In your offspring all the nations of the earth Adbeel, Mibsam, 14 Mishma, Dumah, Massa, 15 Hadad, and kept my requirements, my commandments, my Tema, Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah. 16 These are the statutes, and my laws." 6 Isaac lived in Gerar. 7 The according to their nations. 17 These are the years of lest, he thought, "the men of the place might kill me the life of Ishmael: one hundred thirty-seven years. He for Rebekah, because she is beautiful to look at." 8

of the Philistines looked out at a window, and saw, rose up some time in the morning, and swore an oath to and, behold, Isaac was caressing Rebekah, his wife. 9 one another. Isaac sent them away, and they departed Abimelech called Isaac, and said, "Behold, surely she is from him in peace. 32 The same day, Isaac's servants your wife. Why did you say, 'She is my sister'?" Isaac came, and told him concerning the well which they had said to him, "Because I said, 'Lest I die because of her." dug, and said to him, "We have found water." 33 He 10 Abimelech said, "What is this you have done to us? called it "Shibah". Therefore the name of the city is One of the people might easily have lain with your wife, "Beersheba" to this day. 34 When Esau was forty years and you would have brought guilt on us!" 11 Abimelech old, he took as wife Judith, the daughter of Beeri the commanded all the people, saying, "He who touches Hittite, and Basemath, the daughter of Elon the Hittite. this man or his wife will surely be put to death." 12 35 They grieved Isaac's and Rebekah's spirits. Isaac sowed in that land, and reaped in the same year one hundred times what he planted. Yahweh blessed him. 13 The man grew great, and grew more and more until he became very great. 14 He had possessions of flocks, possessions of herds, and a great household. The Philistines envied him. 15 Now all the wells which his father's servants had dug in the days of Abraham his father, the Philistines had stopped, and filled with earth. 16 Abimelech said to Isaac, "Go away from us, for you are much mightier than we." 17 Isaac departed from there, encamped in the valley of Gerar, and lived there. 18 Isaac dug again the wells of water, which they had dug in the days of Abraham his father, for the Philistines had stopped them after the death of Abraham. He called their names after the names by which his father had called them. 19 Isaac's servants dug in the valley, and found there a well of flowing water. 20 The herdsmen of Gerar argued with Isaac's herdsmen, saying, "The water is ours." So he called the name of the well Esek, because they contended with him. 21 They dug another well, and they argued over that, also. So he called its name Sitnah. 22 He left that place, and dug another well. They didn't argue over that one. So he called it Rehoboth. He said, "For now Yahweh has made room for us, and we will be fruitful in the land." 23 He went up from there to Beersheba. 24 Yahweh appeared to him the same night, and said, "I am the God of Abraham your father. Don't be afraid, for I am with you, and will bless you, and multiply your offspring for my servant Abraham's sake." 25 He built an altar there, and called on Yahweh's name, and pitched his tent there. There Isaac's servants dug a well. 26 Then Abimelech went to him from Gerar with Ahuzzath his friend, and Phicol the captain 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 Yahweh was with you. We said, 'Let there now be an oath between us, even between us and you, and let's make a covenant with you, 29 that you will do us no harm, as we have not touched you, and as we have done to you nothing but good, and have sent you away in peace.' You are now the blessed of Yahweh." 30 He

When he had been there a long time. Abimelech king made them a feast, and they ate and drank. 31 They

27 When Isaac was old, and his eyes were dim, 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, "See now, I am old. I don't 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 get me venison. 4 Make me savory food, such as I love, and bring it to me, that I may eat, and that my soul may bless you before I die." 5 Rebekah heard when Isaac spoke to Esau his son. Esau went to the field to hunt for venison, and to bring it. 6 Rebekah spoke to Jacob her son, saying, "Behold, I heard your father speak to Esau your brother, saying, 7 'Bring me venison, and make me savory food, that I may eat, and bless you before Yahweh 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 two good young goats from there. I will make them savory food for your father, such as he loves. 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, "Behold, 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 made savory food, such as his father loved. 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 gave the savory food and the bread, which she had prepared, into the hand of 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 your firstborn. I have done what you asked me to do. Please arise, sit and eat of my venison, that your soul may bless me." 20 Isaac said to his son, "How is it that you have found it so quickly, my son?" He said, "Because Yahweh your God gave me success." 21

you, my son, whether you are really my son Esau or of mourning for my father are at hand. Then I will kill my not." 22 Jacob went near to Isaac his father. He felt him. brother Jacob." 42 The words of Esau, her elder son. and said, "The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands were told to Rebekah, She sent and called Jacob, her are the hands of Esau." 23 He didn't recognize him, younger son, and said to him, "Behold, your brother because his hands were hairy, like his brother Esau's Esau comforts himself about you by planning to kill you. hands. So he blessed him. 24 He said, "Are you really 43 Now therefore, my son, obey my voice. Arise, flee to my son Esau?" He said, "I am." 25 He said, "Bring it Laban, my brother, in Haran. 44 Stay with him a few near to me, and I will eat of my son's venison, that my days, until your brother's fury turns away— 45 until your soul may bless you." He brought it near to him, and he brother's anger turns away from you, and he forgets ate. He brought him wine, and he drank. 26 His father what you have done to him. Then I will send, and get Isaac said to him, "Come near now, and kiss me, my you from there. Why should I be bereaved of you both son." 27 He came near, and kissed him. He smelled in one day?" 46 Rebekah said to Isaac, "I am weary of the smell of his clothing, and blessed him, and said, my life because of the daughters of Heth. If Jacob takes "Behold, the smell of my son is as the smell of a field a wife of the daughters of Heth, such as these, of the which Yahweh has blessed. 28 God give you of the daughters of the land, what good will my life do me?" 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 As soon as Isaac had finished blessing Jacob, and Jacob had just gone out from the presence of Isaac his father. Esau his brother came in from his hunting. 31 He also made savory food, and brought it to his father. He said to his father, "Let my father arise, and eat of his son's venison, that your soul may bless me." 32 Isaac his father said to him, "Who are you?" He said. "I am your son, your firstborn, Esau." 33 Isaac trembled violently, and said, "Who, then, is he who has taken venison, and brought it to me, and I have eaten of all before you came, and have blessed him? Yes, he will be blessed." 34 When Esau heard the words of his father, he cried with an exceedingly great and bitter cry, 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 supplanted me these two times. He took away my birthright. See, now he has taken away my blessing." He said, "Haven't you reserved a blessing for me?" 37 Isaac answered Esau. "Behold. I have made him your lord, and all his brothers I have given to him for servants. I have sustained him with grain and new wine. What then will I do for you. my son?" 38 Esau said to his father, "Do you have just one blessing, my father? Bless me, even me also, my father." Esau lifted up his voice, and wept. 39 Isaac his father answered him, "Behold, your dwelling will be of the fatness of the earth, and of the dew of the sky from above. 40 You will live by your sword, and you will serve your brother. It will happen, when you will break loose, that you will shake his yoke from off your neck." 41 Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing with which

Isaac said to Jacob, "Please come near, that I may feel his father blessed him, Esau said in his heart, "The days

28 Isaac called Jacob, blessed him, and commanded him, "You shall not take a wife of 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 May God Almighty 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 offspring with you, that you may inherit the 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 Syrian, the brother of Rebekah, Jacob's and Esau's mother. 6 Now Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob and sent him away to Paddan Aram. to take him a wife from there, and that as he blessed him he gave him a command, saying, "You shall not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan;" 7 and that Jacob obeyed his father and his mother, and was gone to Paddan Aram. 8 Esau saw that the daughters of Canaan didn't please Isaac, his father. 9 So Esau went to Ishmael, and took, in addition to the wives that he had. Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael. Abraham's son. the sister of Nebaioth, to be his wife. 10 Jacob went out from Beersheba, and went toward Haran. 11 He came to a certain place, and stayed there all night, because the sun had set. He took one of the stones of the place, and put it under his head, and lay down in that place to sleep. 12 He dreamed and saw a stairway set upon the earth, and its top reached to heaven. Behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. 13 Behold, Yahweh stood above it, and said, "I am Yahweh, the God of Abraham your father, and the God of Isaac. I will give the land you lie on to you and to your offspring. 14 Your offspring will be as the dust of the earth, and you will spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south. In you and in your offspring, all the families of the earth will be blessed. 15 Behold, I

am with you, and will keep you, wherever you go, and wages be?" 16 Laban had two daughters. The name of will bring you again into this land. For I will not leave you the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was until I have done that which I have spoken of to you." 16 Rachel. 17 Leah's eyes were weak, but Rachel was Jacob awakened out of his sleep, and he said, "Surely beautiful in form and attractive. 18 Jacob loved Rachel. Yahweh is in this place, and I didn't know it." 17 He was He said, "I will serve you seven years for Rachel, your afraid, and said, "How awesome this place is! This is younger daughter." 19 Laban said, "It is better that I give none other than God's house, and this is the gate of her to you, than that I should give her to another man. heaven." 18 Jacob rose up early in the morning, and Stay with me." 20 Jacob served seven years for Rachel. took the stone that he had put under his head, and set it They seemed to him but a few days, for the love he had up for a pillar, and poured oil on its top. 19 He called the for her. 21 Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife, for name of that place Bethel, but the name of the city was my days are fulfilled, that I may go in to her." 22 Laban Luz at the first. 20 Jacob vowed a vow, saying, "If God gathered together all the men of the place, and made a will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, feast. 23 In the evening, he took Leah his daughter, and and will give me bread to eat, and clothing to put on, 21 brought her to Jacob. He went in to her. 24 Laban gave so that I come again to my father's house in peace. Zilpah his servant to his daughter Leah for a servant. 25 and Yahweh will be my God, 22 then this stone, which I In the morning, behold, it was Leah! He said to Laban, have set up for a pillar, will be God's house. Of all that "What is this you have done to me? Didn't I serve with you will give me I will surely give a tenth to you."

70 Then Jacob went on his journey, and came to the land of the children of the east. 2 He looked, and saw a well in the field, and saw three flocks of sheep lying there by it. For out of that well they watered the flocks. The stone on the well's mouth was large. 3 There all the flocks were gathered. They rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the sheep, and put the stone back on the well's mouth in its place. 4 Jacob said to them, "My relatives, where are you from?" They said, "We are from Haran." 5 He said to them, "Do you know Laban, the son of Nahor?" They said, "We know him." 6 He said to them, "Is it well with him?" They said, "It is well. See, Rachel, his daughter, is coming with the sheep." 7 He said, "Behold, it is still the middle of the day, not time to gather the livestock together. Water the sheep, and go and feed them." 8 They said, "We can't, until all the flocks are gathered together, and they roll the stone from the well's mouth. Then we will water the sheep." 9 While he was yet speaking with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep, for she kept them. 10 When Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of Laban, his mother's brother, and the sheep of Laban, his mother's brother, Jacob went near, and rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the flock of Laban his mother's brother. 11 Jacob kissed Rachel, and lifted up her father's relative, and that he was Rebekah's son. She ran and told her father. 13 When Laban heard the news of Jacob, his sister's son, he ran to meet Jacob, and embraced him, and kissed him, and brought him Laban said to him, "Surely you are my bone and my therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what will your

you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" 26 Laban said, "It is not done so in our place, to give the younger before the firstborn. 27 Fulfill the week of this one, and we will give you the other also for the service which you will serve with me for seven more years." 28 Jacob did so, and fulfilled her week. He gave him Rachel his daughter as wife. 29 Laban gave Bilhah, his servant, to his daughter Rachel to be her servant. 30 He went in also to Rachel, and he loved also Rachel more than Leah, and served with him seven more years. 31 Yahweh saw that Leah was hated, and he opened her womb, but Rachel was barren. 32 Leah conceived, and bore a son, and she named him Reuben. For she said, "Because Yahweh has looked at my affliction; for now my husband will love me." 33 She conceived again, and bore a son, and said, "Because Yahweh has heard that I am hated, he has therefore given me this son also." She named him Simeon. 34 She conceived again, and bore a son. She said, "Now this time my husband will be joined to me, because I have borne him three sons." Therefore his name was called Levi. 35 She conceived again, and bore a son. She said, "This time I will praise Yahweh." Therefore she named him Judah. Then she stopped bearing.

30 When Rachel saw that she bore Jacob no children, Rachel envied her sister. She said to Jacob, "Give his voice, and wept. 12 Jacob told Rachel that he was me children, or else I will die." 2 Jacob's anger burned against Rachel, and he said, "Am I in God's place, who has withheld from you the fruit of the womb?" 3 She said, "Behold, my maid Bilhah. Go in to her, that she may bear on my knees, and I also may obtain children to his house. Jacob told Laban all these things. 14 by her." 4 She gave him Bilhah her servant as wife, and Jacob went in to her. 5 Bilhah conceived, and bore flesh." Jacob stayed with him for a month. 15 Laban Jacob a son. 6 Rachel said, "God has judged me, and said to Jacob, "Because you are my relative, should you has also heard my voice, and has given me a son."

servant, conceived again, and bore Jacob a second and speckled among the goats. This will be my hire. 33 son. 8 Rachel said, "I have wrestled with my sister with So my righteousness will answer for me hereafter, when mighty wrestlings, and have prevailed." She named you come concerning my hire that is before you. Every him Naphtali. 9 When Leah saw that she had finished one that is not speckled and spotted among the goats, bearing, she took Zilpah, her servant, and gave her to and black among the sheep, that might be with me, will Jacob as a wife. 10 Zilpah, Leah's servant, bore Jacob be considered stolen." 34 Laban said, "Behold, let it a son. 11 Leah said, "How fortunate!" She named him be according to your word." 35 That day, he removed Gad. 12 Zilpah, Leah's servant, bore Jacob a second the male goats that were streaked and spotted, and son. 13 Leah said, "Happy am I, for the daughters will all the female goats that were speckled and spotted, call me happy." She named him Asher. 14 Reuben went every one that had white in it, and all the black ones in the days of wheat harvest, and found mandrakes in among the sheep, and gave them into the hand of his the field, and brought them to his mother, Leah. Then sons. 36 He set three days' journey between himself Rachel said to Leah, "Please give me some of your and Jacob, and Jacob fed the rest of Laban's flocks. son's mandrakes." 15 Leah said to her, "Is it a small 37 Jacob took to himself rods of fresh poplar, almond, matter that you have taken away my husband? Would and plane tree, peeled white streaks in them, and made you take away my son's mandrakes, also?" Rachel the white appear which was in the rods. 38 He set said, "Therefore he will lie with you tonight for your the rods which he had peeled opposite the flocks in son's mandrakes." 16 Jacob came from the field in the the watering troughs where the flocks came to drink. evening, and Leah went out to meet him, and said, "You They conceived when they came to drink. 39 The flocks must come in to me; for I have surely hired you with my conceived before the rods, and the flocks produced son's mandrakes." He lay with her that night. 17 God streaked, speckled, and spotted. 40 Jacob separated listened to Leah, and she conceived, and bore Jacob a the lambs, and set the faces of the flocks toward the fifth son. 18 Leah said, "God has given me my hire, streaked and all the black in Laban's flock. He put his because I gave my servant to my husband." She named own droves apart, and didn't put them into Laban's him Issachar. 19 Leah conceived again, and bore a flock. 41 Whenever the stronger of the flock conceived, sixth son to Jacob. 20 Leah said, "God has endowed Jacob laid the rods in front of the eyes of the flock in the me with a good dowry. Now my husband will live with watering troughs, that they might conceive among the me, because I have borne him six sons." She named rods; 42 but when the flock were feeble, he didn't put him Zebulun. 21 Afterwards, she bore a daughter, and them in. So the feebler were Laban's, and the stronger named her Dinah. 22 God remembered Rachel, and Jacob's. 43 The man increased exceedingly, and had God listened to her, and opened her womb. 23 She large flocks, female servants and male servants, and conceived, bore a son, and said, "God has taken away camels and donkeys. my reproach." 24 She named him Joseph, saying, "May Yahweh add another son to me." 25 When Rachel had borne Joseph, Jacob said to Laban, "Send me away, that I may go to my own place, and to my country. 26 Give me my wives and my children for whom I have served you, and let me go; for you know my service with which I have served you." 27 Laban said to him, "If now I have found favor in your eyes, stay here, for I have divined that Yahweh has blessed me for your sake." 28 He said, "Appoint me your wages, and I will give it." 29 Jacob said to him, "You know how I have served you, and how your livestock have fared with me. 30 For it was little which you had before I came, and it has increased to a multitude. Yahweh has blessed you wherever I turned. Now when will I provide for my own house also?" 31 Laban said, "What shall I give you?" Jacob said, "You shall not give me anything. If you will do this thing for me, I will again feed your flock and keep it. 32 I will pass through all your flock today, removing from there every speckled and spotted one,

Therefore she called his name Dan. 7 Bilhah, Rachel's and every black one among the sheep, and the spotted

31 Jacob heard Laban's sons' words, saying, "Jacob has taken away all that was our father's. He has obtained all this wealth from that which was our father's." 2 Jacob saw the expression on Laban's face, and, behold, it was not toward him as before. 3 Yahweh 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 to his flock, 5 and said to them, "I see the expression on your father's face, that it is not toward me as before; but the God of my father has been with me. 6 You know that I have served your father with all of my strength. 7 Your father has deceived me, and changed my wages ten times, but God didn't allow him to hurt me. 8 If he said, 'The speckled will be your wages,' then all the flock bore speckled. If he said, 'The streaked will be your wages,' then all the flock bore streaked. 9 Thus God has taken away your father's livestock, and given them to me. 10 During mating season, I lifted up my eyes, and saw in a dream, and behold, the male goats which leaped

The angel of God said to me in the dream, 'Jacob,' entered into Rachel's tent. 34 Now Rachel had taken and I said, 'Here I am.' 12 He said, 'Now lift up your the teraphim, put them in the camel's saddle, and sat on eyes, and behold, all the male goats which leap on the them. Laban felt around all the tent, but didn't find them. flock are streaked, speckled, and grizzled, for I have 35 She said to her father, "Don't let my lord be angry seen all that Laban does to you. 13 I am the God of that I can't rise up before you; for I'm having my period." Bethel, where you anointed a pillar, where you vowed He searched, but didn't find the teraphim. 36 Jacob was a vow to me. Now arise, get out from this land, and angry, and argued with Laban. Jacob answered Laban, return to the land of your birth." 14 Rachel and Leah "What is my trespass? What is my sin, that you have answered him, "Is there yet any portion or inheritance hotly pursued me? 37 Now that you have felt around in for us in our father's house? 15 Aren't we considered as all my stuff, what have you found of all your household foreigners by him? For he has sold us, and has also stuff? Set it here before my relatives and your relatives, used up our money. 16 For all the riches which God has that they may judge between us two. 38 "These twenty taken away from our father are ours and our children's. years I have been with you. Your ewes and your female Now then, whatever God has said to you, do." 17 Then goats have not cast their young, and I haven't eaten the Jacob rose up, and set his sons and his wives on the rams of your flocks. 39 That which was torn of animals, camels, 18 and he took away all his livestock, and I didn't bring to you. I bore its loss. Of my hand you all his possessions which he had gathered, including required it, whether stolen by day or stolen by night. 40 the livestock which he had gained in Paddan Aram, to This was my situation: in the day the drought consumed go to Isaac his father, to the land of Canaan. 19 Now me, and the frost by night; and my sleep fled from my Laban had gone to shear his sheep; and Rachel stole eyes. 41 These twenty years I have been in your house. the teraphim that were her father's. 20 Jacob deceived I served you fourteen years for your two daughters, Laban the Syrian, in that he didn't tell him that he was and six years for your flock, and you have changed my running away. 21 So he fled with all that he had. He wages ten times. 42 Unless the God of my father, the rose up, passed over the River, and set his face toward God of Abraham, and the fear of Isaac, had been with the mountain of Gilead. 22 Laban was told on the third me, surely now you would have sent me away empty. day that Jacob had fled. 23 He took his relatives with God has seen my affliction and the labor of my hands, him, and pursued him seven days' journey. He overtook and rebuked you last night." 43 Laban answered Jacob, him in the mountain of Gilead. 24 God came to Laban "The daughters are my daughters, the children are my the Syrian in a dream of the night, and said to him, children, the flocks are my flocks, and all that you see is "Be careful that you don't speak to Jacob either good mine! What can I do today to these my daughters, or to or bad." 25 Laban caught up with Jacob. Now Jacob their children whom they have borne? 44 Now come, had pitched his tent in the mountain, and Laban with let's make a covenant, you and I. Let it be for a witness his relatives encamped in the mountain of Gilead. 26 between me and you." 45 Jacob took a stone, and set it Laban said to Jacob, "What have you done, that you up for a pillar. 46 Jacob said to his relatives, "Gather have deceived me, and carried away my daughters like stones." They took stones, and made a heap. They ate captives of the sword? 27 Why did you flee secretly, and there by the heap. 47 Laban called it Jegar Sahadutha, deceive me, and didn't tell me, that I might have sent but Jacob called it Galeed. 48 Laban said, "This heap is you away with mirth and with songs, with tambourine witness between me and you today." Therefore it was and with harp; 28 and didn't allow me to kiss my sons named Galeed 49 and Mizpah, for he said, "Yahweh and my daughters? Now have you done foolishly. 29 It watch between me and you, when we are absent one is in the power of my hand to hurt you, but the God of from another, 50 lf you afflict my daughters, or if you your father spoke to me last night, saying, 'Be careful take wives in addition to my daughters, no man is with that you don't speak to Jacob either good or bad.' 30 us; behold, God is witness between me and you." 51 Now, you want to be gone, because you greatly longed Laban said to Jacob, "See this heap, and see the pillar, for your father's house, but why have you stolen my which I have set between me and you. 52 May this heap gods?" 31 Jacob answered Laban, "Because I was be a witness, and the pillar be a witness, that I will not afraid, for I said, 'Lest you should take your daughters pass over this heap to you, and that you will not pass from me by force.' 32 Anyone you find your gods with over this heap and this pillar to me, for harm. 53 The shall not live. Before our relatives, discern what is yours God of Abraham, and the God of Nahor, the God of their with me, and take it." For Jacob didn't know that Rachel father, judge between us." Then Jacob swore by the had stolen them. 33 Laban went into Jacob's tent, into fear of his father, Isaac. 54 Jacob offered a sacrifice in Leah's tent, and into the tent of the two female servants; the mountain, and called his relatives to eat bread. They

on the flock were streaked, speckled, and grizzled. 11 but he didn't find them. He went out of Leah's tent, and

returned to his place.

32 Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him. 2 When he saw them, Jacob said, "This is God's army." He called the name of that place Mahanaim. 3 Jacob sent messengers in front of him to Esau, his brother, to the land of Seir, the field 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. He is coming to meet you, and four hundred men are with him." 7 Then Jacob was greatly afraid and was distressed. He divided the people who were with him, along with the flocks, the herds, and the camels, into two companies. 8 He said, "If Esau comes to the one company, and strikes it, then the company which is left will escape." 9 Jacob said, "God of my father Abraham, and God of my father Isaac, Yahweh, 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 truth, which you have shown to your servant; for with just my staff I crossed over this Jordan; and now I have become two companies. 11 Please deliver me from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau; for I fear him, lest he come and strike me and the mothers with the children. 12 You said, 'I will surely do you good, and make your offspring as the sand of the sea, which can't be counted night, and took from that which he had with him a present for Esau, his brother: 14 two hundred female goats and twenty male goats, two hundred ewes and twenty rams, 15 thirty milk camels and their colts, forty cows, ten bulls, twenty female donkeys and ten foals. **16** He delivered them into the hands of his servants, every herd by itself, and said to his servants, "Pass over before me, and put a space between herd and herd." 17 He commanded the foremost, saying, "When Esau, my brother, meets you, and asks you, saying, 'Whose are you? Where are you going? Whose are your servant. Jacob's, It is a present sent to my lord.

ate bread, and stayed all night in the mountain. 55 Early "I will appease him with the present that goes before in the morning, Laban rose up, and kissed his sons and me, and afterward I will see his face. Perhaps he will his daughters, and blessed them. Laban departed and accept me." 21 So the present passed over before him, and he himself stayed that night in the camp. 22 He rose up that night, and took his two wives, and his two servants, and his eleven sons, and crossed over the ford of the Jabbok. 23 He took them, and sent them over the stream, and sent over that which he had. 24 Jacob was left alone, and wrestled with a man there until the breaking of the day. 25 When he saw that he didn't prevail against him, the man touched the hollow of his thigh, and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was strained as he wrestled. 26 The man said, "Let me go, for the day breaks." Jacob said, "I won't let you go unless you bless me." 27 He said to him, "What is your name?" He said, "Jacob". 28 He said, "Your name will no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have fought with God and with men, and have prevailed." 29 Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." He said, "Why is it that you ask what my name is?" So he blessed him there. 30 Jacob called the name of the place Peniel; for he said, "I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved." 31 The sun rose on him as he passed over Peniel, and he limped because of his thigh. 32 Therefore the children of Israel don't eat the sinew of the hip, which is on the hollow of the thigh, to this day, because he touched the hollow of Jacob's thigh in the sinew of the hip.

33 Jacob lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, behold, Esau was coming, and with him four hundred men. He divided the children between Leah, Rachel, and the two servants. 2 He put the servants and their children in front. Leah and her children after, and Rachel and Joseph at the rear. 3 He himself passed over in front of them, and bowed himself to the ground seven because there are so many." 13 He stayed there that times, until he came near to his brother. 4 Esau ran to meet him, embraced him, fell on his neck, kissed him, and they wept. 5 He lifted up his eyes, and saw the women and the children; and said, "Who are these with you?" He said, "The children whom God has graciously given your servant." 6 Then the servants came near with their children, and they bowed themselves. 7 Leah also and her children came near, and bowed themselves. After them, Joseph came near with Rachel, and they bowed themselves. 8 Esau said, "What do you mean by all this company which I met?" Jacob said, "To find favor in the sight of my lord." 9 Esau said, "I have enough, my these before you?' 18 Then you shall say, 'They are brother; let that which you have be yours." 10 Jacob said, "Please, no, if I have now found favor in your sight, Esau. Behold, he also is behind us." 19 He commanded then receive my present at my hand, because I have also the second, and the third, and all that followed the seen your face, as one sees the face of God, and you herds, saying, "This is how you shall speak to Esau, were pleased with me. 11 Please take the gift that I when you find him. 20 You shall say, 'Not only that, but brought to you, because God has dealt graciously with behold, your servant, Jacob, is behind us." For, he said, me, and because I have enough." He urged him, and

called it El Elohe Israel.

21 Dinah, the daughter of Leah, whom she bore to Jacob, went out to see the daughters of the land. 2 Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, the prince of the land, saw her. He took her, lay with her, and humbled her. 3 His soul joined to Dinah, the daughter of Jacob, and he loved the young lady, and spoke kindly to the young lady. 4 Shechem spoke to his father, Hamor, saying, "Get me this young lady as a wife." 5 Now Jacob heard that he had defiled Dinah, his daughter; and his sons were with his livestock in the field. Jacob held his peace until they came. 6 Hamor the father of Shechem went out to Jacob to talk with him. 7 The sons of Jacob came in from the field when they heard it. The men were grieved, and they were very angry, because he had done folly in Israel in lying with Jacob's daughter, a thing that ought not to be done. 8 Hamor talked with them, saying, "The soul of my son, Shechem, longs for your daughter. Please give her to him as a wife. 9 Make marriages with us. Give your daughters to us, and take our daughters for yourselves. 10 You shall dwell with us, and the land will be before you. Live and trade in it, and get possessions in it." 11 Shechem said to her father and to her brothers, "Let me find favor in your eyes, and whatever you will tell me I will give. 12 Ask me a great amount for a dowry, and I will give whatever you ask of me, but give me the young lady as a wife." 13 The sons of Jacob answered Shechem and Hamor his father with deceit when they spoke, because he had defiled

he took it. 12 Esau said. "Let's take our journey, and for that is a reproach to us. 15 Only on this condition let's go, and I will go before you." 13 Jacob said to him, will we consent to you. If you will be as we are, that "My lord knows that the children are tender, and that every male of you be circumcised, 16 then will we give the flocks and herds with me have their young, and if our daughters to you; and we will take your daughters they overdrive them one day, all the flocks will die. 14 to us, and we will dwell with you, and we will become Please let my lord pass over before his servant, and I one people. 17 But if you will not listen to us and be will lead on gently, according to the pace of the livestock circumcised, then we will take our sister, and we will be that are before me and according to the pace of the gone." 18 Their words pleased Hamor and Shechem, children, until I come to my lord to Seir." 15 Esau said, Hamor's son. 19 The young man didn't wait to do this "Let me now leave with you some of the people who are thing, because he had delight in Jacob's daughter, and with me." He said, "Why? Let me find favor in the sight he was honored above all the house of his father. 20 of my lord." 16 So Esau returned that day on his way Hamor and Shechem, his son, came to the gate of their to Seir. 17 Jacob traveled to Succoth, built himself a city, and talked with the men of their city, saying, 21 house, and made shelters for his livestock. Therefore "These men are peaceful with us. Therefore let them the name of the place is called Succoth. 18 Jacob came live in the land and trade in it. For behold, the land is in peace to the city of Shechem, which is in the land large enough for them. Let's take their daughters to us of Canaan, when he came from Paddan Aram; and for wives, and let's give them our daughters. 22 Only on encamped before the city. 19 He bought the parcel of this condition will the men consent to us to live with ground where he had spread his tent, at the hand of the us, to become one people, if every male among us is children of Hamor, Shechem's father, for one hundred circumcised, as they are circumcised. 23 Won't their pieces of money. 20 He erected an altar there, and livestock and their possessions and all their animals be ours? Only let's give our consent to them, and they will dwell with us." 24 All who went out of the gate of his city listened to Hamor, and to Shechem his son; and every male was circumcised, all who went out of the gate of his city. 25 On the third day, when they were sore, two of Jacob's sons, Simeon and Levi, Dinah's brothers, each took his sword, came upon the unsuspecting city, and killed all the males. 26 They killed Hamor and Shechem, his son, with the edge of the sword, and took Dinah out of Shechem's house, and went away. 27 Jacob's sons came on the dead, and plundered the city, because they had defiled their sister. 28 They took their flocks, their herds, their donkeys, that which was in the city, that which 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 house. 30 Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, "You have troubled me, to make me odious to the inhabitants of the land, among the Canaanites and the Perizzites. I am few in number. They will gather themselves together against me and strike me, and I will be destroyed. I and my house." 31 They said, "Should he deal with our sister as with a prostitute?"

35 God said to Jacob, "Arise, go up to Bethel, and live there. Make there an altar to God, who appeared to you when you fled from the face of Esau your brother." 2 Then Jacob said to his household, and to all who were with him, "Put away the foreign gods that are among you, purify yourselves, and change your garments. 3 Dinah their sister, 14 and said to them, "We can't do this Let's arise, and go up to Bethel. I will make there an altar thing, to give our sister to one who is uncircumcised; to God, who answered me in the day of my distress, and was with me on the way which I went." 4 They gave to

the rings which were in their ears; and Jacob hid them Elon, the Hittite; and Oholibamah the daughter of Anah, under the oak which was by Shechem. 5 They traveled, the daughter of Zibeon, the Hivite; 3 and Basemath, and a terror of God was on the cities that were around Ishmael's daughter, sister of Nebaioth. 4 Adah bore to them, and they didn't pursue the sons of Jacob. 6 So Esau Eliphaz. Basemath bore Reuel. 5 Oholibamah Jacob came to Luz (that is, Bethel), which is in the land bore Jeush, Jalam, and Korah. These are the sons of of Canaan, he and all the people who were with him. Esau, who were born to him in the land of Canaan. 7 He built an altar there, and called the place El Beth 6 Esau took his wives, his sons, his daughters, and El; because there God was revealed to him, when he all the members of his household, with his livestock, fled from the face of his brother. 8 Deborah, Rebekah's all his animals, and all his possessions, which he had nurse, died, and she was buried below Bethel under gathered in the land of Canaan, and went into a land the oak; and its name was called Allon Bacuth. 9 God away from his brother Jacob. 7 For their substance appeared to Jacob again, when he came from Paddan was too great for them to dwell together, and the land Aram, and blessed him. 10 God said to him, "Your name of their travels couldn't bear them because of their is Jacob. Your name shall not be Jacob any more, but livestock. 8 Esau lived in the hill country of Seir. Esau is your name will be Israel." He named him Israel. 11 God Edom. 9 This is the history of the generations of Esau said to him, "I am God Almighty. Be fruitful and multiply. the father of the Edomites in the hill country of Seir: A nation and a company of nations will be from you, 10 these are the names of Esau's sons: Eliphaz, the and kings will come out of your body. 12 The land which son of Adah, the wife of Esau; and Reuel, the son of I gave to Abraham and Isaac, I will give it to you, and to Basemath, the wife of Esau. 11 The sons of Eliphaz your offspring after you I will give the land." 13 God were Teman, Omar, Zepho, and Gatam, and Kenaz. 12 went up from him in the place where he spoke with him. Timna was concubine to Eliphaz, Esau's son; and she 14 Jacob set up a pillar in the place where he spoke with bore to Eliphaz Amalek. These are the descendants of him, a pillar of stone. He poured out a drink offering on Adah, Esau's wife. 13 These are the sons of Reuel: it, and poured oil on it. 15 Jacob called the name of Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah. These were the place where God spoke with him "Bethel". 16 They the descendants of Basemath, Esau's wife. 14 These traveled from Bethel. There was still some distance to were the sons of Oholibamah, the daughter of Anah, come to Ephrath, and Rachel travailed. She had hard the daughter of Zibeon, Esau's wife: she bore to Esau labor. 17 When she was in hard labor, the midwife said Jeush, Jalam, and Korah. 15 These are the chiefs of the to her, "Don't be afraid, for now you will have another sons of Esau: the sons of Eliphaz the firstborn of Esau: son." 18 As her soul was departing (for she died), she chief Teman, chief Omar, chief Zepho, chief Kenaz, named him Benoni, but his father named him Benjamin. 16 chief Korah, chief Gatam, chief Amalek. These are 19 Rachel died, and was buried on the way to Ephrath the chiefs who came of Eliphaz in the land of Edom. (also called Bethlehem). 20 Jacob set up a pillar on her These are the sons of Adah. 17 These are the sons grave. The same is the Pillar of Rachel's grave to this of Reuel, Esau's son: chief Nahath, chief Zerah, chief day. 21 Israel traveled, and spread his tent beyond the Shammah, chief Mizzah. These are the chiefs who tower of Eder. 22 While Israel lived in that land, Reuben came of Reuel in the land of Edom. These are the sons went and lay with Bilhah, his father's concubine, and of Basemath, Esau's wife. 18 These are the sons of Israel heard of it. Now the sons of Jacob were twelve. 23 Oholibamah, Esau's wife: chief Jeush, chief Jalam, chief The sons of Leah: Reuben (Jacob's firstborn), Simeon, Korah. These are the chiefs who came of Oholibamah Levi, Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun. 24 The sons of the daughter of Anah, Esau's wife. 19 These are the Rachel: Joseph and Benjamin. 25 The sons of Bilhah sons of Esau (that is, Edom), and these are their chiefs. (Rachel's servant): Dan and Naphtali. 26 The sons of 20 These are the sons of Seir the Horite, the inhabitants Zilpah (Leah's servant): Gad and Asher. These are the of the land: Lotan, Shobal, Zibeon, Anah, 21 Dishon, sons of Jacob, who were born to him in Paddan Aram. Ezer, and Dishan. These are the chiefs who came of the 27 Jacob came to Isaac his father, to Mamre, to Kiriath Horites, the children of Seir in the land of Edom. 22 The Arba (which is Hebron), where Abraham and Isaac lived children of Lotan were Hori and Heman. Lotan's sister as foreigners. 28 The days of Isaac were one hundred was Timna. 23 These are the children of Shobal: Alvan, eighty years. 29 Isaac gave up the spirit and died, and Manahath, Ebal, Shepho, and Onam. 24 These are the was gathered to his people, old and full of days. Esau children of Zibeon: Aiah and Anah. This is Anah who and Jacob, his sons, buried him.

36 Now this is the history of the generations of Esau (that is, Edom). 2 Esau took his wives

Jacob all the foreign gods which were in their hands, and from the daughters of Canaan; Adah the daughter of found the hot springs in the wilderness, as he fed the donkeys of Zibeon his father. 25 These are the children of Anah: Dishon and Oholibamah, the daughter of Anah.

26 These are the children of Dishon: Hemdan, Eshban, to his brothers, and said, "Behold, I have dreamed vet Ithran, and Cheran. 27 These are the children of Ezer: another dream: and behold, the sun and the moon and Bilhan, Zaavan, and Akan. 28 These are the children eleven stars bowed down to me." 10 He told it to his of Dishan: Uz and Aran. 29 These are the chiefs who father and to his brothers. His father rebuked him, and came of the Horites: chief Lotan, chief Shobal, chief said to him, "What is this dream that you have dreamed? Zibeon, chief Anah, 30 chief Dishon, chief Ezer, and Will I and your mother and your brothers indeed come chief Dishan. These are the chiefs who came of the to bow ourselves down to the earth before you?" 11 His Horites, according to their chiefs in the land of Seir. 31 brothers envied him, but his father kept this saying in These are the kings who reigned in the land of Edom, mind. 12 His brothers went to feed their father's flock in before any king reigned over the children of Israel. 32 Shechem. 13 Israel said to Joseph, "Aren't your brothers Bela, the son of Beor, reigned in Edom. The name of feeding the flock in Shechem? Come, and I will send his city was Dinhabah. 33 Bela died, and Jobab, the you to them." He said to him, "Here I am." 14 He said to son of Zerah of Bozrah, reigned in his place. 34 Jobab him, "Go now, see whether it is well with your brothers, died, and Husham of the land of the Temanites reigned and well with the flock; and bring me word again." So he in his place. 35 Husham died, and Hadad, the son of sent him out of the valley of Hebron, and he came to Bedad, who struck Midian in the field of Moab, reigned Shechem. 15 A certain man found him, and behold, in his place. The name of his city was Avith. 36 Hadad he was wandering in the field. The man asked him, died, and Samlah of Masrekah reigned in his place. "What are you looking for?" 16 He said, "I am looking for 37 Samlah died, and Shaul of Rehoboth by the river, my brothers. Tell me, please, where they are feeding reigned in his place. 38 Shaul died, and Baal Hanan the the flock." 17 The man said, "They have left here, for I son of Achbor reigned in his place. 39 Baal Hanan the heard them say, 'Let's go to Dothan." Joseph went after son of Achbor died, and Hadar reigned in his place. his brothers, and found them in Dothan. 18 They saw The name of his city was Pau. His wife's name was him afar off, and before he came near to them, they Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred, the daughter of conspired against him to kill him. 19 They said to one Mezahab. 40 These are the names of the chiefs who another, "Behold, this dreamer comes. 20 Come now came from Esau, according to their families, after their therefore, and let's kill him, and cast him into one of places, and by their names: chief Timna, chief Alvah, the pits, and we will say, 'An evil animal has devoured chief Jetheth, 41 chief Oholibamah, chief Elah, chief him.' We will see what will become of his dreams." 21 Pinon, 42 chief Kenaz, chief Teman, chief Mibzar, 43 Reuben heard it, and delivered him out of their hand, chief Magdiel, and chief Iram. These are the chiefs of and said, "Let's not take his life." 22 Reuben said to Edom, according to their habitations in the land of their them, "Shed no blood. Throw him into this pit that is in possession. This is Esau, the father of the Edomites.

37 Jacob lived in the land of his father's travels, in the land of Canaan. 2 This is the history of the generations of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brothers. He was a boy with the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives. Joseph brought an evil report of them to their father. 3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age, and he made him a tunic of many colors. 4 His brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, and they hated him, and couldn't speak peaceably to him. 5 Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it to his brothers, and they hated him all the more. 6 He said to them, "Please hear this dream which I have dreamed: 7 for behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and behold, my sheaf arose and also stood upright; and behold, your sheaves came around, and bowed down to my sheaf." 8 His brothers asked him, "Will you indeed reign over us? Will you indeed have dominion over us?" They hated him all the more for his dreams and for his words. 9 He dreamed yet another dream, and told it

the wilderness, but lay no hand on him"—that he might deliver him out of their hand, to restore him to his father. 23 When Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped Joseph of his tunic, the tunic of many colors that was on him; 24 and they took him, and threw him into the pit. The pit was empty. There was no water in it. 25 They sat down to eat bread, and they lifted up their eyes and looked, and saw a caravan of Ishmaelites was coming from Gilead, with their camels bearing spices and balm and myrrh, going to carry it down to Egypt. 26 Judah said to his brothers. "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? 27 Come, and let's sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not let our hand be on him; for he is our brother, our flesh." His brothers listened to him. 28 Midianites who were merchants passed by, and they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the pit, and sold Joseph to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. The merchants brought Joseph into Egypt. 29 Reuben returned to the pit, and saw that Joseph wasn't in the pit; and he tore his clothes. 30 He returned to his brothers, and said, "The child is no more; and I, where will I go?" 31 They took Joseph's tunic, and killed a male goat, and

him. Joseph is without doubt torn in pieces." 34 Jacob young goat by the hand of his friend, the Adullamite, tore his clothes, and put sackcloth on his waist, and to receive the pledge from the woman's hand, but he mourned for his son many days. 35 All his sons and all didn't find her. 21 Then he asked the men of her place, officer of Pharaoh's, the captain of the guard.

38 At that time, Judah went down from his brothers, and visited a certain Adullamite, whose name was Hirah. 2 There, Judah saw the daughter of a certain Canaanite man named Shua. He took her, and went in to her. 3 She conceived, and bore a son; and he named him Er. 4 She conceived again, and bore a son; and she named him Onan. 5 She yet again bore a son, and named him Shelah. He was at Chezib when she bore him. 6 Judah took a wife for Er, his firstborn, and her name was Tamar. 7 Er, Judah's firstborn, was wicked in Yahweh's sight. So Yahweh killed him. 8 Judah said to Onan, "Go in to your brother's wife, and perform the duty of a husband's brother to her, and raise up offspring for your brother." 9 Onan knew that the offspring wouldn't be his; and when he went in to his brother's wife, he spilled his semen on the ground, lest he should give offspring to his brother. 10 The thing which he did was evil in Yahweh's sight, and he killed him also. 11 Then Judah said to Tamar, his daughterin-law, "Remain a widow in your father's house, until Shelah, my son, is grown up;" for he said, "Lest he also die, like his brothers." Tamar went and lived in her father's house. 12 After many days, Shua's daughter, the wife of Judah, died. Judah was comforted, and went up to his sheep shearers to Timnah, he and his friend Hirah, the Adullamite. 13 Tamar was told, "Behold, your father-in-law is going up to Timnah to shear his sheep." 14 She took off the garments of her widowhood, and covered herself with her veil, and wrapped herself, and sat in the gate of Enaim, which is on the way to Timnah; for she saw that Shelah was grown up, and she wasn't given to him as a wife. 15 When Judah saw her, he thought that she was a prostitute, for she had covered her face. 16 He turned to her by the way, and said, "Please come, let me come in to you," for he didn't know that she was his daughter-in-law. She said, "What will you give me, that you may come in to me?" He said, "I will send you a young goat from the flock." She said, "Will you give me a pledge, until you send and she said, "Lie with me." 8 But he refused, and said it?" 18 He said, "What pledge will I give you?" She to his master's wife, "Behold, my master doesn't know

dipped the tunic in the blood. 32 They took the tunic said. "Your signet and your cord, and your staff that of many colors, and they brought it to their father, and is in your hand." He gave them to her, and came in said, "We have found this. Examine it, now, and see if to her, and she conceived by him. 19 She arose, and it is your son's tunic or not." 33 He recognized it, and went away, and put off her veil from her, and put on said, "It is my son's tunic. An evil animal has devoured the garments of her widowhood. 20 Judah sent the his daughters rose up to comfort him, but he refused to saying, "Where is the prostitute, that was at Enaim by be comforted. He said, "For I will go down to Sheol to the road?" They said, "There has been no prostitute my son, mourning." His father wept for him. (Sheol h7585) here." 22 He returned to Judah, and said, "I haven't 36 The Midianites sold him into Egypt to Potiphar, an found her; and also the men of the place said, 'There has been no prostitute here." 23 Judah said, "Let her keep it, lest we be shamed. Behold, I sent this young goat, and you haven't found her." 24 About three months later. Judah was told, "Tamar, your daughter-in-law, has played the prostitute. Moreover, behold, she is with child by prostitution." Judah said, "Bring her out, and let her be burned." 25 When she was brought out, she sent to her father-in-law, saying, "I am with child by the man who owns these." She also said, "Please discern whose these are—the signet, and the cords, and the staff." 26 Judah acknowledged them, and said, "She is more righteous than I, because I didn't give her to Shelah, my son." He knew her again no more. 27 In the time of her travail, behold, twins were in her womb. 28 When she travailed, one put out a hand, and the midwife took and tied a scarlet thread on his hand, saying, "This came out first." 29 As he drew back his hand, behold, his brother came out, and she said, "Why have you made a breach for yourself?" Therefore his name was called Perez. 30 Afterward his brother came out, who had the scarlet thread on his hand, and his name was called Zerah.

39 Joseph was brought down to Egypt. Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh's, the captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him from the hand of the Ishmaelites that had brought him down there. 2 Yahweh was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man. He was in the house of his master the Egyptian. 3 His master saw that Yahweh was with him, and that Yahweh made all that he did prosper in his hand. 4 Joseph found favor in his sight. He ministered to him, and Potiphar made him overseer over his house, and all that he had he put into his hand. 5 From the time that he made him overseer in his house, and over all that he had, Yahweh blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake. Yahweh's blessing was on all that he had, in the house and in the field. 6 He left all that he had in Joseph's hand. He didn't concern himself with anything, except for the food which he ate. Joseph was well-built and handsome. 7 After these things, his master's wife set her eyes on Joseph;

did, Yahweh made it prosper.

After these things, the butler of the king of Egypt him. and his baker offended their lord, the king of Egypt. 2 Pharaoh was angry with his two officers, the 41 At the end of two full years, Pharaoh dreamed, chief cup bearer and the chief baker. 3 He put them in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, into the prison, the place where Joseph was bound. 4 The captain of the guard assigned them to Joseph, and he took care of them. They stayed in prison many days. 5 They both dreamed a dream, each man his dream, in one night, each man according to the interpretation of his dream, the cup bearer and the baker of the king of Egypt, who were bound in the prison. 6 Joseph came in to them in the morning, and saw 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

what is with me in the house, and he has put all that he have dreamed a dream, and there is no one who can has into my hand. 9 No one is greater in this house interpret it." Joseph said to them, "Don't interpretations than I am, and he has not kept back anything from me belong to God? Please tell it to me." 9 The chief cup but you, because you are his wife. How then can I do bearer told his dream to Joseph, and said to him, "In this great wickedness, and sin against God?" 10 As she my dream, behold, a vine was in front of me, 10 and spoke to Joseph day by day, he didn't listen to her, to lie in the vine were three branches. It was as though it by her, or to be with her. 11 About this time, he went budded, it blossomed, and its clusters produced ripe into the house to do his work, and there were none of grapes. 11 Pharaoh's cup was in my hand; and I took the men of the house inside. 12 She caught him by his the grapes, and pressed them into Pharaoh's cup, and I garment, saying, "Lie with me!" He left his garment in gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand." 12 Joseph said to her hand, and ran outside. 13 When she saw that he him, "This is its interpretation: the three branches are had left his garment in her hand, and had run outside, three days. 13 Within three more days, Pharaoh will lift 14 she called to the men of her house, and spoke to up your head, and restore you to your office. You will them, saying, "Behold, he has brought a Hebrew in to give Pharaoh's cup into his hand, the way you did when us to mock us. He came in to me to lie with me, and I you were his cup bearer. 14 But remember me when cried with a loud voice. 15 When he heard that I lifted it is well with you. Please show kindness to me, and up my voice and cried, he left his garment by me, and make mention of me to Pharaoh, and bring me out of ran outside." 16 She laid up his garment by her, until his this house. 15 For indeed, I was stolen away out of the master came home. 17 She spoke to him according to land of the Hebrews, and here also I have done nothing these words, saying, "The Hebrew servant, whom you that they should put me into the dungeon." 16 When the have brought to us, came in to me to mock me, 18 and chief baker saw that the interpretation was good, he as I lifted up my voice and cried, he left his garment said to Joseph, "I also was in my dream, and behold, by me, and ran outside." 19 When his master heard three baskets of white bread were on my head. 17 In the the words of his wife, which she spoke to him, saving, uppermost basket there were all kinds of baked food for "This is what your servant did to me," his wrath was Pharaoh, and the birds ate them out of the basket on my kindled. 20 Joseph's master took him, and put him into head." 18 Joseph answered, "This is its interpretation. the prison, the place where the king's prisoners were The three baskets are three days. 19 Within three more bound, and he was there in custody. 21 But Yahweh days, Pharaoh will lift up your head from off you, and was with Joseph, and showed kindness to him, and will hang you on a tree; and the birds will eat your flesh gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison. from off you." 20 On the third day, which was Pharaoh's 22 The keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand birthday, he made a feast for all his servants, and he all the prisoners who were in the prison. Whatever they lifted up the head of the chief cup bearer and the head did there, he was responsible for it. 23 The keeper of of the chief baker among his servants. 21 He restored the prison didn't look after anything that was under his the chief cup bearer to his position again, and he gave hand, because Yahweh was with him; and that which he the cup into Pharaoh's hand; 22 but he hanged the chief baker, as Joseph had interpreted to them. 23 Yet the chief cup bearer didn't remember Joseph, but forgot

> and behold, he stood by the river. 2 Behold, seven cattle came up out of the river. They were sleek and fat, and they fed in the marsh grass. 3 Behold, seven other cattle came up after them out of the river, ugly and thin, and stood by the other cattle on the brink of the river. 4 The ugly and thin cattle ate up the seven sleek and fat cattle. So Pharaoh awoke. 5 He slept and dreamed a second time; and behold, seven heads of grain came up on one stalk, healthy and good. 6 Behold, seven heads of grain, thin and blasted with the east wind, sprung up after them. 7 The thin heads of grain swallowed up the seven healthy and full ears. Pharaoh awoke, and behold, it was a dream. 8 In the morning, his spirit was troubled, and he sent and called

for all of Egypt's magicians and wise men. Pharaoh. The dream was doubled to Pharaoh, because the thing told them his dreams, but there was no one who could is established by God, and God will shortly bring it to interpret them to Pharaoh. 9 Then the chief cup bearer pass. 33 "Now therefore let Pharaoh look for a discreet spoke to Pharaoh, saying, "I remember my faults today, and wise man, and set him over the land of Egypt. 10 Pharaoh was angry with his servants, and put me 34 Let Pharaoh do this, and let him appoint overseers in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, over the land, and take up the fifth part of the land with the chief baker. 11 We dreamed a dream in one of Egypt's produce in the seven plenteous years. 35 night, he and I. Each man dreamed according to the Let them gather all the food of these good years that interpretation of his dream. 12 There was with us there come, and store grain under the hand of Pharaoh for a young man, a Hebrew, servant to the captain of the food in the cities, and let them keep it. 36 The food guard, and we told him, and he interpreted to us our will be to supply the land against the seven years of dreams. He interpreted to each man according to his famine, which will be in the land of Egypt; so that the dream. 13 As he interpreted to us, so it was. He restored land will not perish through the famine." 37 The thing me to my office, and he hanged him." 14 Then Pharaoh was good in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of all sent and called Joseph, and they brought him hastily his servants. 38 Pharaoh said to his servants, "Can we out of the dungeon. He shaved himself, changed his find such a one as this, a man in whom is the Spirit clothing, and came in to Pharaoh. 15 Pharaoh said to of God?" 39 Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Because God Joseph, "I have dreamed a dream, and there is no one has shown you all of this, there is no one so discreet who can interpret it. I have heard it said of you, that and wise as you. 40 You shall be over my house. All when you hear a dream you can interpret it." 16 Joseph my people will be ruled according to your word. Only answered Pharaoh, saying, "It isn't in me. God will give in the throne I will be greater than you." 41 Pharaoh Pharaoh an answer of peace." 17 Pharaoh spoke to said to Joseph, "Behold, I have set you over all the land Joseph, "In my dream, behold, I stood on the brink of of Egypt." 42 Pharaoh took off his signet ring from his the river; 18 and behold, seven fat and sleek cattle hand, and put it on Joseph's hand, and arrayed him in came up out of the river. They fed in the marsh grass; robes of fine linen, and put a gold chain about his neck. 19 and behold, seven other cattle came up after them, 43 He made him ride in the second chariot which he poor and very ugly and thin, such as I never saw in had. They cried before him, "Bow the knee!" He set him all the land of Egypt for ugliness. 20 The thin and ugly over all the land of Egypt. 44 Pharaoh said to Joseph, cattle ate up the first seven fat cattle; 21 and when they "I am Pharaoh. Without you, no man shall lift up his had eaten them up, it couldn't be known that they had hand or his foot in all the land of Egypt." 45 Pharaoh eaten them, but they were still ugly, as at the beginning. called Joseph's name Zaphenath-Paneah. He gave him So I awoke. 22 I saw in my dream, and behold, seven Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera priest of On as a heads of grain came up on one stalk, full and good; 23 wife. Joseph went out over the land of Egypt. 46 Joseph and behold, seven heads of grain, withered, thin, and was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh blasted with the east wind, sprung up after them. 24 The king of Egypt. Joseph went out from the presence of thin heads of grain swallowed up the seven good heads Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt. of grain. I told it to the magicians, but there was no one 47 In the seven plenteous years the earth produced who could explain it to me." 25 Joseph said to Pharaoh, abundantly. 48 He gathered up all the food of the seven "The dream of Pharaoh is one. What God is about to do years which were in the land of Egypt, and laid up the he has declared to Pharaoh. 26 The seven good cattle food in the cities. He stored food in each city from the are seven years; and the seven good heads of grain are fields around that city. 49 Joseph laid up grain as the seven years. The dream is one. 27 The seven thin and sand of the sea, very much, until he stopped counting. ugly cattle that came up after them are seven years, for it was without number. 50 To Joseph were born two and also the seven empty heads of grain blasted with sons before the year of famine came, whom Asenath, the east wind; they will be seven years of famine. 28 the daughter of Potiphera priest of On, bore to him. That is the thing which I have spoken to Pharaoh. God 51 Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh, has shown Pharaoh what he is about to do. 29 Behold, "For", he said, "God has made me forget all my toil, seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of and all my father's house." 52 The name of the second, Egypt are coming. 30 Seven years of famine will arise he called Ephraim: "For God has made me fruitful in after them, and all the plenty will be forgotten in the land the land of my affliction." 53 The seven years of plenty, of Egypt. The famine will consume the land, 31 and the that were in the land of Egypt, came to an end. 54 The plenty will not be known in the land by reason of that seven years of famine began to come, just as Joseph famine which follows; for it will be very grievous. 32 had said. There was famine in all lands, but in all the

land of Egypt there was bread. 55 When all the land of saw the distress of his soul, when he begged us, and Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for we wouldn't listen. Therefore this distress has come bread, and Pharaoh said to all the Egyptians, "Go to upon us." 22 Reuben answered them, saying, "Didn't I Joseph. What he says to you, do." 56 The famine was tell you, saying, 'Don't sin against the child,' and you over all the surface of the earth. Joseph opened all the store houses, and sold to the Egyptians. The famine required." 23 They didn't know that Joseph understood was severe in the land of Egypt. 57 All countries came them; for there was an interpreter between them. 24 into Egypt, to Joseph, to buy grain, because the famine was severe in all the earth.

12 Now Jacob saw that there was grain in Egypt, and Jacob said to his sons, "Why do you look at one another?" 2 He said. "Behold. I have heard that there is grain in Egypt. Go down there, and buy for us from there, so that we may live, and not die." 3 Joseph's ten brothers went down to buy grain from Egypt. 4 But Jacob didn't send Benjamin, Joseph's brother, with his brothers; for he said, "Lest perhaps harm happen to him." 5 The sons of Israel came to buy among those who came, for the famine was in the land of Canaan. 6 Joseph was the governor over the land. It was he who sold to all the people of the land. Joseph's brothers came, and bowed themselves down to him with their faces to the earth. 7 Joseph saw his brothers, and he recognized them, but acted like a stranger to them, and spoke roughly with them. He said to them, "Where did you come from?" They said, "From the land of Canaan, to buy food." 8 Joseph recognized his brothers, but they didn't recognize him. 9 Joseph remembered the dreams which he dreamed about them, and said to them, "You are spies! You have come to see the nakedness of the land." 10 They said to him, "No, my lord, but your servants have come to buy food. 11 We are all one man's sons; we are honest men. Your servants are not spies." 12 He said to them, "No, but you have come to see the nakedness of the land!" 13 They said, "We, your servants, are twelve brothers, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan; and behold, the youngest is today with our father, and one is no more." 14 Joseph said to them, "It is like I told you, saying, 'You are spies!' 15 By this you shall be tested. By the life of Pharaoh, you shall not go out from here, unless your youngest brother comes here. 16 Send one of you, and let him get your brother, and you shall be bound, that your words may be tested, whether there is truth in you, or else by the life of Pharaoh surely you are spies." 17 He put them all together into custody for three days. 18 Joseph said to them the third day, "Do this, and live, for I fear God. 19 If you are honest men, then let one of your brothers be bound in your prison; but you go, carry grain for the

returned to them, and spoke to them, and took Simeon from among them, and bound him before their eyes. 25 Then Joseph gave a command to fill their bags with grain, and to restore each man's money into his sack, and to give them food for the way. So it was done to them. 26 They loaded their donkeys with their grain, and departed from there. 27 As one of them opened his sack to give his donkey food in the lodging place, he saw his money. Behold, it was in the mouth of his sack. 28 He said to his brothers, "My money is restored! Behold, it is in my sack!" Their hearts failed them, and they turned trembling to one another, saying, "What is this that God has done to us?" 29 They came to Jacob their father, to the land of Canaan, and told him all that had happened to them, saying, 30 "The man, the lord of the land, spoke roughly with us, and took us for spies of the country. 31 We said to him, 'We are honest men. We are no spies. 32 We are twelve brothers, sons of our father; one is no more, and the youngest is today with our father in the land of Canaan.' 33 The man, the lord of the land, said to us, 'By this I will know that you are honest men: leave one of your brothers with me, and take grain for the famine of your houses, and go your way. 34 Bring your youngest brother to me. Then I will know that you are not spies, but that you are honest men. So I will deliver your brother to you, and you shall trade in the land." 35 As they emptied their sacks, behold, each man's bundle of money was in his sack. When they and their father saw their bundles of money, they were afraid. 36 Jacob, their father, said to them, "You have bereaved me of my children! Joseph is no more, Simeon is no more, and you want to take Benjamin away. All these things are against me." 37 Reuben spoke to his father, saying, "Kill my two sons, if I don't bring him to you. Entrust him to my care, and I will bring him to you again." 38 He said, "My son shall not go down with you; for his brother is dead, and he only is left. If harm happens to him along the way in which you go, then you will bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to Sheol." (Sheol h7585)

If you are honest men, then let one of your brothers be bound in your prison; but you go, carry grain for the famine of your houses. 20 Bring your youngest brother out of Egypt, their father said to them, "Go again, buy us to me; so will your words be verified, and you won't die." They did so. 21 They said to one another, "We man solemnly warned us, saying, 'You shall not see my are certainly guilty concerning our brother, in that we face, unless your brother is with you.' 4 If you'll send our

you don't send him, we won't go down, for the man said they washed their feet. He gave their donkeys fodder. to us, 'You shall not see my face, unless your brother is 25 They prepared the present for Joseph's coming at with you." 6 Israel said, "Why did you treat me so badly, noon, for they heard that they should eat bread there. telling the man that you had another brother?" 7 They 26 When Joseph came home, they brought him the said, "The man asked directly concerning ourselves, present which was in their hand into the house, and and concerning our relatives, saying, 'Is your father still bowed themselves down to the earth before him. 27 He alive? Have you another brother?' We just answered asked them of their welfare, and said, "Is your father his questions. Is there any way we could know that he well, the old man of whom you spoke? Is he yet alive?" would say, 'Bring your brother down'?" 8 Judah said to 28 They said, "Your servant, our father, is well. He is still Israel, his father, "Send the boy with me, and we'll get alive." They bowed down humbly. 29 He lifted up his up and go, so that we may live, and not die, both we, eyes, and saw Benjamin, his brother, his mother's son, and you, and also our little ones. 9 I'll be collateral for and said, "Is this your youngest brother, of whom you him. From my hand will you require him. If I don't bring spoke to me?" He said, "God be gracious to you, my him to you, and set him before you, then let me bear the son." 30 Joseph hurried, for his heart yearned over his blame forever; 10 for if we hadn't delayed, surely we brother; and he sought a place to weep. He entered would have returned a second time by now." 11 Their into his room, and wept there. 31 He washed his face, father, Israel, said to them, "If it must be so, then do and came out. He controlled himself, and said, "Serve this: Take from the choice fruits of the land in your bags, the meal." 32 They served him by himself, and them and carry down a present for the man, a little balm, a by themselves, and the Egyptians who ate with him by little honey, spices and myrrh, nuts, and almonds: 12 themselves, because the Egyptians don't eat with the and take double money in your hand, and take back the Hebrews, for that is an abomination to the Egyptians. money that was returned in the mouth of your sacks. 33 They sat before him, the firstborn according to his Perhaps it was an oversight. 13 Take your brother also. birthright, and the youngest according to his youth, and get up, and return to the man. 14 May God Almighty the men marveled with one another. 34 He sent portions give you mercy before the man, that he may release to to them from before him, but Benjamin's portion was you your other brother and Benjamin, If I am bereaved five times as much as any of theirs. They drank, and of my children, I am bereaved." 15 The men took that were merry with him. present, and they took double money in their hand, and Benjamin; and got up, went down to Egypt, and stood before Joseph. 16 When Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to the steward of his house, "Bring the men into the house, and butcher an animal, and prepare; for the men will dine with me at noon." 17 The man did as Joseph commanded, and the man brought the men to Joseph's house. 18 The men were afraid, because they were brought to Joseph's house; and they said, "Because of the money that was returned in our sacks the first time, we're brought in; that he may seek occasion against us, attack us, and seize us as slaves, along with our donkeys." 19 They came near to the steward of Joseph's house, and they spoke to him at the door of the house, 20 and said, "Oh, my lord, we indeed came down the first time to buy food. 21 When we came to the lodging place, we opened our sacks, and behold, each man's money was in the mouth of his sack, our money in full weight. We have brought it back in our hand. 22 We have brought down other money in our hand to buy food. We don't know who put our money in our sacks." 23 He said, "Peace be to you. Don't be afraid. Your God, and the God of your father, has given you treasure in your sacks. I received your money." He brought Simeon out to them. 24 The man brought the

brother with us, we'll go down and buy you food: 5 but if men into Joseph's house, and gave them water, and

44 He commanded the steward of his house, saying. "Fill the men's sacks with food, as much as they can carry, and put each man's money in his sack's mouth. 2 Put my cup, the silver cup, in the sack's mouth of the youngest, with his grain money." He did according to the word that Joseph had spoken. 3 As soon as the morning was light, the men were sent away, they and their donkeys. 4 When they had gone out of the city, and were not yet far off, Joseph said to his steward, "Up, follow after the men. When you overtake them, ask them, 'Why have you rewarded evil for good? 5 Isn't this that from which my lord drinks, and by which he indeed divines? You have done evil in so doing." 6 He overtook them, and he spoke these words to them. 7 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 Behold, the money, which we found in our sacks' mouths, we brought again to you out of the land of Canaan. How then should we steal silver or gold out of your lord's house? 9 With whomever of your servants it is found, let him die, and we also will be my lord's slaves." 10 He said, "Now also let it be according to your words. He with whom it is found will be my slave; and you will be blameless." 11 Then they hurried, and each man took his sack down to the ground, and each man

opened his sack. 12 He searched, beginning with the 45 Then Joseph couldn't control himself before all oldest, and ending at the youngest. The cup was found for if he should leave his father, his father would die.' 11 There I will provide for you; for there are yet five the evil that will come on my father."

those who stood before him, and he called out, in Benjamin's sack. 13 Then they tore their clothes, and "Cause everyone to go out from me!" No one else each man loaded his donkey, and returned to the city. stood with him, while Joseph made himself known to 14 Judah and his brothers came to Joseph's house, and his brothers. 2 He wept aloud. The Egyptians heard, he was still there. They fell on the ground before him. 15 and the house of Pharaoh heard. 3 Joseph said to his Joseph said to them, "What deed is this that you have brothers, "I am Joseph! Does my father still live?" His done? Don't you know that such a man as I can indeed brothers couldn't answer him; for they were terrified at do divination?" 16 Judah said, "What will we tell my his presence. 4 Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near lord? What will we speak? How will we clear ourselves? to me, please." They came near. He said, "I am Joseph, God has found out the iniquity of your servants. Behold, your brother, whom you sold into Egypt. 5 Now don't be we are my lord's slaves, both we and he also in whose grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that you sold me hand the cup is found." 17 He said, "Far be it from me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. 6 that I should do so. The man in whose hand the cup For these two years the famine has been in the land, is found, he will be my slave; but as for you, go up in and there are yet five years, in which there will be no peace to your father." 18 Then Judah came near to him, plowing and no harvest. 7 God sent me before you to and said, "Oh, my lord, please let your servant speak a preserve for you a remnant in the earth, and to save word in my lord's ears, and don't let your anger burn you alive by a great deliverance. 8 So now it wasn't you against your servant; for you are even as Pharaoh. 19 who sent me here, but God, and he has made me a My lord asked his servants, saying, 'Have you a father, father to Pharaoh, lord of all his house, and ruler over or a brother?' 20 We said to my lord, 'We have a father, all the land of Egypt. 9 Hurry, and go up to my father, an old man, and a child of his old age, a little one; and and tell him, 'This is what your son Joseph says, "God his brother is dead, and he alone is left of his mother; has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me. Don't and his father loves him.' 21 You said to your servants, wait. 10 You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you 'Bring him down to me, that I may set my eyes on him.' will be near to me, you, your children, your children's 22 We said to my lord, 'The boy can't leave his father, children, your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. 23 You said to your servants, 'Unless your youngest years of famine; lest you come to poverty, you, and your brother comes down with you, you will see my face no household, and all that you have." 12 Behold, your eyes more.' 24 When we came up to your servant my father, see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin, that it is my we told him the words of my lord. 25 Our father said, 'Go mouth that speaks to you. 13 You shall tell my father of again and buy us a little food.' 26 We said, 'We can't go all my glory in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. You down. If our youngest brother is with us, then we will go shall hurry and bring my father down here." 14 He fell down: for we may not see the man's face, unless our on his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin youngest brother is with us.' 27 Your servant, my father, wept on his neck. 15 He kissed all his brothers, and said to us, 'You know that my wife bore me two sons. wept on them. After that his brothers talked with him. 16 28 One went out from me, and I said, "Surely he is torn The report of it was heard in Pharaoh's house, saying, in pieces;" and I haven't seen him since. 29 If you take "Joseph's brothers have come." It pleased Pharaoh well, this one also from me, and harm happens to him, you and his servants. 17 Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Tell your will bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to Sheol.' brothers, 'Do this: Load your animals, and go, travel (Sheol h7585) 30 Now therefore when I come to your to the land of Canaan. 18 Take your father and your servant my father, and the boy is not with us; since his households, and come to me, and I will give you the life is bound up in the boy's life; 31 it will happen, when good of the land of Egypt, and you will eat the fat of he sees that the boy is no more, that he will die. Your the land.' 19 Now you are commanded to do this: Take servants will bring down the gray hairs of your servant, wagons out of the land of Egypt for your little ones, and our father, with sorrow to Sheol. (Sheol h7585) 32 For for your wives, and bring your father, and come. 20 Also, your servant became collateral for the boy to my father, don't concern yourselves about your belongings, for the saying, 'If I don't bring him to you, then I will bear the good of all the land of Egypt is yours." 21 The sons of blame to my father forever.' 33 Now therefore, please Israel did so. Joseph gave them wagons, according to let your servant stay instead of the boy, my lord's slave; the commandment of Pharaoh, and gave them provision and let the boy go up with his brothers. 34 For how will I for the way. 22 He gave each one of them changes of go up to my father, if the boy isn't with me?—lest I see clothing, but to Benjamin he gave three hundred pieces of silver and five changes of clothing. 23 He sent the

following to his father; ten donkeys loaded with the good priest of On, bore to him, 21 The sons of Benjamin; Bela, things of Egypt, and ten female donkeys loaded with Becher, Ashbel, Gera, Naaman, Ehi, Rosh, Muppim, said to them, "See that you don't quarrel on the way." son of Dan: Hushim. 24 The sons of Naphtali: Jahzeel, Egypt." His heart fainted, for he didn't believe them. 27 All the souls who came with Jacob into Egypt, who were They told him all the words of Joseph, which he had his direct offspring, in addition to Jacob's sons' wives, said to them. When he saw the wagons which Joseph all the souls were sixty-six. 27 The sons of Joseph, still alive. I will go and see him before I die."

46 Israel traveled with all that he had, and came to Beersheba, and offered sacrifices to the God of his father, Isaac. 2 God spoke to Israel in the visions of the night, and said, "Jacob, Jacob!" He said, "Here I am." 3 He said, "I am God, the God of your father. Don't be afraid to go down into Egypt, for there I will make of you a great nation. 4 I will go down with you into Egypt. I will also surely bring you up again. Joseph's hand will close your eyes." 5 Jacob rose up from Beersheba, and the sons of Israel carried Jacob, their father, their little ones, and their wives, in the wagons which Pharaoh had sent to carry him. 6 They took their livestock, and their goods, which they had gotten in the land of Canaan, and came into Egypt—Jacob, and all his offspring with him, 7 his sons, and his sons' sons with him, his daughters, and his sons' daughters, and he brought all his offspring with him into Egypt. 8 These are the names of the children of Israel, who came into Egypt, Jacob and his sons: Reuben, Jacob's firstborn. 9 The sons of Reuben: Hanoch, Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi, 10 The sons of Simeon: Jemuel, Jamin, Ohad, Jachin, Zohar, and Shaul the son of a Canaanite woman. 11 The sons of Levi: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. 12 The sons of Judah: Er, Onan, Shelah, Perez, and Zerah; but Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan. The sons of Perez were Hezron and Hamul. 13 The sons of Issachar: Tola. Puvah. lob. and Shimron. 14 The sons of Zebulun: Sered, Elon, and Jahleel. 15 These are the sons of Leah, whom she bore to Jacob in Paddan Aram, with his daughter Dinah, All the souls of his sons and his daughters were thirty-three. 16 The sons of Gad: Ziphion, Haggi, Shuni, Ezbon, Eri, Arodi, and Areli. 17 The sons of Asher: Imnah, Ishvah, Ishvi, Beriah, and Serah their sister. The sons of Beriah: Heber and Malchiel. 18 These are the sons of Zilpah, whom Laban gave to Leah, his daughter, and these she bore to Jacob, even sixteen souls. 19 The sons of Rachel, Jacob's wife: Joseph and Benjamin. 20 To Joseph in the land of Egypt were born Manasseh and

grain and bread and provision for his father by the way. Huppim, and Ard. 22 These are the sons of Rachel, who 24 So he sent his brothers away, and they departed. He were born to Jacob: all the souls were fourteen. 23 The 25 They went up out of Egypt, and came into the land of Guni, Jezer, and Shillem. 25 These are the sons of Canaan, to Jacob their father. 26 They told him, saying, Bilhah, whom Laban gave to Rachel, his daughter, and "Joseph is still alive, and he is ruler over all the land of these she bore to Jacob: all the souls were seven. 26 had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob, their father, who were born to him in Egypt, were two souls. All the revived. 28 Israel said, "It is enough. Joseph my son is souls of the house of Jacob, who came into Egypt, were seventy. 28 Jacob sent Judah before him to Joseph, to show the way before him to Goshen, and they came into the land of Goshen. 29 Joseph prepared his chariot. and went up to meet Israel, his father, in Goshen. He presented himself to him, and fell on his neck, and wept on his neck a good while. 30 Israel said to Joseph, "Now let me die, since I have seen your face, that you are still alive." 31 Joseph said to his brothers, and to his father's house, "I will go up, and speak with Pharaoh, and will tell him, 'My brothers, and my father's house, who were in the land of Canaan, have come to me. 32 These 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 It will happen, when Pharaoh summons you, and will say, 'What is your occupation?' 34 that you shall say, 'Your servants have been keepers of livestock from our youth even until now, both we, and our fathers:' that you may dwell in the land of Goshen; for every shepherd is an abomination to the Egyptians."

7 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 out of the land of Canaan; and behold, they are in the land of Goshen." 2 From among his brothers he took five men, and presented them to Pharaoh. 3 Pharaoh said to his brothers, "What is your occupation?" They said to Pharaoh, "Your servants are shepherds, both we, and our fathers." 4 They also said to Pharaoh, "We have come to live as foreigners in the land, for there is no pasture for your servants' flocks. For the famine is severe in the land of Canaan. Now therefore, please let your servants dwell in the land of Goshen." 5 Pharaoh spoke to Joseph, saying, "Your father and your brothers have come to you. 6 The land of Egypt is before you. Make your father and your brothers dwell in the best of the land. Let them dwell in the land of Goshen. If you know any able men among them, then put them in charge of my livestock." 7 Joseph brought in Jacob, his father, and set him before Pharaoh; and Jacob blessed Ephraim, whom Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera, Pharaoh. 8 Pharaoh said to Jacob, "How old are you?"

are one hundred thirty years. The days of the years of land of Egypt to this day, that Pharaoh should have the my life have been few and evil. They have not attained fifth. Only the land of the priests alone didn't become to the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the Pharaoh's. 27 Israel lived in the land of Egypt, in the days of their pilgrimage." 10 Jacob blessed Pharaoh, land of Goshen; and they got themselves possessions and went out from the presence of Pharaoh. 11 Joseph therein, and were fruitful, and multiplied exceedingly. 28 placed his father and his brothers, and gave them a Jacob lived in the land of Egypt seventeen years. So the possession in the land of Egypt, in the best of the land, days of Jacob, the years of his life, were one hundred in the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh had commanded. forty-seven years. 29 The time came near that Israel 12 Joseph provided his father, his brothers, and all of his must die, and he called his son Joseph, and said to him, father's household with bread, according to the sizes of "If now I have found favor in your sight, please put your their families. 13 There was no bread in all the land; for hand under my thigh, and deal kindly and truly with me. the famine was very severe, so that the land of Egypt Please don't bury me in Egypt, 30 but when I sleep with and the land of Canaan fainted by reason of the famine. my fathers, you shall carry me out of Egypt, and bury 14 Joseph gathered up all the money that was found in me in their burying place." Joseph said, "I will do as you the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, for the have said." 31 Israel said, "Swear to me," and he swore grain which they bought: and Joseph brought the money to him. Then Israel bowed himself on the bed's head. into Pharaoh's house. 15 When the money was all spent in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, all the Egyptians came to Joseph, and said, "Give us bread, for why should we die in your presence? For our money fails." 16 Joseph said, "Give me your livestock; and I will give you food for your livestock, if your money is gone." 17 They brought their livestock to Joseph, and Joseph gave them bread in exchange for the horses, and for the flocks, and for the herds, and for the donkeys: and he fed them with bread in exchange for all their livestock for that year. 18 When that year was ended, they came to him the second year, and said to him, "We will not hide from my lord how our money is all spent, and the herds of livestock are my lord's. There is nothing left in the sight of my lord, but our bodies, and our lands. 19 Why should we die before your eyes, both we and our land? Buy us and our land for bread, and we and our land will be servants to Pharaoh. Give us seed, that we may live, and not die, and that the land won't be desolate." So Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh, for every man of the Egyptians sold his field, because the famine was severe on them, and the land became Pharaoh's. 21 As for the people, he moved them to the cities from one end of the border of Egypt even to the other end of it. 22 Only he didn't buy the land of the priests, for the priests had a portion from Pharaoh, and ate their portion which Pharaoh gave them. That is why they didn't sell their land. 23 Then Joseph said to the people, "Behold, I have bought you and your land today for Pharaoh. Behold, here is seed for you, and you shall sow the land. 24 It will happen at the harvests, that you shall give a fifth to Pharaoh, and four parts will be your own, for seed of the field, for your food, for them of your households, and for food for your little ones." 25 They said, "You have saved our lives! Let us find favor in the sight of my lord, and we will be Pharaoh's

9 Jacob said to Pharaoh, "The years of my pilgrimage servants." 26 Joseph made it a statute concerning the

48 After these things, someone said to Joseph, "Behold, your father is sick." He took with him his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim. 2 Someone told Jacob, and said, "Behold, your son Joseph comes to you," and Israel strengthened himself, and sat on the bed. 3 Jacob said to Joseph, "God Almighty appeared to me at Luz in the land of Canaan, and blessed me, 4 and said to me, 'Behold, 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 offspring after you for an everlasting possession.' 5 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, even as Reuben and Simeon, will be mine. 6 Your offspring, whom you become the father of after them, will be yours. They will be called after the name of their brothers in their inheritance. 7 As for me, when I came from Paddan, Rachel died beside me in the land of Canaan on the way, when there was still some distance to come to Ephrath, and I buried her there on the way to Ephrath (also called Bethlehem)." 8 Israel saw Joseph's sons, and said, "Who are these?" 9 Joseph said to his father, "They are my sons, whom God has given me here." He said, "Please bring them to me, and I will bless them." 10 Now the eyes of Israel were dim for age, so that he couldn't see well. Joseph brought them near to him; and he kissed them, and embraced them. 11 Israel said to Joseph, "I didn't think I would see your face, and behold, God has let me see your offspring also." 12 Joseph brought them out from between his knees, and he bowed himself with his face to the earth. 13 Joseph took them both, Ephraim in his right hand toward Israel's left hand, and Manasseh in his left hand toward Israel's right hand, and brought them near to him. 14 Israel stretched out his right hand, and laid it on

Ephraim's head, who was the younger, and his left hand blood of grapes. 12 His eyes will be red with wine, his on Manasseh's head, guiding his hands knowingly, for teeth white with milk. 13 "Zebulun will dwell at the haven Manasseh was the firstborn. 15 He blessed Joseph, of the sea. He will be for a haven of ships. His border and said, "The God before whom my fathers Abraham will be on Sidon. 14 "Issachar is a strong donkey, lying and Isaac walked, the God who has fed me all my down between the saddlebags. 15 He saw a resting life long to this day, 16 the angel who has redeemed place, that it was good, the land, that it was pleasant. me from all evil, bless the lads, and let my name be He bows his shoulder to the burden, and becomes named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham a servant doing forced labor. 16 "Dan will judge his and Isaac. Let them grow into a multitude upon the people, as one of the tribes of Israel. 17 Dan will be a earth." 17 When Joseph saw that his father laid his right serpent on the trail, an adder in the path, that bites the hand on the head of Ephraim, it displeased him. He horse's heels, so that his rider falls backward. 18 I have held up his father's hand, to remove it from Ephraim's waited for your salvation, Yahweh. 19 "A troop will press head to Manasseh's head. 18 Joseph said to his father, on Gad, but he will press on their heel. 20 "Asher's food "Not so, my father, for this is the firstborn. Put your will be rich. He will produce royal dainties. 21 "Naphtali right hand on his head." 19 His father refused, and is a doe set free, who bears beautiful fawns. 22 "Joseph said, "I know, my son, I know. He also will become a is a fruitful vine, a fruitful vine by a spring. His branches people, and he also will be great. However, his younger run over the wall. 23 The archers have severely grieved brother will be greater than he, and his offspring will him, shot at him, and persecuted him: 24 But his bow become a multitude of nations." 20 He blessed them remained strong. The arms of his hands were made that day, saying, "Israel will bless in your name, saying, strong, by the hands of the Mighty One of Jacob, (from 'God make you as Ephraim and as Manasseh'" He set there is the shepherd, the stone of Israel), 25 even Ephraim before Manasseh. 21 Israel said to Joseph, by the God of your father, who will help you, by the "Behold, I am dying, but God will be with you, and bring Almighty, who will bless you, with blessings of heaven you again to the land of your fathers. 22 Moreover I above, blessings of the deep that lies below, blessings have given to you one portion above your brothers, of the breasts, and of the womb. 26 The blessings of which I took out of the hand of the Amorite with my your father have prevailed above the blessings of my sword and with my bow."

▲ Jacob called to his sons, and said: "Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which 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 might, and the beginning of my strength, excelling in dignity, and excelling in power. 4 Boiling over like water, you shall not excel, because you went up to your father's bed, then defiled it. He went up to my couch. 5 "Simeon and Levi are brothers. Their swords are weapons of violence. 6 My soul, don't come into their council. My glory, don't be united to their assembly; for in their anger they killed men. In their self-will they hamstrung cattle. 7 Cursed be their anger, for it was fierce; and their wrath, for it was cruel. I will divide them in Jacob, and scatter them in Israel. 8 "Judah, your brothers will praise you. Your hand will be on the neck of your enemies. Your father's sons will bow down before you. 9 Judah is a lion's cub. From the prey, my son, you have gone up. He stooped down, he crouched as a lion, as a lioness. Who will rouse him up? 10 The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until he comes to whom it belongs. The obedience of the peoples will be to him. 11 Binding his foal to the vine, his donkey's colt to the choice vine,

ancestors, above the boundaries of the ancient hills. They will be on the head of Joseph, on the crown of the head of him who is separated from his brothers. 27 "Benjamin is a ravenous wolf. In the morning he will devour the prey. At evening he will divide the plunder." 28 All these are the twelve tribes of Israel, and this is what their father spoke to them, and blessed them. He blessed everyone according to his own blessing. 29 He instructed them, and said to them, "I am to be gathered to my people. Bury me with my fathers in the cave that is in the field of Ephron the Hittite, 30 in the cave that is in the field of Machpelah, which is before Mamre, in the land of Canaan, which Abraham bought with the field from Ephron the Hittite as a burial place. 31 There they buried Abraham and Sarah, his wife. There they buried Isaac and Rebekah, his wife, and there I buried Leah: 32 the field and the cave that is therein, which was purchased from the children of Heth." 33 When Jacob finished charging his sons, he gathered up his feet into the bed, breathed his last breath, and was gathered to his people.

50 Joseph fell on his father's face, wept on him, and kissed him. 2 Joseph commanded his servants, the physicians, to embalm his father; and the physicians embalmed Israel. 3 Forty days were used for him, for that is how many days it takes to embalm. The he has washed his garments in wine, his robes in the Egyptians wept for Israel for seventy days. 4 When the

Pharaoh's staff, saying, "If now I have found favor in Jacob." 25 Joseph took an oath from the children of your eyes, please speak in the ears of Pharaoh, saying, Israel, saying, "God will surely visit you, and you shall 5 'My father made me swear, saying, "Behold, I am carry up my bones from here." 26 So Joseph died, being dying. Bury me in my grave which I have dug for myself one hundred ten years old, and they embalmed him, in the land of Canaan." Now therefore, please let me and he was put in a coffin in Egypt. go up and bury my father, and I will come again." 6 Pharaoh said, "Go up, and bury your father, just like he made you swear." 7 Joseph went up to bury his father; and with him went up all the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his house, all the elders of the land of Egypt, 8 all the house of Joseph, his brothers, and his father's house. Only their little ones, their flocks, and their herds, they left in the land of Goshen. 9 Both chariots and horsemen went up with him. It was a very great company. 10 They came to the threshing floor of Atad. which is beyond the Jordan, and there they lamented with a very great and severe lamentation. He mourned for his father seven days. 11 When the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, saw the mourning in the floor of Atad, they said, "This is a grievous mourning by the Egyptians." Therefore its name was called Abel Mizraim, which is beyond the Jordan. 12 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, which Abraham bought with the field, as a possession for a burial site, from Ephron the Hittite, near Mamre. 14 Joseph returned into Egypt—he, and his brothers, and all that went up with him to bury his father, after he had buried 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 fully pay us back for all the evil which we did to him." 16 They sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father commanded before he died, saying, 17 'You shall tell Joseph, "Now please forgive the disobedience of your brothers, and their sin, because they did evil to you." Now, please forgive the disobedience of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. 18 His brothers also went and fell down before his face; and they said, "Behold, we are your servants." 19 Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid, for am I in the place of God? 20 As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to save many people alive. as is happening today. 21 Now therefore don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your little ones." He comforted them, and spoke kindly to them. 22 Joseph lived in Egypt, he, and his father's house. Joseph lived one hundred ten years. 23 Joseph saw Ephraim's children to the third generation. The children also of Machir, the son of Manasseh, were born on Joseph's knees. 24 Joseph said to his brothers, "I am dying, but God will surely visit you, and bring you up out of this land to

days of weeping for him were past, Joseph spoke to the land which he swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to

Exodus

1 Now these are the names of the sons of Israel, who came into Egypt (every man and his household came with Jacob): 2 Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, 3 Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin, 4 Dan and Naphtali, Gad and Asher. 5 All the souls who came out of Jacob's body were seventy souls, 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 didn't know Joseph. 9 He said to his people, "Behold, the people of the children of Israel are more and mightier than we. 10 Come, let's 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 Raamses. 12 But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and the more they spread out. They started to dread the children of Israel. 13 The Egyptians ruthlessly made the children of Israel serve, 14 and they made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and in brick, and in all kinds of service in the field, all their service, in which they ruthlessly made them serve. 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 didn't 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 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 Because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. 22 Pharaoh commanded all his people, saying, "You shall cast every son who is born into the river, and every daughter you shall save alive."

2 A man of the house of Levi went and took a daughter of Levi as his wife. **2** The woman conceived and bore a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him three months. **3** When she could no longer hide him, she took a papyrus basket for him, and coated

it with tar and with pitch. She put the child in it, and laid it in the reeds by the river's bank. 4 His sister stood far off, 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 basket among the reeds, and sent her servant to get it. 6 She opened it, and saw the child, and behold, the baby cried. 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 young woman 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 In those days, when Moses had grown up, he went out to his brothers and saw 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 behold, 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?" 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 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 Moses was content to dwell with the man. He gave Moses Zipporah, his daughter. 22 She bore a son, and he named him Gershom, for he said, "I have lived as a foreigner in a foreign land." 23 In the course of those many days, the king of Egypt died, and the children of Israel sighed because of the bondage, and they cried. and their cry came up to God because of the bondage. 24 God heard their groaning, and God remembered his

God saw the children of Israel, and God understood.

3 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 Yahweh's angel appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the middle of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed. 3 Moses said. "I will go now. and see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." 4 When Yahweh saw that he came over to see, God called to him out of the middle of the bush, and said, "Moses! Moses!" He said, "Here I am." 5 He said, "Don't come close. Take off your sandals, for the place you are standing on is holy ground." 6 Moreover he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." Moses hid his face because he was afraid to look at God. 7 Yahweh 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 honey; to the place of the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Amorite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite. 9 Now, behold, the cry of the children of Israel has come to me. Moreover I have seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. 10 Come now therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh, that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." 11 Moses said to God, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" 12 He said, "Certainly I will be with you. This will be the token to you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain." 13 Moses said to God, "Behold, when I come to the children of Israel, and tell them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what should I tell them?" 14 God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM," and he said, "You shall tell the children of Israel this: 'I AM has sent me to you." 15 God said moreover to Moses, "You shall tell the children of Israel this, 'Yahweh, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and this is my memorial to all generations. 16 Go and gather the elders of Israel together, and tell them, 'Yahweh, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, has appeared to me, saying, "I have surely visited you, and seen that which is done to you in Egypt. 17 I have said, I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt to the land of the Canaanite, the Hittite, the

covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. 25 Amorite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite, to a land flowing with milk and honey." 18 They will listen to your voice. You shall come, you and the elders of Israel, to the king of Egypt, and you shall tell him, 'Yahweh, 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 Yahweh, our God.' 19 I know that the king of Egypt won't give you permission to go, no, not by a mighty hand. 20 I will reach out my hand and strike Egypt with all my wonders which I will do among them, 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, jewels of silver, jewels of gold, and clothing. You shall put them on your sons, and on your daughters. You shall plunder the Egyptians."

> ▲ Moses answered, "But, behold, they will not believe me, nor listen to my voice; for they will say, 'Yahweh has not appeared to you." 2 Yahweh said to him, "What is that in your hand?" He said, "A rod." 3 He said, "Throw it on the ground." He threw it on the ground, and it became a snake; and Moses ran away from it. 4 Yahweh said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand, and take it by the tail." He stretched out his hand, and took hold of it, and it became a rod in his hand. 5 "This is so that they may believe that Yahweh, the God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you." 6 Yahweh said furthermore to him, "Now put your hand inside your cloak." He put his hand inside his cloak, and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous, as white as snow. 7 He said, "Put your hand inside your cloak again." He put his hand inside his cloak again, and when he took it out of his cloak, behold, it had turned again as his other flesh. 8 "It will happen, if they will not believe you or listen to the voice of the first sign, that they will believe the voice of the latter sign. 9 It will happen, if they will not believe even these two signs or listen to your voice, that you shall take of the water of the river, and pour it on the dry land. The water which you take out of the river will become blood on the dry land." 10 Moses said to Yahweh, "O Lord, I am not eloquent, neither before now, nor since you have spoken to your servant; for I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue." 11 Yahweh said to him, "Who made man's mouth? Or who makes one mute, or deaf, or seeing, or blind? Isn't it I, Yahweh? 12 Now therefore go, and I will be with your mouth, and teach you what you shall speak." 13 Moses said, "Oh, Lord, please send someone else." 14 Yahweh's anger burned against Moses, and he said, "What about Aaron, your brother, the Levite? I know

bowed their heads and worshiped.

Afterward Moses and Aaron came, and said to Pharaoh, "This is what Yahweh, the God of Israel, says, 'Let my people go, that they may hold a feast to me in the wilderness." 2 Pharaoh said, "Who is Yahweh, that I should listen to his voice to let Israel go? I don't know Yahweh, and moreover I will not let Israel go." 3 They said, "The God of the Hebrews has met with us.

that he can speak well. Also, behold, he is coming out 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, "Behold, 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. It will happen that he will be longer give the people straw to make brick, as before. to you a mouth, and you will be to him as God. 17 You Let them go and gather straw for themselves. 8 You shall take this rod in your hand, with which you shall shall require from them the number of the bricks which do the signs." 18 Moses went and returned to Jethro they made before. You shall not diminish anything of it, his father-in-law, and said to him, "Please let me go for they are idle. Therefore they cry, saying, 'Let's go and return to my brothers who are in Egypt, and see and sacrifice to our God.' 9 Let heavier work be laid on whether they are still alive." Jethro said to Moses, "Go the men, that they may labor in it. Don't let them pay in peace." 19 Yahweh said to Moses in Midian, "Go, any attention to lying words." 10 The taskmasters of the return into Egypt; for all the men who sought your life people went out with their officers, and they spoke to the are dead." 20 Moses took his wife and his sons, and set people, saying, "This is what Pharaoh says: 'I will not them on a donkey, and he returned to the land of Egypt. give you straw. 11 Go yourselves, get straw where you Moses took God's rod in his hand. 21 Yahweh said to can find it, for nothing of your work shall be diminished." Moses, "When you go back into Egypt, see that you do 12 So the people were scattered abroad throughout all before Pharaoh all the wonders which I have put in your the land of Egypt to gather stubble for straw. 13 The hand, but I will harden his heart and he will not let the taskmasters were urgent saying, "Fulfill your work guota people go. 22 You shall tell Pharaoh, 'Yahweh says, daily, as when there was straw!" 14 The officers of the Israel is my son, my firstborn, 23 and I have said to you, children of Israel, whom Pharaoh's taskmasters had set "Let my son go, that he may serve me:" and you have over them, were beaten, and were asked, "Why haven't refused to let him go. Behold, I will kill your firstborn you fulfilled your quota both yesterday and today, in son." 24 On the way at a lodging place, Yahweh met making brick as before?" 15 Then the officers of the Moses and wanted to kill him. 25 Then Zipporah took a children of Israel came and cried to Pharaoh, saying, flint, and cut off the foreskin of her son, and cast it at "Why do you deal this way with your servants? 16 No his feet; and she said, "Surely you are a bridegroom straw is given to your servants, and they tell us, 'Make of blood to me." 26 So he let him alone. Then she brick! and behold, your servants are beaten; but the said, "You are a bridegroom of blood," because of the fault is in your own people." 17 But Pharaoh said, "You circumcision. 27 Yahweh said to Aaron, "Go into the are idle! You are idle! Therefore you say, 'Let's go and wilderness to meet Moses." He went, and met him on sacrifice to Yahweh.' 18 Go therefore now, and work; for God's mountain, and kissed him. 28 Moses told Aaron no straw shall be given to you; yet you shall deliver the all Yahweh's words with which he had sent him, and all same number of bricks!" 19 The officers of the children the signs with which he had instructed him. 29 Moses of Israel saw that they were in trouble when it was said, and Aaron went and gathered together all the elders "You shall not diminish anything from your daily guota of of the children of Israel. 30 Aaron spoke all the words bricks!" 20 They met Moses and Aaron, who stood along which Yahweh had spoken to Moses, and did the signs the way, as they came out from Pharaoh. 21 They said in the sight of the people. 31 The people believed, and to them, "May Yahweh look at you and judge, because when they heard that Yahweh had visited the children of you have made us a stench to be abhorred in the eyes Israel, and that he had seen their affliction, then they of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of his servants, to put a sword in their hand to kill us!" 22 Moses returned to Yahweh, 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. You have not rescued your people at all!"

6 Yahweh said to Moses, "Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh, for by a strong hand he shall let Please let us go three days' journey into the wilderness, them go, and by a strong hand he shall drive them out and sacrifice to Yahweh, our God, lest he fall on us of his land." 2 God spoke to Moses, and said to him, "I with pestilence, or with the sword." 4 The king of Egypt am Yahweh. 3 I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and said to them, "Why do you, Moses and Aaron, take the to Jacob, as God Almighty; but by my name Yahweh I

covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the Levites according to their families. 26 These are that the land of their travels, in which they lived as aliens. Aaron and Moses to whom Yahweh said, "Bring out the 5 Moreover I have heard the groaning of the children children of Israel from the land of Egypt according to of Israel, whom the Egyptians keep in bondage, and I their armies." 27 These are those who spoke to Pharaoh have remembered my covenant. 6 Therefore tell the king of Egypt, to bring out the children of Israel from children of Israel, 'I am Yahweh, and I will bring you out Egypt. These are that Moses and Aaron. 28 On the day from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid when Yahweh spoke to Moses in the land of Egypt, 29 you out of their bondage, and I will redeem you with Yahweh said to Moses, "I am Yahweh. Tell Pharaoh an outstretched arm, and with great judgments. 7 I will king of Egypt all that I tell you." 30 Moses said before take you to myself for a people. I will be your God; and Yahweh, "Behold, I am of uncircumcised lips, and how you shall know that I am Yahweh your God, who brings shall Pharaoh listen to me?" you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. 8 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 for a heritage: I am Yahweh." 9 Moses spoke so to the children of Israel, but they didn't listen to Moses for anguish of spirit, and for cruel bondage. 10 Yahweh 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 Yahweh, saying, "Behold, the children of Israel haven't listened to me. How then shall Pharaoh listen to me, when I have uncircumcised lips?" 13 Yahweh 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 Jachin, 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. The years of the life of Amram were one hundred thirty-seven years. 21 The sons of Izhar: Korah, and Nepheg, and Zichri. 22 The sons of Uzziel: Mishael, Elzaphan, and Sithri. 23 Aaron took Elisheba, the daughter of Amminadab, the sister of Nahshon, as his wife; and she bore him Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar. 24 The sons of Korah: Assir, Elkanah, and Abiasaph; these are the families of the Korahites. 25 Eleazar Aaron's son took one of the daughters of Putiel as his wife; and she bore him

was not known to them. 4 I have also established my Phinehas. These are the heads of the fathers' houses of

7 Yahweh said to Moses, "Behold, 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, so I will lay my hand on Egypt, and bring out my armies, my people the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great judgments. 5 The Egyptians shall know that I am Yahweh when I stretch out my hand on Egypt, and bring the children of Israel out from among them." 6 Moses and Aaron did so. As Yahweh commanded them, so they did. 7 Moses was eighty years old, and Aaron eighty-three years old, when they spoke to Pharaoh. 8 Yahweh spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saving, 9 "When Pharaoh speaks to you, saying, 'Perform a miracle!' then you shall tell Aaron, 'Take your rod, and cast it down before Pharaoh, and it will become a serpent." 10 Moses and Aaron went in to Pharaoh, and they did so, as Yahweh had commanded. Aaron cast down his rod 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 the same thing with their enchantments. 12 For they each cast down their rods, and they became serpents: but Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods. 13 Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he didn't listen to them, as Yahweh had spoken. 14 Yahweh said to Moses, "Pharaoh's heart is stubborn. He refuses to let the people go. 15 Go to Pharaoh in the morning. Behold, he is going out to the water. You shall stand by the river's bank to meet him. You shall take the rod which was turned to a serpent in your hand. 16 You shall tell him, 'Yahweh, the God of the Hebrews, has sent me to you, saying, "Let my people go, that they may serve me in the wilderness. Behold, until now you haven't listened." 17 Yahweh says, "In this you shall know that I am Yahweh. Behold: I will strike with the rod that is in my hand on the waters which are in the river, and they shall be turned to blood. 18 The fish that are

in the river will die and the river will become foul. The only." 12 Moses and Aaron went out from Pharaoh. Egyptians will loathe to drink water from the river."" 19 and Moses cried to Yahweh concerning the frogs which Yahweh said to Moses, "Tell Aaron, 'Take your rod, and he had brought on Pharaoh. 13 Yahweh did according stretch out your hand over the waters of Egypt, over to the word of Moses, and the frogs died out of the their rivers, over their streams, and over their pools, houses, out of the courts, and out of the fields. 14 They and over all their ponds of water, that they may become gathered them together in heaps, and the land stank. blood. There will be blood throughout all the land of 15 But when Pharaoh saw that there was a respite, Egypt, both in vessels of wood and in vessels of stone." he hardened his heart, and didn't listen to them, as and he lifted up the rod, and struck the waters that were Aaron, 'Stretch out your rod, and strike the dust of the in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh, and in the sight of earth, that it may become lice throughout all the land were turned to blood. 21 The fish that were in the river his hand with his rod, and struck the dust of the earth, died. The river became foul. The Egyptians couldn't and there were lice on man, and on animal; all the drink water from the river. The blood was throughout dust of the earth became lice throughout all the land of the same thing with their enchantments. So Pharaoh's to produce lice, but they couldn't. There were lice on Yahweh had spoken. 23 Pharaoh turned and went into Pharaoh, "This is God's finger;" but Pharaoh's heart was his house, and he didn't even take this to heart. 24 All hardened, and he didn't listen to them, as Yahweh had the Egyptians dug around the river for water to drink; for spoken. 20 Yahweh said to Moses, "Rise up early in the they couldn't drink the river water. 25 Seven days were morning, and stand before Pharaoh; behold, he comes fulfilled, after Yahweh had struck the river.

A Yahweh spoke to Moses, "Go in to Pharaoh, and tell him, 'This is what Yahweh says, "Let my people go, that they may serve me. 2 If you refuse to let them go, behold, I will plague all your borders with frogs. 3 The river will swarm with frogs, which will go up and come into your house, and into your bedroom, 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 The frogs shall come up both on you, and on your people, and on all your servants."" 5 Yahweh said to Moses, "Tell Aaron, 'Stretch out your hand with your rod 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 the same thing with their enchantments, and brought up frogs on the land of Egypt. 8 Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, "Entreat Yahweh, that he take away the frogs from me and from my people; and I will let the people go, that they may sacrifice to Yahweh." 9 Moses said to Pharaoh, "I give you the honor of setting the time that I should pray for you, and for your servants, and for your people, that the frogs be destroyed from you and your houses, and remain in the river only." 10 Pharaoh said, "Tomorrow." Moses said, "Let it be according to your word, that you may know that there is no one like Yahweh our God. 11 The frogs shall depart from you, and from your houses, and from your servants, and from your people. They shall remain in the river

20 Moses and Aaron did so, as Yahweh commanded; Yahweh had spoken. 16 Yahweh said to Moses, "Tell his servants; and all the waters that were in the river of Egypt." 17 They did so; and Aaron stretched out all the land of Egypt. 22 The magicians of Egypt did Egypt. 18 The magicians tried with their enchantments heart was hardened, and he didn't listen to them, as man, and on animal. 19 Then the magicians said to out to the water; and tell him, 'This is what Yahweh says, "Let my people go, that they may serve me. 21 Else, if you will not let my people go, behold, I will send swarms of flies on you, and on your servants, and on your people, and into your houses. The houses of the Egyptians shall be full of swarms of flies, and also the ground they are on. 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 Yahweh on the earth. 23 I will put a division between my people and your people. This sign shall happen by tomorrow."" 24 Yahweh did so; and there came grievous swarms of flies into the house of Pharaoh, and into his servants' houses. 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 Yahweh our God. Behold, if we sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians before their eyes, won't they stone us? 27 We will go three days' journey into the wilderness, and sacrifice to Yahweh our God, as he shall command us." 28 Pharaoh said, "I will let you go, that you may sacrifice to Yahweh your God in the wilderness, only you shall not go very far away. Pray for me." 29 Moses said, "Behold, I am going out from you. I will pray to Yahweh that the swarms of flies may depart from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people, tomorrow; only don't let Pharaoh deal deceitfully any more in not letting the people go to sacrifice to Yahweh." 30 Moses went out

swarms of flies from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people. There remained not one. 32 Pharaoh people go.

Q Then Yahweh said to Moses, "Go in to Pharaoh, and tell him, 'This is what Yahweh, 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 behold, Yahweh's hand 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 Yahweh will make a distinction between the livestock of Israel and the livestock of Egypt; and nothing shall die of all that belongs to the children of Israel."" 5 Yahweh appointed a set time, saying, "Tomorrow Yahweh shall do this thing in the land." 6 Yahweh did that thing on the next day; and all the livestock of Eavpt died, but of the livestock of the children of Israel, not one died. 7 Pharaoh sent, and, behold, there was not so much as one of the livestock of the Israelites dead. But the heart of Pharaoh was stubborn, and he didn't let the people go. 8 Yahweh said to Moses and to Aaron, "Take 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 boils and blisters breaking out 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 boils and blisters breaking out 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 Yahweh hardened the heart of Pharaoh, and he didn't listen to them, as Yahweh had spoken to Moses. 13 Yahweh said to Moses, "Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh, and tell him, 'This is what Yahweh, the God of the Hebrews, says: "Let my people go, that they may serve me. 14 For this time I will send all my plagues against your heart, against your officials, and against your people; that you may know that there is no one like me in all the earth. 15 For now I would have stretched out my hand, and struck you and your people with pestilence, and you would have been cut off from

from Pharaoh, and prayed to Yahweh. 31 Yahweh did until now. 19 Now therefore command that all of your according to the word of Moses, and he removed the livestock and all that you have in the field be brought into shelter. The hail will come down on every man and animal that is found in the field, and isn't brought home, hardened his heart this time also, and he didn't let the and they will die."" 20 Those who feared Yahweh's word among the servants of Pharaoh made their servants and their livestock flee into the houses. 21 Whoever didn't respect Yahweh's word left his servants and his livestock in the field. 22 Yahweh said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand toward the sky, that there may be hail in all the land of Egypt, on man, and on animal, and on every herb of the field, throughout the land of Egypt." 23 Moses stretched out his rod toward the heavens, and Yahweh sent thunder and hail; and lightning flashed down to the earth. Yahweh rained hail on the land of Egypt. 24 So there was very severe hail, and lightning 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 herb 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. Yahweh is righteous, and I and my people are wicked. 28 Pray to Yahweh; for there has been enough of mighty thunderings and hail. 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 out my hands to Yahweh. The thunders shall cease, and there will not be any more hail; that you may know that the earth is Yahweh's. 30 But as for you and your servants, I know that you don't yet fear Yahweh God." 31 The flax and the barley were struck, for the barley had ripened and the flax was blooming. 32 But the wheat and the spelt were not struck, for they had not grown up. 33 Moses went out of the city from Pharaoh, and spread out his hands to Yahweh; and the thunders and hail ceased, and the rain was not poured on the earth. 34 When Pharaoh saw that the rain and the hail and the thunders had ceased, he sinned yet more, and hardened his heart, he and his servants. 35 The heart of Pharaoh was hardened, and he didn't let the children of Israel go, just as Yahweh had spoken through Moses.

1 (1) Yahweh said to Moses, "Go in to Pharaoh, for I have hardened his heart and the heart of his the earth; 16 but indeed for this cause I have made you servants, that I may show these my signs among them; stand: to show you my power, and that my name may 2 and that you may tell in the hearing of your son, and be declared throughout all the earth, 17 because you of your son's son, what things I have done to Egypt, still exalt yourself against my people, that you won't and my signs which I have done among them; that you let them go. 18 Behold, tomorrow about this time I may know that I am Yahweh." 3 Moses and Aaron went will cause it to rain a very grievous hail, such as has in to Pharaoh, and said to him, "This is what Yahweh, not been in Egypt since the day it was founded even the God of the Hebrews, says: 'How long will you refuse

they may serve me. 4 Or else, if you refuse to let my of Egypt, even darkness which may be felt." 22 Moses people go, behold, tomorrow I will bring locusts into stretched out his hand toward the sky, and there was a your country, 5 and they shall cover the surface of the thick darkness in all the land of Egypt for three days. 23 earth, so that one won't be able to see the earth. They They didn't see one another, and nobody rose from his shall eat the residue of that which has escaped, which place for three days; but all the children of Israel had remains to you from the hail, and shall eat every tree light in their dwellings. 24 Pharaoh called to Moses, which grows for you out of the field. 6 Your houses and said, "Go, serve Yahweh. Only let your flocks and shall be filled, and the houses of all your servants, and your herds stay behind. Let your little ones also go with the houses of all the Egyptians, as neither your fathers you." 25 Moses said, "You must also give into our hand nor your fathers' fathers have seen, since the day that sacrifices and burnt offerings, that we may sacrifice to they were on the earth to this day." He turned, and Yahweh our God. 26 Our livestock also shall go with us. went out from Pharaoh. 7 Pharaoh's servants said to Not a hoof shall be left behind, for of it we must take to him, "How long will this man be a snare to us? Let the serve Yahweh our God; and we don't know with what men go, that they may serve Yahweh, their God. Don't we must serve Yahweh, until we come there." 27 But you yet know that Egypt is destroyed?" 8 Moses and Yahweh hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he wouldn't let Aaron were brought again to Pharaoh, and he said them go. 28 Pharaoh said to him, "Get away from me! to them, "Go, serve Yahweh your God; but who are Be careful to see my face no more; for in the day you those who will go?" 9 Moses said, "We will go with our see my face you shall die!" 29 Moses said, "You have young and with our old. We will go with our sons and spoken well. I will see your face again no more." with our daughters, with our flocks and with our herds; for we must hold a feast to Yahweh." 10 He said to them, "Yahweh be with you if I let you go with your little ones! See, evil is clearly before your faces. 11 Not so! Go now you who are men, and serve Yahweh; for that is what you desire!" Then they were driven out from Pharaoh's presence. 12 Yahweh said to Moses. "Stretch out your hand over the land of Egypt for the locusts, that they may come up on the land of Egypt, and eat every herb of the land, even all that the hail has left." 13 Moses stretched out his rod over the land of Egypt, and Yahweh brought an east wind on the land all that day, and all night; and when it was morning, the east wind brought the locusts. 14 The locusts went up over all the land of Egypt, and rested in all the borders of Egypt. They were very grievous. Before them there were no such locusts as they, nor will there ever be again. 15 For they covered the surface of the whole earth, so that the land was darkened, and they ate every herb of the land, and all the fruit of the trees which the hail had left. There remained nothing green, either tree or herb of the field, through all the land of Egypt, 16 Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron in haste, and he said, "I have sinned against Yahweh your God, and against you. 17 Now therefore please forgive my sin again, and pray to Yahweh your God, that he may also take away from me this death." 18 Moses went out from Pharaoh, and prayed to Yahweh. 19 Yahweh sent an exceedingly 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 Yahweh hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he didn't let the children of Israel go. 21 Yahweh said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand

to humble yourself before me? Let my people go, that toward the sky, that there may be darkness over the land

11 Yahweh said to Moses, "I will bring yet one more plague on Pharaoh, and on Egypt; afterwards he will let you go. When he lets you go, he will surely thrust you out altogether. 2 Speak now in the ears of the people, and let every man ask of his neighbor, and every woman of her neighbor, jewels of silver, and jewels of gold." 3 Yahweh gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians. Moreover, the man Moses was very great in the land of Egypt, in the sight of Pharaoh's servants, and in the sight of the people. 4 Moses said, "This is what Yahweh says: 'About midnight I will go out into the middle of Egypt. 5 and all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sits on his throne, even to the firstborn of the female servant who is behind the mill, and all the firstborn of livestock. 6 There will be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as there has not been, nor will be any more. 7 But against any of the children of Israel a dog won't even bark or move its tongue, against man or animal, that you may know that Yahweh makes a distinction between the Egyptians and Israel. 8 All these servants of yours will come down to me, and bow down themselves to me, saying, "Get out, with all the people who follow you;" and after that I will go out." He went out from Pharaoh in hot anger. 9 Yahweh said to Moses, "Pharaoh won't listen to you, that my wonders may be multiplied in the land of Egypt." 10 Moses and Aaron did all these wonders before Pharaoh, but Yahweh hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he didn't let the children of Israel go out of his land.

2 Yahweh 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 foreigner, or one who is born in the land. 20 You shall year to you. 3 Speak to all the congregation of Israel, eat nothing leavened. In all your habitations you shall saying, 'On the tenth day of this month, they shall take eat unleavened bread." 21 Then Moses called for all the to them every man a lamb, according to their fathers' elders of Israel, and said to them, "Draw out, and take houses, a lamb for a household; 4 and if the household lambs according to your families, and kill the Passover. is too little for a lamb, then he and his neighbor next 22 You shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip it in the to his house shall take one according to the number blood that is in the basin, and strike the lintel and the of the souls. You shall make your count for the lamb two door posts with the blood that is in the basin. None according to what everyone can eat. 5 Your lamb shall of you shall go out of the door of his house until the be without defect, a male a year old. You shall take it morning. 23 For Yahweh will pass through to strike the from the sheep or from the goats. 6 You shall keep it Egyptians; and when he sees the blood on the lintel, until the fourteenth day of the same month; and the and on the two door posts, Yahweh will pass over the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it door, and will not allow the destroyer to come in to your at evening. 7 They shall take some of the blood, and houses to strike you. 24 You shall observe this thing put it on the two door posts and on the lintel, on the for an ordinance to you and to your sons forever. 25 It houses in which they shall eat it. 8 They shall eat the shall happen when you have come to the land which meat in that night, roasted with fire, with unleavened Yahweh will give you, as he has promised, that you shall bread. They shall eat it with bitter herbs. 9 Don't eat it keep this service. 26 It will happen, when your children raw, nor boiled at all with water, but roasted with fire; ask you, 'What do you mean by this service?' 27 that with its head, its legs and its inner parts. 10 You shall let you shall say, 'It is the sacrifice of Yahweh's Passover, nothing of it remain until the morning; but that which who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in remains of it until the morning you shall burn with fire. 11 Egypt, when he struck the Egyptians, and spared our This is how you shall eat it: with your belt on your waist, houses." The people bowed their heads and worshiped. your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; 28 The children of Israel went and did so; as Yahweh and you shall eat it in haste: it is Yahweh's Passover. had commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did. 29 At 12 For I will go through the land of Egypt in that night, midnight, Yahweh struck all the firstborn in the land of and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat on his man and animal. I will execute judgments against all the throne to the firstborn of the captive who was in the gods of Egypt. I am Yahweh. 13 The blood shall be to dungeon, and all the firstborn of livestock. 30 Pharaoh you for a token on the houses where you are. When I rose up in the night, he, and all his servants, and all see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt, for be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. there was not a house where there was not one dead. 14 This day shall be a memorial for you. You shall keep 31 He called for Moses and Aaron by night, and said, it as a feast to Yahweh. You shall keep it as a feast "Rise up, get out from among my people, both you and throughout your generations by an ordinance forever. 15 the children of Israel; and go, serve Yahweh, as you "Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread; even the have said! 32 Take both your flocks and your herds, as first day you shall put away yeast out of your houses, you have said, and be gone; and bless me also!" 33 for whoever eats leavened bread from the first day The Egyptians were urgent with the people, to send until the seventh day, that soul shall be cut off from them out of the land in haste, for they said, "We are all Israel. 16 In the first day there shall be to you a holy dead men." 34 The people took their dough before it convocation, and in the seventh day a holy convocation; was leavened, their kneading troughs being bound up in no kind of work shall be done in them, except that which their clothes on their shoulders, 35 The children of Israel every man must eat, only that may be done by you. did according to the word of Moses; and they asked of 17 You shall observe the feast of unleavened bread; the Egyptians jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and for in this same day I have brought your armies out of clothing. 36 Yahweh gave the people favor in the sight the land of Egypt. Therefore you shall observe this day of the Egyptians, so that they let them have what they throughout your generations by an ordinance forever. asked. They plundered the Egyptians. 37 The children 18 In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month of Israel traveled from Rameses to Succoth, about six at evening, you shall eat unleavened bread, until the hundred thousand on foot who were men, in addition to twenty first day of the month at evening. 19 There shall children. 38 A mixed multitude went up also with them, be no yeast found in your houses for seven days, for with flocks, herds, and even very much livestock. 39 whoever eats that which is leavened, that soul shall be They baked unleavened cakes of the dough which they cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he is a brought out of Egypt; for it wasn't leavened, because

the land of Egypt by their armies.

13 Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Sanctify to me all the firstborn, whatever opens the womb among the children of Israel, both of man and of animal. It is mine." 3 Moses said to the people, "Remember this day, in which you came out of Egypt, out of the house of bondage; for by strength of hand Yahweh brought you out from this place. No leavened bread shall be eaten. 4 Today you go out in the month Abib. 5 It shall be, when Yahweh brings you into the land of the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Amorite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite, which he swore to your fathers to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey, that you shall keep this service in this month. 6 Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and in the seventh day shall be a feast to Yahweh. 7 Unleavened bread shall be eaten throughout the seven days; and no leavened bread shall be seen with you. No yeast shall be seen with you, within all your borders. 8 You shall tell your son in that day, saying, 'It is because of that which Yahweh did for me when I came out of Egypt.' 9 It shall be for a sign to you on your hand, and for a memorial between your eyes, that Yahweh's law may be in your mouth; for with a strong hand Yahweh has brought you out of Egypt. 10 You shall therefore keep this ordinance in its season from year to year. 11 "It shall be, when Yahweh

they were thrust out of Egypt, and couldn't wait, and brings you into the land of the Canaanite, as he swore they had not prepared any food for themselves. 40 to you and to your fathers, and will give it to you, 12 Now the time that the children of Israel lived in Egypt that you shall set apart to Yahweh all that opens the was four hundred thirty years. 41 At the end of four womb, and every firstborn that comes from an animal hundred thirty years, to the day, all of Yahweh's armies which you have. The males shall be Yahweh's. 13 Every went out from the land of Egypt. 42 It is a night to be firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb; and much observed to Yahweh for bringing them out from if you will not redeem it, then you shall break its neck; the land of Egypt. This is that night of Yahweh, to be and you shall redeem all the firstborn of man among much observed by all the children of Israel throughout your sons. 14 It shall be, when your son asks you in their generations. 43 Yahweh said to Moses and Aaron, time to come, saying, 'What is this?' that you shall tell "This is the ordinance of the Passover. No foreigner him, 'By strength of hand Yahweh brought us out from shall eat of it, 44 but every man's servant who is bought Egypt, from the house of bondage. 15 When Pharaoh for money, when you have circumcised him, then shall stubbornly refused to let us go. Yahweh killed all the he eat of it. 45 A foreigner and a hired servant shall firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man, not eat of it. 46 It must be eaten in one house. You and the firstborn of livestock. Therefore I sacrifice to shall not carry any of the meat outside of the house. Yahweh all that opens the womb, being males; but all Do not break any of its bones. 47 All the congregation the firstborn of my sons I redeem.' 16 It shall be for a of Israel shall keep it. 48 When a stranger lives as a sign on your hand, and for symbols between your eyes; foreigner with you, and would like to keep the Passover for by strength of hand Yahweh brought us out of Egypt." to Yahweh, let all his males be circumcised, and then let 17 When Pharaoh had let the people go, God didn't lead him come near and keep it. He shall be as one who is them by the way of the land of the Philistines, although born in the land; but no uncircumcised person shall eat that was near; for God said, "Lest perhaps the people of it. 49 One law shall be to him who is born at home, change their minds when they see war, and they return and to the stranger who lives as a foreigner among to Egypt": 18 but God led the people around by the way you." 50 All the children of Israel did so. As Yahweh of the wilderness by the Red Sea; and the children of commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did. 51 That Israel went up armed out of the land of Egypt. 19 Moses same day. Yahweh brought the children of Israel out of took the bones of Joseph with him, for he had made the children of Israel swear, saying, "God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones away from here with you." 20 They took their journey from Succoth, and encamped in Etham, in the edge of the wilderness. 21 Yahweh went before them by day in a pillar of cloud, to lead them on their way, and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light, that they might go by day and by night: 22 the pillar of cloud by day, and the pillar of fire by night, didn't depart from before the people.

> 1 1 Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Speak to the children of Israel, that they turn back and encamp before Pihahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, before Baal Zephon. You shall encamp opposite it by the sea. 3 Pharaoh will say of the children of Israel, 'They are entangled in the land. The wilderness has shut them in.' 4 I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and he will follow after them; and I will get honor over Pharaoh, and over all his armies; and the Egyptians shall know that I am Yahweh." They did so. 5 The king of Egypt was told that the people had fled; and the heart of Pharaoh and of his servants was changed toward the people, and they said, "What is this we have done, that we have let Israel go from serving us?" 6 He prepared his chariot, and took his army with him; 7 and he took six hundred chosen chariots, and all the chariots of Egypt,

heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued the hand over the sea, that the waters may come again on children of Israel; for the children of Israel went out with the Egyptians, on their chariots, and on their horsemen." a high hand. 9 The Egyptians pursued them. All the 27 Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the horses and chariots of Pharaoh, his horsemen, and sea returned to its strength when the morning appeared; his army overtook them encamping by the sea, beside and the Egyptians fled against it. Yahweh overthrew Pihahiroth, before Baal Zephon. 10 When Pharaoh the Egyptians in the middle of the sea. 28 The waters came near, the children of Israel lifted up their eyes, returned, and covered the chariots and the horsemen, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them; even all Pharaoh's army that went in after them into and they were very afraid. The children of Israel cried the sea. There remained not so much as one of them. out to Yahweh. 11 They said to Moses, "Because there 29 But the children of Israel walked on dry land in the were no graves in Egypt, have you taken us away to middle of the sea, and the waters were a wall to them die in the wilderness? Why have you treated us this on their right hand and on their left. 30 Thus Yahweh way, to bring us out of Egypt? 12 Isn't this the word saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians; that we spoke to you in Egypt, saying, 'Leave us alone, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. that we may serve the Egyptians'? For it would have 31 Israel saw the great work which Yahweh did to the been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in Egyptians, and the people feared Yahweh; and they the wilderness." 13 Moses said to the people, "Don't believed in Yahweh and in his servant Moses. be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of Yahweh, which he will work for you today; for you will never again see the Egyptians whom you have seen today. 14 Yahweh will fight for you, and you shall be still." 15 Yahweh said to Moses, "Why do you cry to me? Speak to the children of Israel, that they go forward. 16 Lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it. Then the children of Israel shall go into the middle of the sea on dry ground. 17 Behold, I myself will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they will go in after them. I will get myself honor over Pharaoh, and over all his armies, over his chariots, and over his horsemen. 18 The Egyptians shall know that I am Yahweh when I have gotten myself honor over Pharaoh, over his chariots, and over his horsemen." 19 The angel of God, who went before the camp of Israel, moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from before them, and stood behind them. 20 It came between the camp of Egypt and the camp of Israel. There was the cloud and the darkness, yet it gave light by night. One didn't come near the other all night. 21 Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and Yahweh caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. 22 The children of Israel went into the middle of the sea on the dry ground; and the waters were a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. 23 The Egyptians pursued, and went in after them into the middle of the sea: all of Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. 24 In the morning watch, Yahweh looked out on the Egyptian army through the pillar of fire and of cloud, and confused the Egyptian army. 25 He took off their chariot wheels, and they drove them heavily; so that the Egyptians said, "Let's flee from the face of Israel, for Yahweh fights for them against the

with captains over all of them. 8 Yahweh hardened the Egyptians!" 26 Yahweh said to Moses, "Stretch out your

15 Then Moses and the children of Israel sang this song to Yahweh, and said, "I will sing to Yahweh, for he has triumphed gloriously. He has thrown the horse and his rider into the sea. 2 Yah is my strength and song. He has become my salvation. This is my God, and I will praise him; my father's God, and I will exalt him. 3 Yahweh is a man of war. Yahweh is his name. 4 He has cast Pharaoh's chariots and his army into the sea. His chosen captains are sunk in the Red Sea. 5 The deeps cover them. They went down into the depths like a stone. 6 Your right hand, Yahweh, is glorious in power. Your right hand, Yahweh, dashes the enemy in pieces. 7 In the greatness of your excellency, you overthrow those who rise up against you. You send out your wrath. It consumes them as stubble. 8 With the blast of your nostrils, the waters were piled up. The floods stood upright as a heap. The deeps were congealed in the heart of the sea. 9 The enemy said, 'I will pursue. I will overtake. I will divide the plunder. My desire will be satisfied on them. I will draw my sword. My hand will destroy them.' 10 You blew with your wind. The sea covered them. They sank like lead in the mighty waters. 11 Who is like you, Yahweh, among the gods? Who is like you, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders? 12 You stretched out your right hand. The earth swallowed them. 13 "You, in your loving kindness, have led the people that you have redeemed. You have guided them in your strength to your holy habitation. 14 The peoples have heard. They tremble. Pangs have taken hold of the inhabitants of Philistia. 15 Then the chiefs of Edom were dismayed. Trembling takes hold of the mighty men of Moab. All the inhabitants of Canaan have melted away. 16 Terror and dread falls on them. By the greatness of your arm they are as still as a stone, until your people pass over, Yahweh, until the people

you have purchased pass over. 17 You will bring them out from the land of Egypt, 7 In the morning, you shall gloriously. He has thrown the horse and his rider into glory appeared in the cloud. 11 Yahweh spoke to Moses, 23 When they came to Marah, they couldn't drink from bread. Then you will know that I am Yahweh your God." the waters of Marah, for they were bitter. Therefore 13 In the evening, quail came up and covered the camp; them, and there he tested them. 26 He said, "If you will know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread waters.

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 Yahweh's hand 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 Yahweh said to Moses, "Behold, I will rain bread from the sky 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, you shall know that Yahweh has brought you

in, and plant them in the mountain of your inheritance, see Yahweh's glory; because he hears your murmurings the place, Yahweh, which you have made for yourself to against Yahweh. Who are we, that you murmur against dwell in: the sanctuary, Lord, which your hands have us?" 8 Moses said, "Now Yahweh will give you meat established. 18 Yahweh will reign forever and ever." 19 to eat in the evening, and in the morning bread to For the horses of Pharaoh went in with his chariots and satisfy you, because Yahweh hears your murmurings with his horsemen into the sea, and Yahweh brought which you murmur against him. And who are we? Your back the waters of the sea on them; but the children murmurings are not against us, but against Yahweh." of Israel walked on dry land in the middle of the sea. 9 Moses said to Aaron, "Tell all the congregation of 20 Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a the children of Israel, 'Come close to Yahweh, for he tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out has heard your murmurings." 10 As Aaron spoke to after her with tambourines and with dances. 21 Miriam the whole congregation of the children of Israel, they answered them, "Sing to Yahweh, for he has triumphed looked toward the wilderness, and behold, Yahweh's the sea." 22 Moses led Israel onward from the Red Sea, saying, 12 "I have heard the murmurings of the children and they went out into the wilderness of Shur; and they of Israel. Speak to them, saying, 'At evening you shall went three days in the wilderness, and found no water. eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with its name was called Marah. 24 The people murmured and in the morning the dew lay around the camp. 14 against Moses, saying, "What shall we drink?" 25 Then When the dew that lay had gone, behold, on the surface he cried to Yahweh. Yahweh showed him a tree, and of the wilderness was a small round thing, small as the he threw it into the waters, and the waters were made frost on the ground. 15 When the children of Israel saw sweet. There he made a statute and an ordinance for it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they didn't diligently listen to Yahweh your God's voice, and will do which Yahweh has given you to eat. 16 This is the thing that which is right in his eyes, and will pay attention to which Yahweh has commanded: 'Gather of it eyeryone his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put according to his eating; an omer a head, according to none of the diseases on you which I have put on the the number of your persons, you shall take it, every Egyptians; for I am Yahweh who heals you." 27 They man for those who are in his tent." 17 The children of came to Elim, where there were twelve springs of water Israel did so, and some gathered more, some less. 18 and seventy palm trees. They encamped there by the When they measured it with an omer, he who gathered much had nothing over, and he who gathered little had no lack. They each gathered according to his eating. 19 Moses said to them, "Let no one leave of it until the morning." 20 Notwithstanding they didn't listen to Moses, but some of them left of it until the morning, so it bred worms and became foul; and Moses was angry with them. 21 They gathered it morning by morning, everyone according to his eating. When the sun grew hot, it melted. 22 On the sixth day, they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for each one; and all the rulers of the congregation came and told Moses. 23 He said to them, "This is that which Yahweh has spoken, 'Tomorrow is a solemn rest, a holy Sabbath to Yahweh. Bake that which you want to bake, and boil that which you want to boil; and all that remains over lay up for yourselves to be kept until the morning." 24 They laid it up until the morning, as Moses ordered, and it didn't become foul, and there were no worms in it. 25 Moses said, "Eat that today, for today is a Sabbath to Yahweh. Today you shall not find it in the field. 26 Six days you shall gather it, but on the seventh day is the Sabbath. In

which Yahweh has commanded, 'Let an omer-full of it war with Amalek from generation to generation." be kept throughout your generations, that they may see the bread with which I fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you out of the land of Egypt." 33 Moses said to Aaron, "Take a pot, and put an omer-full of manna in it, and lay it up before Yahweh, to be kept throughout your generations." 34 As Yahweh 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 one tenth of an ephah.

traveled from the wilderness of Sin, starting according to Yahweh's commandment, and encamped in Rephidim; but there was no water for the people to drink. 2 Therefore the people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you guarrel with me? Why do you test Yahweh?" 3 The people were thirsty for water there; so the people murmured against Moses, and said, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us, our children, and our livestock with thirst?" 4 Moses cried to Yahweh, saying, "What shall I do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me." 5 Yahweh said to Moses, "Walk on before the people, and take the elders of Israel with you, and take the rod in your hand with which you struck the Nile, and go. 6 Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock in Horeb. You shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink." Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel. 7 He called the name of the place Massah, and Meribah, because the children of Israel guarreled, and because they tested Yahweh, saying, "Is Yahweh among us. or not?" 8 Then Amalek came and fought with Israel in Rephidim. 9 Moses said to Joshua, "Choose men for us, and go out to fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with God's rod in my hand." 10 So Joshua did as Moses had told him, and fought with Amalek; and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. 11 When Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed. When he let down his hand, Amalek to me, and I judge between a man and his neighbor, and

it there shall be none." 27 On the seventh day, some of prevailed, 12 But Moses' hands were heavy; so they the people went out to gather, and they found none. 28 took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat on it. Yahweh said to Moses, "How long do you refuse to keep Aaron and Hur held up his hands, the one on the one my commandments and my laws? 29 Behold, because side, and the other on the other side. His hands were Yahweh has given you the Sabbath, therefore he gives steady until sunset. 13 Joshua defeated Amalek and you on the sixth day the bread of two days. Everyone his people with the edge of the sword. 14 Yahweh said stay in his place. Let no one go out of his place on the to Moses, "Write this for a memorial in a book, and seventh day." 30 So the people rested on the seventh rehearse it in the ears of Joshua: that I will utterly blot day. 31 The house of Israel called its name "Manna", out the memory of Amalek from under the sky." 15 and it was like coriander seed, white; and its taste was Moses built an altar, and called its name "Yahweh our like wafers with honey. 32 Moses said, "This is the thing Banner". 16 He said, "Yah has sworn: 'Yahweh will have

f 18 Now Jethro, the priest of Midian, Moses' fatherin-law, heard of all that God had done for Moses and for Israel his people, how Yahweh 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' fatherin-law, came with Moses' sons and his wife to Moses 17 All the congregation of the children of Israel into the wilderness where he was encamped, at the Mountain of God. 6 He said to Moses, "I, your father-inlaw Jethro, have come to you with your wife, and her two sons with her." 7 Moses went out to meet his fatherin-law, and bowed and kissed him. They asked each other of their welfare, and they came into the tent. 8 Moses told his father-in-law all that Yahweh had done to Pharaoh and to the Egyptians for Israel's sake, all the hardships that had come on them on the way, and how Yahweh delivered them. 9 Jethro rejoiced for all the goodness which Yahweh had done to Israel, in that he had delivered them out of the hand of the Egyptians. 10 Jethro said, "Blessed be Yahweh, 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 Yahweh is greater than all gods because of the way that they treated people arrogantly." 12 Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, took a burnt offering and sacrifices for God. Aaron came with all the elders of Israel, to eat bread with Moses' father-in-law before God. 13 On the next day, 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

I make them know the statutes of God, and his laws." 17 may hear when I speak with you, and may also believe Moses' father-in-law said to him, "The thing that you do you forever." Moses told the words of the people to is not good. 18 You will surely wear away, both you, and Yahweh. 10 Yahweh said to Moses, "Go to the people, this people that is with you; for the thing is too heavy for and sanctify them today and tomorrow, and let them you. You are not able to perform it yourself alone. 19 wash their garments, 11 and be ready for the third day; Listen now to my voice. I will give you counsel, and God for on the third day Yahweh will come down in the be with you. You represent the people before God, and sight of all the people on Mount Sinai. 12 You shall set bring the causes to God. 20 You shall teach them the bounds to the people all around, saying, 'Be careful that statutes and the laws, and shall show them the way in you don't go up onto the mountain, or touch its border. which they must walk, and the work that they must do. Whoever touches the mountain shall be surely put to 21 Moreover you shall provide out of all the people able death. 13 No hand shall touch him, but he shall surely men which fear God: men of truth, hating unjust gain; be stoned or shot through; whether it is animal or man, and place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, he shall not live.' When the trumpet sounds long, they rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens. 22 shall come up to the mountain." 14 Moses went down Let them judge the people at all times. It shall be that from the mountain to the people, and sanctified the every great matter they shall bring to you, but every people; and they washed their clothes. 15 He said to the small matter they shall judge themselves. So shall it people, "Be ready by the third day. Don't have sexual be easier for you, and they shall share the load with relations with a woman." 16 On the third day, when it you. 23 If you will do this thing, and God commands was morning, there were thunders and lightnings, and you so, then you will be able to endure, and all these a thick cloud on the mountain, and the sound of an people also will go to their place in peace." 24 So Moses exceedingly loud trumpet; and all the people who were listened to the voice of his father-in-law, and did all in the camp trembled. 17 Moses led the people out of that he had said. 25 Moses chose able men out of all the camp to meet God; and they stood at the lower Israel, and made them heads over the people, rulers part of the mountain. 18 All of Mount Sinai smoked, of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and because Yahweh descended on it in fire; and its smoke rulers of tens. 26 They judged the people at all times. ascended like the smoke of a furnace, and the whole They brought the hard cases to Moses, but every small mountain quaked greatly. 19 When the sound of the matter they judged themselves. 27 Moses let his father- trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God in-law depart, and he went his way into his own land.

1 O In the third month after the children of Israel had gone 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 encamped in the wilderness; and there Israel encamped before the mountain. 3 Moses went up to God, and Yahweh 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

answered him by a voice. 20 Yahweh came down on Mount Sinai, to the top of the mountain. Yahweh called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up. 21 Yahweh said to Moses, "Go down, warn the people, lest they break through to Yahweh to gaze, and many of them perish. 22 Let the priests also, who come near to Yahweh, sanctify themselves, lest Yahweh break out on them." 23 Moses said to Yahweh, "The people can't come up to Mount Sinai, for you warned us, saying, 'Set bounds around the mountain, and sanctify it." 24 Yahweh said to him, "Go down! You shall bring Aaron up with you, but don't let the priests and the people break through to come up to Yahweh, lest he break out against them." 25 So Moses went down to the people. and told them.

20 God spoke all these words, saying, 2 "I am Yahweh your God, who brought you out of the to the children of Israel." 7 Moses came and called land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. 3 "You for the elders of the people, and set before them all shall have no other gods before me. 4 "You shall not these words which Yahweh commanded him. 8 All the make for yourselves an idol, nor any image of anything people answered together, and said, "All that Yahweh that is in the heavens above, or that is in the earth has spoken we will do." Moses reported the words beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: 5 you of the people to Yahweh. 9 Yahweh said to Moses, shall not bow yourself down to them, nor serve them, "Behold, I come to you in a thick cloud, that the people for I, Yahweh your God, am a jealous God, visiting the

exposed to it.'

21 "Now these are the ordinances which you shall set before them: 2 "If you buy a Hebrew servant, he shall serve six years, and in the seventh he shall go out free without paying anything. 3 If he comes in by himself, he shall go out by himself. If he is married, then his wife shall go out with him. 4 If his master gives him a wife and she bears him sons or daughters, the wife and

iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and her children shall be her master's, and he shall go out by on the fourth generation of those who hate me, 6 and himself. 5 But if the servant shall plainly say, 'I love my showing loving kindness to thousands of those who master, my wife, and my children. I will not go out free," love me and keep my commandments. 7 "You shall 6 then his master shall bring him to God, and shall bring not misuse the name of Yahweh your God, for Yahweh him to the door or to the doorpost, and his master shall will not hold him guiltless who misuses his name. 8 bore his ear through with an awl, and he shall serve him "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9 You shall forever. 7 "If a man sells his daughter to be a female labor six days, and do all your work, 10 but the seventh servant, she shall not go out as the male servants do. day is a Sabbath to Yahweh your God. You shall not do 8 If she doesn't please her master, who has married any work in it, you, nor your son, nor your daughter, her to himself, then he shall let her be redeemed. He your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your shall have no right to sell her to a foreign people, since livestock, nor your stranger who is within your gates; 11 he has dealt deceitfully with her. 9 If he marries her for in six days Yahweh made heaven and earth, the to his son, he shall deal with her as a daughter. 10 If sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day; he takes another wife to himself, he shall not diminish therefore Yahweh blessed the Sabbath day, and made it her food, her clothing, and her marital rights. 11 If he holy. 12 "Honor your father and your mother, that your doesn't do these three things for her, she may go free days may be long in the land which Yahweh your God without paying any money. 12 "One who strikes a man gives you. 13 "You shall not murder. 14 "You shall not so that he dies shall surely be put to death, 13 but not if commit adultery. 15 "You shall not steal. 16 "You shall it is unintentional, but God allows it to happen; then I not give false testimony against your neighbor. 17 "You will appoint you a place where he shall flee. 14 If a man shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not schemes and comes presumptuously on his neighbor to covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his kill him, you shall take him from my altar, that he may female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything die. 15 "Anyone who attacks his father or his mother that is your neighbor's." 18 All the people perceived the shall be surely put to death. 16 "Anyone who kidnaps thunderings, the lightnings, the sound of the trumpet, someone and sells him, or if he is found in his hand, he and the mountain smoking. When the people saw it, shall surely be put to death. 17 "Anyone who curses his they trembled, and stayed at a distance. 19 They said to father or his mother shall surely be put to death. 18 "If Moses, "Speak with us yourself, and we will listen; but men guarrel and one strikes the other with a stone, or don't let God speak with us, lest we die." 20 Moses said with his fist, and he doesn't die, but is confined to bed; to the people, "Don't be afraid, for God has come to test 19 if he rises again and walks around with his staff, then you, and that his fear may be before you, that you won't he who struck him shall be cleared; only he shall pay for sin." 21 The people stayed at a distance, and Moses the loss of his time, and shall provide for his healing until came near to the thick darkness where God was. 22 he is thoroughly healed. 20 "If a man strikes his servant Yahweh said to Moses, "This is what you shall tell the or his maid with a rod, and he dies under his hand, the children of Israel: 'You yourselves have seen that I have man shall surely be punished. 21 Notwithstanding, if talked with you from heaven. 23 You shall most certainly his servant gets up after a day or two, he shall not be not make gods of silver or gods of gold for yourselves to punished, for the servant is his property. 22 "If men be alongside me. 24 You shall make an altar of earth for fight and hurt a pregnant woman so that she gives birth me, and shall sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and prematurely, and yet no harm follows, he shall be surely your peace offerings, your sheep and your cattle. In fined as much as the woman's husband demands and every place where I record my name I will come to you the judges allow. 23 But if any harm follows, then you and I will bless you. 25 If you make me an altar of stone. must take life for life. 24 eye for eye, tooth for tooth. you shall not build it of cut stones; for if you lift up your hand for hand, foot for foot, 25 burning for burning, tool on it, you have polluted it. 26 You shall not go up wound for wound, and bruise for bruise. 26 "If a man by steps to my altar, that your nakedness may not be strikes his servant's eye, or his maid's eye, and destroys it, he shall let him go free for his eye's sake. 27 If he strikes out his male servant's tooth, or his female servant's tooth, he shall let the servant go free for his tooth's sake. 28 "If a bull gores a man or a woman to death, the bull shall surely be stoned, and its meat shall not be eaten; but the owner of the bull shall not be held responsible. 29 But if the bull had a habit of goring in the past, and this has been testified to its owner, and he has

not kept it in, but it has killed a man or a woman, the borrows anything of his neighbor's, and it is injured, or bull shall be stoned, and its owner shall also be put to dies, its owner not being with it, he shall surely make give for the redemption of his life whatever is imposed. good. If it is a leased thing, it came for its lease. 16 "If a 31 Whether it has gored a son or has gored a daughter, man entices a virgin who isn't pledged to be married, according to this judgment it shall be done to him. 32 If and lies with her, he shall surely pay a dowry for her to the bull gores a male servant or a female servant, thirty be his wife. 17 If her father utterly refuses to give her shekels of silver shall be given to their master, and the to him, he shall pay money according to the dowry of ox shall be stoned. 33 "If a man opens a pit, or if a man virgins. 18 "You shall not allow a sorceress to live. 19 falls into it, 34 the owner of the pit shall make it good. to death. 20 "He who sacrifices to any god, except to shall be his. 35 "If one man's bull injures another's, so not wrong an alien or oppress him, for you were aliens that it dies, then they shall sell the live bull, and divide in the land of Egypt. 22 "You shall not take advantage of its price; and they shall also divide the dead animal. 36 any widow or fatherless child. 23 If you take advantage Or if it is known that the bull was in the habit of goring in of them at all, and they cry at all to me, I will surely hear the past, and its owner has not kept it in, he shall surely their cry; 24 and my wrath will grow hot, and I will kill 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 guilt of bloodshed for him. 3 If the sun has risen on him, he is guilty of bloodshed. 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 alive, whether it is ox, donkey, or sheep, he shall pay double. 5 "If a man causes a field or vineyard to be eaten by letting his animal loose, and it grazes in another man's field, he shall make restitution from the best of his own field, and from the best of his own vineyard. 6 "If fire breaks out, and catches in thorns so that the shocks of grain, or the standing grain, or the field are consumed; he who kindled the fire shall surely make restitution. 7 "If a man delivers to his neighbor money or stuff to keep, and it is stolen out of the man's house, if the thief is found, he shall pay double. 8 If the thief isn't found, then the master of the house shall come near to God, to find out shall not make good that which was torn. 14 "If a man land, and shall gather in its increase, 11 but the seventh

death. 30 If a ransom is imposed on him, then he shall restitution. 15 If its owner is with it, he shall not make it digs a pit and doesn't cover it, and a bull or a donkey "Whoever has sex with an animal shall surely be put He shall give money to its owner, and the dead animal Yahweh only, shall be utterly destroyed. 21 "You shall 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. You shall not 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 happen, when he cries to me, that I will hear, for I am gracious. 28 "You shall not blaspheme God, nor curse a ruler of your people. 29 "You shall not delay to offer from your harvest and from the outflow of your presses. "You shall give the firstborn of your sons to me. 30 You shall do likewise with your cattle and with your sheep. It shall be with its mother seven days, then on the eighth day you shall give it to me. 31 "You shall be holy men to me, therefore you shall not eat any meat that is torn by animals in the field. You shall cast it to the dogs.

23 "You shall not spread a false report. Don't join your hand with the wicked to be a malicious witness. 2 "You shall not follow a crowd to do evil. You shall not whether or not he has put his hand on his neighbor's testify in court to side with a multitude to pervert justice. goods. 9 For every matter of trespass, whether it is for 3 You shall not favor a poor man in his cause. 4 "If you ox, for donkey, for sheep, for clothing, or for any kind meet your enemy's ox or his donkey going astray, you of lost thing, about which one says, 'This is mine,' the shall surely bring it back to him again. 5 If you see the cause of both parties shall come before God. He whom donkey of him who hates you fallen down under his God condemns shall pay double to his neighbor. 10 "If a burden, don't leave him. You shall surely help him with man delivers to his neighbor a donkey, an ox, a sheep, it. 6 "You shall not deny justice to your poor people in or any animal to keep, and it dies or is injured, or driven their lawsuits. 7 "Keep far from a false charge, and don't away, no man seeing it; 11 the oath of Yahweh shall kill the innocent and righteous; for I will not justify the be between them both, he has not put his hand on his wicked. 8 "You shall take no bribe, for a bribe blinds neighbor's goods; and its owner shall accept it, and he those who have sight and perverts the words of the shall not make restitution. 12 But if it is stolen from him, righteous. 9 "You shall not oppress an alien, for you the one who stole shall make restitution to its owner. 13 know the heart of an alien, since you were aliens in If it is torn in pieces, let him bring it for evidence. He the land of Egypt. 10 "For six years you shall sow your

your people may eat; and what they leave the animal and you shall drive them out before you. 32 You shall of the field shall eat. In the same way, you shall deal make no covenant with them, nor with their gods. 33 with your vineyard and with your olive grove. 12 "Six They shall not dwell in your land, lest they make you sin days you shall do your work, and on the seventh day against me, for if you serve their gods, it will surely be a you shall rest, that your ox and your donkey may have snare to you." rest, and the son of your servant, and the alien may be refreshed. 13 "Be careful to do all things that I have said to you; and don't invoke the name of other gods or even let them be heard out of your mouth. 14 "You shall observe a feast to me three times a year. 15 You shall observe the feast of unleavened bread. Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, as I commanded you, at the time appointed in the month Abib (for in it you came out of Egypt), and no one shall appear before me empty. 16 And the feast of harvest, the first fruits of your labors, which you sow in the field; and the feast of ingathering, at the end of the year, when you gather in your labors out of the field. 17 Three times in the year all your males shall appear before the Lord Yahweh. 18 "You shall not offer the blood of my sacrifice with leavened bread. The fat of my feast shall not remain all night until the morning. 19 You shall bring the first of the first fruits of your ground into the house of Yahweh your God. "You shall not boil a young goat in its mother's milk. 20 "Behold, I send an angel before you, to keep you by the way, and to bring you into the place which I have prepared. 21 Pay attention to him, and listen to his voice. Don't provoke him, for he will not pardon your disobedience, for my name is in him. 22 But if you indeed listen to his voice, and do all that I speak, then I will be an enemy to your enemies, and an adversary to your adversaries. 23 For my angel shall go before you, and bring you in to the Amorite, the Hittite, the Perizzite, the Canaanite, 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 Yahweh your God, and he will bless your bread and your water, and I will take sickness away from among you. 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 Hittite, from before you. 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 vour border from the Red Sea even to the sea of the Philistines, and from the wilderness to the River; for I

vear you shall let it rest and lie fallow, that the poor of will deliver the inhabitants of the land into your hand.

21 He said to Moses, "Come up to Yahweh, you. and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel; and worship from a distance. 2 Moses alone shall come near to Yahweh, but they shall not come near. The people shall not go up with him." 3 Moses came and told the people all Yahweh's words, and all the ordinances; and all the people answered with one voice, and said, "All the words which Yahweh has spoken will we do." 4 Moses wrote all Yahweh's words, then rose up early in the morning and built an altar at the base of the mountain, with twelve pillars for the twelve tribes of Israel. 5 He sent young men of the children of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of cattle to Yahweh. 6 Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar. 7 He took the book of the covenant and read it in the hearing of the people, and they said, "We will do all that Yahweh has said, and be obedient." 8 Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people, and said, "Look, this is the blood of the covenant, which Yahweh has made with you concerning all these words." 9 Then Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up. 10 They saw the God of Israel. Under his feet was like a paved work of sapphire stone, like the skies for clearness. 11 He didn't lay his hand on the nobles of the children of Israel. They saw God, and ate and drank. 12 Yahweh said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and stay here, and I will give you the stone tablets with the law and the commands that I have written, that you may teach them." 13 Moses rose up with Joshua, his servant, and Moses went up onto God's Mountain. 14 He said to the elders, "Wait here for us, until we come again to you. Behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever is involved in a dispute can go to them." 15 Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. 16 Yahweh's glory settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. The seventh day he called to Moses out of the middle of the cloud. 17 The appearance of Yahweh's glory was like devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the eyes of the children of Israel. 18 Moses entered into the middle of the cloud, and went up on the mountain; and Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

25 Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Speak to the children of Israel, that they take an offering for

shall take my offering. 3 This is the offering which you me always. 31 "You shall make a lamp stand of pure shall take from them: gold, silver, bronze, 4 blue, purple, gold. The lamp stand shall be made of hammered work. scarlet, fine linen, goats' hair, 5 rams' skins dyed red, Its base, its shaft, its cups, its buds, and its flowers shall sea cow hides, acacia wood, 6 oil for the light, spices be of one piece with it. 32 There shall be six branches for the anointing oil and for the sweet incense, 7 onyx going out of its sides: three branches of the lamp stand stones, and stones to be set for the ephod and for the out of its one side, and three branches of the lamp stand breastplate. 8 Let them make me a sanctuary, that I out of its other side; 33 three cups made like almond may dwell among them. 9 According to all that I show blossoms in one branch, a bud and a flower; and three you, the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all cups made like almond blossoms in the other branch, of its furniture, even so you shall make it. 10 "They shall a bud and a flower, so for the six branches going out make an ark of acacia wood. Its length shall be two and of the lamp stand; 34 and in the lamp stand four cups a half cubits, its width a cubit and a half, and a cubit and made like almond blossoms, its buds and its flowers; 35 a half its height. 11 You shall overlay it with pure gold. and a bud under two branches of one piece with it, and You shall overlay it inside and outside, and you shall a bud under two branches of one piece with it, and a make a gold molding around it. 12 You shall cast four bud under two branches of one piece with it. for the six rings of gold for it, and put them in its four feet. Two branches going out of the lamp stand. 36 Their buds rings shall be on the one side of it, and two rings on and their branches shall be of one piece with it, all of it the other side of it. 13 You shall make poles of acacia one beaten work of pure gold. 37 You shall make its wood, and overlay them with gold. 14 You shall put the lamps seven, and they shall light its lamps to give light poles into the rings on the sides of the ark to carry the to the space in front of it. 38 lts snuffers and its snuff ark. 15 The poles shall be in the rings of the ark. They dishes shall be of pure gold. 39 It shall be made of a shall not be taken from it. 16 You shall put the covenant talent of pure gold, with all these accessories. 40 See which I shall give you into the ark. 17 You shall make a that you make them after their pattern, which has been mercy seat of pure gold. Two and a half cubits shall be shown to you on the mountain. its length, and a cubit and a half its width. 18 You shall make two cherubim of hammered gold. You shall make them at the two ends of the mercy seat. 19 Make one cherub at the one end, and one cherub at the other end. You shall make the cherubim on its two ends of one piece with the mercy seat. 20 The cherubim shall spread out their wings upward, covering the mercy seat with their wings, with their faces toward one another. The faces of the cherubim shall be toward the mercy seat. 21 You shall put the mercy seat on top of the ark, and in the ark you shall put the covenant that I will give you. 22 There I will meet with you, and I will tell you from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim which are on the ark of the covenant, all that I command you for the children of Israel. 23 "You shall make a table of acacia wood. Its length shall be two cubits, and its width a cubit, and its height one and a half cubits. 24 You shall overlay it with pure gold, and make a gold molding around it. 25 You shall make a rim of a hand width around it. You shall make a golden molding on its rim around it. 26 You shall make four rings of gold for it, and put the rings in the four corners that are on its four feet. 27 The rings shall be close to 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 with which to pour out offerings. You shall make them of pure gold. 30

me. From everyone whose heart makes him willing you You shall set bread of the presence on the table before

"Moreover you shall make the tabernacle with ten curtains of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, with cherubim. You shall make them with the work of a skillful workman. 2 The length of each curtain shall be twenty-eight cubits, and the width of each curtain four cubits: all the curtains shall have one measure. 3 Five curtains shall be coupled together to one another, and the other five curtains shall be coupled to one another. 4 You shall make loops of blue on the edge of the one curtain from the edge in the coupling, and you shall do likewise on the edge of the curtain that is outermost 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 another. 6 You shall make fifty clasps of gold, and couple the curtains to one another with the clasps. The tabernacle shall be a unit. 7 "You shall make curtains of goats" hair for a covering over the tabernacle. You shall make eleven curtains. 8 The length of each curtain shall be thirty cubits, and the width of each curtain four cubits: 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 outermost in the coupling, and fifty loops on the edge of the curtain which is outermost in the second coupling. 11 You shall make

and couple the tent together, that it may be one. 12 the south. You shall put the table on the north side. 36 The overhanging part that remains of the curtains of the "You shall make a screen for the door of the Tent, of tent—the half curtain that remains—shall hang over the blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, back of the tabernacle. 13 The cubit on the one side the work of the embroiderer. 37 You shall make for the and the cubit on the other side, of that which remains in screen five pillars of acacia, and overlay them with gold. the length of the curtains of the tent, shall hang over the Their hooks shall be of gold. You shall cast five sockets sides of the tabernacle on this side and on that side, of bronze for them. 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 upright. 16 Ten cubits shall be the length of a board, and one and a half cubits the width of each board. 17 There shall be two tenons in each board, joined to one another: thus you shall make for all the boards of the tabernacle. 18 You shall make twenty boards for the tabernacle, for the south side southward. 19 You shall make forty sockets of silver under the twenty boards; two sockets under one board for its two tenons, and two sockets under another board for its two tenons. 20 For the second side of the tabernacle, on the north side, twenty boards, 21 and their forty sockets of silver; two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board. 22 For the far side of the tabernacle westward you shall make six boards. 23 You shall make two boards for the corners of the tabernacle in the far side. 24 They shall be double beneath, and in the same way they shall be whole 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 side westward. 28 The middle bar in the middle 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. 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. It shall be the work of a skillful workman. 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 covenant in there within the veil. The veil shall separate the holy place from the most holy for you. 34 You shall put the mercy seat on the ark of the covenant in the most holy place. 35 You shall set the table outside the veil, and the lamp stand

fifty clasps of bronze, and put the clasps into the loops, opposite the table on the side of the tabernacle toward

27 "You shall make the altar of acacia wood, five cubits long, and five cubits wide. The altar shall be square. Its height shall be three cubits. 2 You shall make its horns on its four corners. Its horns shall be of one piece with it. You shall overlay it with bronze. 3 You shall make its pots to take away its ashes; and its shovels, its basins, its meat hooks, and its fire pans. You shall make all its vessels of bronze. 4 You shall make a grating for it of network of bronze. On the net you shall make four bronze rings in its four corners. 5 You shall put it under the ledge around the altar beneath, that the net may reach halfway up the altar. 6 You shall make poles for the altar, poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with bronze. 7 Its poles shall be put into the rings, and the poles shall be on the two sides of the altar when carrying it. 8 You shall make it hollow with planks. They shall make it as it has been shown you on the mountain. 9 "You shall make the court of the tabernacle: for the south side southward there shall be hangings for the court of fine twined linen one hundred cubits long for one side. 10 Its pillars shall be twenty, and their sockets twenty, of bronze. The hooks of the pillars and their fillets shall be of silver. 11 Likewise for the length of the north side, there shall be hangings one hundred cubits long, and its pillars twenty, and their sockets twenty, of bronze; the hooks of the pillars, and their fillets, of silver. 12 For the width of the court on the west side shall be hangings of fifty cubits; their pillars ten, and their sockets ten. 13 The width of the court on the east side eastward shall be fifty cubits. 14 The hangings for the one side of the gate shall be fifteen cubits; their pillars three, and their sockets three. 15 For the other side shall be hangings of fifteen cubits; their pillars three, and their sockets three. 16 For the gate of the court shall be a screen of twenty cubits, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, the work of the embroiderer; their pillars four, and their sockets four. 17 All the pillars of the court around shall be filleted with silver; their hooks of silver, and their sockets of bronze. 18 The length of the court shall be one hundred cubits, and the width fifty throughout, and the height five cubits, of fine twined linen, and their sockets of bronze. 19 All the instruments of the tabernacle in all its service, and all its pins, and all the pins of the court,

shall be of bronze. 20 "You shall command the children an emerald: 19 and the third row a jacinth, an agate. 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: Aaron, with Nadab, 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 spirit of wisdom, that they make Aaron's garments to sanctify him, that he may minister to me in the priest's office. 4 These are the garments which they shall make: a breastplate, an ephod, a robe, a fitted tunic, a turban, and a sash. They shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother and his sons, that he may minister to me in the priest's office. 5 They shall use the gold, and the blue, and the purple, and the scarlet, and the fine linen. 6 "They shall make the ephod of gold, blue, purple, scarlet, and fine twined linen, the work of the skillful workman. 7 It shall have two shoulder straps joined to the two ends of it, that it may be joined together. 8 The skillfully woven band, which is on it, shall be like its work and of the same piece; of gold, blue, purple, scarlet, and fine twined linen. 9 You shall take two onyx stones, and engrave on them the names of the children of Israel. 10 Six of their names on the one stone, and the names of the six that remain on the other stone, in the order of their birth. 11 With the work of an engraver in stone, like the engravings of a signet, you shall engrave the two stones, according to the names of the children of Israel. You shall make them to be enclosed in settings of gold. 12 You shall put the two stones on the shoulder straps of the ephod, to be stones of memorial for the children of Israel. Aaron shall bear their names before Yahweh on his two shoulders for a memorial. 13 You shall make settings of gold, 14 and two chains of pure gold; you shall make them like cords of braided work. You shall put the braided chains on the settings. 15 "You shall make a breastplate of judgment, the work of the skillful workman; like the work of the ephod you shall make it; of gold, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, you shall make it. 16 It shall be square and folded double; a span shall be its length, and a span its width. 17 You shall set in it settings of stones, four rows of stones: a row of ruby, topaz, and beryl shall be the first row; 18 and the second row a turquoise, a sapphire, and

of Israel, that they bring to you pure olive oil beaten for and an amethyst; 20 and the fourth row a chrysolite, an the light, to cause a lamp to burn continually. 21 In the onyx, and a jasper. They shall be enclosed in gold in Tent of Meeting, outside the veil which is before the their settings. 21 The stones shall be according to the covenant, Aaron and his sons shall keep it in order from names of the children of Israel, twelve, according to evening to morning before Yahweh: it shall be a statute their names; like the engravings of a signet, everyone forever throughout their generations on the behalf of the 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 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 children of Israel in the breastplate of judgment on his heart, when he goes in to the holy place, for a memorial before Yahweh continually, 30 You shall put in the breastplate of judgment the Urim and the Thummim; and they shall be on Aaron's heart, when he goes in before Yahweh. Aaron shall bear the judgment of the children of Israel on his heart before Yahweh continually. 31 "You shall make the robe of the ephod all of blue. 32 It shall have a hole for the head in the middle of it. 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 you shall make pomegranates of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet, all around its hem; with 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 Yahweh, 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 YAHWEH.' 37 You shall put it on a lace of blue, and it shall be on the sash. It shall be on the front of the sash. 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 Yahweh.

39 You shall weave the tunic with fine linen. You shall burn the whole ram on the altar: it is a burnt offering to make a turban of fine linen. You shall make a sash, Yahweh; it is a pleasant aroma, an offering made by fire the work of the embroiderer. 40 "You shall make tunics to Yahweh. 19 "You shall take the other ram, and Aaron for Aaron's sons. You shall make sashes for them. You shall make headbands for them, for glory and for beauty.

41 You shall put them on Aaron your brother, and on his blood, and put it on the tip of the right ear of Aaron, sons with him, and shall anoint them, and consecrate and on the tip of the right ear of his sons, and on the them, and sanctify them, that they may minister to me in the priest's office. 42 You shall make them linen pants to cover their naked flesh. They shall reach from the cover their naked flesh. 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 place, that they don't bear iniquity, and die. This shall be statute forever to him and to his offspring 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 defect, 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 tunic, the robe of the ephod, the ephod, and the breastplate, and clothe him with the skillfully woven band of the ephod. 6 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 tunics on them. 9 You shall clothe them with belts, Aaron and his sons, and bind headbands on them. They shall have the priesthood by a perpetual statute. 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 Yahweh 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 innards, the cover of the liver, the two kidneys, and the fat that is on them, and burn them on the altar. 14 But the meat 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 innards, and its legs, and put them with its pieces, and with its head. 18 You shall

him. 22 Also you shall take some of the ram's fat, the fat tail, the fat that covers the innards, the cover of the liver, the two kidneys, the fat that is on them, and the right thigh (for it is a ram of consecration), 23 and one loaf of bread, one cake of oiled bread, and one wafer out of the basket of unleavened bread that is before Yahweh. 24 You shall put all of this in Aaron's hands, and in his sons' hands, and shall wave them for a wave offering before Yahweh. 25 You shall take them from their hands, and burn them on the altar on the burnt offering, for a pleasant aroma before Yahweh: it is an offering made by fire to Yahweh. 26 "You shall take the breast of Aaron's ram of consecration, and wave it for a wave offering before Yahweh. It shall be your portion. 27 You shall sanctify the breast of the wave offering and the thigh of the wave offering, which is waved, and which is raised up, of the ram of consecration, even of that which is for Aaron, and of that which is for his sons. 28 lt shall be for Aaron and his sons as their portion forever from the children of Israel; for it is a wave offering. It shall be a wave offering from the children of Israel of the sacrifices of their peace offerings, even their wave offering to Yahweh. 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 meat in a holy place. 32 Aaron and his sons shall eat the meat 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 meat 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 those who are counted among them, then each man sin offering for atonement. You shall cleanse the altar shall give a ransom for his soul to Yahweh when you when you make atonement for it. You shall anoint it, to count them, that there be no plague among them when sanctify it. 37 Seven days you shall make atonement for you count them. 13 They shall give this, everyone who the altar, and sanctify it; and the altar shall be most holy. passes over to those who are counted, half a shekel Whatever touches the altar shall be holy. 38 "Now this is according to the shekel of the sanctuary (the shekel is that which you shall offer on the altar: two lambs a year twenty gerahs); half a shekel for an offering to Yahweh. old day by day continually. 39 The one lamb you shall 14 Everyone who passes over to those who are counted, offer in the morning; and the other lamb you shall offer from twenty years old and upward, shall give the offering at evening; 40 and with the one lamb a tenth part of an to Yahweh. 15 The rich shall not give more, and the ephah of fine flour mixed with the fourth part of a hin poor shall not give less, than the half shekel, when they of beaten oil, and the fourth part of a hin of wine for give the offering of Yahweh, to make atonement for your a drink offering. 41 The other lamb you shall offer at souls. 16 You shall take the atonement money from the evening, and shall do to it according to the meal offering children of Israel, and shall appoint it for the service of of the morning and according to its drink offering, for a the Tent of Meeting; that it may be a memorial for the pleasant aroma, an offering made by fire to Yahweh. 42 children of Israel before Yahweh, to make atonement for It shall be a continual burnt offering throughout your your souls." 17 Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 18 generations at the door of the Tent of Meeting before "You shall also make a basin of bronze, and its base Yahweh, where I will meet with you, to speak there to of bronze, in which to wash. You shall put it between you. 43 There I will meet with the children of Israel; and the Tent of Meeting and the altar, and you shall put the place shall be sanctified by my glory. 44 I will sanctify water in it. 19 Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands the Tent of Meeting and the altar. I will also sanctify and their feet in it. 20 When they go into the Tent of Aaron and his sons to minister to me in the priest's Meeting, they shall wash with water, that they not die; or office. 45 I will dwell among the children of Israel, and when they come near to the altar to minister, to burn an will be their God. 46 They shall know that I am Yahweh offering made by fire to Yahweh. 21 So they shall wash their God, who brought them out of the land of Egypt, their hands and their feet, that they not die. This shall that I might dwell among them: I am Yahweh their God.

30 "You shall make an altar to burn incense on. You shall make it of acacia wood. 2 Its length shall be a cubit, and its width a cubit. It shall be square, and its height shall be two cubits. Its horns shall be of one piece with it. 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 covenant, before the mercy seat that is over the covenant, 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 Yahweh 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 Yahweh." 11 Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 12 "When you take a census of the children of Israel, according to

be a statute forever to them, even to him and to his descendants throughout their generations." 22 Moreover Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 23 "Also take fine spices: of liquid myrrh, five hundred shekels; and of fragrant cinnamon half as much, even two hundred and fifty; and of fragrant cane, two hundred and fifty; 24 and of cassia five hundred, according to the shekel of the sanctuary; and a hin of olive oil. 25 You shall make it into a holy anointing oil, a perfume compounded after the art of the perfumer: it shall be a holy anointing oil. 26 You shall use it to anoint the Tent of Meeting, the ark of the covenant, 27 the table and all its articles, the lamp stand and its accessories, the altar of incense, 28 the altar of burnt offering with all its utensils, and the basin with its base. 29 You shall sanctify them, that they may be most holy. Whatever touches them shall be holy. 30 You shall anoint Aaron and his sons, and sanctify them, that they may minister to me in the priest's office. 31 You shall speak to the children of Israel, saying, 'This shall be a holy anointing oil to me throughout your generations. 32 It shall not be poured on man's flesh, and do not make any like it, according to its composition. It is holy. It shall be holy to you. 33 Whoever compounds any like it, or whoever puts any of it on a stranger, he shall be cut off from his people." 34 Yahweh said to Moses, "Take to yourself sweet spices, gum resin, onycha, and galbanum: sweet spices with

pure frankincense. There shall be an equal weight of each. 35 You shall make incense of it, a perfume after of it, he shall be cut off from his people."

have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. 3 I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all kinds of workmanship, 4 to devise skillful works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in bronze, 5 and in cutting of stones for setting, and in carving of wood, to work in all kinds of workmanship. 6 Behold, I myself have appointed with him Oholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan; and in the heart of all who are wise-hearted I have put wisdom, that they may make all that I have commanded you: 7 the Tent of Meeting, the ark of the covenant, the mercy seat that is on it, all the furniture of the Tent, 8 the table and its vessels, the pure lamp stand with all its vessels, the altar of incense, 9 the altar of burnt offering with all its vessels, the basin and its base, 10 the finely worked garments—the holy garments for Aaron the priest, the garments of his sons to minister in the priest's office-11 the anointing oil, and the incense of sweet spices for the holy place: according to all that I have commanded you they shall do." 12 Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 13 "Speak also to the children of Israel, saying, 'Most certainly you shall keep my Sabbaths; for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I am Yahweh who sanctifies you. 14 You shall keep the Sabbath therefore, for it is holy to you. Everyone who profanes it shall surely be put to death; for whoever does any work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people. 15 Six days shall work be done, but on the seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn rest, holy to Yahweh. Whoever does any work on the Sabbath day shall surely be put to death. 16 Therefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant. 17 It is a sign between me and the children of Israel forever; for in six days Yahweh made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed." 18 When he finished speaking with him on Mount Sinai, he gave Moses the two tablets of the covenant, stone tablets, written with God's finger.

2 When the people saw that Moses delayed coming down from the mountain, the people gathered the art of the perfumer, seasoned with salt, pure and themselves together to Aaron, and said to him, "Come, holy. 36 You shall beat some of it very small, and put make us gods, which shall go before us; for as for this some of it before the covenant in the Tent of Meeting, Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land where I will meet with you. It shall be to you most holy. of Egypt, we don't know what has become of him." 2 37 You shall not make this incense, according to its Aaron said to them, "Take off the golden rings, which composition, for yourselves: it shall be to you holy for are in the ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your Yahweh. 38 Whoever shall make any like that, to smell 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 31 Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Behold, I him, fashioned it with an engraving tool, and made it a molded calf. Then they said, "These are your gods, Israel, which brought you up out of the land of Egypt." 5 When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made a proclamation, and said, "Tomorrow shall be a feast to Yahweh." 6 They rose up early on the next day, and offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play. 7 Yahweh spoke to Moses, "Go, get down; for your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves! 8 They have turned away guickly out of the way which I commanded them. They have made themselves a molded calf, and have worshiped it, and have sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, Israel, which brought you up out of the land of Egypt." 9 Yahweh said to Moses, "I have seen these people, and behold, they are a stiff-necked people. 10 Now therefore leave me alone, that my wrath may burn hot against them, and that I may consume them; and I will make of you a great nation." 11 Moses begged Yahweh his God, and said, "Yahweh, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, that you have brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? 12 Why should the Egyptians talk, saying, 'He brought them out for evil, to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the surface of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath, and turn away from this evil against your people. 13 Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, to whom you swore by your own self, and said to them, 'I will multiply your offspring as the stars of the sky, and all this land that I have spoken of I will give to your offspring, and they shall inherit it forever." 14 So Yahweh turned away from the evil which he said he would do to his people. 15 Moses turned, and went down from the mountain, with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand; tablets that were written on both their sides. They were written on one side and on the other. 16 The tablets were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, engraved on the tablets. 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. It is to your offspring.' 2 I will send an angel before you: not the voice of those who cry for being overcome; but and I will drive out the Canaanite, the Amorite, and the the noise of those who sing that I hear." 19 As soon Hittite, and the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite. 3 as he came near to the camp, he saw the calf and the Go to a land flowing with milk and honey; but I will not dancing. Then Moses' anger grew hot, and he threw the go up among you, for you are a stiff-necked people, lest tablets out of his hands, and broke them beneath the I consume you on the way." 4 When the people heard mountain. 20 He took the calf which they had made, and this evil news, they mourned; and no one put on his burned it with fire, ground it to powder, and scattered it jewelry. 5 Yahweh had said to Moses, "Tell the children on the water, and made the children of Israel drink it. 21 of Israel, 'You are a stiff-necked people. If I were to go Moses said to Aaron, "What did these people do to you, up among you for one moment, I would consume you. that you have brought a great sin on them?" 22 Aaron Therefore now take off your jewelry from you, that I said, "Don't let the anger of my lord grow hot. You know may know what to do to you." 6 The children of Israel the people, that they are set on evil. 23 For they said to stripped themselves of their jewelry from Mount Horeb me, 'Make us gods, which shall go before us. As for this onward. 7 Now Moses used to take the tent and pitch Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of it outside the camp, far away from the camp, and he Egypt, we don't know what has become of him.' 24 I called it "The Tent of Meeting." Everyone who sought said to them, 'Whoever has any gold, let them take it Yahweh went out to the Tent of Meeting, which was off.' So they gave it to me; and I threw it into the fire, and outside the camp. 8 When Moses went out to the Tent, out came this calf." 25 When Moses saw that the people all the people rose up, and stood, everyone at their tent were out of control, (for Aaron had let them lose control, door, and watched Moses, until he had gone into the causing derision among their enemies), 26 then Moses Tent. 9 When Moses entered into the Tent, the pillar of stood in the gate of the camp, and said, "Whoever is cloud descended, stood at the door of the Tent, and on Yahweh's side, come to me!" All the sons of Levi Yahweh spoke with Moses. 10 All the people saw the gathered themselves together to him. 27 He said to pillar of cloud stand at the door of the Tent, and all the them, "Yahweh, the God of Israel, says, 'Every man people rose up and worshiped, everyone at their tent put his sword on his thigh, and go back and forth from door. 11 Yahweh spoke to Moses face to face, as a man gate to gate throughout the camp, and every man kill speaks to his friend. He turned again into the camp, his brother, and every man his companion, and every but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, man his neighbor." 28 The sons of Levi did according didn't depart from the Tent. 12 Moses said to Yahweh, to the word of Moses. About three thousand men fell "Behold, you tell me, 'Bring up this people;' and you of the people that day. 29 Moses said, "Consecrate haven't let me know whom you will send with me. Yet yourselves today to Yahweh, for every man was against you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also his son and against his brother, that he may give you found favor in my sight.' 13 Now therefore, if I have a blessing today." 30 On the next day, Moses said to found favor in your sight, please show me your way, the people, "You have sinned a great sin. Now I will now, that I may know you, so that I may find favor in go up to Yahweh. Perhaps I shall make atonement for your sight; and consider that this nation is your people." your sin." 31 Moses returned to Yahweh, and said, "Oh, 14 He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will this people have sinned a great sin, and have made give you rest." 15 Moses said to him, "If your presence themselves gods of gold. 32 Yet now, if you will, forgive doesn't go with me, don't carry us up from here. 16 For their sin—and if not, please blot me out of your book how would people know that I have found favor in your which you have written." 33 Yahweh said to Moses, sight, I and your people? Isn't it that you go with us, so "Whoever has sinned against me. I will blot him out of that we are separated. I and your people, from all the my book. 34 Now go, lead the people to the place of people who are on the surface of the earth?" 17 Yahweh which I have spoken to you. Behold, my angel shall go said to Moses, "I will do this thing also that you have before you. Nevertheless, in the day when I punish, I spoken; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know will punish them for their sin." 35 Yahweh struck the you by name." 18 Moses said, "Please show me your people, because of what they did with the calf, which glory." 19 He said, "I will make all my goodness pass Aaron made.

33 Yahweh 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

before you, and will proclaim Yahweh's name before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy." 20 He said, "You cannot see my face, for man may not see me and live." 21 Yahweh also said, "Behold, there is a place by me, and you shall stand on the rock. 22 It will

a cleft of the rock, and will cover you with my hand until you will see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

34 Yahweh said to Moses, "Chisel two stone tablets like the first. 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 morning to Mount Sinai, and present yourself there to me on the top of the mountain. 3 No one shall come up with you or be seen anywhere on the mountain. Do not let the flocks or herds graze in front of that mountain." 4 He chiseled two tablets of stone like the first; then Moses rose up early in the morning, and went up to Mount Sinai, as Yahweh had commanded him, and took in his hand two stone tablets. 5 Yahweh descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed Yahweh's name. 6 Yahweh passed by before him, and proclaimed, "Yahweh! Yahweh, a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger, and abundant in loving kindness and truth, 7 keeping loving kindness for thousands, forgiving iniquity and disobedience and sin; and who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, and on the children's children, on the third and on the fourth generation." 8 Moses hurried and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshiped. 9 He said, "If now I have found favor in your sight, Lord, please let the Lord go among us, even though this is a stiff-necked people; pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for your inheritance." 10 He said, "Behold, I make a covenant: before all your people I will do marvels, such as have not been worked in all the earth, nor in any nation; and all the people among whom you are shall see the work of Yahweh; for it is an awesome thing that I do with you. 11 Observe that which I command you today. Behold, I will drive out before you the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite. 12 Be careful, lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land where you are going, lest it be for a snare among you; 13 but you shall break down their altars, and dash in pieces their pillars, and you shall cut down their Asherah poles; 14 for you shall worship no other god; for Yahweh, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God. 15 "Don't make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, lest they play the prostitute after their gods, and sacrifice to their gods, and one call you and you eat of his sacrifice; 16 and you take of their daughters to your sons, and their daughters play the prostitute after their gods, and make shall make no cast idols for yourselves. **18** "You shall

happen, while my glory passes by that I will put you in time appointed in the month Abib; for in the month Abib you came out of Egypt. 19 "All that opens the womb is I have passed by; 23 then I will take away my hand, and mine; and all your livestock that is male, the firstborn of cow and sheep. 20 You shall redeem the firstborn of a donkey with a lamb. If you will not redeem it, then you shall break its neck. You shall redeem all the firstborn of your sons. No one shall appear before me empty. 21 "Six days you shall work, but on the seventh day you shall rest: in plowing time and in harvest you shall rest. 22 "You shall observe the feast of weeks with the first fruits of wheat harvest, and the feast of harvest at the year's end. 23 Three times in the year all your males shall appear before the Lord Yahweh, the God of Israel. 24 For I will drive out nations before you and enlarge your borders; neither shall any man desire your land when you go up to appear before Yahweh, your God, three times in the year. 25 "You shall not offer the blood of my sacrifice with leavened bread. The sacrifice of the feast of the Passover shall not be left to the morning. 26 "You shall bring the first of the first fruits of your ground to the house of Yahweh your God. "You shall not boil a young goat in its mother's milk." 27 Yahweh said to Moses, "Write these words; for in accordance with these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel." 28 He was there with Yahweh forty days and forty nights; he neither ate bread, nor drank water. He wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant. the ten commandments. 29 When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the covenant in Moses' hand, when he came down from the mountain, Moses didn't know that the skin of his face shone by reason of his speaking with him. 30 When Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone; and they were afraid to come near him. 31 Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned to him; and Moses spoke to them. 32 Afterward all the children of Israel came near, and he gave them all the commandments that Yahweh had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. 33 When Moses was done speaking with them, he put a veil on his face. 34 But when Moses went in before Yahweh to speak with him, he took the veil off, until he came out; and he came out, and spoke to the children of Israel that which he was commanded. 35 The children of Israel saw Moses' face, that the skin of Moses' face shone; so Moses put the veil on his 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 your sons play the prostitute after their gods. 17 "You the words which Yahweh has commanded, that you should do them. 2 'Six days shall work be done, but keep the feast of unleavened bread. Seven days you on the seventh day there shall be a holy day for you, shall eat unleavened bread, as I commanded you, at the a Sabbath of solemn rest to Yahweh: whoever does

no fire throughout your habitations on the Sabbath them willing to bring for all the work, which Yahweh had day." 4 Moses spoke to all the congregation of the commanded to be made by Moses, 30 Moses said to children of Israel, saying, "This is the thing which the children of Israel, "Behold, Yahweh has called by Yahweh commanded, saving, 5 'Take from among you name Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe an offering to Yahweh. Whoever is of a willing heart, let of Judah. 31 He has filled him with the Spirit of God, him bring it as Yahweh's offering; gold, silver, bronze, 6 in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all blue, purple, scarlet, fine linen, goats' hair, 7 rams' skins kinds of workmanship; 32 and to make skillful works, to dyed red, sea cow hides, acacia wood, 8 oil for the light, work in gold, in silver, in bronze, 33 in cutting of stones spices for the anointing oil and for the sweet incense, 9 for setting, and in carving of wood, to work in all kinds of onyx stones, and stones to be set for the ephod and for skillful workmanship. 34 He has put in his heart that he the breastplate. 10 "Let every wise-hearted man among may teach, both he and Oholiab, the son of Ahisamach. you come, and make all that Yahweh has commanded: of the tribe of Dan. 35 He has filled them with wisdom of 11 the tabernacle, its outer covering, its roof, its clasps, heart to work all kinds of workmanship, of the engraver, its boards, its bars, its pillars, and its sockets; 12 the of the skillful workman, and of the embroiderer, in blue, ark, and its poles, the mercy seat, the veil of the screen: in purple, in scarlet, and in fine linen, and of the weaver. 13 the table with its poles and all its vessels, and the even of those who do any workmanship, and of those show bread: 14 the lamp stand also for the light, with who make skillful works. its vessels, its lamps, and the oil for the light; 15 and the altar of incense with its poles, the anointing oil, the sweet incense, the screen for the door, at the door of the tabernacle; 16 the altar of burnt offering, with its grating of bronze, its poles, and all its vessels, the basin and its base: 17 the hangings of the court, its pillars, their sockets, and the screen for the gate of the court; 18 the pins of the tabernacle, the pins of the court, and their cords: 19 the finely worked garments for ministering in the holy place—the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons—to minister in the priest's office." 20 All the congregation of the children of Israel departed from the presence of Moses. 21 They came, everyone whose heart stirred him up, and everyone whom his spirit made willing, and brought Yahweh's offering for the work of the Tent of Meeting, and for all of its service, and for the holy garments. 22 They came, both men and women, as many as were willinghearted, and brought brooches, earrings, signet rings, and armlets, all jewels of gold; even every man who offered an offering of gold to Yahweh. 23 Everyone with whom was found blue, purple, scarlet, fine linen, goats' hair, rams' skins dved red, and sea cow hides, brought them. 24 Everyone who offered an offering of silver and bronze brought Yahweh's offering; and everyone with whom was found acacia wood for any work of the service, brought it. 25 All the women who were wisehearted spun with 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 The rulers brought the onvx stones and the stones to be set for the ephod and for the breastplate; 28 with the spice and the oil for the light, for the anointing oil, and for the sweet incense, 29 The children of Israel brought a free will offering to

any work in it shall be put to death. 3 You shall kindle Yahweh: every man and woman whose heart made

"Bezalel and Oholiab shall work with every wisehearted man, in whom Yahweh has put wisdom and understanding to know how to do all the work for the service of the sanctuary, according to all that Yahweh has commanded." 2 Moses called Bezalel and Oholiab, and every wise-hearted man, in whose heart Yahweh had put wisdom, even everyone whose heart stirred him up to come to the work to do it. 3 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 kept bringing free will offerings to him every morning. 4 All the wise men, who performed all the work of the sanctuary, each came from his work which he did. 5 They spoke to Moses, saying, "The people have brought much more than enough for the service of the work which Yahweh commanded to make." 6 Moses gave a 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 to do all the work, 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. They made them with cherubim, the work of a skillful workman. 9 The length of each curtain was twenty-eight cubits, and the width of each curtain four cubits. All the curtains had one measure. 10 He coupled five curtains to one another, and the other five curtains he coupled to one 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 outermost 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.

fifty clasps of gold, and coupled the curtains to one sockets were of bronze. another with the clasps: so the tabernacle was a unit. 14 He made curtains of goats' hair for a covering over the tabernacle. He made them eleven curtains. 15 The length of each curtain was thirty cubits, and four cubits the width of each curtain. The eleven curtains had one measure. 16 He coupled five curtains by themselves, and six curtains by themselves. 17 He made fifty loops on the edge of the curtain that was outermost in the coupling, and he made fifty loops on the edge of the curtain which was outermost in the second coupling. 18 He made fifty clasps of bronze to couple the tent together, that it might be a unit. 19 He made a covering for the tent of rams' 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 Ten cubits was the length of a board, and a cubit and a half the width of each board. 22 Each board had two tenons, joined to one 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 the same way they were all the way to its top to one ring. He did this 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 for the hinder part westward. 33 He made the middle bar to pass through in the middle of the boards from the one end to the other. 34 He overlaid the boards with gold, and made their rings of gold as 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

The loops were opposite to one another. 13 He made their capitals and their fillets with gold, and their five

37 Bezalel made the ark of acacia wood. Its length was two and a half cubits, and its width a cubit and a half, and a cubit and a half its height. 2 He overlaid it with pure gold inside and outside, and made a molding of gold for it around it. 3 He cast four rings of gold for it in its four feet—two rings on its one side, and two rings on its other side. 4 He made poles of acacia wood and overlaid them with gold. 5 He put the poles into the rings on the sides of the ark, to bear the ark. 6 He made a mercy seat of pure gold. Its length was two and a half cubits, and a cubit and a half its width. 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 above, 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 two cubits, and its width was a cubit, and its height was a cubit and a half. 11 He overlaid it with pure gold, and made a gold molding around it. 12 He made a border of a hand's width 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 lamp stand of pure gold. He made the lamp stand 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 lamp stand out of its one side, and three branches of the lamp stand 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 lamp stand. 20 In the lamp stand 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,

incense of sweet spices, after the art of the perfumer.

38 He made the altar of burnt offering of acacia wood. It was square. Its length was five cubits, its width was five cubits, and its height was three cubits. 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 corners 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 cubits; 10 their pillars were twenty, and their sockets twenty, of bronze; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets were of silver. 11 For the north side one hundred cubits, their pillars twenty, and their sockets twenty, of bronze; the hooks of the pillars, and their fillets, of silver. 12 For the west side were hangings of fifty cubits, their pillars ten, and their sockets ten; the hooks of the pillars, and their fillets, of silver. 13 For the east side eastward fifty cubits, 14 of the court. 19 Their pillars were four, and their sockets of the children of Israel. 7 He put them on the shoulder

with all its vessels. 25 He made the altar of incense of four, of bronze; their hooks of silver, and the overlaving acacia wood. It was square: its length was a cubit, and of their capitals, and their fillets, of silver. 20 All the its width a cubit. Its height was two cubits. Its horns pins of the tabernacle, and around the court, were of were of one piece with it. 26 He overlaid it with pure bronze. 21 These are the amounts of materials used for gold: its top, its sides around it, and its horns. He made the tabernacle, even the Tabernacle of the Testimony, a gold molding around it. 27 He made two golden rings as they were counted, according to the commandment for it under its molding crown, on its two ribs, on its two of Moses, for the service of the Levites, by the hand sides, for places for poles with which to carry it. 28 He of Ithamar, the son of Aaron the priest. 22 Bezalel the made the poles of acacia wood, and overlaid them with son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, made gold. 29 He made the holy anointing oil and the pure all that Yahweh commanded Moses. 23 With him was Oholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan, an engraver, and a skillful workman, and an embroiderer in blue, in purple, in scarlet, and in fine linen. 24 All the gold that was used for the work in all the work of the sanctuary, even the gold of the offering, was twenty-nine talents and seven hundred thirty shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary. 25 The silver of those who were counted of the congregation was one hundred talents and one thousand seven hundred seventy-five shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary: 26 a beka a head, that is, half a shekel, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, for everyone who passed over to those who were counted, from twenty years old and upward, for six hundred three thousand five hundred fifty men. 27 The one hundred talents of silver were for casting the sockets of the sanctuary and the sockets of the veil: one hundred sockets for the one hundred talents, one talent per socket. 28 From the one thousand seven hundred seventy-five shekels he made hooks for the pillars, overlaid their capitals, and made fillets for them. 29 The bronze of the offering was seventy talents and two thousand four hundred shekels. 30 With this he made the sockets to the door of the Tent of Meeting, the bronze altar, the bronze grating for it, all the vessels of the altar, 31 the sockets around the court, the sockets of the gate of the court, all the pins of the tabernacle, and all the pins around the court.

30 Of the blue, purple, and scarlet, they made finely worked garments for ministering in the holy place, the hangings for the one side were fifteen cubits; their and made the holy garments for Aaron, as Yahweh pillars three, and their sockets three; 15 and so for the commanded Moses. 2 He made the ephod of gold, blue, other side: on this hand and that hand by the gate of the purple, scarlet, and fine twined linen. 3 They beat the court were hangings of fifteen cubits; their pillars three, gold into thin plates, and cut it into wires, to work it in and their sockets three. 16 All the hangings around with the blue, the purple, the scarlet, and the fine linen, the court were of fine twined linen. 17 The sockets for the work of the skillful workman. 4 They made shoulder the pillars were of bronze. The hooks of the pillars and straps for it, joined together. It was joined together at their fillets were of silver. Their capitals were overlaid the two ends. 5 The skillfully woven band that was on it, with silver. All the pillars of the court had silver bands, with which to fasten it on, was of the same piece, like its 18 The screen for the gate of the court was the work work: of gold, of blue, purple, scarlet, and fine twined of the embroiderer, of blue, purple, scarlet, and fine linen, as Yahweh commanded Moses. 6 They worked twined linen. Twenty cubits was the length, and the the onyx stones, enclosed in settings of gold, engraved height along the width was five cubits, like the hangings with the engravings of a signet, according to the names

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breastplate chains like cords, of braided work of pure pillars, its sockets, the screen for the gate of the court, edge, which was toward the side of the ephod inward. They had done so; and Moses blessed them. 20 They made two more rings of gold, and put them on the two shoulder straps of the ephod underneath, in its front, close by its coupling, above the skillfully woven band of the ephod. 21 They bound the breastplate by its rings to the rings of the ephod with a lace of blue, that it might be on the skillfully woven band of the ephod, and that the breastplate might not come loose from the ephod, as Yahweh commanded Moses. 22 He made the robe of the ephod of woven work, all of blue. 23 The opening of the robe in the middle of it 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 Yahweh commanded Moses. 27 They made the tunics of fine linen of woven work for Aaron and for his sons, 28 the turban of fine linen, the linen headbands of fine linen, the linen trousers of fine twined linen, 29 the sash of fine twined linen, blue, purple, and scarlet, the work of the embroiderer, as Yahweh commanded Moses. 30 They made the plate of the holy crown of pure gold, and wrote on it an inscription, like the engravings of a signet: "HOLY TO YAHWEH". 31 They tied to it a lace of blue,

straps of the ephod, to be stones of memorial for the to fasten it on the turban above, as Yahweh commanded children of Israel, as Yahweh commanded Moses. 8 He Moses. 32 Thus all the work of the tabernacle of the made the breastplate, the work of a skillful workman, like Tent of Meeting was finished. The children of Israel did the work of the ephod: of gold, of blue, purple, scarlet, according to all that Yahweh commanded Moses; so and fine twined linen. 9 It was square. They made the they did. 33 They brought the tabernacle to Moses: the breastplate double. Its length was a span, and its width tent, with all its furniture, its clasps, its boards, its bars, a span, being double. 10 They set in it four rows of its pillars, its sockets, 34 the covering of rams' skins stones. A row of ruby, topaz, and beryl was the first row; dyed red, the covering of sea cow hides, the veil of the 11 and the second row, a turquoise, a sapphire, and screen, 35 the ark of the covenant with its poles, the an emerald; 12 and the third row, a jacinth, an agate, mercy seat, 36 the table, all its vessels, the show bread, and an amethyst; 13 and the fourth row, a chrysolite, 37 the pure lamp stand, its lamps, even the lamps to an onyx, and a jasper. They were enclosed in gold be set in order, all its vessels, the oil for the light, 38 settings. 14 The stones were according to the names of the golden altar, the anointing oil, the sweet incense, the children of Israel, twelve, according to their names; the screen for the door of the Tent, 39 the bronze altar, like the engravings of a signet, everyone according to its grating of bronze, its poles, all of its vessels, the his name, for the twelve tribes. 15 They made on the basin and its base, 40 the hangings of the court, its gold. 16 They made two settings of gold, and two gold its cords, its pins, and all the instruments of the service rings, and put the two rings on the two ends of the of the tabernacle, for the Tent of Meeting, 41 the finely breastplate. 17 They put the two braided chains of gold worked garments for ministering in the holy place, the in the two rings at the ends of the breastplate. 18 The holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of other two ends of the two braided chains they put on his sons, to minister in the priest's office. 42 According the two settings, and put them on the shoulder straps of to all that Yahweh commanded Moses, so the children the ephod, in its front. 19 They made two rings of gold, of Israel did all the work. 43 Moses saw all the work, and and put them on the two ends of the breastplate, on its behold, they had done it as Yahweh had commanded.

> 40 Yahweh 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 covenant in it, and you shall screen the ark with the veil. 4 You shall bring in the table, and set in order the things that are on it. You shall bring in the lamp stand, and light its lamps. 5 You shall set the golden altar for incense before the ark of the covenant, 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 therein. 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 them with water. 13 You shall put on Aaron the holy garments; and you shall anoint him, and sanctify him, that he may minister to me in the priest's office. 14 You shall bring his sons, and put tunics on them. 15 You shall anoint them, as you anointed their father, that they may minister to me in the

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priest's office. Their anointing shall be to them for an everlasting priesthood throughout their generations." 16 Moses did so. According to all that Yahweh commanded him, so he did. 17 In the first month in the second year, on the first day of the month, the tabernacle was raised up. 18 Moses raised up the tabernacle, and laid its sockets, and set up its boards, and put in its bars, and raised up its pillars. 19 He spread the covering over the tent, and put the roof of the tabernacle above on it, as Yahweh commanded Moses. 20 He took and put the covenant into the ark, and set the poles on the ark, and put the mercy seat above on the ark. 21 He brought the ark into the tabernacle, and set up the veil of the screen, and screened the ark of the covenant, as Yahweh commanded Moses. 22 He put the table in the Tent of Meeting, on the north side of the tabernacle, outside of the veil. 23 He set the bread in order on it before Yahweh, as Yahweh commanded Moses. 24 He put the lamp stand in the Tent of Meeting, opposite the table, on the south side of the tabernacle. 25 He lit the lamps before Yahweh, as Yahweh commanded Moses. 26 He put the golden altar in the Tent of Meeting before the veil; 27 and he burned incense of sweet spices on it, as Yahweh 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 Yahweh commanded Moses. 30 He set the basin between the Tent of Meeting and the altar, and put water therein, 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 Yahweh 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 Yahweh's glory filled the tabernacle. 35 Moses wasn't able to enter into the Tent of Meeting, because the cloud stayed on it, and Yahweh'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 didn't travel until the day that it was taken up. 38 For the cloud of Yahweh was on the tabernacle by day, and there was fire in the cloud by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys.

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1 Yahweh called to Moses, and spoke to him from the Tent of Meeting, saying, 2 "Speak to the children of Israel, and tell them, 'When anyone of you offers an offering to Yahweh, 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 defect. He shall offer it at the door of the Tent of Meeting, that he may be accepted before Yahweh. 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 He shall kill the bull before Yahweh. 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 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 he shall wash its innards and its legs with water. The priest shall burn all of it on the altar, for a burnt offering, an offering made by fire, of a pleasant aroma to Yahweh. 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 defect. 11 He shall kill it on the north side of the altar before Yahweh. 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 innards 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 Yahweh. 14 "If his offering to Yahweh is a burnt offering of birds, then he shall offer his offering from turtledoves or of 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 and its feathers, 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 Yahweh.

 $oldsymbol{2}$ "When anyone offers an offering of a meal offering to Yahweh, his offering shall be of fine flour. He shall pour oil on it, and put frankincense on it. 2 He shall bring it to Aaron's sons, the priests. 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 Yahweh. 3 That which is left of the meal offering shall be Aaron's and his sons'. It is a most holy part of the offerings of Yahweh 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 made on a 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 You shall bring the meal offering that is made of these things to Yahweh. 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 Yahweh. 10 That which is left of the meal offering shall be Aaron's and his sons'. It is a most holy part of the offerings of Yahweh made by fire. 11 "No meal offering which you shall offer to Yahweh shall be made with yeast; for you shall burn no yeast, nor any honey, as an offering made by fire to Yahweh. 12 As an offering of first fruits you shall offer them to Yahweh, but they shall not rise up as a pleasant aroma on the altar. 13 Every offering of your meal offering you shall season with salt. You shall not 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 Yahweh, you shall offer for the meal offering of your first fruits fresh heads of grain parched with fire and crushed. 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 crushed grain and part of its oil, along with all its frankincense. It is an offering made by fire to Yahweh.

2 "If his offering is a sacrifice of peace offerings, if he offers it from the herd, whether male or female, he young pigeons. 15 The priest shall bring it to the altar, shall offer it without defect before Yahweh, 2 He shall lay his hand on the head of his offering, and kill it at the door of the Tent of Meeting. 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 Yahweh. The fat that covers the innards, and all the fat that is on the innards, 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 Yahweh. 6 "If his offering for a sacrifice of peace offerings to Yahweh is from the flock, either male or female, he shall offer it without defect. 7 If he offers a lamb for his offering, then he shall offer it before Yahweh: 8 and he shall lay his hand on the head of his offering, and dung 12—all the rest of the bull—outside of the camp kill it before the Tent of Meeting. Aaron's sons shall to a clean place where the ashes are poured out, and sprinkle its blood around on the altar. 9 He shall offer burn it on wood with fire. It shall be burned where the from the sacrifice of peace offerings an offering made ashes are poured out. 13 "If the whole congregation of entrails, and all the fat that is on the entrails, 10 and the which Yahweh has commanded not to be done, and are Yahweh. 13 He shall lay his hand on its head, and kill killed before Yahweh. 16 The anointed priest shall bring it before the Tent of Meeting; and the sons of Aaron some of the blood of the bull to the Tent of Meeting. 17 offer from it as his offering, an offering made by fire to seven times before Yahweh, before the veil. 18 He shall Yahweh; the fat that covers the innards, and all the fat put some of the blood on the horns of the altar which is fat that is on them, which is by the loins, and the cover rest of the blood he shall pour out at the base of the on the liver, with the kidneys, he shall take away. 16 altar of burnt offering, which is at the door of the Tent of of the offering made by fire, for a pleasant aroma; all on the altar. 20 He shall do this with the bull; as he did the fat is Yahweh's. 17 "'It shall be a perpetual statute with the bull of the sin offering, so he shall do with this; throughout your generations in all your dwellings, that and the priest shall make atonement for them, and they you shall eat neither fat nor blood."

⚠ Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Speak to the children of Israel, saying, 'If anyone sins unintentionally, in any of the things which Yahweh 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 defect to Yahweh for a sin offering. 4 He shall bring the bull to the door of the Tent of Meeting before Yahweh; and he shall lay his hand on the head of the bull, and kill the bull before Yahweh. 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 Yahweh, 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 Yahweh, which is in the Tent of Meeting; and he shall pour out the 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 from it: the fat that covers the innards, and all the fat that is on the innards, 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 remove, 10 as it is removed from the bull of the sacrifice of peace offerings. The priest shall burn them on the altar of burnt offering. 11 He shall carry the bull's skin, all its meat, with its head, and with its legs, its innards, and its

by fire to Yahweh; its fat, the entire tail fat, he shall take Israel sins, and the thing is hidden from the eyes of away close to the backbone; and the fat that covers the the assembly, and they have done any of the things two kidneys, and the fat that is on them, which is by the guilty; 14 when the sin in which they have sinned is loins, and the cover on the liver, with the kidneys, he known, then the assembly shall offer a young bull for a shall take away. 11 The priest shall burn it on the altar: it sin offering, and bring it before the Tent of Meeting. 15 is the food of the offering made by fire to Yahweh. 12 The elders of the congregation shall lay their hands on "If his offering is a goat, then he shall offer it before the head of the bull before Yahweh; and the bull shall be shall sprinkle its blood around on the altar. 14 He shall The priest shall dip his finger in the blood and sprinkle it that is on the innards, 15 and the two kidneys, and the before Yahweh, that is in the Tent of Meeting; and the The priest shall burn them on the altar: it is the food Meeting. 19 All its fat he shall take from it, and burn it shall be forgiven. 21 He shall carry 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 Yahweh 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 defect. 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 Yahweh. 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 Yahweh has commanded not to be done, and is quilty. 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 defect, for his sin which he has sinned. 29 He shall lay 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 altar. 31 All its fat he shall take away, like the fat is taken away from the sacrifice of peace offerings; and

to Yahweh; 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, on without defect. 33 He shall lay his hand on the head of the offerings of Yahweh made by fire. It is a sin offering. the sin offering, and kill it for a sin offering in the place 13 The priest shall make atonement for him concerning where they kill the burnt offering. 34 The priest shall his sin that he has sinned in any of these things, and he take some of the blood of the sin offering with his finger, will be forgiven; and the rest shall be the priest's, as the and put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering; meal offering." 14 Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, and all the rest of its blood he shall pour out at the 15 "If anyone commits a trespass, and sins unwittingly base of the altar. 35 He shall remove all its fat, like the regarding Yahweh's holy things, then he shall bring fat of the lamb is removed from the sacrifice of peace his trespass offering to Yahweh: a ram without defect offerings. The priest shall burn them on the altar, on from the flock, according to your estimation in silver by the offerings of Yahweh made by fire. The priest shall shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, for a make atonement for him concerning his sin that he has trespass offering. 16 He shall make restitution for that sinned, and he will be forgiven.

5 "If anyone sins, in that he hears a public adjuration to testify, 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 creeping things, 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

the priest shall burn it on the altar for a pleasant aroma offering. He shall put no oil on it, and he shall not put which he has done wrong regarding 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, doing any of the things which Yahweh has commanded not to be done, though he didn't know it, he is still quilty, and shall bear his iniquity. 18 He shall bring a ram without defect 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 didn't know it, and he will be forgiven. 19 It is a trespass offering. He is certainly quilty before Yahweh."

6 Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "If anyone sins. and commits a trespass against Yahweh, and deals of it, then he will be guilty of one of these. 5 It shall falsely with his neighbor in a matter of deposit, or of be, when he is quilty of one of these, he shall confess bargain, or of robbery, or has oppressed his neighbor, that in which he has sinned; 6 and he shall bring his 3 or has found that which was lost, and lied about it, trespass offering to Yahweh for his sin which he has and swearing to a lie-in any of these things that a sinned: a female from the flock, a lamb or a goat, for a man sins in his actions— 4 then it shall be, if he has sin offering; and the priest shall make atonement for sinned, and is guilty, he shall restore that which he him concerning his sin. 7 "'If he can't afford a lamb, took by robbery, or the thing which he has gotten by then he shall bring his trespass offering for that in which oppression, or the deposit which was committed to him, he has sinned, two turtledoves, or two young pigeons, or the lost thing which he found, 5 or any thing about to Yahweh; one for a sin offering, and the other for a which he has sworn falsely: he shall restore it in full, burnt offering. 8 He shall bring them to the priest, who and shall add a fifth part more to it. He shall return it to shall first offer the one which is for the sin offering. He him to whom it belongs in the day of his being found shall wring off its head from its neck, but shall not sever guilty. 6 He shall bring his trespass offering to Yahweh: it completely. 9 He shall sprinkle some of the blood of a ram without defect from the flock, according to your the sin offering on the side of the altar; and the rest of estimation, for a trespass offering, to the priest. 7 The the blood shall be drained out at the base of the altar. priest shall make atonement for him before Yahweh, It is a sin offering. 10 He shall offer the second for a and he will be forgiven concerning whatever he does burnt offering, according to the ordinance; and the priest to become guilty." 8 Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, shall make atonement for him concerning his sin which 9 "Command Aaron and his sons, saying, 'This is the he has sinned, and he shall be forgiven. 11 "But if he law of the burnt offering: the burnt offering shall be can't afford two turtledoves or two young pigeons, then on the hearth on the altar all night until the morning; he shall bring as his offering for that in which he has and the fire of the altar shall be kept burning on it. 10 sinned, one tenth of an ephah of fine flour for a sin. The priest shall put on his linen garment, and he shall

remove the ashes from where the fire has consumed Place, shall be eaten. It shall be burned with fire. the burnt 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. 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 Yahweh, 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 portion, to Yahweh. 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 are the sin offering and the trespass offering. 18 Every male among the children of Aaron shall eat of it, as their portion forever throughout your generations, from the offerings of Yahweh made by fire. Whoever touches them shall be holy." 19 Yahweh spoke to Moses, saving, 20 "This is the offering of Aaron and of his sons, which they shall offer to Yahweh in the day when he is anointed: one tenth 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 Yahweh. 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 burned to Yahweh. 23 Every meal offering of a priest shall be wholly burned. It shall not be eaten." 24 Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 25 "Speak to Aaron and to his sons, saying, 'This is the law of the sin offering: in the place where the burnt offering is killed, the sin offering shall be killed before Yahweh. 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 rinsed in water. 29 Every male among the priests shall eat of it. It is most holy. 30 No sin offering, of which any of the blood is brought

put on his linen trousers upon his body; and he shall into the Tent of Meeting to make atonement in the Holy

"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 innards, 4 and he shall take away the two kidneys, and the fat that is on them, which is by the loins, and the cover on the liver, with the kidneys; 5 and the priest shall burn them on the altar for an offering made by fire to Yahweh: 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 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 prepared 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 Yahweh: 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 He shall offer his offering with the sacrifice of his peace offerings for thanksgiving with cakes of leavened bread. 14 Of it he shall offer one out of each offering for a heave offering to Yahweh. 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 free will offering, it shall be eaten on the day that he offers his sacrifice. On the next day what remains of it shall be eaten. 17 but what remains of the meat of the sacrifice on the third day shall be burned with fire. 18 If any of the meat of the sacrifice of his peace offerings is eaten on the third day, it will not be accepted, and it shall not be credited to him who offers it. It will be an abomination, and the soul who eats any of it will bear his iniquity. 19 "The meat that touches any unclean thing shall not be eaten. It shall be burned with fire. As for the meat, everyone who is clean may eat it; 20 but the soul who eats of the meat of the sacrifice of peace offerings that belongs to Yahweh, having his uncleanness on him, that soul shall be cut off from his people. 21 When anyone touches any unclean thing, the uncleanness of man, or an unclean animal, or any unclean abomination. and eats some of the meat of the sacrifice of peace

to Yahweh, in the wilderness of Sinai.

A Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Take Aaron right ear, and on the thumb of their right hand, and on 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 Yahweh commanded him; and the congregation was assembled at the door of the Tent of Meeting. 5 Moses said to the congregation, "This is the thing which Yahweh has commanded to be done." 6

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

commanded by Moses.

On the eighth day, 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 defect, and offer them before Yahweh. 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 defect, for a burnt offering; 4 and a bull and a ram for peace offerings,

Aaron's hands and in his sons' hands, and waved them liver of the sin offering, he burned upon the altar, as for a wave offering before Yahweh. 28 Moses took them Yahweh commanded Moses. 11 The meat and the skin from their hands, and burned them on the altar on the he burned with fire outside the camp. 12 He killed the burnt offering. They were a consecration offering for burnt offering; and Aaron's sons delivered the blood to a pleasant aroma. It was an offering made by fire to him, and he sprinkled it around on the altar. 13 They Yahweh. 29 Moses took the breast, and waved it for a delivered the burnt offering to him, piece by piece, and wave offering before Yahweh. It was Moses' portion the head. He burned them upon the altar. 14 He washed of the ram of consecration, as Yahweh commanded the innards and the legs, and burned them on the burnt Moses. 30 Moses took some of the anointing oil, and offering on the altar. 15 He presented the people's some of the blood which was on the altar, and sprinkled offering, and took the goat of the sin offering which was it on Aaron, on his garments, and on his sons, and on for the people, and killed it, and offered it for sin, like the his sons' garments with him, and sanctified Aaron, his first. 16 He presented the burnt offering, and offered it garments, and his sons, and his sons' garments with according to the ordinance. 17 He presented the meal him. 31 Moses said to Aaron and to his sons, "Boil the offering, and filled his hand from there, and burned it meat at the door of the Tent of Meeting, and there eat it upon the altar, in addition to the burnt offering of the and the bread that is in the basket of consecration, as I morning. 18 He also killed the bull and the ram, the commanded, saying, 'Aaron and his sons shall eat it.' sacrifice of peace offerings, which was for the people. 32 What remains of the meat and of the bread you shall Aaron's sons delivered to him the blood, which he burn with fire. 33 You shall not go out from the door of sprinkled around on the altar; 19 and the fat of the bull the Tent of Meeting for seven days, until the days of and of the ram, the fat tail, and that which covers the your consecration are fulfilled: for he shall consecrate innards, and the kidneys, and the cover of the liver; 20 you seven days. 34 What has been done today, so and they put the fat upon the breasts, and he burned Yahweh has commanded to do, to make atonement the fat on the altar. 21 Aaron waved the breasts and the for you. 35 You shall stay at the door of the Tent of right thigh for a wave offering before Yahweh, as Moses Meeting day and night seven days, and keep Yahweh's commanded. 22 Aaron lifted up his hands toward the command, that you don't die: for so I am commanded." people, and blessed them; and he came down from 36 Aaron and his sons did all the things which Yahweh offering the sin offering, and the burnt offering, and the peace offerings. 23 Moses and Aaron went into the Tent of Meeting, and came out, and blessed the people; and Yahweh's glory appeared to all the people. 24 Fire came out from before Yahweh, and consumed the burnt offering and the fat upon the altar. When all the people saw it, they shouted, and fell on their faces.

1 Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer, and put fire in it, and laid incense on it, and offered strange fire before Yahweh, which he to sacrifice before Yahweh; and a meal offering mixed had not commanded them. 2 Fire came out from before with oil: for today Yahweh appears to you." 5 They Yahweh, and devoured them, and they died before brought what Moses commanded before the Tent of Yahweh. 3 Then Moses said to Aaron, "This is what Meeting. All the congregation came near and stood Yahweh spoke of, saying, 'I will show myself holy to before Yahweh. 6 Moses said, "This is the thing which those who come near me, and before all the people I Yahweh commanded that you should do; and Yahweh's will be glorified." Aaron held his peace. 4 Moses called glory shall appear to you." 7 Moses said to Aaron, "Draw Mishael and Elzaphan, the sons of Uzziel the uncle of near to the altar, and offer your sin offering, and your Aaron, and said to them, "Draw near, carry your brothers burnt offering, and make atonement for yourself, and for from before the sanctuary out of the camp." 5 So they the people; and offer the offering of the people, and came near, and carried them in their tunics out of the make atonement for them, as Yahweh commanded." 8 camp, as Moses had said. 6 Moses said to Aaron, and So Aaron came near to the altar, and killed the calf of to Eleazar and to Ithamar, his sons, "Don't let the hair of the sin offering, which was for himself. 9 The sons of your heads go loose, and don't tear your clothes, so Aaron presented the blood to him; and he dipped his that you don't die, and so that he will not be angry with finger in the blood, and put it on the horns of the altar, all the congregation; but let your brothers, the whole and poured out the blood at the base of the altar; 10 house of Israel, bewail the burning which Yahweh has but the fat, and the kidneys, and the cover from the kindled. 7 You shall not go out from the door of the Tent

pleasing in his sight.

11 Yahweh 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 you shall not eat of those that chew the cud, or of those who part the hoof: the camel, because it chews the cud but doesn't have a parted hoof, is unclean to you. 5 The hyrax, because it chews the cud but doesn't have a parted hoof, is unclean to you. 6 The hare,

of Meeting, lest you die; for the anointing oil of Yahweh because it chews the cud but doesn't have a parted is on you." They did according to the word of Moses. hoof, is unclean to you. 7 The pig, because it has a split 8 Then Yahweh said to Aaron, 9 "You and your sons hoof, and is cloven-footed, but doesn't chew the cud, are not to drink wine or strong drink whenever you go is unclean to you. 8 You shall not eat their meat. You into the Tent of Meeting, or you will die. This shall be a shall not touch their carcasses. They are unclean to statute forever throughout your generations. 10 You are you. 9 "'You may eat of all these that are in the waters: to make a distinction between the holy and the common, whatever has fins and scales in the waters, in the seas, and between the unclean and the clean. 11 You are and in the rivers, that you may eat. 10 All that don't have to teach the children of Israel all the statutes which fins and scales in the seas and rivers, all that move in Yahweh has spoken to them by Moses." 12 Moses the waters, and all the living creatures that are in the spoke to Aaron, and to Eleazar and to Ithamar, his sons waters, they are an abomination to you, 11 and you shall who were left, "Take the meal offering that remains of detest them. You shall not eat of their meat, and you the offerings of Yahweh made by fire, and eat it without shall detest their carcasses. 12 Whatever has no fins yeast beside the altar; for it is most holy; 13 and you nor scales in the waters is an abomination to you. 13 shall eat it in a holy place, because it is your portion, "'You shall detest these among the birds; they shall not and your sons' portion, of the offerings of Yahweh made be eaten because they are an abomination: the eagle, by fire; for so I am commanded. 14 The waved breast the vulture, the black vulture, 14 the red kite, any kind and the heaved thigh you shall eat in a clean place, you, of black kite, 15 any kind of raven, 16 the horned owl, and your sons, and your daughters with you: for they are the screech owl, the gull, any kind of hawk, 17 the little given as your portion, and your sons' portion, out of the owl, the cormorant, the great owl, 18 the white owl, the sacrifices of the peace offerings of the children of Israel. desert owl, the osprey, 19 the stork, any kind of heron, 15 They shall bring the heaved thigh and the waved the hoopoe, and the bat. 20 "All flying insects that walk breast with the offerings made by fire of the fat, to wave on all fours are an abomination to you. 21 Yet you may it for a wave offering before Yahweh. It shall be yours, eat these: of all winged creeping things that go on all and your sons' with you, as a portion forever, as Yahweh fours, which have long, jointed legs for hopping on the has commanded." 16 Moses diligently inquired about earth. 22 Even of these you may eat: any kind of locust, the goat of the sin offering, and, behold, it was burned. any kind of katydid, any kind of cricket, and any kind of He was angry with Eleazar and with Ithamar, the sons of grasshopper. 23 But all winged creeping things which Aaron who were left, saying, 17 "Why haven't you eaten have four feet are an abomination to you. 24 "'By these the sin offering in the place of the sanctuary, since it is you will become unclean: whoever touches their carcass most holy, and he has given it to you to bear the iniquity shall be unclean until the evening. 25 Whoever carries of the congregation, to make atonement for them before any part of their carcass shall wash his clothes, and Yahweh? 18 Behold, its blood was not brought into the be unclean until the evening. 26 "Every animal which inner part of the sanctuary. You certainly should have has a split hoof that isn't completely divided, or doesn't eaten it in the sanctuary, as I commanded." 19 Aaron chew the cud, is unclean to you. Everyone who touches spoke to Moses, "Behold, today they have offered their them shall be unclean. 27 Whatever goes on its paws, sin offering and their burnt offering before Yahweh; and among all animals that go on all fours, they are unclean such things as these have happened to me. If I had to you. Whoever touches their carcass shall be unclean eaten the sin offering today, would it have been pleasing until the evening. 28 He who carries their carcass shall in Yahweh's sight?" 20 When Moses heard that, it was wash his clothes, and be unclean until the evening. They are unclean to you. 29 "These are they which are unclean to you among the creeping things that creep 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 creep. Whoever touches them when they are dead shall be unclean until the evening. 32 Anything they fall on when they are dead shall be unclean; whether it is any vessel of wood, or clothing, or skin, or sack, whatever vessel it is, with which any work is done, it must be put into water, and it shall be unclean until the evening. Then it will be clean. 33 Every earthen vessel into which any of them falls and

all that is in it shall be unclean. You shall break it. 34 All Yahweh, and make atonement for her: then she shall food which may be eaten which is soaked in water shall be cleansed from the fountain of her blood. "This is be unclean. All drink that may be drunk in every such the law for her who bears, whether a male or a female. vessel shall be unclean. 35 Everything whereupon part 8 If she cannot afford a lamb, then she shall take two of their carcass falls shall be unclean; whether oven, or turtledoves or two young pigeons: the one for a burnt range for pots, it shall be broken in pieces. They are offering, and the other for a sin offering. The priest shall unclean, and shall be unclean to you. 36 Nevertheless make atonement for her, and she shall be clean." a spring or a cistern in which water is gathered shall 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 creeping thing that creeps 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 creeping things that creep on the earth, them you shall not eat; for they are an abomination. 43 You shall not make vourselves abominable with any creeping thing that creeps. You shall not make yourselves unclean with them, that you should be defiled by them. 44 For I am Yahweh your God, Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be holy; for I am holy. You shall not defile yourselves with any kind of creeping thing that moves on the earth. 45 For I am Yahweh 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 creeps 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."

1 2 Yahweh 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. She shall not touch any holy thing, nor come into the sanctuary, until the days of her purifying are completed. 5 But if she bears a female child, then she shall be unclean two weeks, as in her period; and she shall continue in the blood of purification sixty-six days. 6 "When the days of her purification are completed for a son or for a daughter, she shall bring to the priest at the door of the Tent of Meeting, a year old lamb for a burnt offering, and a young pigeon or a

13 Yahweh spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, 2 "When a man shall have a swelling in his body's skin, or a scab, or a bright spot, and it becomes in the skin of his body the plague of leprosy, then he shall be brought to Aaron the priest or to one of his sons, the priests. 3 The priest shall examine the plague in the skin of the body. 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; so 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. Behold, if in his eyes the plaque is arrested and the plaque 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. Behold, 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 behold, if the scab has spread on the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean. It is leprosy. 9 "When the plaque of leprosy is in a man, then he shall be brought to the priest; 10 and the priest shall examine him. Behold, if there is a white swelling in the skin, and it has turned the hair white, and there is raw flesh in the swelling, 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 already 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 feet, as far as it appears to the priest, 13 then the priest shall examine him. Behold, if the leprosy has covered all his flesh, he shall pronounce him clean of the plague. It has all turned white: he is clean. 14 But whenever raw flesh appears in him, he shall be unclean. 15 The priest shall examine the raw flesh, and pronounce him unclean: the raw flesh is unclean. It is leprosy. 16 Or if the raw flesh turns again, and is changed to white, then he shall come to the priest. 17 The priest shall examine him. Behold, if the plague has turtledove, for a sin offering. 7 He shall offer it before turned white, then the priest shall pronounce him clean

of the plague. He is clean. 18 "When the body has a the skin, the priest shall not look for the yellow hair; he boil on its skin, and it has healed, 19 and in the place is unclean. 37 But if in his eyes the itch is arrested and of the boil there is a white swelling, or a bright spot, black hair has grown in it, then the itch is healed. He is reddish-white, then it shall be shown to the priest. 20 clean. The priest shall pronounce him clean. 38 "When The priest shall examine it. Behold, if its appearance a man or a woman has bright spots in the skin of the is deeper than the skin, and its hair has turned white, body, even white bright spots, 39 then the priest shall then the priest shall pronounce him unclean. It is the examine them. Behold, if the bright spots on the skin of plague of leprosy. It has broken out in the boil. 21 But if their body are a dull white, it is a harmless rash. It has the priest examines it, and behold, there are no white broken out in the skin. He is clean. 40 "If a man's hair hairs in it, and it isn't deeper than the skin, but is dim, has fallen from his head, he is bald. He is clean. 41 If then the priest shall isolate him seven days. 22 If it his hair has fallen off from the front part of his head, spreads in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him his forehead is bald. He is clean. 42 But if a reddishunclean. It is a plague. 23 But if the bright spot stays white plague is in the bald head or the bald forehead, in its place, and hasn't spread, it is the scar from the it is leprosy breaking out in his bald head or his bald boil; and the priest shall pronounce him clean. 24 "Or forehead. 43 Then the priest shall examine him. Behold, when the body has a burn from fire on its skin, and the if the swelling of the plague is reddish-white in his bald raw flesh of the burn becomes a bright spot, reddish- head, or in his bald forehead, like the appearance of white, or white, 25 then the priest shall examine it; and leprosy in the skin of the body, 44 he is a leprous man. behold, if the hair in the bright spot has turned white, He is unclean. The priest shall surely pronounce him and its appearance is deeper than the skin, it is leprosy. unclean. His plaque is on his head. 45 "The leper in It has broken out in the burning, and the priest shall whom the plague is shall wear torn clothes, and the pronounce him unclean. It is the plaque of leprosy. 26 hair of his head shall hang loose. He shall cover his But if the priest examines it, and behold, there is no upper lip, and shall cry, 'Unclean! Unclean!' 46 All the white hair in the bright spot, and it isn't deeper than the days in which the plague is in him he shall be unclean. skin, but has faded, then the priest shall isolate him He is unclean. He shall dwell alone. His dwelling shall seven days. 27 The priest shall examine him on the be outside of the camp. 47 "The garment also that the seventh day. If it has spread in the skin, then the priest plaque of leprosy is in, whether it is a woolen garment, shall pronounce him unclean. It is the plaque of leprosy. or a linen garment; 48 whether it is in warp or woof; 28 If the bright spot stays in its place, and hasn't spread of linen or of wool; whether in leather, or in anything in the skin, but is faded, it is the swelling from the burn, made of leather; 49 if the plague is greenish or reddish and the priest shall pronounce him clean, for it is the in the garment, or in the leather, or in the warp, or in the scar from the burn. 29 "When a man or woman has a woof, or in anything made of leather; it is the plague of plague on the head or on the beard, 30 then the priest leprosy, and shall be shown to the priest. 50 The priest shall examine the plague; and behold, if its appearance shall examine the plague, and isolate the plague seven is deeper than the skin, and the hair in it is yellow and days. 51 He shall examine the plague on the seventh thin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean. It is day. If the plaque has spread in the garment, either in an itch. It is leprosy of the head or of the beard. 31 If the the warp, or in the woof, or in the skin, whatever use priest examines the plague of itching, and behold, its the skin is used for, the plague is a destructive mildew. appearance isn't deeper than the skin, and there is no It is unclean. 52 He shall burn the garment, whether black hair in it, then the priest shall isolate the person the warp or the woof, in wool or in linen, or anything of infected with itching seven days. 32 On the seventh day leather, in which the plague is, for it is a destructive the priest shall examine the plague; and behold, if the mildew, it shall be burned in the fire, 53 "If the priest itch hasn't spread, and there is no yellow hair in it, and examines it, and behold, the plague hasn't spread in the appearance of the itch isn't deeper than the skin, 33 the garment, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in then he shall be shaved, but he shall not shave the itch. anything of skin; 54 then the priest shall command that Then the priest shall isolate the one who has the itch they wash the thing that the plague is in, and he shall seven more days. 34 On the seventh day, the priest isolate it seven more days. 55 Then the priest shall shall examine the itch; and behold, if the itch hasn't examine it, after the plague is washed; and behold, if spread in the skin, and its appearance isn't deeper than the plague hasn't changed its color, and the plague the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him clean. He hasn't spread, it is unclean; you shall burn it in the fire. shall wash his clothes and be clean. 35 But if the itch It is a mildewed spot, whether the bareness is inside or spreads in the skin after his cleansing, 36 then the priest outside. 56 If the priest looks, and behold, the plague shall examine him; and behold, if the itch has spread in has faded after it is washed, then he shall tear it out of

the garment, or out of the skin, or out of the warp, or out. The priest shall dip his right finger in the oil that is in of the plague of mildew in a garment of wool or linen, pronounce it clean, or to pronounce it unclean.

1 1 Yahweh 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 out of the camp. The priest shall examine him. Behold, 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, cedar wood, 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, the cedar wood, 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 evebrows. He shall shave off all his hair. 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 defect, one ewe lamb a year old without defect, three tenths of an ephah of fine flour for a meal offering, mixed 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 Yahweh, 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 Yahweh. 13 He shall kill the male lamb in the place where they kill the sin offering and the burnt offering, in the place of the sanctuary; for as the sin offering is the priest's, so is the trespass offering. It is most holy. 14 The priest shall take some of the blood of the trespass offering, and the priest shall put it on the tip of the right ear of him who is to be cleansed, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot. 15 The priest shall take some of the log of oil, and pour it into the palm of his own left hand, 16

of the woof; 57 and if it appears again in the garment, his left hand, and shall sprinkle some of the oil with his either in the warp, or in the woof, or in anything of skin, finger seven times before Yahweh. 17 The priest shall it is spreading. You shall burn what the plague is in with put some of the rest of the oil that is in his hand on fire. 58 The garment, either the warp, or the woof, or the tip of the right ear of him who is to be cleansed, whatever thing of skin it is, which you shall wash, if the and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big plague has departed from them, then it shall be washed toe of his right foot, upon the blood of the trespass the second time, and it will be clean." 59 This is the law offering. 18 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, either in the warp, or the woof, or in anything of skin, to and the priest shall make atonement for him before Yahweh. 19 "The priest shall offer the sin offering, and make atonement for him who is to be cleansed because of his uncleanness. Afterward he shall kill the burnt offering; 20 then 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 mixed with oil for a meal offering, and a log of oil; 22 and two turtledoves, or two young pigeons, such as he is able to 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 Yahweh. 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 Yahweh. 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 Yahweh. 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 Yahweh. 30 He shall offer one of the turtledoves, or of the young pigeons, which ever he is able to afford. 31 of the kind he is able to afford, the one for a sin offering, and the other for a burnt offering, with the meal offering. The priest shall make atonement for him who is to be cleansed before Yahweh." 32 This is the law for him in whom is the plague of leprosy, who is not able to afford the sacrifice for his cleansing. 33 Yahweh spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, 34 "When you have come into the land of Canaan, which I give to you for a possession, and I put a spreading mildew in a house

the house shall come and tell the priest, saying, 'There is clean. This is the law of leprosy. seems to 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. Afterward the priest shall go in to inspect the house. 37 He shall examine the plague; and behold, if the plague 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 plague, and cast them into an unclean place outside of the city. 41 He shall cause the inside of the house to be scraped all over. 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 behold, if the plague has spread in the house, it is a destructive mildew in the house. It is unclean. 45 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 behold, the plague 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, cedar wood, 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, the hyssop, 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 house with the blood of the bird, and with the running water, with the living bird, with the cedar wood, with the hyssop, and with the scarlet; 53 but he shall let the living bird go out of the city into the open field. So shall he make atonement for the house; and it shall be clean." 54 This is the law for any plague of leprosy, and for an itch, 55 and for the destructive mildew of a garment, and for a house, 56 and for a swelling, and for a scab, and for a

in the land of your possession, 35 then he who owns bright spot; 57 to teach when it is unclean, and when it

5 Yahweh 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. 4 "Every bed on which 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 on which 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 "Whomever 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 Yahweh to the door of the Tent of Meeting, and give them to the priest. 15 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 Yahweh for his discharge. 16 "If any man has an emission of semen, then he shall bathe all his flesh in water, and be unclean until the evening. 17 Every garment and every skin which the semen is on shall be washed with water, and be unclean until the evening. 18 If a man lies with a woman and there is an emission of semen, they shall both bathe themselves in water, and be unclean until the evening. 19 "If a woman has a discharge, and her discharge in her flesh is blood, she shall be in her impurity seven days. Whoever touches her shall be unclean until the evening. 20 "Everything that she lies on in her impurity

shall be unclean. Everything also that she sits on shall offering, which is for himself, and make atonement for be unclean. 21 Whoever touches her bed shall wash his himself and for his house. 7 He shall take the two goats, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the not die. 14 He shall take some of the blood of the bull, take two turtledoves, or two young pigeons, and bring shall kill the goat of the sin offering that is for the people, and of him who lies with her who is unclean.

16 Yahweh spoke to Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they came near before Yahweh, and died; 2 and Yahweh said to Moses, "Tell Aaron your brother not to come at just any time into the Most Holy Place within the veil, before the mercy seat which is on the ark; lest he die; for I will appear in the cloud on the mercy seat. 3 "Aaron shall come into the sanctuary with a young bull for a sin offering, and a ram for a burnt offering. 4 He shall put on the holy linen tunic. He shall have the linen trousers on his body, and shall put on the linen sash, and he shall be clothed with the linen turban. They are the holy garments. He shall bathe his body in water, and put them on. 5 He shall take from the congregation of the children of Israel two male goats for a sin offering, and one ram for a burnt offering. 6 "Aaron shall offer the bull of the sin

clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean and set them before Yahweh at the door of the Tent of until the evening. 22 Whoever touches anything that Meeting. 8 Aaron shall cast lots for the two goats: one she sits on shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in lot for Yahweh, and the other lot for the scapegoat. 9 water, and be unclean until the evening. 23 If it is on the Aaron shall present the goat on which the lot fell for bed, or on anything she sits on, when he touches it, he Yahweh, and offer him for a sin offering. 10 But the goat shall be unclean until the evening. 24 "If any man lies on which the lot fell for the scapegoat shall be presented with her, and her monthly flow is on him, he shall be alive before Yahweh, to make atonement for him, to unclean seven days; and every bed he lies on shall be send him away as the scapegoat into the wilderness. 11 unclean. 25 "If a woman has a discharge of her blood "Aaron shall present the bull of the sin offering, which is many days not in the time of her period, or if she has a for himself, and shall make atonement for himself and discharge beyond the time of her period, all the days of for his house, and shall kill the bull of the sin offering the discharge of her uncleanness shall be as in the days which is for himself. 12 He shall take a censer full of of her period. She is unclean. 26 Every bed she lies on coals of fire from off the altar before Yahweh, and two all the days of her discharge shall be to her as the bed handfuls of sweet incense beaten small, and bring it of her period. Everything she sits on shall be unclean, within the veil. 13 He shall put the incense on the fire as the uncleanness of her period. 27 Whoever touches before Yahweh, that the cloud of the incense may cover these things shall be unclean, and shall wash his clothes the mercy seat that is on the covenant, so that he will evening, 28 "But if she is cleansed of her discharge, and sprinkle it with his finger on the mercy seat on the then she shall count to herself seven days, and after east; and before the mercy seat he shall sprinkle some that she shall be clean. 29 On the eighth day she shall of the blood with his finger seven times. 15 "Then he them to the priest, to the door of the Tent of Meeting, and bring his blood within the veil, and do with his blood 30 The priest shall offer the one for a sin offering, and as he did with the blood of the bull, and sprinkle it on the other for a burnt offering; and the priest shall make the mercy seat and before the mercy seat. 16 He shall atonement for her before Yahweh for the uncleanness of make atonement for the Holy Place, because of the her discharge. 31 "'Thus you shall separate the children uncleanness of the children of Israel, and because of of Israel from their uncleanness, so they will not die in their transgressions, even all their sins; and so he shall their uncleanness when they defile my tabernacle that do for the Tent of Meeting that dwells with them in the is among them." 32 This is the law of him who has a middle of their uncleanness. 17 No one shall be in the discharge, and of him who has an emission of semen, Tent of Meeting when he enters to make atonement so that he is unclean by it; 33 and of her who has her in the Holy Place, until he comes out, and has made period, and of a man or woman who has a discharge, 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 Yahweh 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 from the uncleanness of the children of Israel. 20 "When he has finished atoning for the Holy Place, the Tent of Meeting, and the altar, he shall present the live goat. 21 Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat, and confess over him all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions, even all their sins; and he shall put them on the head of the goat, and shall send him away into the wilderness by the hand of a man who is ready. 22 The goat shall carry all their iniquities on himself to a solitary land, and he shall release the goat in the wilderness. 23 "Aaron shall come into the Tent of Meeting, and shall take off the

an everlasting statute for you, to make atonement for iniquity." the children of Israel once in the year because of all their sins." It was done as Yahweh commanded Moses.

linen garments which he put on when he went into the to the goat idols, after which they play the prostitute. Holy Place, and shall leave them there. 24 Then he This shall be a statute forever to them throughout their shall bathe himself in water in a holy place, put on his generations.' 8 "You shall say to them, 'Any man there garments, and come out and offer his burnt offering and is of the house of Israel, or of the strangers who live as the burnt offering of the people, and make atonement foreigners among them, who offers a burnt offering or for himself and for the people. 25 The fat of the sin sacrifice, 9 and doesn't bring it to the door of the Tent offering he shall burn on the altar. 26 "He who lets the of Meeting to sacrifice it to Yahweh, that man shall be goat go as the scapegoat shall wash his clothes, and cut off from his people. 10 "Any man of the house of bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he shall come Israel, or of the strangers who live as foreigners among into the camp. 27 The bull for the sin offering, and the them, who eats any kind of blood, I will set my face goat for the sin offering, whose blood was brought in against that soul who eats blood, and will cut him off to make atonement in the Holy Place, shall be carried from among his people. 11 For the life of the flesh is in outside the camp; and they shall burn their skins, their the blood. I have given it to you on the altar to make flesh, and their dung with fire. 28 He who burns them atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes shall wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in water, and atonement by reason of the life. 12 Therefore I have afterward he shall come into the camp. 29 "It shall be a said to the children of Israel, "No person among you statute to you forever: in the seventh month, on the tenth may eat blood, nor may any stranger who lives as a day of the month, you shall afflict your souls, and shall foreigner among you eat blood." 13 "Whatever man do no kind of work, whether native-born or a stranger there is of the children of Israel, or of the strangers who who lives as a foreigner among you; 30 for on this day live as foreigners among them, who takes in hunting shall atonement be made for you, to cleanse you. You any animal or bird that may be eaten, he shall pour out shall be clean from all your sins before Yahweh. 31 It is its blood, and cover it with dust. 14 For as to the life of a Sabbath of solemn rest to you, and you shall afflict all flesh, its blood is with its life. Therefore I said to the your souls. It is a statute forever. 32 The priest, who children of Israel, "You shall not eat the blood of any is anointed and who is consecrated to be priest in his kind of flesh; for the life of all flesh is its blood. Whoever father's place, shall make the atonement, and shall put eats it shall be cut off." 15 "Every person that eats what on the linen garments, even the holy garments. 33 Then dies of itself, or that which is torn by animals, whether he shall make atonement for the Holy Sanctuary; and he is native-born or a foreigner, shall wash his clothes, he shall make atonement for the Tent of Meeting and for and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the the altar; and he shall make atonement for the priests evening. Then he shall be clean. 16 But if he doesn't and for all the people of the assembly. 34 "This shall be wash them, or bathe his flesh, then he shall bear his

18 Yahweh said to Moses, 2 "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them, 'I am Yahweh your 17 Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Speak to God. 3 You shall not do as they do in the land of Eqypt. Aaron, and to his sons, and to all the children of where you lived. You shall not do as they do in the Israel, and say to them, 'This is the thing which Yahweh land of Canaan, where I am bringing you. You shall not has commanded: 3 Whatever man there is of the house follow their statutes. 4 You shall do my ordinances. You of Israel who kills a bull, or lamb, or goat in the camp, shall keep my statutes and walk in them. I am Yahweh or who kills it outside the camp, 4 and hasn't brought your God. 5 You shall therefore keep my statutes and it to the door of the Tent of Meeting to offer it as an my ordinances, which if a man does, he shall live in offering to Yahweh before Yahweh's tabernacle: blood them. I am Yahweh. 6 "'None of you shall approach shall be imputed to that man. He has shed blood. That any close relatives, to uncover their nakedness: I am man shall be cut off from among his people. 5 This is Yahweh. 7 "You shall not uncover the nakedness of to the end that the children of Israel may bring their your father, nor the nakedness of your mother: she is sacrifices, which they sacrifice in the open field, that your mother. You shall not uncover her nakedness. 8 they may bring them to Yahweh, to the door of the Tent "'You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father's of Meeting, to the priest, and sacrifice them for sacrifices wife. It is your father's nakedness. 9 "'You shall not of peace offerings to Yahweh. 6 The priest shall sprinkle uncover the nakedness of your sister, the daughter of the blood on Yahweh's altar at the door of the Tent your father, or the daughter of your mother, whether born of Meeting, and burn the fat for a pleasant aroma to at home or born abroad. 10 "You shall not uncover the Yahweh. 7 They shall no more sacrifice their sacrifices 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 gods for yourselves, I am Yahweh your God, 5 "'When am casting out before you were defiled. 25 The land rebuke your neighbor, and not bear sin because of him. defiled), 28 that the land not vomit you out also, when is a slave girl, pledged to be married to another man, abominations, even the souls that do them shall be cut was not free, 21 He shall bring his trespass offering these abominable customs which were practiced before atonement for him with the ram of the trespass offering am Yahweh your God."

19 Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Speak to all the congregation of the children of Israel, and tell them, 'You shall be holy; for I, Yahweh your God, am holy. 3 "Each one of you shall respect his mother and his father. You shall keep my Sabbaths. I am Yahweh your God. 4 "Don't turn to idols, nor make molten

your father's wife's daughter, conceived by your father, you offer a sacrifice of peace offerings to Yahweh, you since she is your sister. 12 "'You shall not uncover shall offer it so that you may be accepted. 6 It shall be the nakedness of your father's sister. She is your eaten the same day you offer it, and on the next day. If father's near kinswoman. 13 "'You shall not uncover anything remains until the third day, it shall be burned the nakedness of your mother's sister, for she is your with fire. 7 If it is eaten at all on the third day, it is an mother's near kinswoman. 14 "'You shall not uncover abomination. It will not be accepted: 8 but everyone who the nakedness of your father's brother. You shall not eats it shall bear his iniquity, because he has profaned approach his wife. She is your aunt. 15 "'You shall not the holy thing of Yahweh, and that soul shall be cut uncover the nakedness of your daughter-in-law. She is off from his people. 9 "When you reap the harvest your son's wife. You shall not uncover her nakedness. 16 of your land, you shall not wholly reap the corners of "'You shall not uncover the nakedness of your brother's your field, neither shall you gather the gleanings of your wife. It is your brother's nakedness. 17 "'You shall not harvest. 10 You shall not glean your vineyard, neither uncover the nakedness of a woman and her daughter. shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You You shall not take her son's daughter, or her daughter's shall leave them for the poor and for the foreigner. I daughter, to uncover her nakedness. They are near am Yahweh your God. 11 "You shall not steal. "You kinswomen. It is wickedness. 18 "'You shall not take a shall not lie. "'You shall not deceive one another. 12 wife in addition to her sister, to be a rival, to uncover "'You shall not swear by my name falsely, and profane her nakedness, while her sister is still alive. 19 "'You the name of your God. I am Yahweh. 13 "'You shall not shall not approach a woman to uncover her nakedness, oppress your neighbor, nor rob him. "The wages of a as long as she is impure by her uncleanness. 20 "'You hired servant shall not remain with you all night until shall not lie carnally with your neighbor's wife, and defile the morning. 14 "'You shall not curse the deaf, nor put yourself with her. 21 "You shall not give any of your a stumbling block before the blind; but you shall fear children as a sacrifice to Molech. You shall not profane your God. I am Yahweh. 15 "You shall do no injustice in the name of your God. I am Yahweh. 22 "'You shall not judgment. You shall not be partial to the poor, nor show lie with a man as with a woman. That is detestable. 23 favoritism to the great; but you shall judge your neighbor "'You shall not lie with any animal to defile yourself with in righteousness. 16 "'You shall not go around as a it. No woman may give herself to an animal, to lie down slanderer among your people. "You shall not endanger with it: it is a perversion. 24 "'Don't defile yourselves in the life of your neighbor. I am Yahweh. 17 "'You shall any of these things; for in all these the nations which I not hate your brother in your heart. You shall surely was defiled. Therefore I punished its iniquity, and the 18 "'You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge land vomited out her inhabitants. 26 You therefore shall against the children of your people; but you shall love keep my statutes and my ordinances, and shall not your neighbor as yourself. I am Yahweh. 19 "'You shall do any of these abominations; neither the native-born, keep my statutes. "'You shall not cross-breed different nor the stranger who lives as a foreigner among you kinds of animals. "'You shall not sow your field with two 27 (for the men of the land that were before you had kinds of seed; "'Don't wear a garment made of two kinds done all these abominations, and the land became of material. 20 "'If a man lies carnally with a woman who you defile it, as it vomited out the nation that was and not ransomed or given her freedom; they shall be before you. 29 "For whoever shall do any of these punished. They shall not be put to death, because she off from among their people. 30 Therefore you shall to Yahweh, to the door of the Tent of Meeting, even a keep my requirements, that you do not practice any of ram for a trespass offering, 22 The priest shall make you, and that you do not defile yourselves with them. I before Yahweh for his sin which he has committed; and the sin which he has committed shall be forgiven him. 23 "When you come into the land, and have planted all kinds of trees for food, then you shall count their fruit as forbidden. For three years it shall be forbidden to you. It shall not be eaten. 24 But in the fourth year all its fruit shall be holy, for giving praise to Yahweh. 25 In the fifth year you shall eat its fruit, that it may yield its

increase to you. I am Yahweh your God. 26 "'You shall adulteress shall surely be put to death. 11 "'The man not eat any meat with the blood still in it. You shall not who lies with his father's wife has uncovered his father's use enchantments, nor practice sorcery. 27 "'You shall nakedness. Both of them shall surely be put to death. not cut the hair on the sides of your head or clip off the Their blood shall be upon themselves. 12 "If a man edge of your beard. 28 "'You shall not make any cuttings lies with his daughter-in-law, both of them shall surely in your flesh for the dead, nor tattoo any marks on you. I be put to death. They have committed a perversion. am Yahweh. 29 "Don't profane your daughter, to make Their blood shall be upon themselves. 13 "If a man her a prostitute; lest the land fall to prostitution, and the lies with a male, as with a woman, both of them have land become full of wickedness. 30 "'You shall keep my committed an abomination. They shall surely be put to Sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary; I am Yahweh. death. Their blood shall be upon themselves. 14 "If a 31 "'Don't turn to those who are mediums, nor to the man takes a wife and her mother, it is wickedness. They wizards. Don't seek them out, to be defiled by them. I shall be burned with fire, both he and they, that there am Yahweh your God. 32 "'You shall rise up before the may be no wickedness among you. 15 "'If a man lies gray head and honor the face of the elderly; and you with an animal, he shall surely be put to death; and you shall fear your God. I am Yahweh. 33 "If a stranger lives shall kill the animal. 16 "If a woman approaches any as a foreigner with you in your land, you shall not do him animal and lies with it, you shall kill the woman and the wrong. 34 The stranger who lives as a foreigner with you animal. They shall surely be put to death. Their blood shall be to you as the native-born among you, and you shall be upon them. 17 "If a man takes his sister—his shall love him as yourself; for you lived as foreigners father's daughter, or his mother's daughter—and sees in the land of Egypt. I am Yahweh your God. 35 "'You her nakedness, and she sees his nakedness, it is a shall do no unrighteousness in judgment, in measures shameful thing. They shall be cut off in the sight of the of length, of weight, or of quantity. 36 You shall have children of their people. He has uncovered his sister's just balances, just weights, a just ephah, and a just hin. nakedness. He shall bear his iniquity. 18 "If a man lies I am Yahweh your God, who brought you out of the land with a woman having her monthly period, and uncovers of Egypt. 37 "'You shall observe all my statutes and all her nakedness, he has made her fountain naked, and my ordinances, and do them, I am Yahweh."

20 Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Moreover, you shall tell the children of Israel, 'Anyone of the children of Israel, or of the strangers who live as foreigners in Israel, who gives any of his offspring to Molech shall surely be put to death. The people of the land shall stone that person with stones. 3 I also will set my face against that person, and will cut him off from among his people, because he has given of his offspring to Molech, to defile my sanctuary, and to profane my holy name. 4 If the people of the land all hide their eyes from that person when he gives of his offspring to Molech, and don't put him to death, 5 then I will set my face against that man and against his family, and will cut him off, and all who play the prostitute after him to play the prostitute with Molech, from among their people. 6 "The person that turns to those who are mediums and wizards, to play the prostitute after them, I will even set my face against that person, and will cut him off from among his people. 7 "Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be holy; for I am Yahweh your God. 8 You shall keep my statutes, and do them. I am Yahweh who sanctifies you. 9 "For everyone who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death. He has cursed his father or his mother. His blood shall be upon himself. 10 "The man who commits adultery with another man's wife, even he who commits adultery with his neighbor's wife, the adulterer and the

she has uncovered the fountain of her blood. 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 his close relative naked. 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 "If a man takes his brother's wife, it is an impurity. He has uncovered his brother's nakedness. They shall be childless. 22 "You shall therefore keep all my statutes and all my ordinances, and do them, that the land where I am bringing you to dwell may not vomit you out. 23 You shall not walk in the customs of the nation which I am casting out before you; for they did all these things, and therefore I abhorred them. 24 But I have said to you, "You shall inherit their land, and I will give it to you to possess it, a land flowing with milk and honey." I am Yahweh your God, who has separated you from the peoples. 25 "You shall therefore make a distinction between the clean animal and the unclean, and between the unclean fowl and the clean. You shall not make yourselves abominable by animal, or by bird, or by anything with which the ground teems, which I have separated from you as unclean for you. 26 You shall be holy to me, for I, Yahweh, am holy, and have set you apart from the peoples, that you should be mine. 27 "A man or a woman that is a medium or is a wizard

shall surely be put to death. They shall be stoned with defect: that he may not profane my sanctuaries, for I am stones. Their blood shall be upon themselves."

21 Yahweh said to Moses, "Speak to the priests, the defile himself for the dead among his people, 2 except for his relatives that are near to him: for his mother, for his father, for his son, for his daughter, for his brother, 3 and for his virgin sister who is near to him, who has had no husband; for her he may defile himself. 4 He shall not defile himself, being a chief man among his people, to profane himself. 5 "They shall not shave their heads or shave off the corners of their beards or make any cuttings in their flesh. 6 They shall be holy to their God, and not profane the name of their God, for they offer the offerings of Yahweh made by fire, the bread of their God. Therefore they shall be holy. 7 "They shall not marry a woman who is a prostitute, or profane. A priest shall not marry a woman divorced from her husband; for he is holy to his God. 8 Therefore you shall sanctify him, for he offers the bread of your God. He shall be holy to you, for I Yahweh, who sanctify you, am holy. 9 "The daughter of any priest, if she profanes herself by playing the prostitute, she profanes her father. She shall be burned with fire. 10 "He who is the high priest among his brothers, upon whose head the anointing oil is poured, and who is consecrated to put on the garments, shall not let the hair of his head hang loose, or tear his clothes. 11 He must not go in to any dead body, or defile himself for his father or for his mother. 12 He shall not go out of the sanctuary, nor profane the sanctuary of his God; for the crown of the anointing oil of his God is upon him. I am Yahweh. 13 "He shall take a wife in her virginity. 14 He shall not marry a widow, or one divorced, or a woman who has been defiled, or a prostitute. He shall take a virgin of his own people as a wife. 15 He shall not profane his offspring among his people, for I am Yahweh who sanctifies him." 16 Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 17 "Say to Aaron, 'None of your offspring throughout their generations who has a defect may approach to offer the bread of his God. 18 For whatever man he is that has a defect, he shall not draw near: a blind man, or a lame, or he who has a flat nose, or any deformity, 19 or a man who has an injured foot, or an injured hand, 20 or hunchbacked, or a dwarf, or one who has a defect in his eye, or an itching disease, or scabs, or who has damaged testicles. 21 No man of the offspring of Aaron the priest who has a defect shall come near to offer the offerings of Yahweh made by fire. Since he has a defect, he shall not come near to offer the bread of his God. 22 He shall eat the bread of his God, both of the most holy, and of the holy. 23 He shall not come near to the veil, nor come near to the altar, because he has a

Yahweh who sanctifies them." 24 So Moses spoke to Aaron, and to his sons, and to all the children of Israel.

sons of Aaron, and say to them, 'A priest shall not bimself for the dead among his neonle 2 excent 22 Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Tell Aaron and his neonle 2 excent and his cons to separate themselves from the and his sons to separate themselves from the holy things of the children of Israel, which they make holy to me, and that they not profane my holy name. I am Yahweh. 3 "Tell them, 'If anyone of all your offspring throughout your generations approaches the holy things which the children of Israel make holy to Yahweh, having his uncleanness on him, that soul shall be cut off from before me. I am Yahweh. 4 "Whoever of the offspring of Aaron is a leper or has a discharge shall not eat of the holy things until he is clean. Whoever touches anything that is unclean by the dead, or a man who has a seminal emission, 5 or whoever touches any creeping thing by which he may be made unclean, or a man from whom he may become unclean, whatever uncleanness he has— 6 the person that touches any such shall be unclean until the evening, and shall not eat of the holy things unless he bathes his body in water. 7 When the sun is down, he shall be clean; and afterward he shall eat of the holy things, because it is his bread. 8 He shall not eat that which dies of itself or is torn by animals, defiling himself by it. I am Yahweh. 9 "They shall therefore follow my commandment, lest they bear sin for it and die in it, if they profane it. I am Yahweh who sanctifies them. 10 "No stranger shall eat of the holy thing: a foreigner living with the priests, or a hired servant, shall not eat of the holy thing. 11 But if a priest buys a slave, purchased by his money, he shall eat of it; and those who are born in his house shall eat of his bread. 12 If a priest's 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 Yahweh, 16 and so cause them to bear the iniquity that brings guilt when they eat their holy things; for I am Yahweh who sanctifies them." 17 Yahweh spoke to Moses, saving. 18 "Speak to Aaron, and to his sons, and to all the children of Israel, and say to them, 'Whoever is of the house of Israel, or of the foreigners in Israel, who offers his offering, whether it is any of their vows or any of their free will offerings, which they offer to Yahweh for a burnt offering: 19 that you may be accepted, you shall offer a male without defect, of the bulls, of the sheep,

or of the goats. 20 But you shall not offer whatever bring the sheaf of the first fruits of your harvest to the has a defect, for it shall not be acceptable for you. 21 priest. 11 He shall wave the sheaf before Yahweh, to be Whoever offers a sacrifice of peace offerings to Yahweh accepted for you. On the next day after the Sabbath to accomplish a vow, or for a free will offering of the the priest shall wave it. 12 On the day when you wave herd or of the flock, it shall be perfect to be accepted. It the sheaf, you shall offer a male lamb without defect a shall have no defect. 22 You shall not offer what is blind, year old for a burnt offering to Yahweh. 13 The meal is injured, is maimed, has a wart, is festering, or has a offering with it shall be two tenths of an ephah of fine running sore to Yahweh, nor make an offering by fire of flour mixed with oil, an offering made by fire to Yahweh them on the altar to Yahweh. 23 Either a bull or a lamb for a pleasant aroma; and the drink offering with it shall that has any deformity or lacking in his parts, that you be of wine, the fourth part of a hin. 14 You must not eat may offer for a free will offering; but for a vow it shall bread, or roasted grain, or fresh grain, until this same not be accepted. 24 You must not offer to Yahweh that day, until you have brought the offering of your God. which has its testicles bruised, crushed, broken, or cut. This is a statute forever throughout your generations in You must not do this in your land. 25 You must not offer all your dwellings. 15 "'You shall count from the next day any of these as the bread of your God from the hand of after the Sabbath, from the day that you brought the a foreigner, because their corruption is in them. There is sheaf of the wave offering: seven Sabbaths shall be a defect in them. They shall not be accepted for you." completed. 16 The next day after the seventh Sabbath 26 Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 27 "When a bull, a you shall count fifty days; and you shall offer a new sheep, or a goat is born, it shall remain seven days with meal offering to Yahweh. 17 You shall bring out of your its mother. From the eighth day on it shall be accepted habitations two loaves of bread for a wave offering for the offering of an offering made by fire to Yahweh. made of two tenths of an ephah of fine flour. They shall 28 Whether it is a cow or ewe, you shall not kill it and be baked with yeast, for first fruits to Yahweh. 18 You its young both in one day. 29 "When you sacrifice a shall present with the bread seven lambs without defect sacrifice of thanksgiving to Yahweh, you shall sacrifice a year old, one young bull, and two rams. They shall be it so that you may be accepted. 30 It shall be eaten a burnt offering to Yahweh, with their meal offering and on the same day; you shall leave none of it until the their drink offerings, even an offering made by fire, of a morning. I am Yahweh. 31 "Therefore you shall keep my sweet aroma to Yahweh. 19 You shall offer one male commandments, and do them. I am Yahweh. 32 You goat for a sin offering, and two male lambs a year old shall not profane my holy name, but I will be made holy for a sacrifice of peace offerings. 20 The priest shall among the children of Israel. I am Yahweh who makes wave them with the bread of the first fruits for a wave you holy, 33 who brought you out of the land of Egypt, offering before Yahweh, with the two lambs. They shall to be your God. I am Yahweh."

23 Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Speak to the children of Israel, and tell them, 'The set feasts of Yahweh, 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 kind of work. It is a Sabbath to Yahweh in all your dwellings. 4 "These are the set feasts of Yahweh, 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 Yahweh's Passover. 6 On the fifteenth day of the same month is the feast of unleavened bread to Yahweh. 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 Yahweh seven days. In the seventh day is a holy convocation. You shall do no regular work." 9 Yahweh 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 harvest, then you shall

be holy to Yahweh for the priest. 21 You shall make proclamation on the same day that there shall be a holy convocation to you. You shall do no regular work. This is a statute forever in all your dwellings throughout your generations. 22 "When you reap the harvest of your land, you must not wholly reap into the corners of your field. You must not gather the gleanings of your harvest. You must leave them for the poor and for the foreigner. I am Yahweh your God." 23 Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 24 "Speak to the children of Israel, saving, 'In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, there shall be a solemn rest for you, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, a holy convocation. 25 You shall do no regular work. You shall offer an offering made by fire to Yahweh." 26 Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 27 "However on the tenth day of this seventh month is the day of atonement. It shall be a holy convocation to you. You shall afflict yourselves and you shall offer an offering made by fire to Yahweh. 28 You shall do no kind of work in that same day, for it is a day of atonement, to make atonement for you before Yahweh your God. 29 For whoever it is who shall not deny

himself in that same day shall be cut off from his people. two rows, six on a row, on the pure gold table before children of Israel to dwell in temporary shelters when I Israel did as Yahweh commanded Moses. brought them out of the land of Egypt. I am Yahweh Israel the appointed feasts of Yahweh.

continually. 3 Outside of the veil of the Testimony, in

30 Whoever does any kind of work in that same day, I Yahweh. 7 You shall put pure frankincense on each will destroy that person from among his people. 31 You row, that it may be to the bread for a memorial, even an shall do no kind of work: it is a statute forever throughout offering made by fire to Yahweh. 8 Every Sabbath day your generations in all your dwellings. 32 It shall be he shall set it in order before Yahweh continually. It is a Sabbath of solemn rest for you, and you shall deny an everlasting covenant on the behalf of the children of yourselves. In the ninth day of the month at evening, Israel. 9 It shall be for Aaron and his sons. They shall from evening to evening, you shall keep your Sabbath." eat it in a holy place; for it is most holy to him of the 33 Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 34 "Speak to the offerings of Yahweh made by fire by a perpetual statute." children of Israel, and say, 'On the fifteenth day of this 10 The son of an Israelite woman, whose father was an seventh month is the feast of booths for seven days to Egyptian, went out among the children of Israel; and the Yahweh. 35 On the first day shall be a holy convocation. son of the Israelite woman and a man of Israel strove You shall do no regular work. 36 Seven days you shall together in the camp. 11 The son of the Israelite woman offer an offering made by fire to Yahweh. On the eighth blasphemed the Name, and cursed; and they brought day shall be a holy convocation to you. You shall offer him to Moses. His mother's name was Shelomith, the an offering made by fire to Yahweh. It is a solemn daughter of Dibri, of the tribe of Dan. 12 They put him in assembly; you shall do no regular work. 37 "These are custody until Yahweh's will should be declared to them. the appointed feasts of Yahweh which you shall proclaim 13 Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 14 "Bring him who to be holy convocations, to offer an offering made by fire cursed out of the camp; and let all who heard him lay to Yahweh, a burnt offering, a meal offering, a sacrifice, their hands on his head, and let all the congregation and drink offerings, each on its own day— 38 in addition stone him. 15 You shall speak to the children of Israel, to the Sabbaths of Yahweh, and in addition to your gifts, saying, 'Whoever curses his God shall bear his sin. 16 and in addition to all your vows, and in addition to all He who blasphemes Yahweh's name, he shall surely be your free will offerings, which you give to Yahweh. 39 put to death. All the congregation shall certainly stone "So on the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when him. The foreigner as well as the native-born shall be you have gathered in the fruits of the land, you shall put to death when he blasphemes the Name. 17 "He keep the feast of Yahweh seven days. On the first day who strikes any man mortally shall surely be put to shall be a solemn rest, and on the eighth day shall be a death. 18 He who strikes an animal mortally shall make solemn rest. 40 You shall take on the first day the fruit it good, life for life. 19 If anyone injures his neighbor, it of majestic trees, branches of palm trees, and boughs shall be done to him as he has done: 20 fracture for of thick trees, and willows of the brook; and you shall fracture, eye for eye, tooth for tooth. It shall be done rejoice before Yahweh your God seven days. 41 You to him as he has injured someone. 21 He who kills shall keep it as a feast to Yahweh seven days in the an animal shall make it good; and he who kills a man year. It is a statute forever throughout your generations. shall be put to death. 22 You shall have one kind of law You shall keep it in the seventh month. 42 You shall for the foreigner as well as the native-born; for I am dwell in temporary shelters for seven days. All who are Yahweh your God." 23 Moses spoke to the children native-born in Israel shall dwell in temporary shelters, of Israel; and they brought him who had cursed out of 43 that your generations may know that I made the the camp, and stoned him with stones. The children of

your God." 44 So Moses declared to the children of 25 Yahweh said to Moses on 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 24 Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Command keep a Sabbath to Yahweh. 3 You shall sow your field the children of Israel, that they bring to you pure six years, and you shall prune your vineyard six years, olive oil beaten for the light, to cause a lamp to burn and gather in its fruits; 4 but in the seventh year there shall be a Sabbath of solemn rest for the land, a Sabbath the Tent of Meeting, Aaron shall keep it in order from to Yahweh. You shall not sow your field or prune your evening to morning before Yahweh continually. It shall vineyard. 5 What grows of itself in your harvest you be a statute forever throughout your generations. 4 He shall not reap, and you shall not gather the grapes of shall keep in order the lamps on the pure gold lamp your undressed vine. It shall be a year of solemn rest stand before Yahweh continually. 5 "You shall take fine for the land. 6 The Sabbath of the land shall be for food flour, and bake twelve cakes of it: two tenths of an for you; for yourself, for your servant, for your maid, for ephah shall be in one cake. 6 You shall set them in your hired servant, and for your stranger, who lives as a

foreigner with you. 7 For your livestock also, and for the walled city, then he may redeem it within a whole year animals that are in your land, shall all its increase be for after it has been sold. For a full year he shall have the food. 8 "'You shall count off seven Sabbaths of years, right of redemption. 30 If it isn't redeemed within the seven times seven years; and there shall be to you the space of a full year, then the house that is in the walled days of seven Sabbaths of years, even forty-nine years. city shall be made sure in perpetuity to him who bought 9 Then you shall sound the loud trumpet on the tenth it, throughout his generations. It shall not be released in day of the seventh month. On the Day of Atonement the Jubilee. 31 But the houses of the villages which you shall sound the trumpet throughout all your land. have no wall around them shall be accounted for with 10 You shall make the fiftieth year holy, and proclaim the fields of the country: they may be redeemed, and be a jubilee to you; and each of you shall return to his in the cities of the Levites, the Levites may redeem the own property, and each of you shall return to his family. houses in the cities of their possession at any time. 33 11 That fiftieth year shall be a jubilee to you. In it you The Levites may redeem the house that was sold, and shall not sow, neither reap that which grows of itself, nor the city of his possession, and it shall be released in gather from the undressed vines. 12 For it is a jubilee; it the Jubilee; for the houses of the cities of the Levites shall be holy to you. You shall eat of its increase out of are their possession among the children of Israel. 34 the field. 13 "In this Year of Jubilee each of you shall But the field of the pasture lands of their cities may not return to his property. 14 "If you sell anything to your be sold, for it is their perpetual possession. 35 "If your neighbor, or buy from your neighbor, you shall not wrong brother has become poor, and his hand can't support one another. 15 According to the number of years after himself among you, then you shall uphold him. He shall the Jubilee you shall buy from your neighbor. According live with you like an alien and a temporary resident. 36 to the number of years of the crops he shall sell to Take no interest from him or profit; but fear your God, you. 16 According to the length of the years you shall that your brother may live among you. 37 You shall not increase its price, and according to the shortness of the lend him your money at interest, nor give him your food years you shall diminish its price; for he is selling the for profit. 38 I am Yahweh your God, who brought you number of the crops to you. 17 You shall not wrong one out of the land of Egypt, to give you the land of Canaan, another, but you shall fear your God; for I am Yahweh and to be your God. 39 "If your brother has grown poor your God. 18 "Therefore you shall do my statutes, and among you, and sells himself to you, you shall not make keep my ordinances and do them; and you shall dwell in him to serve as a slave. 40 As a hired servant, and as a the land in safety. 19 The land shall yield its fruit, and temporary resident, he shall be with you; he shall serve you shall eat your fill, and dwell therein in safety. 20 If with you until the Year of Jubilee. 41 Then he shall go you said, "What shall we eat the seventh year? Behold, out from you, he and his children with him, and shall we shall not sow, nor gather in our increase;" 21 then return to his own family, and to the possession of his I will command my blessing on you in the sixth year, fathers. 42 For they are my servants, whom I brought and it shall bear fruit for the three years. 22 You shall out of the land of Egypt. They shall not be sold as sow the eighth year, and eat of the fruits from the old slaves. 43 You shall not rule over him with harshness, store until the ninth year. Until its fruits come in, you but shall fear your God. 44 "'As for your male and your shall eat the old store. 23 "The land shall not be sold in female slaves, whom you may have from the nations perpetuity, for the land is mine; for you are strangers that are around you, from them you may buy male and and live as foreigners with me. 24 In all the land of your female slaves. 45 Moreover, of the children of the aliens possession you shall grant a redemption for the land. who live among you, of them you may buy, and of their 25 "If your brother becomes poor, and sells some of families who are with you, which they have conceived in his possessions, then his kinsman who is next to him your land; and they will be your property. 46 You may shall come, and redeem that which his brother has sold. make them an inheritance for your children after you, to 26 If a man has no one to redeem it, and he becomes hold for a possession. Of them you may take your slaves prosperous and finds sufficient means to redeem it, 27 forever, but over your brothers the children of Israel you then let him reckon the years since its sale, and restore shall not rule, one over another, with harshness. 47 "If the surplus to the man to whom he sold it; and he shall an alien or temporary resident with you becomes rich, return to his property. 28 But if he isn't able to get it back and your brother beside him has grown poor, and sells for himself, then what he has sold shall remain in the himself to the stranger or foreigner living among you, hand of him who has bought it until the Year of Jubilee. or to a member of the stranger's family, 48 after he is In the Jubilee it shall be released, and he shall return to sold he may be redeemed. One of his brothers may

liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall they shall be released in the Jubilee. 32 "Nevertheless, his property. 29 "'If a man sells a dwelling house in a redeem him; 49 or his uncle, or his uncle's son, may

redeem him, or any who is a close relative to him of even consumption and fever, that shall consume the of the land of Egypt. I am Yahweh your God.

26 "You shall make for yourselves no idols, and you shall not raise up a carved image or a pillar, and you shall not place any figured stone in your land, to bow down to it; for I am Yahweh your God. 2 "You shall keep my Sabbaths, and have reverence for my sanctuary. I am Yahweh. 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 yield its increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit. 5 Your threshing shall continue until the vintage, and the vintage shall continue until the sowing time. You shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land safely. 6 "I will give peace in the land, and you shall lie down, and no one will make you afraid. I will remove evil animals out of the land, neither shall the sword go through your land. 7 You shall chase your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword. 8 Five of you shall chase a hundred, and a hundred of you shall chase ten thousand; and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword. 9 "I will have respect for you, make you fruitful, multiply you, and will establish my covenant with you. 10 You shall eat old supplies long kept, and you shall move out the old because of the new. 11 I will set my tent among you, and my soul won't abhor you. 12 I will walk among you, and will be your God, and you will be my people. 13 I am Yahweh your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt. that you should not be their slaves. I have broken the bars of your voke, and made you walk upright. 14 "But if you will not listen to me, and will not do all these commandments, 15 and if you shall reject my statutes, and if your soul abhors my ordinances, so that you will not do all my commandments, but break my covenant, 16 I also will do this to you: I will appoint terror over you,

his family may redeem him; or if he has grown rich, he eyes, and make the soul to pine away. You will sow may redeem himself. 50 He shall reckon with him who your seed in vain, for your enemies will eat it. 17 I will bought him from the year that he sold himself to him set my face against you, and you will be struck before to the Year of Jubilee. The price of his sale shall be your enemies. Those who hate you will rule over you; according to the number of years; he shall be with him and you will flee when no one pursues you. 18 "If you according to the time of a hired servant. 51 If there are in spite of these things will not listen to me, then I will yet many years, according to them he shall give back chastise you seven times more for your sins. 19 I will the price of his redemption out of the money that he break the pride of your power, and I will make your sky was bought for. 52 If there remain but a few years to the like iron, and your soil like bronze. 20 Your strength will year of jubilee, then he shall reckon with him; according be spent in vain; for your land won't yield its increase, to his years of service he shall give back the price of his neither will the trees of the land yield their fruit. 21 "If redemption. 53 As a servant hired year by year shall he you walk contrary to me, and won't listen to me, then I be with him. He shall not rule with harshness over him will bring seven times more plagues on you according in your sight. 54 If he isn't redeemed by these means, to your sins. 22 I will send the wild animals among then he shall be released in the Year of Jubilee: he and vou, which will rob you of your children, destroy your his children with him. 55 For to me the children of Israel livestock, and make you few in number. Your roads will are servants: they are my servants whom I brought out become desolate. 23 "'If by these things you won't be turned back 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. You will be gathered together within your cities, and I will send the pestilence among you. 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, and they shall deliver your bread again by weight. You shall eat, and not be satisfied. 27 "If you in spite of this won't listen to me, but walk contrary to me, 28 then I will walk contrary to you in wrath. I will also 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. I will not take delight in the sweet fragrance of your offerings. 32 I will bring the land into desolation, and your enemies who 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. Your 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 didn't 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. The sound of a driven leaf will put them to flight; and they shall flee, as one flees from the sword. They will fall when no one pursues. 37 They will stumble over one another, as it were before the sword, when no one pursues. You

will have no power to stand before your enemies. 38 offer as an offering to Yahweh, then he shall set the him and the children of Israel in Mount Sinai by Moses.

27 Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them, 'When a man consecrates a person to Yahweh in a vow, according to your valuation, 3 your valuation of a male from twenty years old to sixty years old shall be fifty shekels of silver, according to the shekel of the sanctuary. 4 If she is a female, then your valuation shall be thirty shekels. 5 If the person is from five years old 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 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 he 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 assign a value to him. The priest shall assign a value according to his ability to pay. 9 "If it is an animal of which men offer an offering to Yahweh, all that any man gives of such to Yahweh becomes holy. 10 He shall not alter it, nor exchange it, a good for a bad, or a bad for a good. If he shall at all exchange animal for animal, then both it and that for which it is exchanged shall be holy. 11 If it is any unclean animal, of which they do not

You will perish among the nations. The land of your animal before the priest; 12 and the priest shall evaluate enemies will eat you up. 39 Those of you who are left it, whether it is good or bad. As the priest evaluates it, will pine away in their iniquity in your enemies' lands; so it shall be. 13 But if he will indeed redeem it, then he and also in the iniquities of their fathers they shall pine shall add the fifth part of it to its valuation. 14 "When a away with them. 40 "If they confess their iniquity and man dedicates his house to be holy to Yahweh, then the the iniquity of their fathers, in their trespass which they priest shall evaluate it, whether it is good or bad. As trespassed against me; and also that because they the priest evaluates it, so it shall stand. 15 If he who walked contrary to me, 41 l also walked contrary to dedicates it will redeem his house, then he shall add them, and brought them into the land of their enemies; if the fifth part of the money of your valuation to it, and it then their uncircumcised heart is humbled, and they shall be his. 16 "'If a man dedicates to Yahweh part of then accept the punishment of their iniquity, 42 then I the field of his possession, then your valuation shall be will remember my covenant with Jacob, my covenant according to the seed for it. The sowing of a homer of with Isaac, and also my covenant with Abraham; and I barley shall be valued at fifty shekels of silver. 17 If he will remember the land. 43 The land also will be left by dedicates his field from the Year of Jubilee, according to them, and will enjoy its Sabbaths while it lies desolate your valuation it shall stand. 18 But if he dedicates his without them; and they will accept the punishment of field after the Jubilee, then the priest shall reckon to their iniquity because they rejected my ordinances, and him the money according to the years that remain to their soul abhorred my statutes. 44 Yet for all that, when the Year of Jubilee; and an abatement shall be made they are in the land of their enemies, I will not reject from your valuation. 19 If he who dedicated the field will them, neither will I abhor them, to destroy them utterly indeed redeem it, then he shall add the fifth part of the and to break my covenant with them; for I am Yahweh money of your valuation to it, and it shall remain his. 20 their God. 45 But I will for their sake remember the If he will not redeem the field, or if he has sold the field covenant of their ancestors, whom I brought out of the to another man, it shall not be redeemed any more; 21 land of Egypt in the sight of the nations, that I might be but the field, when it goes out in the Jubilee, shall be their God. I am Yahweh." 46 These are the statutes, holy to Yahweh, as a devoted field. It shall be owned ordinances, and laws, which Yahweh made between by the priests. 22 "If he dedicates a field to Yahweh 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 Yahweh. 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 "However the firstborn among animals, which belongs to Yahweh as a firstborn, no man may dedicate, whether an ox or a sheep. It is Yahweh'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 devotes to Yahweh of all that he has, whether of man or animal, or of the field of his possession, shall be sold or redeemed. Everything that is permanently devoted is most holy to Yahweh. 29 "No one devoted to destruction, 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 Yahweh's. It is holy to Yahweh. 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 Yahweh. 33 He shall not examine whether it is good or bad, neither shall he exchange it. If he exchanges it at all, then both it and that for which it is exchanged shall be holy. It shall not be redeemed." 34 These are the commandments which Yahweh commanded Moses for the children of Israel on Mount Sinai.

Numbers

1 Yahweh 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 count them by their divisions. 4 With you there shall be a man of every tribe, each one 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 children of 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 Deuel. 15 Of Naphtali: Ahira the son of Enan." 16 These are those who were called of the congregation, the princes 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 Yahweh commanded Moses, so he counted them in the wilderness of Sinai. 20 The children of Reuben. Israel's firstborn, their generations. by 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 counted of them, of the tribe of Reuben, were forty-six thousand five hundred. 22 Of the children of Simeon, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, those who were counted 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 counted of them, of the tribe of Simeon, were fifty-nine thousand three hundred. 24 Of the children of Gad, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go out to war: 25 those who were counted of them, of the tribe of Gad, were forty-five thousand six hundred fifty. 26 Of the children of Judah, their generations, by

their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go out to war: 27 those who were counted of them, of the tribe of Judah, were seventy-four thousand six hundred. 28 Of the children of Issachar, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go out to war: 29 those who were counted of them, of the tribe of Issachar, were fifty-four thousand four hundred. 30 Of the children of Zebulun, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go out to war: 31 those who were counted of them, of the tribe of Zebulun, were fifty-seven thousand four hundred. 32 Of the children of Joseph: of the children of Ephraim, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go out to war: 33 those who were counted of them, of the tribe of Ephraim, were forty thousand five hundred. 34 Of the children of Manasseh, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go out to war: 35 those who were counted of them, of the tribe of Manasseh, were thirty-two thousand two hundred. 36 Of the children of Benjamin, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go out to war: 37 those who were counted of them, of the tribe of Benjamin, were thirty-five thousand four hundred. 38 Of the children of Dan, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go out to war: 39 those who were counted of them, of the tribe of Dan, were sixty-two thousand seven hundred. 40 Of the children of Asher, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go out to war: 41 those who were counted of them, of the tribe of Asher, were forty-one thousand five hundred. 42 Of the children of Naphtali, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go out to war: 43 those who were counted of them, of the tribe of Naphtali, were fifty-three thousand four hundred. 44 These are those who were counted, whom Moses and Aaron counted, and the twelve men who were princes of Israel, each one for his fathers' house. 45 So all those who were counted of the children of

Israel by their fathers' houses, from twenty years old. His division, and those who were counted of them, were the tribe of Levi you shall not count, neither shall you were one hundred fifty-one thousand four hundred fifty, their divisions. 53 But the Levites shall encamp around shall be Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur. 21 His division, to all that Yahweh commanded Moses, so they did.

Yahweh spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, 2 "The children of Israel shall encamp every man by his own standard, with the banners of their fathers' houses. They shall encamp around the Tent of Meeting at a distance from it. 3 "Those who encamp on the east side toward the sunrise shall be of the standard of the camp of Judah, according to their divisions. The prince of the children of Judah shall be Nahshon the son of Amminadab. 4 His division, and those who were counted of them, were seventy-four thousand six hundred. 5 "Those who encamp next to him shall be the tribe of Issachar. The prince of the children of Issachar shall be Nethanel the son of Zuar. 6 His division, and those who were counted of it, were fifty-four thousand four hundred. 7 "The tribe of Zebulun: the prince of the children of Zebulun shall be Eliab the son of Helon. 8 His division, and those who were counted of it, were fifty-seven thousand four hundred. 9 "All who were counted of the camp of Judah were one hundred eightysix 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 children of Reuben shall be Elizur the son of Shedeur. 11 His division, and those who were counted of it, were forty-six thousand five hundred. 12 "Those who encamp next to him shall be the tribe of Simeon. The prince of the children of Simeon shall be Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai. 13

and upward, all who were able to go out to war in fifty-nine thousand three hundred. 14 "The tribe of Gad: Israel— 46 all those who were counted were six hundred the prince of the children of Gad shall be Eliasaph the three thousand five hundred fifty. 47 But the Levites son of Reuel. 15 His division, and those who were after the tribe of their fathers were not counted among counted of them, were forty-five thousand six hundred them. 48 For Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 49 "Only fifty. 16 "All who were counted of the camp of Reuben take a census of them among the children of Israel; according to their armies. They shall set out second. 50 but appoint the Levites over the Tabernacle of the 17 "Then the Tent of Meeting shall set out, with the Testimony, and over all its furnishings, and over all that camp of the Levites in the middle of the camps. As belongs to it. They shall carry the tabernacle and all they encamp, so shall they set out, every man in his its furnishings; and they shall take care of it, and shall place, by their standards. 18 "On the west side shall be encamp around it. 51 When the tabernacle is to move, the standard of the camp of Ephraim according to their the Levites shall take it down; and when the tabernacle divisions. The prince of the children of Ephraim shall is to be set up, the Levites shall set it up. The stranger be Elishama the son of Ammihud. 19 His division, and who comes near shall be put to death. 52 The children those who were counted of them, were forty thousand of Israel shall pitch their tents, every man by his own five hundred. 20 "Next to him shall be the tribe of camp, and every man by his own standard, according to Manasseh. The prince of the children of Manasseh the Tabernacle of the Testimony, that there may be no and those who were counted of them, were thirty-two wrath on the congregation of the children of Israel. The thousand two hundred. 22 "The tribe of Benjamin: the Levites shall be responsible for the Tabernacle of the prince of the children of Benjamin shall be Abidan the Testimony." 54 Thus the children of Israel did. According son of Gideoni. 23 His army, and those who were counted of them, were thirty-five thousand four hundred. 24 "All who were counted 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. The prince of the children of Dan shall be Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai. 26 His division, and those who were counted of them, were sixty-two thousand seven hundred. 27 "Those who encamp next to him shall be the tribe of Asher. The prince of the children of Asher shall be Pagiel the son of Ochran. 28 His division, and those who were counted of them, were forty-one thousand five hundred. 29 "The tribe of Naphtali: the prince of the children of Naphtali shall be Ahira the son of Enan. 30 His division, and those who were counted of them, were fifty-three thousand four hundred. 31 "All who were counted 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 counted of the children of Israel by their fathers' houses. All who were counted of the camps according to their armies were six hundred three thousand five hundred fifty. 33 But the Levites were not counted among the children of Israel, as Yahweh commanded Moses. 34 Thus the children of Israel did. According to all that Yahweh commanded Moses, so they encamped by their standards, and so they set out, everyone by their families, according to their fathers' houses.

3 Now this is the history of the generations of Aaron its covering, the screen for the door of the Tent of in Mount Sinai. 2 These are the names of the sons of the door of the court which is by the tabernacle and Aaron: Nadab the firstborn, and Abihu, Eleazar, and around the altar, and its cords for all of its service. 27 Ithamar. 3 These are the names of the sons of Aaron, Of Kohath was the family of the Amramites, the family the priests who were anointed, whom he consecrated to of the Izharites, the family of the Hebronites, and the minister in the priest's office. 4 Nadab and Abihu died family of the Uzzielites. These are the families of the before Yahweh when they offered strange fire before Kohathites. 28 According to the number of all the males Yahweh in the wilderness of Sinai, and they had no from a month old and upward, there were eight thousand children. Eleazar and Ithamar ministered in the priest's six hundred keeping the requirements of the sanctuary. office in the presence of Aaron their father. 5 Yahweh 29 The families of the sons of Kohath shall encamp on spoke to Moses, saying, 6 "Bring the tribe of Levi near, the south side of the tabernacle. 30 The prince of the and set them before Aaron the priest, that they may fathers' house of the families of the Kohathites shall minister to him. 7 They shall keep his requirements, be Elizaphan the son of Uzziel. 31 Their duty shall and the requirements of the whole congregation before be the ark, the table, the lamp stand, the altars, the the Tent of Meeting, to do the service of the tabernacle. vessels of the sanctuary with which they minister, the 8 They shall keep all the furnishings of the Tent of screen, and all its service. 32 Eleazar the son of Aaron Meeting, and the obligations of the children of Israel, to the priest shall be prince of the princes of the Levites, do the service of the tabernacle. 9 You shall give the with the oversight of those who keep the requirements Levites to Aaron and to his sons. They are wholly given of the sanctuary. 33 Of Merari was the family of the to him on the behalf of the children of Israel. 10 You Mahlites and the family of the Mushites. These are the shall appoint Aaron and his sons, and they shall keep families of Merari. 34 Those who were counted of them, their priesthood, but the stranger who comes near shall according to the number of all the males from a month be put to death." 11 Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, old and upward, were six thousand two hundred. 35 12 "Behold, I have taken the Levites from among the The prince of the fathers' house of the families of Merari children of Israel instead of all the firstborn who open was Zuriel the son of Abihail. They shall encamp on the womb among the children of Israel; and the Levites the north side of the tabernacle. 36 The appointed duty shall be mine, 13 for all the firstborn are mine. On the of the sons of Merari shall be the tabernacle's boards, day that I struck down all the firstborn in the land of its bars, its pillars, its sockets, all its instruments, all Egypt I made holy to me all the firstborn in Israel, both its service, 37 the pillars of the court around it, their man and animal. They shall be mine. I am Yahweh." sockets, their pins, and their cords. 38 Those who 14 Yahweh spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, encamp before the tabernacle eastward, in front of the saying, 15 "Count the children of Levi by their fathers' Tent of Meeting toward the sunrise, shall be Moses, houses, by their families. You shall count every male with Aaron and his sons, keeping the requirements of from a month old and upward." 16 Moses counted them the sanctuary for the duty of the children of Israel. The according to Yahweh's word, as he was commanded. 17 outsider who comes near shall be put to death. 39 All These were the sons of Levi by their names: Gershon, who were counted of the Levites, whom Moses and Kohath, and Merari. 18 These are the names of the sons Aaron counted at the commandment of Yahweh, by their of Gershon by their families: Libni and Shimei. 19 The families, all the males from a month old and upward, sons of Kohath by their families: Amram, Izhar, Hebron, were twenty-two thousand. 40 Yahweh said to Moses, and Uzziel. 20 The sons of Merari by their families: "Count all the firstborn males of the children of Israel Mahli and Mushi. These are the families of the Levites from a month old and upward, and take the number of according to their fathers' houses. 21 Of Gershon was their names. 41 You shall take the Levites for me-I am the family of the Libnites, and the family of the Shimeites. Yahweh—instead of all the firstborn among the children These are the families of the Gershonites. 22 Those of Israel; and the livestock of the Levites instead of who were counted of them, according to the number all the firstborn among the livestock of the children of of all the males from a month old and upward, even Israel." 42 Moses counted, as Yahweh commanded him, those who were counted of them were seven thousand all the firstborn among the children of Israel. 43 All the five hundred. 23 The families of the Gershonites shall firstborn males according to the number of names from encamp behind the tabernacle westward. 24 Eliasaph a month old and upward, of those who were counted of the son of Lael shall be the prince of the fathers' house them, were twenty-two thousand two hundred seventyof the Gershonites. 25 The duty of the sons of Gershon three. 44 Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 45 "Take the in the Tent of Meeting shall be the tabernacle, the tent, Levites instead of all the firstborn among the children of

and Moses in the day that Yahweh spoke with Moses Meeting, 26 the hangings of the court, the screen for

Israel, and the livestock of the Levites instead of their furniture of the sanctuary, as the camp moves forward: the Levites; 50 from the firstborn of the children of Israel the Levites; 19 but do this to them, that they may live, he took the money, one thousand three hundred sixty- and not die, when they approach the most holy things: commanded Moses.

▲ Yahweh 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, regarding the most holy things. 5 When the camp moves forward, Aaron shall go in with his sons; and they shall take down the veil of the screen, cover the ark of the Testimony with it, 6 put a covering of sealskin on it, spread a blue cloth over it, and 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 cups with which to pour out; and the continual bread shall be on it. 8 They shall spread on them a scarlet cloth, and cover it with a covering of sealskin, and shall put in its poles. 9 "They shall take a blue cloth and cover the lamp stand of the light, its lamps, its snuffers, 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, 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 with which they minister about it, the fire pans, the meat hooks, the shovels, and the basins—all the vessels of the altar; and they shall spread on it a covering of sealskin, and put in its poles. 15 "When Aaron and his sons have finished covering the sanctuary and all the

livestock; and the Levites shall be mine. I am Yahweh. after that, the sons of Kohath shall come to carry it; but 46 For the redemption of the two hundred seventy-three they shall not touch the sanctuary, lest they die. The of the firstborn of the children of Israel who exceed the sons of Kohath shall carry these things belonging to number of the Levites, 47 you shall take five shekels the Tent of Meeting. 16 "The duty of Eleazar the son of apiece for each one; according to the shekel of the Aaron the priest shall be the oil for the light, the sweet sanctuary you shall take them (the shekel is twenty incense, the continual meal offering, and the anointing gerahs); 48 and you shall give the money, with which oil, the requirements of all the tabernacle, and of all that their remainder is redeemed, to Aaron and to his sons." is in it, the sanctuary, and its furnishings." 17 Yahweh 49 Moses took the redemption money from those who spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, 18 "Don't cut off exceeded the number of those who were redeemed by the tribe of the families of the Kohathites from among five shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary; Aaron and his sons shall go in and appoint everyone to 51 and Moses gave the redemption money to Aaron and his service and to his burden; 20 but they shall not go in to his sons, according to Yahweh's word, as Yahweh to see the sanctuary even for a moment, lest they die." 21 Yahweh 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, the covering of sealskin that is on it, the screen for the door of the Tent of Meeting, 26 the hangings of the court, the screen for the door of the gate of the court which is by the tabernacle and around the altar, their cords, and all the instruments of their service, and whatever shall be done with them. They shall serve in there. 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. Their duty shall be under the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest. 29 "As for the sons of Merari, you shall count 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 the pillars of the court around it, their sockets, their pins, their cords, with all their instruments, and with all their service. You shall appoint the instruments of the duty of their burden to them by name. 33 This is the service of the families of the sons of Merari, according to all their service in the Tent of Meeting, under the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest." 34 Moses and Aaron and the princes of the congregation counted the sons of

commanded Moses.

5 Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Command the children of Israel that they put out of the camp every leper, everyone who has a discharge, and whoever is unclean by a corpse. 3 You shall put both male and female outside of the camp so that they don't defile their camp, in the midst of which I dwell." 4 The children of Israel did so, and put them outside of the camp; as Yahweh spoke to Moses, so the children of Israel did. 5 Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 6 "Speak to the children of Israel: 'When a man or woman commits any sin that men commit, so as to trespass against Yahweh, and that soul is guilty. 7 then he shall confess his sin which he has done; and he shall make restitution for

the Kohathites by their families, and by their fathers' his guilt in full, add to it the fifth part of it, and give it to houses, 35 from thirty years old and upward even to him in respect of whom he has been guilty. 8 But if the fifty years old, everyone who entered into the service man has no kinsman to whom restitution may be made for work in the Tent of Meeting. 36 Those who were for the guilt, the restitution for guilt which is made to counted of them by their families were two thousand Yahweh shall be the priest's, in addition to the ram of seven hundred fifty. 37 These are those who were the atonement, by which atonement shall be made for counted of the families of the Kohathites, all who served him. 9 Every heave offering of all the holy things of the in the Tent of Meeting, whom Moses and Aaron counted children of Israel, which they present to the priest, shall according to the commandment of Yahweh by Moses. be his. 10 Every man's holy things shall be his; whatever 38 Those who were counted of the sons of Gershon, by any man gives the priest, it shall be his." 11 Yahweh their families, and by their fathers' houses, 39 from thirty spoke to Moses, saying, 12 "Speak to the children of years old and upward even to fifty years old-everyone Israel, and tell them: 'If any man's wife goes astray and who entered into the service for work in the Tent of is unfaithful to him, 13 and a man lies with her carnally, Meeting, 40 even those who were counted of them, and it is hidden from the eyes of her husband and this is by their families, by their fathers' houses, were two kept concealed, and she is defiled, there is no witness thousand six hundred thirty. 41 These are those who against her, and she isn't taken in the act; 14 and the were counted of the families of the sons of Gershon, spirit of jealousy comes on him, and he is jealous of all who served in the Tent of Meeting, whom Moses his wife and she is defiled; or if the spirit of jealousy and Aaron counted according to the commandment of comes on him, and he is jealous of his wife and she Yahweh. 42 Those who were counted of the families of isn't defiled; 15 then the man shall bring his wife to the the sons of Merari, by their families, by their fathers' priest, and shall bring her offering for her: one tenth houses, 43 from thirty years old and upward even to fifty of an ephah of barley meal. He shall pour no oil on it, years old—everyone who entered into the service for nor put frankincense on it, for it is a meal offering of work in the Tent of Meeting, 44 even those who were jealousy, a meal offering of memorial, bringing iniquity counted of them by their families, were three thousand to memory. 16 The priest shall bring her near, and set two hundred. 45 These are those who were counted her before Yahweh. 17 The priest shall take holy water of the families of the sons of Merari, whom Moses in an earthen vessel; and the priest shall take some and Aaron counted according to the commandment of of the dust that is on the floor of the tabernacle and Yahweh by Moses. 46 All those who were counted of put it into the water. 18 The priest shall set the woman the Levites whom Moses and Aaron and the princes of before Yahweh, and let the hair of the woman's head Israel counted, by their families and by their fathers' go loose, and put the meal offering of memorial in her houses, 47 from thirty years old and upward even to fifty hands, which is the meal offering of jealousy. The priest years old, everyone who entered in to do the work of shall have in his hand the water of bitterness that brings service and the work of bearing burdens in the Tent of a curse. 19 The priest shall cause her to take an oath Meeting, 48 even those who were counted of them, were and shall tell the woman, "If no man has lain with you, eight thousand five hundred eighty. 49 According to the and if you haven't gone aside to uncleanness, being commandment of Yahweh they were counted by Moses, under your husband's authority, be free from this water everyone according to his service and according to his of bitterness that brings a curse. 20 But if you have burden. Thus they were counted by him, as Yahweh gone astray, being under your husband's authority, and if you 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, "May Yahweh make you a curse and an oath among your people, when Yahweh 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 shall say, "Amen, Amen." 23 "The priest shall write these curses in a book, and he shall wipe them into the water of bitterness. 24 He shall make the woman drink the water of bitterness that causes the curse: and the water that causes the curse shall enter into her and become bitter. 25 The priest shall take the

meal offering of lealousy out of the woman's hand, and of Meeting. 14 and he shall offer his offering to Yahweh: shall wave the meal offering before Yahweh, and bring it one male lamb a year old without defect for a burnt to the altar. 26 The priest shall take a handful of the offering, one ewe lamb a year old without defect for a meal offering, as its memorial portion, and burn it on sin offering, one ram without defect for peace offerings, the altar, and afterward shall make the woman drink 15 a basket of unleavened bread, cakes of fine flour the water. 27 When he has made her drink the water, mixed with oil, and unleavened wafers anointed with oil then it shall happen, if she is defiled and has committed with their meal offering and their drink offerings. 16 The a trespass against her husband, that the water that priest shall present them before Yahweh, and shall offer causes the curse will enter into her and become bitter, his sin offering and his burnt offering. 17 He shall offer and her body will swell, and her thigh will fall away; and the ram for a sacrifice of peace offerings to Yahweh, the woman will be a curse among her people. 28 If with the basket of unleavened bread. The priest shall the woman isn't defiled, but is clean; then she shall be offer also its meal offering and its drink offering. 18 The free, and shall conceive offspring. 29 "This is the law of Nazirite shall shave the head of his separation at the jealousy, when a wife, being under her husband, goes door of the Tent of Meeting, take the hair of the head of astray, and is defiled, 30 or when the spirit of jealousy his separation, and put it on the fire which is under the comes on a man, and he is jealous of his wife; then he sacrifice of peace offerings, 19 The priest shall take the shall set the woman before Yahweh, and the priest shall boiled shoulder of the ram, one unleavened cake out of execute on her all this law. 31 The man shall be free the basket, and one unleavened wafer, and shall put from iniquity, and that woman shall bear her iniquity."

6 Yahweh 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 Yahweh, 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 no razor shall come on his head, until the days are fulfilled in which he separates himself to Yahweh. 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 Yahweh 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 Yahweh. 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 their offering before Yahweh, six covered wagons and priest, to the door of the Tent of Meeting. 11 The priest shall offer one for a sin offering, and the other for a sinned by reason of the dead, and shall make his head "Accept these from them, that they may be used in be void, because his separation was defiled. 13 "This is gave them to the Levites. 7 He gave two wagons and the law of the Nazirite: when the days of his separation four oxen to the sons of Gershon, according to their

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 Yahweh. They are 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 Yahweh for his separation, in addition to that which he is able to afford. According to his yow which he yows, so he must do after the law of his separation." 22 Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 23 "Speak to Aaron and to his sons, saying, 'This is how you shall bless the children of Israel.' You shall tell them, 24 'Yahweh bless you, and keep you. 25 Yahweh make his face to shine on you, and be gracious to you. 26 Yahweh 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 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 the princes of Israel, the heads of their fathers' houses, gave offerings. These were the princes of the tribes. These are they who were over those who were counted; 3 and they brought twelve oxen; a wagon for every two of the princes, and for each one an ox. They presented them before burnt offering, and make atonement for him, because he the tabernacle. 4 Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 5 holy that same day. 12 He shall separate to Yahweh the doing the service of the Tent of Meeting; and you shall days of his separation, and shall bring a male lamb a give them to the Levites, to every man according to his vear old for a trespass offering; but the former days shall service." 6 Moses took the wagons and the oxen, and are fulfilled, he shall be brought to the door of the Tent service. 8 He gave four wagons and eight oxen to the

sons of Merari, according to their service, under the male goat for a sin offering; 35 and for the sacrifice of direction of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest. 9 But to peace offerings, two head of cattle, five rams, five male the sons of Kohath he gave none, because the service goats, and five male lambs a year old. This was the of the sanctuary belonged to them; they carried it on offering of Elizur the son of Shedeur. 36 On the fifth day their shoulders. 10 The princes gave offerings for the Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai, prince of the children dedication of the altar in the day that it was anointed. of Simeon, 37 gave his offering: one silver platter, the The princes gave their offerings before the altar. 11 weight of which was one hundred thirty shekels, one Yahweh said to Moses, "They shall offer their offering, silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel each prince on his day, for the dedication of the altar." of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed 12 He who offered his offering the first day was Nahshon with oil for a meal offering; 38 one golden ladle of ten the son of Amminadab, of the tribe of Judah, 13 and his shekels, full of incense; 39 one young bull, one ram, offering was: one silver platter, the weight of which was one male lamb a year old, for a burnt offering; 40 one one hundred thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy male goat for a sin offering; 41 and for the sacrifice shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of peace offerings, two head of cattle, five rams, five of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a meal offering; male goats, and five male lambs a year old: this was 14 one golden ladle of ten shekels, full of incense; 15 the offering of Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai. 42 On one young bull, one ram, one male lamb a year old, for the sixth day, Eliasaph the son of Deuel, prince of the a burnt offering; 16 one male goat for a sin offering; 17 children of Gad, 43 gave his offering: one silver platter, and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two head of the weight of which was one hundred thirty shekels, one cattle, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel a year old. This was the offering of Nahshon the son of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed of Amminadab. 18 On the second day Nethanel the with oil for a meal offering; 44 one golden ladle of ten son of Zuar, prince of Issachar, gave his offering. 19 shekels, full of incense; 45 one young bull, one ram, one He offered for his offering: one silver platter, the weight male lamb a year old, for a burnt offering; 46 one male of which was one hundred thirty shekels, one silver goat for a sin offering; 47 and for the sacrifice of peace bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the offerings, two head of cattle, five rams, five male goats, sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for and five male lambs a year old. This was the offering a meal offering; 20 one golden ladle of ten shekels, full of Eliasaph the son of Deuel. 48 On the seventh day of incense; 21 one young bull, one ram, one male lamb Elishama the son of Ammihud, prince of the children of a year old, for a burnt offering; 22 one male goat for a Ephraim, 49 gave his offering: one silver platter, the sin offering; 23 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, weight of which was one hundred thirty shekels, one two head of cattle, five rams, five male goats, five male silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel lambs a year old. This was the offering of Nethanel the of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed son of Zuar. 24 On the third day Eliab the son of Helon, with oil for a meal offering; 50 one golden ladle of ten prince of the children of Zebulun, 25 gave his offering: shekels, full of incense; 51 one young bull, one ram, one one silver platter, the weight of which was a hundred male lamb a year old, for a burnt offering; 52 one male and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, goat for a sin offering; 53 and for the sacrifice of peace according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them offerings, two head of cattle, five rams, five male goats, full of fine flour mixed with oil for a meal offering; 26 and five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of one golden ladle of ten shekels, full of incense; 27 one Elishama the son of Ammihud. 54 On the eighth day young bull, one ram, one male lamb a year old, for a Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur, prince of the children of burnt offering: 28 one male goat for a sin offering: 29 Manasseh, 55 gave his offering; one silver platter, the and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two head of weight of which was one hundred thirty shekels, one cattle, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs a silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel year old. This was the offering of Eliab the son of Helon. of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed 30 On the fourth day Elizur the son of Shedeur, prince with oil for a meal offering; 56 one golden ladle of ten of the children of Reuben, 31 gave his offering: one shekels, full of incense; 57 one young bull, one ram, one silver platter, the weight of which was one hundred thirty male lamb a year old, for a burnt offering; 58 one male shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to goat for a sin offering; 59 and for the sacrifice of peace the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour offerings, two head of cattle, five rams, five male goats, mixed with oil for a meal offering; 32 one golden ladle of and five male lambs a year old. This was the offering ten shekels, full of incense; 33 one young bull, one ram, of Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur. 60 On the ninth day one male lamb a year old, for a burnt offering; 34 one Abidan the son of Gideoni, prince of the children of

weight of which was one hundred thirty shekels, one weighing ten shekels apiece, according to the shekel of silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel the sanctuary; all the gold of the ladles weighed one of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed hundred twenty shekels; 87 all the cattle for the burnt with oil for a meal offering; 62 one golden ladle of ten offering twelve bulls, the rams twelve, the male lambs shekels, full of incense; 63 one young bull, one ram, a year old twelve, and their meal offering; and twelve one male lamb a year old, for a burnt offering; 64 one male goats for a sin offering; 88 and all the cattle for male goat for a sin offering; 65 and for the sacrifice the sacrifice of peace offerings; twenty-four bulls, sixty of peace offerings, two head of cattle, five rams, five rams, sixty male goats, and sixty male lambs a year old. male goats, and five male lambs a year old. This was This was the dedication offering of the altar, after it was the offering of Abidan the son of Gideoni. 66 On the anointed. 89 When Moses went into the Tent of Meeting tenth day Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai, prince of the to speak with Yahweh, he heard his voice speaking to children of Dan, 67 gave his offering: one silver platter, him from above the mercy seat that was on the ark of the weight of which was one hundred thirty shekels, one the Testimony, from between the two cherubim; and he silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel spoke to him. 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 children of Asher, 73 gave his offering: one silver platter, the weight of which was one hundred thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a meal offering; 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 children of Naphtali, 79 gave his offering: one silver platter, the weight of which was one hundred thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a meal offering; 80 one golden ladle 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 cattle, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Ahira the son of Enan. 84 This was the dedication offering of the altar, on the day when it was anointed, by the princes of Israel: twelve silver platters, twelve silver bowls, twelve golden ladles: 85 each silver platter weighing one hundred thirty shekels, and each bowl seventy: all the silver of the vessels two thousand four hundred shekels, according to the shekel of the

Benjamin, 61 gave his offering; one silver platter, the sanctuary; 86 the twelve golden ladles, full of incense,

8 Yahweh 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 lamp stand." 3 Aaron did so. He lit its lamps to light the area in front of the lamp stand, as Yahweh commanded Moses. 4 This was the workmanship of the lamp stand, beaten work of gold. From its base to its flowers, it was beaten work. He made the lamp stand according to the pattern which Yahweh had shown Moses. 5 Yahweh 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, 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 Yahweh. The children of Israel shall lay their hands on the Levites, 11 and Aaron shall offer the Levites before Yahweh for a wave offering on the behalf of the children of Israel, that it may be theirs to do the service of Yahweh. 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 Yahweh, 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 Yahweh. 14 Thus you shall separate the Levites from among the children of Israel, and the Levites shall be mine. 15 "After that, the Levites shall go in to do the service of the Tent of Meeting. You shall cleanse them, and offer them as a wave offering. 16 For they are wholly given to me from among the children of Israel; instead of all who open the womb, even the firstborn of all the children of Israel, I have taken them to me. 17 For all

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

Q Yahweh 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 "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. You shall keep it according to all its statutes and according to all its ordinances." 4 Moses told 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 Yahweh 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 Passover on that day, and they came before Moses and Aaron on that day. 7 Those men said to him, "We are unclean because of the dead body of a man. Why are we kept back, that we may not offer the children of Israel?" 8 Moses answered them, "Wait, that I may hear what Yahweh will command concerning

cloud stayed on the tabernacle many days, then the children of Israel kept Yahweh's command, and didn't travel. 20 Sometimes the cloud was a few days on the tabernacle; then according to the commandment of Yahweh they remained encamped, and according to the commandment of Yahweh 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 encamped, and didn't travel: but when it was taken up, they traveled. 23 At the commandment of Yahweh they encamped, and at the commandment of Yahweh they traveled. They kept Yahweh's command, at the commandment of Yahweh by Moses.

1 Nahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Make two trumpets of silver. You shall make them of the offering of Yahweh in its appointed season among 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 vou." 9 Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 10 "Say to themselves to you at the door of the Tent of Meeting. 4 the children of Israel, 'If any man of you or of your If they blow just one, then the princes, the heads of the When you blow an alarm, the camps that lie on the east Israel according to their armies; and they went forward. side shall go forward. 6 When you blow an alarm the 29 Moses said to Hobab, the son of Reuel the Midianite, second time, the camps that lie on the south side shall Moses' father-in-law, "We are journeying to the place of go forward. They shall blow an alarm for their journeys. which Yahweh said, 'I will give it to you.' Come with us, 7 But when the assembly is to be gathered together, and we will treat you well; for Yahweh has spoken good you shall blow, but you shall not sound an alarm. 8 concerning Israel." 30 He said to him, "I will not go; but "The sons of Aaron, the priests, shall blow the trumpets. I will depart to my own land, and to my relatives." 31 This shall be to you for a statute forever throughout Moses said, "Don't leave us, please; because you know your generations. 9 When you go to war in your land how we are to encamp in the wilderness, and you can against the adversary who oppresses you, then you be our eyes. 32 It shall be, if you go with us—yes, it shall shall sound an alarm with the trumpets. Then you will be-that whatever good Yahweh does to us, we will do be remembered before Yahweh your God, and you will the same to you." 33 They set forward from the Mount be saved from your enemies. 10 "Also in the day of your of Yahweh three days' journey. The ark of Yahweh's gladness, and in your set feasts, and in the beginnings covenant went before them three days' journey, to seek of your months, you shall blow the trumpets over your out a resting place for them, 34 The cloud of Yahweh burnt offerings, and over the sacrifices of your peace was over them by day, when they set forward from the offerings; and they shall be to you for a memorial before camp. 35 When the ark went forward, Moses said, "Rise your God. I am Yahweh your God." 11 In the second up, Yahweh, and let your enemies be scattered! Let year, in the second month, on the twentieth day of the those who hate you flee before you!" 36 When it rested, month, the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle he said, "Return, Yahweh, to the ten thousands of the of the covenant. 12 The children of Israel went forward thousands of Israel." on their journeys out of the wilderness of Sinai; and the cloud staved in the wilderness of Paran. 13 They first went forward according to the commandment of Yahweh by Moses. 14 First, the standard of the camp of the children 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 children of Issachar. 16 Eliab the son of Helon was over the army of the tribe of the children 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 children of Simeon. 20 Eliasaph the son of Deuel was over the army of the tribe of the children 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 children of Ephraim set forward according to their armies. Elishama the son of Ammihud was over his army. 23 Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur was over the army of the tribe of the children of Manasseh. 24 Abidan the son of Gideoni was over the army of the tribe of the children of Benjamin. 25 The standard of the camp of the children of Dan, which was the rear guard 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 children of Asher. 27 Ahira the son of Enan was over the army of the tribe of the children of

thousands of Israel, shall gather themselves to you, 5 Naphtali, 28 Thus were the travels of the children of

1 The people were complaining in the ears of Yahweh. When Yahweh heard it, his anger burned; and Yahweh's fire burned among them, and consumed some of the outskirts of the camp. 2 The people cried to Moses; and Moses prayed to Yahweh, and the fire abated. 3 The name of that place was called Taberah, because Yahweh's fire burned 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 meat to eat? 5 We remember the fish, which we ate in Egypt for nothing; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlic; 6 but now we have lost our appetite. There is nothing at all except this manna to look at." 7 The manna was like coriander seed, and it looked like 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 When the dew fell on the camp in the night, the manna fell on it. 10 Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, every man at the door of his tent; and Yahweh's anger burned greatly; and Moses was displeased. 11 Moses said to Yahweh, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why haven't I found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? 12 Have I conceived all this people? Have I brought them out, that you should tell me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a nursing infant, to the land which you swore to their fathers'? 13 Where could I get meat to give all these people? For they

eat.' 14 I am not able to bear all this people alone, the earth. 32 The people rose up all that day, and all of because it is too heavy for me. 15 If you treat me this that night, and all the next day, and gathered the quails. way, please kill me right now, if I have found favor in He who gathered least gathered ten homers; and they your sight; and don't let me see my wretchedness." 16 spread them all out for themselves around the camp. Yahweh said to Moses, "Gather to me seventy men of 33 While the meat was still between their teeth, before the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of it was chewed, Yahweh's anger burned against the the people and officers over them; and bring them to the people, and Yahweh struck the people with a very great Tent of Meeting, that they may stand there with you. plague. 34 The name of that place was called Kibroth 17 I will come down and talk with you there. I will take Hattaavah, because there they buried the people who of the Spirit which is on you, and will put it on them; lusted. 35 From Kibroth Hattaavah the people traveled and they shall bear the burden of the people with you, to Hazeroth; and they stayed at Hazeroth. that you don't bear it yourself alone. 18 "Say to the people, 'Sanctify yourselves in preparation for tomorrow, and you will eat meat; for you have wept in the ears of Yahweh, saying, "Who will give us meat to eat? For it was well with us in Egypt." Therefore Yahweh will give you meat, and you will eat. 19 You will not eat just one day, or two days, or five days, or ten days, or twenty days, 20 but a whole month, until it comes out at your nostrils, and it is loathsome to you; because you have rejected Yahweh 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 meat, 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 Yahweh said to Moses, "Has Yahweh'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 Yahweh's words; and he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people, and set them around the Tent. 25 Yahweh 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. 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. They were of those who were written, but had not gone out to the Tent; and they prophesied in the camp. 27 A young man ran, and told Moses, and said, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp!" 28 Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of Moses, one of his chosen men, answered, "My lord Moses, forbid them!" 29 Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all Yahweh's people were prophets, that Yahweh would put his Spirit on them!" 30 Moses went into the camp, he and the elders of Israel. 31 A wind from Yahweh went out and brought quails from the sea, and let them fall by the camp, about a day's journey on I give to the children of Israel. Of every tribe of their

weep before me, saving, 'Give us meat, that we may the camp, and about two cubits above the surface of

2 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 Yahweh indeed spoken only with Moses? Hasn't he spoken also with us?" And Yahweh heard it. 3 Now the man Moses was very humble, more than all the men who were on the surface of the earth. 4 Yahweh 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 Yahweh 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, "Now hear my words. If there is a prophet among you, I, Yahweh, 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 plainly, and not in riddles; and he shall see Yahweh's form. Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant, against Moses?" 9 Yahweh's anger burned against them; and he departed. 10 The cloud departed from over the Tent; and behold, Miriam was leprous, as white as snow. Aaron looked at Miriam, and behold, she was leprous. 11 Aaron said to Moses, "Oh, my lord, please don't 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 Yahweh, saying, "Heal her, God, I beg you!" 14 Yahweh said to Moses, "If her father had but spit in her face, shouldn't she be ashamed seven days? Let her be shut up outside of the camp seven days, and after that she shall be brought in again." 15 Miriam was shut up outside of the camp seven days, and the people didn't travel until Miriam was brought in again. 16 Afterward the people traveled from Hazeroth, and encamped in the wilderness of Paran.

13 Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Send men, that they may spy out the land of Canaan, which this side, and a day's journey on the other side, around fathers, you shall send a man, every one a prince

of Paran according to the commandment of Yahweh. Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, "Let's All of them were men who were heads of the children go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to of Israel. 4 These were their names: Of the tribe of overcome it!" 31 But the men who went up with him said. Reuben, Shammua the son of Zaccur. 5 Of the tribe "We aren't able to go up against the people; for they are of Simeon, Shaphat the son of Hori. 6 Of the tribe of stronger than we." 32 They brought up an evil report Judah, Caleb the son of Jephunneh. 7 Of the tribe of the land which they had spied out to the children of of Issachar, Igal the son of Joseph. 8 Of the tribe of Israel, saying, "The land, through which we have gone Ephraim, Hoshea the son of Nun. 9 Of the tribe of to spy it out, is a land that eats up its inhabitants; and all Benjamin, Palti the son of Raphu. 10 Of the tribe of the people who we saw in it are men of great stature. Zebulun, Gaddiel the son of Sodi. 11 Of the tribe of 33 There we saw the Nephilim, the sons of Anak, who Joseph, of the tribe of Manasseh, Gaddi the son of Susi, come from the Nephilim, We were in our own sight as 12 Of the tribe of Dan, Ammiel the son of Gemalli. 13 Of grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight." the tribe of Asher, Sethur the son of Michael. 14 Of the tribe of Naphtali, Nahbi the son of Vophsi. 15 Of the tribe of Gad. Geuel the son of Machi. 16 These are the names of the men 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 South, and go up into the hill country. 18 See the land, what it is; and the people who dwell therein, 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 fertile or poor, whether there is wood therein, or not. Be courageous, and bring some 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 the entrance of Hamath. 22 They went up by the South, and came to Hebron; and Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmai, the children 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, 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. to Aaron, and to all the congregation of the children of Israel, to the wilderness of Paran, to Kadesh; and brought back word to them and to all the congregation. They showed them the fruit of the land. 27 They told him, and said, "We came to the land where you sent us. Surely it flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit. 28 However, the people who dwell in the land are strong, and the cities are fortified and very large. Moreover, we saw the children of Anak there. 29 Amalek dwells in the land of the South. The Hittite, the Jebusite, and the Amorite dwell in the hill country. The Canaanite

among them." 3 Moses sent them from the wilderness dwells by the sea, and along the side of the Jordan." 30

1 🛕 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. The whole congregation said to them, "We wish that we had died in the land of Egypt, or that we had died in this wilderness! 3 Why does Yahweh bring us to this land, to fall by the sword? Our wives and our little ones will be captured or killed! Wouldn't it be better for us to return into Egypt?" 4 They said to one another, "Let's choose a leader, and let's 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 They spoke to all the congregation of the children of Israel, saving, "The land, which we passed through to spy it out, is an exceedingly good land. 8 If Yahweh 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 don't rebel against Yahweh, neither fear the people of the land; for they are bread for us. Their defense is removed from over them, and Yahweh is with us. Don't fear them." 10 But all the congregation threatened to stone them with stones. Yahweh's glory appeared in the Tent of Meeting to all the children of Israel. 11 Yahweh said to Moses, "How long will this people despise me? How long will they not believe in me, for all the signs which I have worked among them? 12 I will strike them with the pestilence, and disinherit them, and will make of you a nation greater and mightier than they." 13 Moses said to Yahweh, "Then the Egyptians will hear it; for you brought up this people in your might from among them. 14 They will tell it to the inhabitants of this land. They have heard that you Yahweh are among this people; for you Yahweh are seen face to face, and your cloud stands over them, and you go before them, in a pillar of cloud by day, and in a pillar of fire by night. 15 Now if you killed this people as one man, then the nations which have heard the fame of you will speak. saying, 16 'Because Yahweh was not able to bring this

he has slain them in the wilderness.' 17 Now please report of the land, died by the plaque before Yahweh. let the power of the Lord be great, according as you 38 But Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of have spoken, saying, 18 'Yahweh is slow to anger, Jephunneh remained alive of those men who went to and abundant in loving kindness, forgiving iniquity and spy out the land. 39 Moses told these words to all the disobedience; and he will by no means clear the quilty, children of Israel, and the people mourned greatly. 40 visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the They rose up early in the morning and went up to the third and on the fourth generation.' 19 Please pardon top of the mountain, saying, "Behold, we are here, and the iniquity of this people according to the greatness of will go up to the place which Yahweh has promised; your loving kindness, and just as you have forgiven this for we have sinned." 41 Moses said, "Why now do you people, from Egypt even until now." 20 Yahweh said, "I disobey the commandment of Yahweh, since it shall not have pardoned according to your word; 21 but in very prosper? 42 Don't go up, for Yahweh isn't among you; deed—as I live, and as all the earth shall be filled with that way you won't be struck down before your enemies. Yahweh's glory— 22 because all those men who have 43 For there the Amalekite and the Canaanite are before seen my glory and my signs, which I worked in Egypt you, and you will fall by the sword because you turned and in the wilderness, yet have tempted me these ten back from following Yahweh; therefore Yahweh will not times, and have not listened to my voice; 23 surely they be with you." 44 But they presumed to go up to the shall not see the land which I swore to their fathers, top of the mountain. Nevertheless, the ark of Yahweh's neither shall any of those who despised me see it. 24 covenant and Moses didn't depart out of the camp. 45 But my servant Caleb, because he had another spirit Then the Amalekites came down, and the Canaanites with him, and has followed me fully, him I will bring into who lived in that mountain, and struck them and beat the land into which he went. His offspring shall possess them down even to Hormah. it. 25 Since the Amalekite and the Canaanite dwell in the valley, tomorrow turn and go into the wilderness by the way to the Red Sea." 26 Yahweh spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, 27 "How long shall I bear with this evil congregation that complain against me? I have heard the complaints of the children of Israel, which they complain against me. 28 Tell them, 'As I live, says Yahweh, surely as you have spoken in my ears, so I will do to you. 29 Your dead bodies shall fall in this wilderness; and all who were counted of you, according to your whole number, from twenty years old and upward, who have complained against me, 30 surely you shall not come into the land concerning which I swore that I would make you dwell therein, except Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun. 31 But I will bring in your little ones that you said should be captured or killed, and they shall know the land which you have rejected. 32 But as for you, your dead bodies shall fall in this wilderness. 33 Your children shall be wanderers in the wilderness forty years, and shall bear your prostitution, until your dead bodies are consumed in the wilderness. 34 After the number of the days in which you spied out the land, even forty days, for every day a year, you will bear your iniquities, even forty years, and you will know my alienation.' 35 I, Yahweh, have spoken. I will surely do this to all this evil congregation who are gathered together against me. In this wilderness they shall be consumed, and there they shall die." 36 The men whom Moses sent to spy out the land, who returned and made all the congregation to murmur against him by bringing up an evil report against

people into the land which he swore to them, therefore the land, 37 even those men who brought up an evil

15 Yahweh 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 Yahweh-a burnt offering, or a sacrifice, to accomplish a vow, or as a free will offering, or in your set feasts, to make a pleasant aroma to Yahweh, of the herd, or of the flock-4 then he who offers his offering shall offer to Yahweh a meal offering of one tenth of an ephah of fine flour mixed with one fourth of a hin of oil. 5 You shall prepare wine for the drink offering, one fourth of a hin, with the burnt offering or for the sacrifice, for each lamb. 6 "For a ram, you shall prepare for a meal offering two tenths 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 Yahweh. 8 When you prepare a bull for a burnt offering or for a sacrifice, to accomplish a vow, or for peace offerings to Yahweh, 9 then he shall offer with the bull a meal offering of three tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with half a hin of oil; 10 and you shall offer for the drink offering half a hin of wine, for an offering made by fire, of a pleasant aroma to Yahweh. 11 Thus it shall be done for each bull, for each ram, for each of the male lambs, or of the young goats. 12 According to the number that you shall prepare, so you shall do to everyone according to their number. 13 "All who are native-born shall do these things in this way, in offering an offering made by fire, of a pleasant aroma to Yahweh. 14 If a stranger lives as a foreigner with

generations, and will offer an offering made by fire, of a because it had not been declared what should be done pleasant aroma to Yahweh, as you do, so he shall do. to him. 35 Yahweh said to Moses, "The man shall surely 15 For the assembly, there shall be one statute for you be put to death. All the congregation shall stone him with and for the stranger who lives as a foreigner, a statute stones outside of the camp." 36 All the congregation forever throughout your generations. As you are, so brought him outside of the camp, and stoned him to the foreigner shall be before Yahweh. 16 One law and death with stones, as Yahweh commanded Moses, 37 one ordinance shall be for you and for the stranger Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 38 "Speak to the who lives as a foreigner with you." 17 Yahweh spoke children of Israel, and tell them that they should make to Moses, saving, 18 "Speak to the children of Israel, themselves fringes on the borders of their garments and tell them, 'When you come into the land where I throughout their generations, and that they put on the bring you, 19 then it shall be that when you eat of the fringe of each border a cord of blue. 39 It shall be to bread of the land, you shall offer up a wave offering to you for a fringe, that you may see it, and remember Yahweh. 20 Of the first of your dough you shall offer all Yahweh's commandments, and do them; and that up a cake for a wave offering. As the wave offering you don't follow your own heart and your own eyes, of the threshing floor, so you shall heave it. 21 Of the after which you used to play the prostitute: 40 so that first of your dough, you shall give to Yahweh a wave you may remember and do all my commandments, and offering throughout your generations. 22 "When you be holy to your God. 41 I am Yahweh your God, who err, and don't observe all these commandments which brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I Yahweh has spoken to Moses— 23 even all that Yahweh am Yahweh your God." has commanded you by Moses, from the day that Yahweh gave commandment and onward throughout your generations— 24 then it shall be, if it was 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 Yahweh, with its meal offering and its drink offering, 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 Yahweh, and their sin offering before Yahweh, for their error. 26 All the congregation of the children of Israel shall be forgiven, as well as the stranger who lives as a foreigner among them; for with regard to all the people, it was done unwittingly. 27 "If a person sins unwittingly, then he shall offer a female goat a year old for a sin offering. 28 The priest shall make atonement for the soul who errs when he sins unwittingly before Yahweh. He shall make atonement for him; and he shall be forgiven. 29 You shall have one law for him who does anything unwittingly, for him who is nativeborn among the children of Israel, and for the stranger who lives as a foreigner among them. 30 "But the soul who does anything with a high hand, whether he is native-born or a foreigner, blasphemes Yahweh. That soul shall be cut off from among his people. 31 Because he has despised Yahweh's word, and has broken his commandment, that soul shall be utterly cut off. His iniquity shall be on him." 32 While the children of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a man gathering sticks on the Sabbath day. 33 Those who found him gathering sticks brought him to Moses and Aaron, and

you, or whoever may be among you throughout your to all the congregation. 34 They put him in custody.

16 Now Korah, the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, with Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, and On, the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, took some men. 2 They rose up before Moses, with some of the children of Israel, two hundred fifty princes of the congregation, called to the assembly, men of renown. 3 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 Yahweh is among them! Why do you lift yourselves up above Yahweh's assembly?" 4 When Moses heard it, he fell on his face. 5 He said to Korah and to all his company, "In the morning, Yahweh will show who are his, and who is holy, and will cause him to come near to him. Even him whom he shall choose. he will cause to come near to him. 6 Do this: have Korah and all his company take censers, 7 put fire in them, and put incense on them before Yahweh tomorrow. It shall be that the man whom Yahweh chooses, he shall be holy. You have gone too far, you sons of Levi!" 8 Moses said to Korah, "Hear now, you sons of Levi! 9 Is it a small thing to you that the God of Israel has separated you from the congregation of Israel, to bring you near to himself, to do the service of Yahweh's tabernacle, and to stand before the congregation to minister to them: 10 and that he has brought you near. and all your brothers the sons of Levi with you? Do you seek the priesthood also? 11 Therefore you and all your company have gathered together against Yahweh! What is Aaron that you complain against him?" 12 Moses sent to call Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab; and they said, "We won't come up! 13 Is it a small thing that you have brought us up out of a land

but you must also make yourself a prince over us? 14 spoke to Moses, saying, 37 "Speak to Eleazar the son with milk and honey, nor given us inheritance of fields the burning, and scatter the fire away from the camp; and vineyards. Will you put out the eyes of these men? for they are holy, 38 even the censers of those who We won't come up." 15 Moses was very angry, and sinned against their own lives. Let them be beaten into said to Yahweh, "Don't respect their offering. I have not plates for a covering of the altar, for they offered them taken one donkey from them, neither have I hurt one before Yahweh. Therefore they are holy. They shall be a of them." 16 Moses said to Korah, "You and all your sign to the children of Israel." 39 Eleazar the priest took company go before Yahweh, you, and they, and Aaron, the bronze censers which those who were burned had tomorrow. 17 Each man take his censer and put incense offered; and they beat them out for a covering of the on it, and each man bring before Yahweh his censer, altar, 40 to be a memorial to the children of Israel, to the two hundred fifty censers; you also, and Aaron, each end that no stranger who isn't of the offspring of Aaron, with his censer." 18 They each took his censer, and put would come near to burn incense before Yahweh, that fire in it, and laid incense on it, and stood at the door of he not be as Korah and as his company; as Yahweh the Tent of Meeting with Moses and Aaron. 19 Korah spoke to him by Moses. 41 But on the next day all assembled all the congregation opposite them to the the congregation of the children of Israel complained all the congregation. 20 Yahweh spoke to Moses and to killed Yahweh's people!" 42 When the congregation Aaron, saying, 21 "Separate yourselves from among this was assembled against Moses and against Aaron, they congregation, that I may consume them in a moment!" looked toward the Tent of Meeting, Behold, the cloud 22 They fell on their faces, and said, "God, the God of covered it, and Yahweh's glory appeared. 43 Moses the spirits of all flesh, shall one man sin, and will you be and Aaron came to the front of the Tent of Meeting. 44 Abiram!" 25 Moses rose up and went to Dathan and Aaron, "Take your censer, put fire from the altar in it, Abiram; and the elders of Israel followed him. 26 He lay incense on it, carry it quickly to the congregation, spoke to the congregation, saying, "Depart, please, from and make atonement for them; for wrath has gone out the tents of these wicked men, and touch nothing of from Yahweh! The plague has begun." 47 Aaron did as theirs, lest you be consumed in all their sins!" 27 So they Moses said, and ran into the middle of the assembly. went away from the tent of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, The plague had already begun among the people. on every side. Dathan and Abiram came out, and stood He put on the incense, and made atonement for the at the door of their tents with their wives, their sons, people. 48 He stood between the dead and the living; and their little ones. 28 Moses said, "Hereby you shall and the plaque was stayed. 49 Now those who died by know that Yahweh has sent me to do all these works; the plaque were fourteen thousand seven hundred, in for they are not from my own mind. 29 If these men addition to those who died about the matter of Korah. die the common death of all men, or if they experience 50 Aaron returned to Moses to the door of the Tent of what all men experience, then Yahweh hasn't sent me. Meeting, and the plague was stopped. 30 But if Yahweh makes a new thing, and the ground opens its mouth, and swallows them up with all that belong to them, and they go down alive into Sheol, then you shall understand that these men have despised Yahweh." (Sheol h7585) 31 As he finished speaking all these words, the ground that was under them split apart. 32 The earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up with their households, all of Korah's men, and all their goods. 33 So they, and all that belonged to them went down alive into Sheol. The earth closed on them, and they perished from among the assembly. (Sheol h7585) 34 All Israel that were around them fled at their cry; for they said, "Lest the earth swallow us up!" 35

flowing with milk and honey, to kill us in the wilderness. hundred fifty men who offered the incense. 36 Yahweh Moreover you haven't brought us into a land flowing of Aaron the priest, that he take up the censers out of door of the Tent of Meeting. Yahweh's glory appeared to against Moses and against Aaron, saying, "You have angry with all the congregation?" 23 Yahweh spoke to Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 45 "Get away from Moses, saying, 24 "Speak to the congregation, saying, among this congregation, that I may consume them in a 'Get away from around the tent of Korah, Dathan, and moment!" They fell on their faces. 46 Moses said to

17 Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Speak to the children of Israel, and take rods from them, one for each fathers' house, of all their princes according to their fathers' houses, twelve rods. Write each man's name on his rod. 3 You shall write Aaron's name on Levi's rod. There shall be one rod for each head of their fathers' houses. 4 You shall lay them up in the Tent of Meeting before the covenant, where I meet with you. 5 It shall happen that the rod of the man whom I shall choose shall bud. I will make the murmurings of the children of Israel, which they murmur against you, cease from me." 6 Moses spoke to the children of Israel; and all their Fire came out from Yahweh, and devoured the two princes gave him rods, for each prince one, according to their fathers' houses, a total of twelve rods. Aaron's rod

was among their rods. 7 Moses laid up the rods before to you, and to your sons and to your daughters with budded, produced blossoms, and bore ripe almonds. 9 grain, the first fruits of them which they give to Yahweh. all the children of Israel. They looked, and each man they bring to Yahweh, shall be yours. Everyone who took his rod. 10 Yahweh said to Moses, "Put back the is clean in your house shall eat of it. 14 "Everything against the children of rebellion; that you may make opens the womb, of all flesh which they offer to Yahweh, an end of their complaining against me, that they not both of man and animal, shall be yours. Nevertheless, die." 11 Moses did so. As Yahweh commanded him, you shall surely redeem the firstborn of man, and you so he did. 12 The children of Israel spoke to Moses, shall redeem the firstborn of unclean animals. 16 You saying, "Behold, we perish! We are undone! We are all shall redeem those who are to be redeemed of them tabernacle, dies! Will we all perish?"

1 R Yahweh 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 Bring your brothers also, the tribe of Levi, the tribe of your father, 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 the whole 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. 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 Israel. 6 Behold, I myself have taken your brothers the Levites from among the children of Israel. They are a gift to you, dedicated to Yahweh, to do the service of the Tent of Meeting. 7 You and your sons with you shall keep your priesthood for everything of the altar, and for that within the veil. You shall serve. I give you the service of the priesthood as a gift. The stranger who comes near shall be put to death." 8 Yahweh spoke to Aaron, "Behold, I myself have given you the command of my wave offerings, even all the holy things of the children of Israel. I have given them to you 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 holy 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

Yahweh in the Tent of the Testimony. 8 On the next you, as a portion forever. Everyone who is clean in your day, Moses went into the Tent of the Testimony; and house shall eat of it. 12 "I have given to you all the behold, Aaron's rod for the house of Levi had sprouted, best of the oil, all the best of the vintage, and of the Moses brought out all the rods from before Yahweh to 13 The first-ripe fruits of all that is in their land, which rod of Aaron before the covenant, to be kept for a token devoted in Israel shall be yours. 15 Everything that undone! 13 Everyone who keeps approaching Yahweh's from a month old, according to your estimation, for five shekels of money, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, which weighs 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 Yahweh. 18 Their meat 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 Yahweh, I have given you and your sons and your daughters with you, as a portion forever. It is a covenant of salt forever before Yahweh to you and to your offspring with you." 20 Yahweh 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 children of Levi, behold, I have given all the tithe in Israel for an inheritance, in return for their service which they serve, even the service of the Tent of Meeting. 22 Henceforth the children of Israel shall not come near the Tent of Meeting, lest they bear sin, and die. 23 But the Levites shall do the service of the Tent of Meeting, and they shall bear their iniquity. It shall be a statute forever throughout your generations. Among the children of Israel, they shall have no inheritance. 24 For the tithe of the children of Israel, which they offer as a wave offering to Yahweh. I have given to the Levites for an inheritance. Therefore I have said to them, 'Among the children of Israel they shall have no inheritance." 25 Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 26 "Moreover you shall speak to the Levites, and tell them, 'When you take of the children of Israel the tithe which I have given you from them for your inheritance, then you shall offer up a wave offering of it for Yahweh, a tithe of the tithe. 27 Your wave offering shall be credited to you. as though it were the grain of the threshing floor, and as the fullness of the wine press. 28 Thus you also shall offer a wave offering to Yahweh of all your tithes, which

give Yahweh's wave offering to Aaron the priest. 29 Out open field touches one who is slain with a sword, or a of all your gifts, you shall offer every wave offering to dead body, or a bone of a man, or a grave, shall be Yahweh, of all its best parts, even the holy part of it.' 30 unclean seven days. 17 "For the unclean, they shall "Therefore you shall tell them, 'When you heave its best take of the ashes of the burning of the sin offering; and from it, then it shall be credited to the Levites as the running water shall be poured on them in a vessel. 18 A increase of the threshing floor, and as the increase of clean person shall take hyssop, dip it in the water, and the wine press. 31 You may eat it anywhere, you and sprinkle it on the tent, on all the vessels, on the persons your households, for it is your reward in return for your who were there, and on him who touched the bone, or service in the Tent of Meeting. 32 You shall bear no sin the slain, or the dead, or the grave. 19 The clean person by reason of it, when you have heaved from it its best. shall sprinkle on the unclean on the third day, and on the You shall not profane the holy things of the children of seventh day. On the seventh day, he shall purify him. Israel, that you not die."

1 Q Yahweh spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, 2 "This is the statute of the law which Yahweh has commanded. Tell the children of Israel to bring you a red heifer without spot, in which is no defect, and which was never yoked. 3 You shall give her to Eleazar the priest, and he shall bring her outside of the camp, and one shall kill her before his face. 4 Eleazar the priest shall take some of her blood with his finger, and sprinkle her blood toward the front of the Tent of Meeting seven times. 5 One shall burn the heifer in his sight; her skin, and her meat, and her blood, with her dung, shall he burn. 6 The priest shall take cedar wood, hyssop, and scarlet, and cast it into the middle of the burning of the shall bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp, and the priest shall be unclean until the evening. 8 He who burns her shall wash his clothes in water, and bathe his flesh in water, and shall be unclean until the evening. **9** "A man who is clean outside of the camp in a clean place; and it shall be kept for the congregation of the children of Israel for use in water for cleansing impurity. It is a sin offering. 10 He who gathers the ashes of the heifer shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the evening. It shall be to the children of Israel, and to the stranger who lives as a foreigner among them, for a statute forever, 11 "He who touches the dead body of any man shall be unclean seven days. 12 He shall purify himself with water on the third day, and on the seventh day he shall be clean; seventh day he shall not be clean. 13 Whoever touches a dead person, the body of a man who has died, and doesn't purify himself, defiles Yahweh's tabernacle; water for impurity was not sprinkled on him, he shall be unclean seven days. 15 Every open vessel, which has

you receive of the children of Israel; and of it you shall no covering bound on it, is unclean. 16 "Whoever in the 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 among the assembly, because he has defiled the sanctuary of Yahweh. The water for impurity has not been sprinkled on him. He is unclean. 21 It shall be a perpetual statute to them. 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 heifer. 7 Then the priest shall wash his clothes, and he the first month. The people stayed in Kadesh. Miriam died there, and was buried there. 2 There was no water for the congregation; and they assembled themselves together against Moses and against Aaron. 3 The people guarreled with Moses, and spoke, saying, "We wish that we had died when our brothers died before shall gather up the ashes of the heifer, and lay them up Yahweh! 4 Why have you brought Yahweh's assembly into this wilderness, that we should die there, we and our animals? 5 Why have you made us to come up out of Egypt, to bring us in to this evil place? It is no place of seed, or of figs, or of vines, or of pomegranates; neither is there any water to drink." 6 Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly to the door of the Tent of Meeting, and fell on their faces. Yahweh's glory appeared to them. 7 Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 8 "Take the rod, and assemble the congregation, you, and Aaron your brother, and speak to the rock before their but if he doesn't purify himself the third day, then the eyes, that it pour out its water. You shall bring water to them out of the rock; so you shall give the congregation and their livestock drink." 9 Moses took the rod from before Yahweh, as he commanded him. 10 Moses and and that soul shall be cut off from Israel; because the Aaron gathered the assembly together before the rock, and he said to them, "Hear now, you rebels! Shall we unclean. His uncleanness is yet on him. 14 "This is the bring water out of this rock for you?" 11 Moses lifted up law when a man dies in a tent: everyone who comes his hand, and struck the rock with his rod twice, and into the tent, and everyone who is in the tent, shall be water came out abundantly. The congregation and their

livestock drank, 12 Yahweh said to Moses and Aaron, listened to the voice of Israel, and delivered up the "Because you didn't believe in me, to sanctify me in the Canaanites; and they utterly destroyed them and their eyes of the children of Israel, therefore you shall not cities. The name of the place was called Hormah. 4 bring this assembly into the land which I have given They traveled from Mount Hor by the way to the Red them." 13 These are the waters of Meribah; because Sea, to go around the land of Edom. The soul of the the children of Israel strove with Yahweh, and he was people was very discouraged because of the journey. sanctified in them. 14 Moses sent messengers from 5 The people spoke against God and against Moses: Kadesh to the king of Edom, saying: "Your brother Israel "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the says: You know all the travail that has happened to wilderness? For there is no bread, there is no water, us; 15 how our fathers went down into Egypt, and we and our soul loathes this disgusting food!" 6 Yahweh lived in Egypt a long time. The Egyptians mistreated sent venomous snakes among the people, and they bit us and our fathers. 16 When we cried to Yahweh, he the people. Many people of Israel died. 7 The people heard our voice, sent an angel, and brought us out of came to Moses, and said, "We have sinned, because Egypt. Behold, we are in Kadesh, a city in the edge we have spoken against Yahweh and against you. Pray of your border. 17 "Please let us pass through your to Yahweh, that he take away the serpents from us." land. We will not pass through field or through vineyard, Moses prayed for the people. 8 Yahweh said to Moses, neither will we drink from the water of the wells. We "Make a venomous snake, and set it on a pole. It shall will go along the king's highway. We will not turn away happen that everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, to the right hand nor to the left, until we have passed shall live." 9 Moses made a serpent of bronze, and set your border." 18 Edom said to him, "You shall not pass it on the pole. If a serpent had bitten any man, when through me, lest I come out with the sword against he looked at the serpent of bronze, he lived. 10 The you." 19 The children of Israel said to him, "We will children of Israel traveled, and encamped in Oboth. 11 go up by the highway; and if we drink your water, I They traveled from Oboth, and encamped at lyeabarim, and my livestock, then I will give its price. Only let me, in the wilderness which is before Moab, toward the without doing anything else, pass through on my feet." sunrise. 12 From there they traveled, and encamped 20 He said, "You shall not pass through." Edom came in the valley of Zered. 13 From there they traveled, out against him with many people, and with a strong and encamped on the other side of the Arnon, which is hand. 21 Thus Edom refused to give Israel passage in the wilderness that comes out of the border of the through his border, so Israel turned away from him. 22 Amorites; for the Arnon is the border of Moab, between They traveled from Kadesh, and the children of Israel, Moab and the Amorites. 14 Therefore it is said in The even the whole congregation, came to Mount Hor. 23 Book of the Wars of Yahweh, "Vaheb in Suphah, the Yahweh spoke to Moses and Aaron in Mount Hor, by valleys of the Arnon, 15 the slope of the valleys that the border of the land of Edom, saying, 24 "Aaron shall incline toward the dwelling of Ar, leans on the border be gathered to his people; for he shall not enter into of Moab." 16 From there they traveled to Beer; that is the land which I have given to the children of Israel, the well of which Yahweh said to Moses, "Gather the because you rebelled against my word at the waters people together, and I will give them water." 17 Then of Meribah. 25 Take Aaron and Eleazar his son, and Israel sang this song: "Spring up, well! Sing to it, 18 the bring them up to Mount Hor; 26 and strip Aaron of his well, which the princes dug, which the nobles of the garments, and put them on Eleazar his son. Aaron shall people dug, with the scepter, and with their poles." From be gathered, and shall die there." 27 Moses did as the wilderness they traveled to Mattanah; 19 and from Yahweh commanded. They went up onto Mount Hor Mattanah to Nahaliel; and from Nahaliel to Bamoth; in the sight of all the congregation. 28 Moses stripped 20 and from Bamoth to the valley that is in the field of Aaron of his garments, and put them on Eleazar his son. Moab, to the top of Pisgah, which looks down on the Aaron died there on the top of the mountain, and Moses desert. 21 Israel sent messengers to Sihon king of the and Eleazar came down from the mountain. 29 When all Amorites, saying, 22 "Let me pass through your land. the congregation saw that Aaron was dead, they wept We will not turn away into field or vineyard. We will not for Aaron thirty days, even all the house of Israel.

21 The Canaanite, the king of Arad, who lived in the South, heard that Israel came by the way of Atharim. He fought against Israel, and took some of them captive. 2 Israel vowed a vow to Yahweh, and said, "If you will indeed deliver this people into my hand, then I will utterly destroy their cities." 3 Yahweh

drink of the water of the wells. We will go by the king's highway, until we have passed your border." 23 Sihon would not allow Israel to pass through his border, but Sihon gathered all his people together, and went out against Israel into the wilderness, and came to Jahaz. He fought against Israel. 24 Israel struck him with the edge of the sword, and possessed his land from the

Arnon to the Jabbok, even to the children of Ammon; for Balaam, and said, "Who are these men with you?" 10 the border of the children of Ammon was fortified. 25 Balaam said to God, "Balak the son of Zippor, king of Israel took all these cities. Israel lived in all the cities of Moab, has said to me, 11 'Behold, the people that has the Amorites, in Heshbon, and in all its villages. 26 For come out of Egypt covers the surface of the earth. Now, Heshbon was the city of Sihon the king of the Amorites, come curse them for me. Perhaps I shall be able to fight who had fought against the former king of Moab, and against them, and shall drive them out." 12 God said taken all his land out of his hand, even to the Arnon. 27 to Balaam, "You shall not go with them. You shall not Heshbon. Let the city of Sihon be built and established; up in the morning, and said to the princes of Balak, "Go 28 for a fire has gone out of Heshbon, a flame from the to your land; for Yahweh refuses to permit me to go with city of Sihon. It has devoured Ar of Moab, The lords of you." 14 The princes of Moab rose up, and they went to the high places of the Arnon. 29 Woe to you, Moab! Balak, and said, "Balaam refuses to come with us." 15 sons as fugitives, and his daughters into captivity, to than they. 16 They came to Balaam, and said to him, Heshbon has perished even to Dibon. We have laid you from coming to me, 17 for I will promote you to waste even to Nophah, Which reaches to Medeba." 31 very great honor, and whatever you say to me I will do. Thus Israel lived in the land of the Amorites. 32 Moses Please come therefore, and curse this people for me." sent to spy out Jazer. They took its villages, and drove 18 Balaam answered the servants of Balak, "If Balak out the Amorites who were there. 33 They turned and would give me his house full of silver and gold, I can't went up by the way of Bashan. Og the king of Bashan go beyond the word of Yahweh my God, to do less or went out against them, he and all his people, to battle at more. 19 Now therefore please stay here tonight as have delivered him into your hand, with all his people, me." 20 God came to Balaam at night, and said to him, king of the Amorites, who lived at Heshbon." 35 So they but only the word which I speak to you, that you shall struck him, with his sons and all his people, until there do." 21 Balaam rose up in the morning, and saddled his were no survivors; and they possessed his land.

22 The children of Israel traveled, and encamped in the plains of Moab beyond the Jordan at Jericho. 2 Balak the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites. 3 Moab was very afraid of the people, because they were many. Moab was distressed because of the children of Israel. 4 Moab said to the elders of Midian, "Now this multitude will lick up all that is around us, as the ox licks up the grass of the field." Balak the son of Zippor was king of Moab at that time. 5 He sent messengers to Balaam the son of Beor, to Pethor, which is by the River, to the land of the children of his people, to call him, saying, "Behold, there is a people who came out of Egypt. Behold, they cover the surface of the earth, and they are staying opposite me. 6 Please come now therefore, and curse this people for me; for they are too mighty for me. Perhaps I shall prevail, that we may strike them, and that I may drive them out of the land; for I know that he whom you bless is blessed, and he whom you curse is cursed." 7 The elders of Moab and the elders of Midian departed with the rewards of divination in their hand. They came to Balaam, and spoke to him the words of Balak. 8 He said to them, "Lodge here this night, and I will bring you word again, as Yahweh shall speak to me." The princes of Moab stayed with Balaam. 9 God came to

Therefore those who speak in proverbs say, "Come to curse the people, for they are blessed." 13 Balaam rose You are undone, people of Chemosh! He has given his Balak again sent princes, more, and more honorable Sihon king of the Amorites. 30 We have shot at them. "Balak the son of Zippor says, 'Please let nothing hinder Edrei. 34 Yahweh said to Moses, "Don't fear him, for I well, that I may know what else Yahweh will speak to and his land. You shall do to him as you did to Sihon "If the men have come to call you, rise up, go with them; donkey, and went with the princes of Moab. 22 God's anger burned because he went; and Yahweh's angel placed himself in the way as an adversary against him. Now he was riding on his donkey, and his two servants were with him. 23 The donkey saw Yahweh's angel standing in the way, with his sword drawn in his hand; and the donkey turned out of the path, and went into the field. Balaam struck the donkey, to turn her into the path. 24 Then Yahweh's angel stood in a narrow path between the vineyards, a wall being on this side, and a wall on that side. 25 The donkey saw Yahweh's angel, and she thrust herself to the wall, and crushed Balaam's foot against the wall. He struck her again. 26 Yahweh's angel 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 Yahweh's angel, and she lay down under Balaam. Balaam's anger burned, and he struck the donkey with his staff. 28 Yahweh 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 until today? Was I ever in the habit of doing so to you?" He said, "No." 31

saw from there part of the people.

23 Balaam said to Balak, "Build here seven altars for me, and prepare here seven bulls and seven rams for me." 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, "Stand by your burnt offering, and I will go. Perhaps Yahweh will come to meet me. Whatever he shows me I will tell you." He went to a bare height. 4 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 Yahweh put a word in Balaam's mouth, and said, "Return to Balak, and thus you shall speak," 6 He returned to him. and behold, 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

Then Yahweh opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw righteous! Let my last end be like his!" 11 Balak said Yahweh's angel standing in the way, with his sword to Balaam, "What have you done to me? I took you to drawn in his hand; and he bowed his head, and fell on curse my enemies, and behold, you have blessed them his face. 32 Yahweh's angel said to him, "Why have altogether." 12 He answered and said, "Must I not take you struck your donkey these three times? Behold, I heed to speak that which Yahweh puts in my mouth?" have come out as an adversary, because your way is 13 Balak said to him, "Please come with me to another perverse before me. 33 The donkey saw me, and turned place, where you may see them. You shall see just part away before me these three times. Unless she had of them, and shall not see them all. Curse them from turned away from me, surely now I would have killed there for me." 14 He took him into the field of Zophim, to you, and saved her alive." 34 Balaam said to Yahweh's the top of Pisgah, and built seven altars, and offered up angel, "I have sinned; for I didn't know that you stood a bull and a ram on every altar. 15 He said to Balak, in the way against me. Now therefore, if it displeases "Stand here by your burnt offering, while I meet God you, I will go back again." 35 Yahweh's angel said to over there." 16 Yahweh met Balaam, and put a word in Balaam, "Go with the men; but you shall only speak his mouth, and said, "Return to Balak, and say this." 17 the word that I shall speak to you." So Balaam went He came to him, and behold, he was standing by his with the princes of Balak, 36 When Balak heard that burnt offering, and the princes of Moab with him, Balak Balaam had come, he went out to meet him to the City said to him, "What has Yahweh spoken?" 18 He took up of Moab, which is on the border of the Arnon, which his parable, and said, "Rise up, Balak, and hear! Listen is in the utmost part of the border. 37 Balak said to to me, you son of Zippor. 19 God is not a man, that he Balaam, "Didn't I earnestly send for you to summon should lie, nor a son of man, that he should repent. Has you? Why didn't you come to me? Am I not able indeed he said, and he won't do it? Or has he spoken, and to promote you to honor?" 38 Balaam said to Balak, he won't make it good? 20 Behold, I have received a "Behold, I have come to you. Have I now any power at command to bless. He has blessed, and I can't reverse all to speak anything? I will speak the word that God it. 21 He has not seen iniquity in Jacob. Neither has he puts in my mouth." 39 Balaam went with Balak, and seen perverseness in Israel. Yahweh his God is with they came to Kiriath Huzoth. 40 Balak sacrificed cattle him. The shout of a king is among them. 22 God brings and sheep, and sent to Balaam, and to the princes who them out of Egypt. He has as it were the strength of the were with him. 41 In the morning, Balak took Balaam, wild ox. 23 Surely there is no enchantment with Jacob; and brought him up into the high places of Baal; and he neither is there any divination with Israel. Now it shall be said of Jacob and of Israel, 'What has God done!' 24 Behold, a people rises up as a lioness. As a lion he lifts himself up. He shall not lie down until he eats of the prev. and drinks the blood of the slain." 25 Balak said to Balaam, "Neither curse them at all, nor bless them at all." 26 But Balaam answered Balak, "Didn't I tell you, saying, 'All that Yahweh speaks, that I must do'?" 27 Balak said to Balaam, "Come now, I will take you to another place; perhaps it will please God that you may curse them for me from there." 28 Balak took Balaam to the top of Peor, that looks down on the desert. 29 Balaam said to Balak, "Build seven altars for me here, and prepare seven bulls and seven rams for me here." 30 Balak did as Balaam had said, and offered up a bull and a ram on every altar.

24 When Balaam saw that it pleased Yahweh to bless Israel, he didn't go, as at the other times, to use divination, but he set his face toward the wilderness. 2 whom God has not cursed? How shall I defy whom Balaam lifted up his eyes, and he saw Israel dwelling Yahweh has not defied? 9 For from the top of the rocks according to their tribes; and the Spirit of God came on I see him. From the hills I see him. Behold, it is a people him. 3 He took up his parable, and said, "Balaam the that dwells alone, and shall not be listed among the son of Beor says, the man whose eyes are open says; nations. 10 Who can count the dust of Jacob, or count 4 he says, who hears the words of God, who sees the the fourth part of Israel? Let me die the death of the vision of the Almighty, falling down, and having his eyes

took up his parable, and said, "Amalek was the first of slain on the day of the plague in the matter of Peor." the nations, but his latter end shall come to destruction." 21 He looked at the Kenite, and took up his parable, and said, "Your dwelling place is strong. 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.

play the prostitute with the daughters of Moab; 2

open: 5 How goodly are your tents. Jacob, and your joined himself to Baal Peor, and Yahweh's anger burned dwellings, Israel! 6 As valleys they are spread out, as against Israel. 4 Yahweh said to Moses, "Take all the gardens by the riverside, as aloes which Yahweh has chiefs of the people, and hang them up to Yahweh planted, as cedar trees beside the waters. 7 Water shall before the sun, that the fierce anger of Yahweh may turn flow from his buckets. His seed shall be in many waters. away from Israel." 5 Moses said to the judges of Israel, His king shall be higher than Agag. His kingdom shall "Everyone kill his men who have joined themselves to be exalted. 8 God brings him out of Egypt. He has as Baal Peor." 6 Behold, one of the children of Israel came it were the strength of the wild ox. He shall consume and brought to his brothers a Midianite woman in the the nations his adversaries, shall break their bones in sight of Moses, and in the sight of all the congregation pieces, and pierce them with his arrows. 9 He couched, of the children of Israel, while they were weeping at he lay down as a lion, as a lioness; who shall rouse him the door of the Tent of Meeting. 7 When Phinehas, the up? Everyone who blesses you is blessed. Everyone son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he who curses you is cursed." 10 Balak's anger burned rose up from the middle of the congregation, and took a against Balaam, and he struck his hands together. Balak spear in his hand. 8 He went after the man of Israel into said to Balaam, "I called you to curse my enemies, and, the pavilion, and thrust both of them through, the man of behold, you have altogether blessed them these three Israel, and the woman through her body. So the plague times. 11 Therefore, flee to your place, now! I thought to was stopped among the children of Israel. 9 Those promote you to great honor; but, behold, Yahweh has who died by the plaque were twenty-four thousand. 10 kept you back from honor." 12 Balaam said to Balak, Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 11 "Phinehas, the "Didn't I also tell your messengers whom you sent to son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, has turned me, saying, 13 'If Balak would give me his house full my wrath away from the children of Israel, in that he of silver and gold, I can't go beyond Yahweh's word, was jealous with my jealousy among them, so that I to do either good or bad from my own mind. I will say didn't consume the children of Israel in my jealousy. 12 what Yahweh says'? 14 Now, behold, I go to my people. Therefore say, 'Behold, I give to him my covenant of Come, I will inform you what this people shall do to your peace. 13 It shall be to him, and to his offspring after people in the latter days." 15 He took up his parable, him, the covenant of an everlasting priesthood, because and said, "Balaam the son of Beor says, the man whose he was jealous for his God, and made atonement for the eyes are open says; 16 he says, who hears the words children of Israel." 14 Now the name of the man of Israel of God, knows the knowledge of the Most High, and that was slain, who was slain with the Midianite woman, who sees the vision of the Almighty, falling down, and was Zimri, the son of Salu, a prince of a fathers' house having his eyes open: 17 I see him, but not now. I see among the Simeonites. 15 The name of the Midianite him, but not near. A star will come out of Jacob. A woman who was slain was Cozbi, the daughter of Zur. scepter will rise out of Israel, and shall strike through He was head of the people of a fathers' house in Midian. the corners of Moab, and crush all the sons of Sheth. 16 Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 17 "Harass the 18 Edom shall be a possession. Seir, his enemy, also Midianites, and strike them; 18 for they harassed you shall be a possession, while Israel does valiantly. 19 with their wiles, wherein they have deceived you in the Out of Jacob shall one have dominion, and shall destroy matter of Peor, and in the incident regarding Cozbi, the the remnant from the city." 20 He looked at Amalek, and daughter of the prince of Midian, their sister, who was

26 After the plague, Yahweh 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 out 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 Yahweh commanded Moses and the children of Israel." These are those who came out of the land of Egypt. **75** Israel stayed in Shittim; and the people began to **5** Reuben, the firstborn of Israel; the sons of Reuben: of Hanoch, the family of the Hanochites; of Pallu, the for they called the people to the sacrifices of their gods. family of the Palluites; 6 of Hezron, the family of the The people ate and bowed down to their gods. 3 Israel Hezronites; of Carmi, the family of the Carmites. 7 These are the families of the Reubenites: and those Shemida, the family of the Shemidaites: and Hepher. who were counted of them were forty-three thousand the family of the Hepherites. 33 Zelophehad the son of seven hundred thirty. 8 The son of Pallu: Eliab. 9 The Hepher had no sons, but daughters: and the names sons of Eliab: Nemuel, Dathan, and Abiram. These of the daughters of Zelophehad were Mahlah, Noah, are that Dathan and Abiram who were called by the Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah. 34 These are the families congregation, who rebelled against Moses and against of Manasseh. Those who were counted of them were Aaron in the company of Korah when they rebelled fifty-two thousand seven hundred. 35 These are the against Yahweh; 10 and the earth opened its mouth, sons of Ephraim after their families: of Shuthelah, the and swallowed them up together with Korah when that family of the Shuthelahites; of Becher, the family of the company died; at the time the fire devoured two hundred Becherites; of Tahan, the family of the Tahanites. 36 fifty men, and they became a sign. 11 Notwithstanding, These are the sons of Shuthelah: of Eran, the family the sons of Korah didn't die. 12 The sons of Simeon after of the Eranites. 37 These are the families of the sons their families: of Nemuel, the family of the Nemuelites; of Ephraim according to those who were counted of of Jamin, the family of the Jaminites; of Jachin, the them, thirty-two thousand five hundred. These are the family of the Jachinites; 13 of Zerah, the family of the sons of Joseph after their families. 38 The sons of Zerahites; of Shaul, the family of the Shaulites. 14 Benjamin after their families: of Bela, the family of the These are the families of the Simeonites, twenty-two Belaites; of Ashbel, the family of the Ashbelites; of thousand two hundred. 15 The sons of Gad after their Ahiram, the family of the Ahiramites; 39 of Shephupham, families: of Zephon, the family of the Zephonites; of the family of the Shuphamites; of Hupham, the family of Haggi, the family of the Haggites; of Shuni, the family the Huphamites. 40 The sons of Bela were Ard and of the Shunites; 16 of Ozni, the family of the Oznites; Naaman: the family of the Ardites; and of Naaman, of Eri, the family of the Erites; 17 of Arod, the family the family of the Naamites. 41 These are the sons of the Arodites; of Areli, the family of the Arelites. 18 of Benjamin after their families; and those who were These are the families of the sons of Gad according to counted of them were forty-five thousand six hundred. those who were counted of them, forty thousand and 42 These are the sons of Dan after their families: of five hundred. 19 The sons of Judah: Er and Onan. Er Shuham, the family of the Shuhamites. These are the and Onan died in the land of Canaan. 20 The sons of families of Dan after their families. 43 All the families of Judah after their families were: of Shelah, the family of the Shuhamites, according to those who were counted the Shelanites; of Perez, the family of the Perezites; of them, were sixty-four thousand four hundred. 44 The of Zerah, the family of the Zerahites. 21 The sons of sons of Asher after their families: of Imnah, the family of Perez were: of Hezron, the family of the Hezronites; the Imnites; of Ishvi, the family of the Ishvites; of Beriah, of Hamul, the family of the Hamulites. 22 These are the family of the Berites. 45 Of the sons of Beriah: the families of Judah according to those who were of Heber, the family of the Heberites; of Malchiel, the counted of them, seventy-six thousand five hundred. family of the Malchielites. 46 The name of the daughter 23 The sons of Issachar after their families: of Tola, of Asher was Serah. 47 These are the families of the the family of the Tolaites; of Puvah, the family of the sons of Asher according to those who were counted of Punites; 24 of Jashub, the family of the Jashubites; of them, fifty-three thousand four hundred. 48 The sons Shimron, the family of the Shimronites. 25 These are of Naphtali after their families: of Jahzeel, the family the families of Issachar according to those who were of the Jahzeelites; of Guni, the family of the Gunites; counted of them, sixty-four thousand three hundred. 49 of Jezer, the family of the Jezerites; of Shillem, the 26 The sons of Zebulun after their families: of Sered, family of the Shillemites. 50 These are the families the family of the Seredites; of Elon, the family of the of Naphtali according to their families; and those who Elonites; of Jahleel, the family of the Jahleelites. 27 were counted of them were forty-five thousand four These are the families of the Zebulunites according to hundred. 51 These are those who were counted of those who were counted of them, sixty thousand five the children of Israel, six hundred one thousand seven hundred. 28 The sons of Joseph after their families: hundred thirty. 52 Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 53 Manasseh and Ephraim. 29 The sons of Manasseh: "To these the land shall be divided for an inheritance of Machir, the family of the Machirites; and Machir according to the number of names. 54 To the more you became the father of Gilead; of Gilead, the family of the shall give the more inheritance, and to the fewer you Gileadites. 30 These are the sons of Gilead: of lezer, shall give the less inheritance. To everyone according to the family of the lezerites; of Helek, the family of the those who were counted of him shall his inheritance Helekites; 31 and Asriel, the family of the Asrielites; be given. 55 Notwithstanding, the land shall be divided and Shechem, the family of the Shechemites; 32 and by lot. According to the names of the tribes of their

Joshua the son of Nun.

77 Then the daughters of Zelophehad, the son of Hepher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, of the families of Manasseh the son of Joseph came near. These are the names of his daughters: Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah. 2 They stood before Moses, before Eleazar the priest, and before the princes and all the congregation, at the in the wilderness. He was not among the company

fathers they shall inherit. 56 According to the lot shall shall give his inheritance to his brothers. 10 If he has their inheritance be divided between the more and the no brothers, then you shall give his inheritance to his fewer." 57 These are those who were counted of the father's brothers. 11 If his father has no brothers, then Levites after their families: of Gershon, the family of the you shall give his inheritance to his kinsman who is next Gershonites; of Kohath, the family of the Kohathites; of to him of his family, and he shall possess it. This shall Merari, the family of the Merarites. 58 These are the be a statute and ordinance for the children of Israel, families of Levi: the family of the Libnites, the family of as Yahweh commanded Moses." 12 Yahweh said to the Hebronites, the family of the Mahlites, the family of Moses, "Go up into this mountain of Abarim, and see the Mushites, and the family of the Korahites. Kohath the land which I have given to the children of Israel. 13 became the father of Amram. 59 The name of Amram's When you have seen it, you also shall be gathered to wife was Jochebed, the daughter of Levi, who was born your people, as Aaron your brother was gathered; 14 to Levi in Egypt. She bore to Amram Aaron and Moses, because in the strife of the congregation, you rebelled and Miriam their sister. 60 To Aaron were born Nadab against my word in the wilderness of Zin, to honor me and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar. 61 Nadab and Abihu as holy at the waters before their eyes." (These are the died when they offered strange fire before Yahweh. 62 waters of Meribah of Kadesh in the wilderness of Zin.) Those who were counted of them were twenty-three 15 Moses spoke to Yahweh, saying, 16 "Let Yahweh, the thousand, every male from a month old and upward; for God of the spirits of all flesh, appoint a man over the they were not counted among the children of Israel, congregation, 17 who may go out before them, and who because there was no inheritance given them among may come in before them, and who may lead them out, the children of Israel. 63 These are those who were and who may bring them in, that the congregation of counted by Moses and Eleazar the priest, who counted Yahweh may not be as sheep which have no shepherd." the children of Israel in the plains of Moab by the Jordan 18 Yahweh said to Moses, "Take Joshua the son of Nun, at Jericho. 64 But among these there was not a man of a man in whom is the Spirit, and lay your hand on him. them who were counted by Moses and Aaron the priest, 19 Set him before Eleazar the priest, and before all the who counted the children of Israel in the wilderness of congregation; and commission him in their sight. 20 You Sinai. 65 For Yahweh had said of them, "They shall shall give authority to him, that all the congregation of surely die in the wilderness." There was not a man the children of Israel may obey. 21 He shall stand before left of them, except Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Eleazar the priest, who shall inquire for him by the judgment of the Urim before Yahweh. At his word they shall go out, and at his word they shall come in, both he and all the children of Israel with him, even all the congregation." 22 Moses did as Yahweh commanded him. He took Joshua, and set him before Eleazar the priest and before all the congregation. 23 He laid his hands on him and commissioned him, as Yahweh spoke by Moses.

door of the Tent of Meeting, saying, 3 "Our father died 28 Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Command the children of Israel, and tell them, 'See that you of those who gathered themselves together against present my offering, my food for my offerings made by Yahweh in the company of Korah, but he died in his own fire, as a pleasant aroma to me, in their due season.' 3 sin. He had no sons. 4 Why should the name of our You shall tell them, 'This is the offering made by fire father be taken away from among his family, because which you shall offer to Yahweh: male lambs a year old he had no son? Give to us a possession among the without defect, two day by day, for a continual burnt brothers of our father." 5 Moses brought their cause offering. 4 You shall offer the one lamb in the morning, before Yahweh. 6 Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 7 and you shall offer the other lamb at evening, 5 with "The daughters of Zelophehad speak right. You shall one tenth of an ephah of fine flour for a meal offering, surely give them a possession of an inheritance among mixed with the fourth part of a hin of beaten oil. 6 It is a their father's brothers. You shall cause the inheritance continual burnt offering which was ordained in Mount of their father to pass to them. 8 You shall speak to Sinai for a pleasant aroma, an offering made by fire to the children of Israel, saying, 'If a man dies, and has Yahweh. 7 Its drink offering shall be the fourth part of a no son, then you shall cause his inheritance to pass hin for each lamb. You shall pour out a drink offering of to his daughter. 9 If he has no daughter, then you strong drink to Yahweh in the holy place. 8 The other

the morning, and as its drink offering, you shall offer their drink offerings. See that they are without defect. it, an offering made by fire, for a pleasant aroma to Yahweh. 9 "On the Sabbath day, you shall offer two male lambs a year old without defect, and two tenths of an ephah of fine flour for a meal offering mixed with oil, and its drink offering: 10 this is the burnt offering of every Sabbath, in addition to the continual burnt offering and its drink offering. 11 "In the beginnings of your months, you shall offer a burnt offering to Yahweh: two young bulls, one ram, seven male lambs a year old without defect, 12 and three tenths 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 one tenth part of fine flour mixed with oil for a meal offering to every lamb, as a burnt offering of a pleasant aroma, an offering made by fire to Yahweh. 14 Their drink offerings shall be half a hin of wine for a bull, the third part of a hin for the ram, and the fourth part of a hin for a lamb. This is the burnt offering of every month throughout the months of the year. 15 Also, one male goat for a sin offering to Yahweh shall be offered in addition to the continual burnt offering and its drink offering. 16 "In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month, is Yahweh's Passover. 17 On the fifteenth day of this month shall be a feast. Unleavened bread shall be eaten for seven days. 18 In the first day shall be a holy convocation. You shall do no regular work, 19 but you shall offer an offering made by fire, a burnt offering to Yahweh: two young bulls, one ram, and seven male lambs a year old. They shall be without defect, 20 with their meal offering, fine flour mixed with oil. You shall offer three tenths for a bull, and two tenths for the ram. 21 You shall offer one tenth for every lamb of the seven lambs; 22 and one male goat for a sin offering, to make atonement for you. 23 You shall offer these in addition to 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 Yahweh. It shall be offered in addition to the continual burnt offering and its drink offering. 25 On the seventh day you shall have a holy convocation. You shall do no regular work. 26 "Also in the day of the first fruits, when you offer a new meal offering to Yahweh in your feast of weeks, you shall have a holy convocation. You shall do no regular work; 27 but you shall offer a burnt offering for a pleasant aroma to Yahweh: two young bulls, one ram, seven male lambs a year old; 28 and their meal offering, fine flour mixed with oil, three tenths for each bull, two tenths for the one ram, 29 one tenth for every lamb of the seven lambs; 30 and one male goat, to make atonement for you. 31 Besides the continual burnt

lamb you shall offer at evening. As the meal offering of offering and its meal offering, you shall offer them and

29 "In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall have a holy convocation; you shall do no regular work. It is a day of blowing of trumpets to you. 2 You shall offer a burnt offering for a pleasant aroma to Yahweh: one young bull, one ram, seven male lambs a year old without defect; 3 and their meal offering, fine flour mixed with oil: three tenths for the bull, two tenths for the ram, 4 and one tenth for every lamb of the seven lambs; 5 and one male goat for a sin offering, to make atonement for you; 6 in addition to the burnt offering of the new moon with its meal offering, and the continual burnt offering with its meal offering, and their drink offerings, according to their ordinance, for a pleasant aroma, an offering made by fire to Yahweh. 7 "On the tenth day of this seventh month you shall have a holy convocation. You shall afflict your souls. You shall do no kind of work; 8 but you shall offer a burnt offering to Yahweh for a pleasant aroma: one young bull, one ram, seven male lambs a year old, all without defect; 9 and their meal offering, fine flour mixed with oil: three tenths for the bull, two tenths for the one ram, 10 one tenth for every lamb of the seven lambs; 11 one male goat for a sin offering, in addition to the sin offering of atonement, and the continual burnt offering, and its meal offering, and their drink offerings. 12 "On the fifteenth day of the seventh month you shall have a holy convocation. You shall do no regular work. You shall keep a feast to Yahweh seven days. 13 You shall offer a burnt offering, an offering made by fire, of a pleasant aroma to Yahweh: thirteen young bulls, two rams, fourteen male lambs a year old, all without defect; 14 and their meal offering, fine flour mixed with oil: three tenths for every bull of the thirteen bulls, two tenths for each ram of the two rams, 15 and one tenth for every lamb of the fourteen lambs: 16 and one male goat for a sin offering, in addition to the continual burnt offering, its meal offering, and its drink offering. 17 "On the second day you shall offer twelve young bulls, two rams, and fourteen male lambs a year old without defect; 18 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: 19 and one male goat for a sin offering, in addition to the continual burnt offering, with its meal offering and their drink offerings. 20 "On the third day: eleven bulls, two rams, fourteen male lambs a year old without defect; 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, in addition to the continual burnt offering. and its meal offering, and its drink offering. 23 "On the

its meal offering, and its drink offering. 39 "You shall daughter, being in her youth, in her father's house. offer these to Yahweh in your set feasts-in addition to your vows and your free will offerings—for your burnt offerings, your meal offerings, your drink offerings, and your peace offerings." 40 Moses told the children of Israel according to all that Yahweh commanded Moses.

Yahweh has commanded. 2 When a man vows a vow the war." 5 So there were delivered, out of the thousands to Yahweh, or swears an oath to bind his soul with a of Israel, a thousand from every tribe, twelve thousand bond, he shall not break his word. He shall do according armed for war. 6 Moses sent them, one thousand to all that proceeds out of his mouth. 3 "Also, when a of every tribe, to the war with Phinehas the son of woman vows a vow to Yahweh and binds herself by a Eleazar the priest, to the war, with the vessels of the pledge, being in her father's house, in her youth, 4 and sanctuary and the trumpets for the alarm in his hand. 7 her father hears her vow and her pledge with which she They fought against Midian, as Yahweh commanded has bound her soul, and her father says nothing to her, Moses. They killed every male. 8 They killed the kings then all her vows shall stand, and every pledge with of Midian with the rest of their slain: Evi, Rekem, Zur,

fourth day ten bulls, two rams, fourteen male lambs a which she has bound her soul shall stand. 5 But if her year old without defect; 24 their meal offering and their father forbids her in the day that he hears, none of her drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the vows or of her pledges with which she has bound her lambs, according to their number, after the ordinance; soul, shall stand. Yahweh will forgive her, because her 25 and one male goat for a sin offering; in addition father has forbidden her. 6 "If she has a husband, while to the continual burnt offering, its meal offering, and her vows are on her, or the rash utterance of her lips its drink offering. 26 "On the fifth day: nine bulls, two with which she has bound her soul, 7 and her husband rams, fourteen male lambs a year old without defect; 27 hears it, and says nothing to her in the day that he and their meal offering and their drink offerings for the hears it; then her vows shall stand, and her pledges bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, according to their with which she has bound her soul shall stand. 8 But number, after the ordinance, 28 and one male goat for a if her husband forbids her in the day that he hears it, sin offering, in addition to the continual burnt offering, then he makes void her vow which is on her and the and its meal offering, and its drink offering. 29 "On the rash utterance of her lips, with which she has bound her sixth day: eight bulls, two rams, fourteen male lambs soul. Yahweh will forgive her. 9 "But the vow of a widow, a year old without defect; 30 and their meal offering or of her who is divorced, everything with which she and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, has bound her soul shall stand against her. 10 "If she and for the lambs, according to their number, after the vowed in her husband's house or bound her soul by a ordinance, 31 and one male goat for a sin offering; in bond with an oath, 11 and her husband heard it, and addition to the continual burnt offering, its meal offering, held his peace at her and didn't disallow her, then all and the drink offerings of it. 32 "On the seventh day: her vows shall stand, and every pledge with which she seven bulls, two rams, fourteen male lambs a year old bound her soul shall stand. 12 But if her husband made without defect; 33 and their meal offering and their them null and void in the day that he heard them, then drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the whatever proceeded out of her lips concerning her vows, lambs, according to their number, after the ordinance, or concerning the bond of her soul, shall not stand. Her 34 and one male goat for a sin offering; in addition to husband has made them void. Yahweh will forgive her. the continual burnt offering, its meal offering, and its 13 Every vow, and every binding oath to afflict the soul, drink offering. 35 "On the eighth day you shall have a her husband may establish it, or her husband may make solemn assembly. You shall do no regular work; 36 but it void. 14 But if her husband says nothing to her from you shall offer a burnt offering, an offering made by fire, day to day, then he establishes all her vows or all her a pleasant aroma to Yahweh: one bull, one ram, seven pledges which are on her. He has established them, male lambs a year old without defect; 37 their meal because he said nothing to her in the day that he heard offering and their drink offerings for the bull, for the ram, them. 15 But if he makes them null and void after he has and for the lambs, shall be according to their number, heard them, then he shall bear her iniquity." 16 These after the ordinance, 38 and one male goat for a sin are the statutes which Yahweh commanded Moses, offering, in addition to the continual burnt offering, with between a man and his wife, between a father and his

31 Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Avenge the children of Israel on the Midianites. Afterward you shall be gathered to your people." 3 Moses spoke to the people, saying, "Arm men from among you for war, that they may go against Midian, to execute Yahweh's 30 Moses spoke to the heads of the tribes of the vengeance on Midian. 4 You shall send one thousand children of Israel, saying, "This is the thing which out of every tribe, throughout all the tribes of Israel, to

killed Balaam the son of Beor with the sword. 9 The donkeys, and of the flocks, of all the livestock, and give children of Israel took the women of Midian captive with them to the Levites, who perform the duty of Yahweh's their little ones; and all their livestock, all their flocks, tabernacle." 31 Moses and Eleazar the priest did as and all their goods, they took as plunder. 10 All their Yahweh commanded Moses. 32 Now the plunder, over cities in the places in which they lived, and all their and above the booty which the men of war took, was six encampments, they burned with fire. 11 They took all hundred seventy-five thousand sheep, 33 seventy-two the captives, and all the plunder, both of man and of thousand head of cattle, 34 sixty-one thousand donkeys, animal. 12 They brought the captives with the prey and 35 and thirty-two thousand persons in all, of the women the plunder, to Moses, and to Eleazar the priest, and to who had not known man by lying with him. 36 The half, the congregation of the children of Israel, to the camp at which was the portion of those who went out to war, the plains of Moab, which are by the Jordan at Jericho. was in number three hundred thirty-seven thousand five 13 Moses and Eleazar the priest, with all the princes of hundred sheep; 37 and Yahweh's tribute of the sheep the congregation, went out to meet them outside of the was six hundred seventy-five. 38 The cattle were thirtycamp. 14 Moses was angry with the officers of the army, six thousand, of which Yahweh's tribute was seventythe captains of thousands and the captains of hundreds, two. 39 The donkeys were thirty thousand five hundred, who came from the service of the war. 15 Moses said of which Yahweh's tribute was sixty-one. 40 The persons to them, "Have you saved all the women alive? 16 were sixteen thousand, of whom Yahweh's tribute was Behold, these caused the children of Israel, through thirty-two persons. 41 Moses gave the tribute, which the counsel of Balaam, to commit trespass against was Yahweh's wave offering, to Eleazar the priest, Yahweh in the matter of Peor, and so the plaque was as Yahweh commanded Moses. 42 Of the children of among the congregation of Yahweh. 17 Now therefore Israel's half, which Moses divided off from the men kill every male among the little ones, and kill every who fought 43 (now the congregation's half was three woman who has known man by lying with him. 18 But hundred thirty-seven thousand five hundred sheep, 44 all the girls, who have not known man by lying with him, thirty-six thousand head of cattle, 45 thirty thousand five keep alive for yourselves. 19 "Encamp outside of the hundred donkeys, 46 and sixteen thousand persons), camp for seven days. Whoever has killed any person, 47 even of the children of Israel's half, Moses took one and whoever has touched any slain, purify yourselves drawn out of every fifty, both of man and of animal, and on the third day and on the seventh day, you and your gave them to the Levites, who performed the duty of captives. 20 You shall purify every garment, and all Yahweh's tabernacle, as Yahweh commanded Moses. that is made of skin, and all work of goats' hair, and all 48 The officers who were over the thousands of the army, things made of wood." 21 Eleazar the priest said to the the captains of thousands, and the captains of hundreds, men of war who went to the battle, "This is the statute came near to Moses. 49 They said to Moses, "Your of the law which Yahweh has commanded Moses. 22 servants have taken the sum of the men of war who are However the gold, and the silver, the bronze, the iron, under our command, and there lacks not one man of us. the tin, and the lead, 23 everything that may withstand 50 We have brought Yahweh's offering, what every man the fire, you shall make to go through the fire, and it found: gold ornaments, armlets, bracelets, signet rings, shall be clean; nevertheless it shall be purified with the earrings, and necklaces, to make atonement for our water for impurity. All that doesn't withstand the fire you souls before Yahweh." 51 Moses and Eleazar the priest shall make to go through the water. 24 You shall wash took their gold, even all worked jewels. 52 All the gold of your clothes on the seventh day, and you shall be clean. the wave offering that they offered up to Yahweh, of the Afterward you shall come into the camp." 25 Yahweh captains of thousands, and of the captains of hundreds, spoke to Moses, saying, 26 "Count the plunder that was was sixteen thousand seven hundred fifty shekels. 53 taken, both of man and of animal, you, and Eleazar the The men of war had taken booty, every man for himself. priest, and the heads of the fathers' households of the 54 Moses and Eleazar the priest took the gold of the congregation; 27 and divide the plunder into two parts: captains of thousands and of hundreds, and brought it between the men skilled in war, who went out to battle, into the Tent of Meeting for a memorial for the children and all the congregation. 28 Levy a tribute to Yahweh of of Israel before Yahweh. 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 from their half, and give it to Eleazar the priest, for Yahweh's wave offering. 30 Of

Hur, and Reba, the five kings of Midian. They also out of every fifty, of the persons, of the cattle, of the

32 Now the children of Reuben and the children of Gad had a very great multitude of livestock. They saw the land of Jazer, and the land of Gilead. Behold, the children of Israel's half, you shall take one drawn the place was a place for livestock. 2 Then the children

of the congregation, saying, 3 "Ataroth, Dibon, Jazer, your sheep; and do that which has proceeded out of the land which Yahweh struck before the congregation Reuben spoke to Moses, saying, "Your servants will do of Israel, is a land for livestock; and your servants as my lord commands. 26 Our little ones, our wives, our have livestock." 5 They said, "If we have found favor flocks, and all our livestock shall be there in the cities for a possession. Don't bring us over the Jordan." 6 man who is armed for war, before Yahweh to battle, as here? 7 Why do you discourage the heart of the children Nun, and to the heads of the fathers' households of of Israel from going over into the land which Yahweh the tribes of the children of Israel. 29 Moses said to has given them? 8 Your fathers did so when I sent them them, "If the children of Gad and the children of Reuben from Kadesh Barnea to see the land. 9 For when they will pass with you over the Jordan, every man who is went up to the valley of Eshcol, and saw the land, they armed to battle before Yahweh, and the land is subdued discouraged the heart of the children of Israel, that they before you, then you shall give them the land of Gilead should not go into the land which Yahweh had given for a possession; 30 but if they will not pass over with them. 10 Yahweh's anger burned in that day, and he you armed, they shall have possessions among you in swore, saying, 11 'Surely none of the men who came up the land of Canaan." 31 The children of Gad and the out of Egypt, from twenty years old and upward, shall children of Reuben answered, saying, "As Yahweh has Jacob; because they have not wholly followed me, 12 over armed before Yahweh into the land of Canaan, the wilderness forty years, until all the generation who the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites, and the had done evil in Yahweh's sight was consumed. 14 kingdom of Og king of Bashan; the land, according to its him, he will yet again leave them in the wilderness; and Beth Haran: fortified cities and folds for sheep. and you will destroy all these people." 16 They came 37 The children of Reuben built Heshbon, Elealeh, near to him, and said, "We will build sheepfolds here Kiriathaim, 38 Nebo, and Baal Meon, (their names being for our livestock, and cities for our little ones; 17 but changed), and Sibmah. They gave other names to the we ourselves will be ready armed to go before the cities which they built. 39 The children of Machir the son children of Israel, until we have brought them to their of Manasseh went to Gilead, took it, and dispossessed because of the inhabitants of the land. 18 We will not to Machir the son of Manasseh; and he lived therein. 41 return to our houses until the children of Israel have Jair the son of Manasseh went and took its villages, all received their inheritance. 19 For we will not inherit and called them Havvoth Jair. 42 Nobah went and took with them on the other side of the Jordan and beyond, Kenath and its villages, and called it Nobah, after his because our inheritance has come to us on this side of own name. the Jordan eastward." 20 Moses said to them: "If you will do this thing, if you will arm yourselves to go before Yahweh to the war, 21 and every one of your armed men will pass over the Jordan before Yahweh until he has driven out his enemies from before him, 22 and the land is subdued before Yahweh; then afterward you shall return, and be clear of obligation to Yahweh and to Israel. Then this land shall be your possession before Yahweh. 23 "But if you will not do so, behold, you have

of Gad and the children of Reuben came and spoke to sinned against Yahweh; and be sure your sin will find Moses, and to Eleazar the priest, and to the princes you out. 24 Build cities for your little ones, and folds for Nimrah, Heshbon, Elealeh, Sebam, Nebo, and Beon, 4 your mouth." 25 The children of Gad and the children of in your sight, let this land be given to your servants of Gilead; 27 but your servants will pass over, every Moses said to the children of Gad, and to the children of my lord says." 28 So Moses commanded concerning Reuben, "Shall your brothers go to war while you sit them to Eleazar the priest, and to Joshua the son of see the land which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to said to your servants, so will we do. 32 We will pass except Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite, and and the possession of our inheritance shall remain with Joshua the son of Nun, because they have followed us beyond the Jordan." 33 Moses gave to them, even Yahweh completely.' 13 Yahweh's anger burned against to the children of Gad, and to the children of Reuben, Israel, and he made them wander back and forth in and to the half-tribe of Manasseh the son of Joseph. "Behold, you have risen up in your fathers' place, an cities and borders, even the cities of the surrounding increase of sinful men, to increase the fierce anger of land. 34 The children of Gad built Dibon, Ataroth, Aroer, Yahweh toward Israel. 15 For if you turn away from after 35 Atroth-shophan, Jazer, Jogbehah, 36 Beth Nimrah, place. Our little ones shall dwell in the fortified cities the Amorites who were therein. 40 Moses gave Gilead

33 These are the journeys of the children of Israel, when they went out of the land of Egypt by their armies under the hand of Moses and Aaron. 2 Moses wrote the starting points of their journeys by the commandment of Yahweh. These are their journeys according to their starting points. 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 with a high hand in the sight

all their firstborn, whom Yahweh had struck among was one hundred twenty-three years old when he died them. Yahweh also executed judgments on their gods. in Mount Hor. 40 The Canaanite king of Arad, who lived 5 The children of Israel traveled from Rameses, and in the South in the land of Canaan, heard of the coming encamped in Succoth. 6 They traveled from Succoth, of the children of Israel. 41 They traveled from Mount and encamped in Etham, which is in the edge of the Hor, and encamped in Zalmonah. 42 They traveled from wilderness. 7 They traveled from Etham, and turned Zalmonah, and encamped in Punon. 43 They traveled back to Pihahiroth, which is before Baal Zephon, and from Punon, and encamped in Oboth. 44 They traveled they encamped before Migdol. 8 They traveled from from Oboth, and encamped in Iye Abarim, in the border before Hahiroth, and crossed through the middle of the of Moab. 45 They traveled from lyim, and encamped sea into the wilderness. They went three days' journey in Dibon Gad. 46 They traveled from Dibon Gad, and in the wilderness of Etham, and encamped in Marah. 9 encamped in Almon Diblathaim. 47 They traveled from They traveled from Marah, and came to Elim. In Elim, Almon Diblathaim, and encamped in the mountains there were twelve springs of water and seventy palm of Abarim, before Nebo. 48 They traveled from the trees, and they encamped there. 10 They traveled from mountains of Abarim, and encamped in the plains of Elim, and encamped by the Red Sea. 11 They traveled Moab by the Jordan at Jericho, 49 They encamped by from the Red Sea, and encamped in the wilderness of the Jordan, from Beth Jeshimoth even to Abel Shittim in Sin. 12 They traveled from the wilderness of Sin, and the plains of Moab. 50 Yahweh spoke to Moses in the encamped in Dophkah. 13 They traveled from Dophkah, plains of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho, saying, 51 and encamped in Alush. 14 They traveled from Alush, Speak to the children of Israel, and tell them, "When you and encamped in Rephidim, where there was no water pass over the Jordan into the land of Canaan, 52 then for the people to drink. 15 They traveled from Rephidim, you shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from and encamped in the wilderness of Sinai. 16 They before you, destroy all their stone idols, destroy all their traveled from the wilderness of Sinai, and encamped molten images, and demolish all their high places. 53 in Kibroth Hattaavah. 17 They traveled from Kibroth You shall take possession of the land, and dwell therein; Hattaavah, and encamped in Hazeroth. 18 They traveled for I have given the land to you to possess it. 54 You from Hazeroth, and encamped in Rithmah. 19 They shall inherit the land by lot according to your families; to traveled from Rithmah, and encamped in Rimmon Perez. the larger groups you shall give a larger inheritance, 20 They traveled from Rimmon Perez, and encamped in and to the smaller you shall give a smaller inheritance. Libnah. 21 They traveled from Libnah, and encamped in Wherever the lot falls to any man, that shall be his. You Rissah. 22 They traveled from Rissah, and encamped shall inherit according to the tribes of your fathers. 55 in Kehelathah. 23 They traveled from Kehelathah, and "But if you do not drive out the inhabitants of the land encamped in Mount Shepher. 24 They traveled from from before you, then those you let remain of them will Mount Shepher, and encamped in Haradah. 25 They be like pricks in your eyes and thorns in your sides. traveled from Haradah, and encamped in Makheloth. They will harass you in the land in which you dwell. 56 It 26 They traveled from Makheloth, and encamped in shall happen that as I thought to do to them, so I will do Tahath. 27 They traveled from Tahath, and encamped in to you." Terah. 28 They traveled from Terah, and encamped in Mithkah. 29 They traveled from Mithkah, and encamped in Hashmonah. 30 They traveled from Hashmonah, and encamped in Moseroth. 31 They traveled from Moseroth, and encamped in Bene Jaakan. 32 They traveled from Bene Jaakan, and encamped in Hor Haggidgad. 33 They traveled from Hor Haggidgad, and encamped in Jotbathah. 34 They traveled from Jotbathah, and encamped in Abronah. 35 They traveled from Abronah, and encamped in Ezion Geber. 36 They traveled from Ezion Geber, and encamped at Kadesh in the wilderness of Zin. 37 They traveled from Kadesh, and encamped in Mount Hor, in the edge of the land of Edom. 38 Aaron the priest went up into Mount Hor at the commandment of Yahweh and died there, in the fortieth year after the children of Israel had come out of the land of Egypt, in

of all the Egyptians. 4 while the Egyptians were burying the fifth month, on the first day of the month, 39 Aaron

34 Yahweh 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 quarter shall be from the wilderness of Zin along by the side of Edom, and your south border shall be from the end of the Salt Sea eastward. 4 Your border shall turn about southward of the ascent of Akrabbim, and pass along to Zin; and it shall pass southward of Kadesh Barnea; and it shall go from there to Hazar Addar, and pass along to Azmon. 5 The border shall turn about from Azmon to the brook of Egypt, and it shall end at the sea. 6 "For the western border, you shall have the great sea and its border. This shall be your west border. 7 "'This shall be your north border: from the great sea you

the children of Israel in the land of Canaan.

35 Yahweh spoke to Moses in the plains of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho, saying, 2 "Command the children of Israel to give to the Levites cities to dwell in out of their inheritance. You shall give pasture lands for the cities around them to the Levites. 3 They shall have the cities to dwell in. Their pasture lands shall be for their livestock, and for their possessions, and for all their animals. 4 "The pasture lands of the cities, which you shall give to the Levites, shall be from the wall of the city and outward one thousand cubits around it. 5 You shall measure outside of the city for the east side two

shall mark out for yourselves Mount Hor. 8 From Mount thousand cubits, and for the south side two thousand Hor you shall mark out to the entrance of Hamath; and cubits, and for the west side two thousand cubits, and the border shall pass by Zedad. 9 Then the border for the north side two thousand cubits, the city being in shall go to Ziphron, and it shall end at Hazar Enan. the middle. This shall be the pasture lands of their cities. This shall be your north border. 10 "'You shall mark out 6 "The cities which you shall give to the Levites, they your east border from Hazar Enan to Shepham. 11 The shall be the six cities of refuge, which you shall give for border shall go down from Shepham to Riblah, on the the man slayer to flee to. Besides them you shall give east side of Ain. The border shall go down, and shall forty-two cities. 7 All the cities which you shall give to reach to the side of the sea of Chinnereth eastward. 12 the Levites shall be forty-eight cities together with their The border shall go down to the Jordan, and end at pasture lands. 8 Concerning the cities which you shall the Salt Sea. This shall be your land according to its give of the possession of the children of Israel, from the borders around it." 13 Moses commanded the children many you shall take many, and from the few you shall of Israel, saying, "This is the land which you shall inherit take few. Everyone according to his inheritance which by lot, which Yahweh has commanded to give to the he inherits shall give some of his cities to the Levites." nine tribes, and to the half-tribe; 14 for the tribe of the 9 Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 10 "Speak to the children of Reuben according to their fathers' houses, children of Israel, and tell them, 'When you pass over the tribe of the children of Gad according to their fathers' the Jordan into the land of Canaan, 11 then you shall houses, and the half-tribe of Manasseh have received appoint for yourselves cities to be cities of refuge for their inheritance. 15 The two tribes and the half-tribe you, that the man slayer who kills any person unwittingly have received their inheritance beyond the Jordan at may flee there. 12 The cities shall be for your refuge Jericho eastward, toward the sunrise." 16 Yahweh spoke from the avenger, that the man slayer not die until he to Moses, saying, 17 "These are the names of the men stands before the congregation for judgment. 13 The who shall divide the land to you for inheritance: Eleazar cities which you shall give shall be for you six cities of the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun. 18 You shall refuge. 14 You shall give three cities beyond the Jordan, take one prince of every tribe, to divide the land for and you shall give three cities in the land of Canaan. inheritance. 19 These are the names of the men: Of They shall be cities of refuge. 15 These six cities shall the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of Jephunneh. 20 Of be refuge for the children of Israel, for the stranger, and the tribe of the children of Simeon, Shemuel the son of for the foreigner living among them, that everyone who Ammihud. 21 Of the tribe of Benjamin, Elidad the son of kills any person unwittingly may flee there. 16 "But if he Chislon. 22 Of the tribe of the children of Dan a prince, struck him with an instrument of iron, so that he died, Bukki the son of Jogli. 23 Of the children of Joseph: of he is a murderer. The murderer shall surely be put to the tribe of the children of Manasseh a prince, Hanniel death. 17 If he struck him with a stone in the hand, by the son of Ephod. 24 Of the tribe of the children of which a man may die, and he died, he is a murderer. Ephraim a prince, Kemuel the son of Shiphtan. 25 Of The murderer shall surely be put to death. 18 Or if he the tribe of the children of Zebulun a prince, Elizaphan struck him with a weapon of wood in the hand, by which the son of Parnach. 26 Of the tribe of the children of a man may die, and he died, he is a murderer. The Issachar a prince, Paltiel the son of Azzan. 27 Of the murderer shall surely be put to death. 19 The avenger of tribe of the children of Asher a prince, Ahihud the son of blood shall himself put the murderer to death. When he Shelomi. 28 Of the tribe of the children of Naphtali a meets him, he shall put him to death. 20 If he shoved prince, Pedahel the son of Ammihud." 29 These are they him out of hatred, or hurled something at him while lying whom Yahweh commanded to divide the inheritance to in wait, so that he died, 21 or in hostility struck him with his hand, so that he died, he who struck him shall surely be put to death. He is a murderer. The avenger of blood shall put the murderer to death when he meets him. 22 "But if he shoved him suddenly without hostility, 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 and not seeking his harm, 24 then the congregation shall judge between the striker and the avenger of blood according to these ordinances. 25 The congregation shall deliver the man slayer out of the hand of the avenger of blood, and the congregation

shall restore him to his city of refuge, where he had fled, move from tribe to tribe; for the children of Israel shall all He shall dwell therein until the death of the high priest, keep the inheritance of the tribe of his fathers. 8 Every who was anointed with the holy oil. 26 "But if the man daughter who possesses an inheritance in any tribe of slayer shall at any time go beyond the border of his city the children of Israel shall be wife to one of the family of of refuge where he flees, 27 and the avenger of blood the tribe of her father, that the children of Israel may finds him outside of the border of his city of refuge, and each possess the inheritance of his fathers. 9 So shall the avenger of blood kills the man slaver, he shall not no inheritance move from one tribe to another tribe: be guilty of blood, 28 because he should have remained for the tribes of the children of Israel shall each keep in his city of refuge until the death of the high priest. But his own inheritance." 10 The daughters of Zelophehad after the death of the high priest, the man slaver shall did as Yahweh commanded Moses: 11 for Mahlah, return into the land of his possession. 29 "These things Tirzah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Noah, the daughters of shall be for a statute and ordinance to you throughout Zelophehad, were married to their father's brothers' your generations in all your dwellings. 30 "Whoever kills sons. 12 They were married into the families of the any person, the murderer shall be slain based on the sons of Manasseh the son of Joseph. Their inheritance testimony of witnesses; but one witness shall not testify remained in the tribe of the family of their father. 13 alone against any person so that he dies. 31 "Moreover These are the commandments and the ordinances you shall take no ransom for the life of a murderer who which Yahweh commanded by Moses to the children of is guilty of death. He shall surely be put to death. 32 Israel in the plains of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho. "You shall take no ransom for him who has fled to his city of refuge, that he may come again to dwell in the land before the death of the priest. 33 "So you shall not pollute the land where you live; for blood pollutes the land. No atonement can be made for the land for the blood that is shed in it, but by the blood of him who shed it. 34 You shall not defile the land which you inhabit, where I dwell; for I, Yahweh, dwell among the children of Israel."

36 The heads of the fathers' households of the family of the children of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, of the families of the sons of Joseph, came near and spoke before Moses and before the princes, the heads of the fathers' households of the children of Israel. 2 They said, "Yahweh commanded my lord to give the land for inheritance by lot to the children of Israel. My lord was commanded by Yahweh 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 their inheritance will be taken away from the inheritance of our fathers, and will be added to the inheritance of the tribe to which they shall belong. So it will be taken away from the lot of our inheritance. 4 When the jubilee of the children of Israel comes, then their inheritance will be added to the inheritance of the tribe to which they shall belong. So their inheritance will be taken away from the inheritance of the tribe of our fathers." 5 Moses commanded the children of Israel according to Yahweh's word, saying, "The tribe of the sons of Joseph speak what is right. 6 This is the thing which Yahweh commands concerning the daughters of Zelophehad, saying, 'Let them be married to whom they think best, only they shall marry into the family of the tribe of their father. 7 So shall no inheritance of the children of Israel

Deuteronomy

1 These are the words which Moses spoke to all Israel beyond the Jordan in the wilderness, in the Arabah opposite Suf, between Paran, Tophel, Laban, Hazeroth, and Dizahab. 2 It is eleven days' journey from Horeb by the way of Mount Seir to Kadesh Barnea. 3 In the fortieth year, in the eleventh month, on the first day of the month, Moses spoke to the children of Israel according to all that Yahweh 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, at Edrei. 5 Beyond the Jordan, in the land of Moab, Moses began to declare this law, saying, 6 "Yahweh our God spoke to us in Horeb, saying, 'You have lived long enough at this mountain. 7 Turn, and take your journey, and go to the hill country of the Amorites and to all the places near there: in the Arabah, in the hill country, in the lowland, in the South, by the seashore, in the land of the Canaanites, and in Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates. 8 Behold, I have set the land before you. Go in and possess the land which Yahweh swore to your fathers—to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob-to give to them and to their offspring after them." 9 I spoke to you at that time, saying, "I am not able to bear you myself alone. 10 Yahweh your God has multiplied you, and behold, you are today as the stars of the sky for multitude. 11 May Yahweh, 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 problems, your burdens, and your strife? 13 Take wise men of understanding who are respected among 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 and respected men, and made them heads over you, captains of thousands, captains of hundreds, captains of fifties, 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 Yahweh 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 Yahweh our God gives to us. 21 Behold, Yahweh your God has set the land before you. Go up, take possession, as Yahweh the God of your fathers has spoken to you. Don't be afraid, neither be dismayed." 22 You came near to me, everyone of you, and said, "Let's send men before us, that they may search the land for us, and bring back to us word of the way by which we must go up, and the cities to which we shall come." 23 The thing pleased me well. I took twelve of your men, one man for every tribe. 24 They turned and went up into the hill country, and came to the valley of Eshcol, and spied it out. 25 They took some 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 Yahweh our God gives to us." 26 Yet you wouldn't go up, but rebelled against the commandment of Yahweh your God. 27 You murmured in your tents, and said, "Because Yahweh hated us, he has brought us out of the land of Egypt, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites to destroy us. 28 Where are we going up? Our brothers have made our heart melt, saying, 'The people are greater and taller than we. The cities are great and fortified up to the sky. Moreover we have seen the sons of the Anakim there!" 29 Then I said to you, "Don't be terrified. Don't be afraid of them. 30 Yahweh 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 Yahweh your God carried you, as a man carries his son, in all the way that you went, until you came to this place." 32 Yet in this thing you didn't believe Yahweh your God, 33 who went before you on the way, to seek out a place for you 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 Yahweh 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. I will give the land that he has trodden on to him and to his children, because he has wholly followed Yahweh." 37 Also Yahweh was angry with me for your sakes, saying, "You also shall not go in there. 38 Joshua the son of Nun, who stands before you, shall go in there. Encourage him, for he shall cause Israel to inherit it. 39 Moreover your little ones, whom you said would be captured or killed, your children, who today have no knowledge of good or evil, shall go in there. I will give it to them, 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 Yahweh. We will go up and fight, according to all that Yahweh our God commanded us." Every man of you put on his weapons was against them, to destroy them from the middle of you remained.

2 Then we turned, and took our journey into the wilderness by the way to the Red Sea, as Yahweh spoke to me: and we encircled Mount Seir many days. 2 Yahweh 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 children of Esau, who dwell in Seir; and they will be afraid of you. Therefore be careful. 5 Don't contend with them: for I will not give you any 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 from them for money, that you may eat. You shall also buy water from them for money, that you may drink." 7 For Yahweh your God has blessed you in all the work of your hands. He has known your walking through this great wilderness. These forty years, Yahweh your God has been with you. You have lacked nothing. 8 So we passed by from our brothers, the children of Esau, who dwell in Seir, from the way of the Arabah from Elath and from Ezion Geber. We turned and passed by the way of the wilderness of Moab. 9 Yahweh said to me. "Don't bother Moab, neither contend with them in battle: for I will not give you any of his land for a possession, because I have given Ar to the children of Lot for a possession." 10 (The Emim lived there before, a great and numerous people, and tall as the Anakim. 11 These also are considered to be Rephaim, as the Anakim; but the Moabites call them Emim. 12 The Horites also lived in Seir in the past, but the children of Esau succeeded them. They destroyed them from before them, and lived in their place, as Israel did to the land of his possession, which Yahweh gave to them.) 13 "Now rise up and cross over the brook Zered." We went over the brook Zered. 14 The days in which we came from Kadesh Barnea until we had come over the brook Zered were thirty-eight years, until all the generation of the men of war were consumed from the middle of the camp, as Yahweh swore to them. 15 Moreover Yahweh's hand

of war, and presumed to go up into the hill country. 42 the camp, until they were consumed. 16 So, when all Yahweh said to me, "Tell them, 'Don't go up and don't the men of war were consumed and dead from among fight; for I am not among you, lest you be struck before the people, 17 Yahweh spoke to me, saying, 18 "You your enemies." 43 So I spoke to you, and you didn't are to pass over Ar, the border of Moab, today. 19 When listen; but you rebelled against the commandment of you come near the border of the children of Ammon, Yahweh, and were presumptuous, and went up into don't bother them, nor contend with them; for I will not the hill country. 44 The Amorites, who lived in that hill give you any of the land of the children of Ammon for a country, came out against you and chased you as bees possession, because I have given it to the children of do, and beat you down in Seir, even to Hormah. 45 You Lot for a possession." 20 (That also is considered a land returned and wept before Yahweh, but Yahweh didn't of Rephaim. Rephaim lived there in the past, but the listen to your voice, nor turn his ear to you, 46 So you, Ammonites call them Zamzummim, 21 a great people. stayed in Kadesh many days, according to the days that many, and tall, as the Anakim; but Yahweh destroyed them from before Israel, and they succeeded them, and lived in their place, 22 as he did for the children 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 Then the Avvim. who lived in villages as far as Gaza: the Caphtorim, who came out of Caphtor, destroyed them and lived in their place.) 24 "Rise up, take your journey, and pass over the valley of the Arnon. Behold, I have given into your hand Sihon the Amorite, king of Heshbon, and his land; begin to possess it, and contend with him in battle. 25 Today I will 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. Just let me pass through on my feet, 29 as the children of Esau who dwell in Seir, and the Moabites who dwell in Ar, did to me, until I pass over the Jordan into the land which Yahweh our God gives us." 30 But Sihon king of Heshbon would not let us pass by him, for Yahweh your God hardened his spirit and made his heart obstinate, that he might deliver him into your hand, as it is today. 31 Yahweh said to me, "Behold, 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 Yahweh our God delivered him up before us: and we struck him, 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 no one remaining. 35 Only the livestock we took for plunder for ourselves. with the plunder of the cities which we had taken. 36 From Aroer, which is on the edge of the valley of the Arnon, and the city that is in the valley, even to Gilead,

of the river Jabbok, and the cities of the hill country, and wherever Yahweh our God forbade us.

 $oldsymbol{3}$ Then we turned, and went up the way to Bashan. Og the king of Bashan came out against us, he and all his people, to battle at Edrei. 2 Yahweh said to me. "Don't fear him; for I have delivered him, with all his people and his land, into your hand. You shall do to him as you did to Sihon king of the Amorites, who lived at Heshbon." 3 So Yahweh our God also delivered into our hand Og, the king of Bashan, and all his people. We struck him until no one was left to him remaining. 4 We took all his cities at that time. There was not a city which we didn't 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, in addition to a great many villages without walls. 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 plunder of the cities, we took for plunder for 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. Behold, his bedstead was a bedstead of iron. Isn't it in Rabbah of the children of Ammon? Nine cubits was its length, and four cubits its width, after the cubit of a man.) 12 This land we took in possession at that time: from Aroer, which is by the valley of the Arnon, and half the hill country of Gilead with its cities, I gave to the Reubenites and to the Gadites; 13 and the rest of Gilead, and all Bashan, the kingdom of Og, I gave to the half-tribe of Manasseh—all the region of Argob, even all Bashan. (The same is 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 Machir. 16 To the Reubenites and to the Gadites I gave from Gilead even 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 children of Ammon; 17 the Arabah also, and the Jordan and its border, from Chinnereth even to the sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, under the slopes of Pisgah eastward. 18 I commanded you at that time, saying,

there was not a city too high for us. Yahweh our God All of you men of valor shall pass over armed before delivered up all before us. 37 Only to the land of the your brothers, the children of Israel. 19 But your wives, children of Ammon you didn't come near: all the banks and your little ones, and your livestock, (I know that you have much livestock), shall live in your cities which I have given you, 20 until Yahweh gives rest to your brothers, as to you, and they also possess the land which Yahweh your God gives them beyond the Jordan. Then you shall each return to his own possession, which I have given you." 21 I commanded Joshua at that time, saying, "Your eyes have seen all that Yahweh your God has done to these two kings. So shall Yahweh do to all the kingdoms where you go over. 22 You shall not fear them; for Yahweh your God himself fights for you." 23 I begged Yahweh at that time, saying, 24 "Lord Yahweh, 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 works like yours, and mighty acts like yours? 25 Please let me go over and see the good land that is beyond the Jordan, that fine mountain, and Lebanon." 26 But Yahweh was angry with me because of you, and didn't listen to me. Yahweh said to me, "That is enough! 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 near Beth

⚠ Now, Israel, listen to the statutes and to the ordinances which I teach you, to do them, that you may live and go in and possess the land which Yahweh, the God of your fathers, gives you. 2 You shall not add to the word which I command you, neither shall you take away from it, that you may keep the commandments of Yahweh your God which I command you. 3 Your eyes have seen what Yahweh did because of Baal Peor; for Yahweh your God has destroyed all the men who followed Baal Peor from among you. 4 But you who were faithful to Yahweh your God are all alive today. 5 Behold, I have taught you statutes and ordinances, even as Yahweh my God commanded me, that you should do so in the middle 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 nation is there that has a god so near to them as Yahweh our God is whenever we call on him? 8 What great nation is there that has statutes and ordinances so righteous as all this law which I set "Yahweh your God has given you this land to possess it. before you today? 9 Only be careful, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things which your eyes be destroyed. 27 Yahweh will scatter you among the saw, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of peoples, and you will be left few in number among the your life; but make them known to your children and nations where Yahweh will lead you away. 28 There you your children's children— 10 the day that you stood will serve gods, the work of men's hands, wood and before Yahweh your God in Horeb, when Yahweh said stone, which neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell. to me, "Assemble the people to me, and I will make 29 But from there you shall seek Yahweh your God, and them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me you will find him when you search after him with all all the days that they live on the earth, and that they your heart and with all your soul. 30 When you are in may teach their children." 11 You came near and stood oppression, and all these things have come on you, in under the mountain. The mountain burned with fire to the latter days you shall return to Yahweh your God and the heart of the sky, with darkness, cloud, and thick listen to his voice. 31 For Yahweh your God is a merciful darkness. 12 Yahweh spoke to you out of the middle of God. He will not fail you nor destroy you, nor forget the the fire: you heard the voice of words, but you saw no covenant of your fathers which he swore to them. 32 For form; you only heard a voice. 13 He declared to you ask now of the days that are past, which were before his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, you, since the day that God created man on the earth, even the ten commandments. He wrote them on two and from the one end of the sky to the other, whether stone tablets. 14 Yahweh commanded me at that time there has been anything as great as this thing is, or has to teach you statutes and ordinances, that you might do been heard like it? 33 Did a people ever hear the voice them in the land where you go over to possess it. 15 Be of God speaking out of the middle of the fire, as you very careful, for you saw no kind of form on the day that have heard, and live? 34 Or has God tried to go and Yahweh spoke to you in Horeb out of the middle of the take a nation for himself from among another nation, by fire, 16 lest you corrupt yourselves, and make yourself a trials, by signs, by wonders, by war, by a mighty hand, carved image in the form of any figure, the likeness of by an outstretched arm, and by great terrors, according male or female, 17 the likeness of any animal that is to all that Yahweh your God did for you in Egypt before on the earth, the likeness of any winged bird that flies your eyes? 35 It was shown to you so that you might in the sky, 18 the likeness of anything that creeps on know that Yahweh is God. There is no one else besides the ground, the likeness of any fish that is in the water him. 36 Out of heaven he made you to hear his voice, under the earth; 19 and lest you lift up your eyes to the that he might instruct you. On earth he made you to see sky, and when you see the sun and the moon and the his great fire; and you heard his words out of the middle stars, even all the army of the sky, you are drawn away of the fire. 37 Because he loved your fathers, therefore and worship them, and serve them, which Yahweh your he chose their offspring after them, and brought you out God has allotted to all the peoples under the whole sky. with his presence, with his great power, out of Egypt; 38 20 But Yahweh has taken you, and brought you out of to drive out nations from before you greater and mightier the iron furnace, out of Egypt, to be to him a people of than you, to bring you in, to give you their land for an inheritance, as it is today. 21 Furthermore Yahweh was inheritance, as it is today. 39 Know therefore today, and angry with me for your sakes, and swore that I should take it to heart, that Yahweh himself is God in heaven not go over the Jordan, and that I should not go in to above and on the earth beneath. There is no one else. that good land which Yahweh your God gives you for an 40 You shall keep his statutes and his commandments inheritance; 22 but I must die in this land. I must not go which I command you today, that it may go well with over the Jordan, but you shall go over and possess that you and with your children after you, and that you may good land. 23 Be careful, lest you forget the covenant of prolong your days in the land which Yahweh your God Yahweh your God, which he made with you, and make gives you for all time, 41 Then Moses set apart three yourselves a carved image in the form of anything which cities beyond the Jordan toward the sunrise, 42 that Yahweh your God has forbidden you. 24 For Yahweh the man slayer might flee there, who kills his neighbor your God is a devouring fire, a jealous God. 25 When unintentionally and didn't hate him in time past, and that you father children and children's children, and you have fleeing to one of these cities he might live: 43 Bezer in been long in the land, and then corrupt yourselves, and the wilderness, in the plain country, for the Reubenites; make a carved image in the form of anything, and do and Ramoth in Gilead for the Gadites; and Golan in that which is evil in Yahweh your God's sight to provoke Bashan for the Manassites. 44 This is the law which him to anger, 26 I call heaven and earth to witness Moses set before the children of Israel. 45 These are against you today, that you will soon utterly perish from the testimonies, and the statutes, and the ordinances off the land which you go over the Jordan to possess which Moses spoke to the children of Israel when they it. You will not prolong your days on it, but will utterly came out of Egypt, 46 beyond the Jordan, in the valley

opposite Beth Peor, in the land of Sihon king of the you, 17 "You shall not murder, 18 "You shall not commit Amorites, who lived at Heshbon, whom Moses and the adultery. 19 "You shall not steal. 20 "You shall not give children of Israel struck when they came out of Egypt. false testimony against your neighbor. 21 "You shall not 47 They took possession of his land and the land of Og covet your neighbor's wife. Neither shall you desire your king of Bashan, the two kings of the Amorites, who were neighbor's house, his field, or his male servant, or his which is on the edge of the valley of the Arnon, even to your neighbor's." 22 Yahweh spoke these words to all Mount Zion (also called Hermon), 49 and all the Arabah your assembly on the mountain out of the middle of beyond the Jordan eastward, even to the sea of the the fire, of the cloud, and of the thick darkness, with 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 today, that you may learn them, and observe to do them." 2 Yahweh our God made a covenant with us in Horeb. 3 Yahweh didn't make this covenant with our fathers, but with us, even us, who are all of us here alive today. 4 Yahweh spoke with you face to face on the mountain out of the middle of the fire, 5 (I stood between Yahweh and you at that time, to show you Yahweh's word; for you were afraid because of the fire, and didn't go up onto the mountain) saying, 6 "I am Yahweh your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. 7 "You shall have no other gods before me. 8 "You shall not make a carved image for yourself—any likeness of what is in heaven above, or what is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. 9 You shall not bow vourself down to them, nor serve them, for I. Yahweh your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and on the third and on 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 "You shall not misuse the name of Yahweh your God; for Yahweh will not hold him guiltless who misuses his name. 12 "Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as Yahweh your God commanded you. 13 You shall labor six days, and do all your work; 14 but the seventh day is a Sabbath to Yahweh your God, in which you shall not do any work—neither you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your ox, nor your donkey, nor any of your livestock, nor your stranger who is within your gates; that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you. 15 You shall remember that you were a servant in the land of Egypt, and Yahweh your God brought you out of there by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm. Therefore Yahweh your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day. 16 "Honor your father and your mother, as Yahweh your God commanded you, that your days may be long and that it may go well with you in the land which Yahweh your God gives

beyond the Jordan toward the sunrise; 48 from Aroer, female servant, his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is a great voice. He added no more. He wrote them on two stone tablets, and gave them to me. 23 When you heard the voice out of the middle of the darkness, while the mountain was burning with fire, you came near to me, even all the heads of your tribes, and your elders; 24 and you said, "Behold, Yahweh our God has shown us his glory and his greatness, and we have heard his voice out of the middle of the fire. We have seen today 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 Yahweh our God's voice any more, then we shall die. 26 For who is there of all flesh who has heard the voice of the living God speaking out of the middle of the fire, as we have, and lived? 27 Go near, and hear all that Yahweh our God shall say. and tell us all that Yahweh our God tells you; and we will hear it, and do it." 28 Yahweh heard the voice of your words when you spoke to me; and Yahweh 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 all 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 commandments, 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." 32 You shall observe to do therefore as Yahweh your God has commanded you. You shall not turn away to the right hand or to the left. 33 You shall walk in all the way which Yahweh 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 these are the commandments, the statutes, and the ordinances, which Yahweh your God commanded to teach you, that you might do them in the land that you go over to possess; 2 that you might fear Yahweh your God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command you-you, your son, and your son's son, all the days of your life; and that your days may be prolonged. 3 Hear therefore, Israel, and observe to do it, that it may be well with you, and that you may

increase mightily, as Yahweh, the God of your fathers, **7** When Yahweh your God brings you into the land has promised to you, in a land flowing with milk and honey. 4 Hear, Israel: Yahweh is our God. Yahweh is nations before you—the Hittite, the Girgashite, the one. 5 You shall love Yahweh your God with all your Amorite, the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the heart, with all your soul, and with all your might. 6 Jebusite—seven nations greater and mightier than you; These words, which I command you today, shall be on 2 and when Yahweh your God delivers them up before your heart; 7 and you shall teach them diligently to you, and you strike them, then you shall utterly destroy your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in them. You shall make no covenant with them, nor show your house, and when you walk by the way, and when mercy to them. 3 You shall not make marriages with you lie down, and when you rise up. 8 You shall bind them. You shall not give your daughter to his son, nor them for a sign on your hand, and they shall be for shall you take his daughter for your son. 4 For that frontlets between your eyes. 9 You shall write them would turn away your sons from following me, that they on the door posts of your house and on your gates. may serve other gods. So Yahweh's anger would be 10 It shall be, when Yahweh your God brings you into kindled against you, and he would destroy you quickly. the land which he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, 5 But you shall deal with them like this: you shall break to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you, great and goodly down their altars, dash their pillars in pieces, cut down cities which you didn't build, 11 and houses full of all their Asherah poles, and burn their engraved images good things which you didn't fill, and cisterns dug out with fire. 6 For you are a holy people to Yahweh your which you didn't dig, vineyards and olive trees which God. Yahweh your God has chosen you to be a people you didn't plant, and you shall eat and be full; 12 then for his own possession, above all peoples who are beware lest you forget Yahweh, who brought you out of on the face of the earth. 7 Yahweh didn't set his love the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. 13 You on you nor choose you, because you were more in shall fear Yahweh your God; and you shall serve him, number than any people; for you were the fewest of all and shall swear by his name. 14 You shall not go after peoples; 8 but because Yahweh loves you, and because other gods, of the gods of the peoples who are around he desires to keep the oath which he swore to your you, 15 for Yahweh your God among you is a jealous fathers, Yahweh has brought you out with a mighty hand God, lest the anger of Yahweh your God be kindled and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, from against you, and he destroy you from off the face of the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. 9 Know therefore the earth. 16 You shall not tempt Yahweh your God, that Yahweh your God himself is God, the faithful God, as you tempted him in Massah. 17 You shall diligently who keeps covenant and loving kindness to a thousand keep the commandments of Yahweh your God, and his generations with those who love him and keep his testimonies, and his statutes, which he has commanded commandments, 10 and repays those who hate him to you. 18 You shall do that which is right and good in their face, to destroy them. He will not be slack to him Yahweh's sight, that it may be well with you and that you who hates him. He will repay him to his face. 11 You may go in and possess the good land which Yahweh shall therefore keep the commandments, the statutes, swore to your fathers, 19 to thrust out all your enemies and the ordinances which I command you today, to do from before you, as Yahweh has spoken. 20 When your them. 12 It shall happen, because you listen to these son asks you in time to come, saying, "What do the ordinances and keep and do them, that Yahweh your testimonies, the statutes, and the ordinances, which God will keep with you the covenant and the loving Yahweh our God has commanded you mean?" 21 then kindness which he swore to your fathers. 13 He will you shall tell your son, "We were Pharaoh's slaves in love you, bless you, and multiply you. He will also bless Egypt, Yahweh brought us out of Egypt with a mighty the fruit of your body and the fruit of your ground, your hand; 22 and Yahweh showed great and awesome grain and your new wine and your oil, the increase of signs and wonders on Egypt, on Pharaoh, and on all your livestock and the young of your flock, in the land his house, before our eyes; 23 and he brought us out which he swore to your fathers to give you. 14 You will from there, that he might bring us in, to give us the land be blessed above all peoples. There won't be male or which he swore to our fathers. 24 Yahweh commanded female barren among you, or among your livestock. 15 us to do all these statutes, to fear Yahweh our God, for Yahweh will take away from you all sickness; and he will our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as put none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which you know, we are today. 25 It shall be righteousness to us, if we on you, but will lay them on all those who hate you. 16 observe to do all these commandments before Yahweh You shall consume all the peoples whom Yahweh your our God, as he has commanded us."

where you go to possess it, and casts out many God shall deliver to you. Your eye shall not pity them. You shall not serve their gods; for that would be a snare

utterly abhor it; for it is a devoted thing.

8 You shall observe to do all the commandments which I command you today, that you may live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land which Yahweh swore to your fathers. 2 You shall remember all the way which Yahweh your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, to test you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. 3 He humbled you, allowed you to be hungry, and fed you with manna, which you didn't know, neither did your fathers know, that he might teach you that man does not live by bread only, but man lives by every word that proceeds out of Yahweh's mouth. 4 Your clothing didn't grow old on you, neither did your foot swell, these forty years. 5 You shall consider in your heart that as a man disciplines his son, so Yahweh your God disciplines you. 6 You shall keep the commandments of Yahweh your God, to walk in his ways, and to fear him. 7 For Yahweh your God brings you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of springs, and underground water flowing into valleys and hills; 8 a land of wheat, barley, vines, fig trees, and pomegranates; a land of olive trees and honey; 9 a land in which you shall eat bread without scarcity, you shall not lack anything in it; a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you may dig

to you. 17 If you shall say in your heart, "These nations copper. 10 You shall eat and be full, and you shall bless are more than I; how can I dispossess them?" 18 you Yahweh your God for the good land which he has given shall not be afraid of them. You shall remember well you. 11 Beware lest you forget Yahweh your God, in not what Yahweh your God did to Pharaoh and to all Egypt: keeping his commandments, his ordinances, and his 19 the great trials which your eyes saw, the signs, the statutes, which I command you today; 12 lest, when you wonders, the mighty hand, and the outstretched arm, have eaten and are full, and have built fine houses and by which Yahweh your God brought you out. So shall lived in them; 13 and when your herds and your flocks Yahweh your God do to all the peoples of whom you multiply, and your silver and your gold is multiplied, and are afraid. 20 Moreover Yahweh your God will send the all that you have is multiplied; 14 then your heart might hornet among them, until those who are left, and hide be lifted up, and you forget Yahweh your God, who themselves, perish from before you. 21 You shall not be brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of scared of them; for Yahweh your God is among you, bondage; 15 who led you through the great and terrible a great and awesome God. 22 Yahweh your God will wilderness, with venomous snakes and scorpions, and cast out those nations before you little by little. You may thirsty ground where there was no water; who poured not consume them at once, lest the animals of the field water for you out of the rock of flint; 16 who fed you in increase on you. 23 But Yahweh your God will deliver the wilderness with manna, which your fathers didn't them up before you, and will confuse them with a great know, that he might humble you, and that he might confusion, until they are destroyed. 24 He will deliver prove you, to do you good at your latter end; 17 and their kings into your hand, and you shall make their lest you say in your heart, "My power and the might of name perish from under the sky. No one will be able to my hand has gotten me this wealth." 18 But you shall stand before you until you have destroyed them. 25 You remember Yahweh your God, for it is he who gives you shall burn the engraved images of their gods with fire. power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant You shall not covet the silver or the gold that is on them, which he swore to your fathers, as it is today. 19 It shall nor take it for yourself, lest you be snared in it; for it is be, if you shall forget Yahweh your God, and walk after an abomination to Yahweh your God. 26 You shall not other gods, and serve them and worship them, I testify bring an abomination into your house and become a against you today that you shall surely perish. 20 As the devoted thing like it. You shall utterly detest it. You shall nations that Yahweh makes to perish before you, so you shall perish, because you wouldn't listen to Yahweh your God's voice.

> **9** Hear, Israel! You are to pass over the Jordan today, 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 know, and of whom you have heard say, "Who can stand before the sons of Anak?" 3 Know therefore today that Yahweh your God is he who goes over before you as a devouring fire. He will destroy them and he will bring them down before you. So you shall drive them out and make them perish quickly, as Yahweh has spoken to you. 4 Don't say in your heart, after Yahweh your God has thrust them out from before you, "For my righteousness Yahweh has brought me in to possess this land;" because Yahweh drives them out before you because of the wickedness of these nations. 5 Not for your righteousness or for the uprightness of your heart do you go in to possess their land; but for the wickedness of these nations Yahweh your God does drive them out from before you, and that he may establish the word which Yahweh swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. 6 Know therefore that Yahweh your God doesn't give you this good land to possess for your righteousness, for you are a stiff

provoked Yahweh your God to wrath in the wilderness. you. 25 So I fell down before Yahweh the forty days From the day that you left the land of Egypt until you and forty nights that I fell down, because Yahweh had came to this place, you have been rebellious against said he would destroy you. 26 I prayed to Yahweh, Yahweh. 8 Also in Horeb you provoked Yahweh to and said, "Lord Yahweh, don't destroy your people and wrath, and Yahweh was angry with you to destroy you. your inheritance that you have redeemed through your 9 When I had gone up onto the mountain to receive the greatness, that you have brought out of Egypt with a stone tablets, even the tablets of the covenant which mighty hand. 27 Remember your servants, Abraham, Yahweh made with you, then I stayed on the mountain Isaac, and Jacob. Don't look at the stubbornness of forty days and forty nights. I neither ate bread nor drank this people, nor at their wickedness, nor at their sin, 28 water. 10 Yahweh delivered to me the two stone tablets lest the land you brought us out from say, 'Because written with God's finger. On them were all the words Yahweh was not able to bring them into the land which which Yahweh spoke with you on the mountain out of he promised to them, and because he hated them, he the middle of the fire in the day of the assembly. 11 It has brought them out to kill them in the wilderness.' 29 came to pass at the end of forty days and forty nights. Yet they are your people and your inheritance, which that Yahweh gave me the two stone tablets, even the vou brought out by your great power and by your tablets of the covenant. 12 Yahweh said to me, "Arise, outstretched arm." get down quickly from here; for your people whom you have brought out of Egypt have corrupted themselves. They have quickly turned away from the way which I commanded them. They have made a molten image for themselves!" 13 Furthermore Yahweh spoke to me, saying, "I have seen these people, and behold, they are a stiff-necked people. 14 Leave 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. The two tablets of the covenant were in my two hands. 16 I looked, and behold, you had sinned against Yahweh your God. You had made yourselves a molded calf. You had guickly turned away from the way which Yahweh had commanded you. 17 I took hold of the two tablets. and threw them out of my two hands, and broke them before your eyes. 18 I fell down before Yahweh, 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 Yahweh's sight, to provoke him to anger. 19 For I was afraid of the anger and hot displeasure with which Yahweh was angry against you to destroy you. But Yahweh listened to me that time also. 20 Yahweh was anary enough with Aaron to destroy him. I prayed for Aaron also at the same time. 21 I took your sin, the calf which you had made, and burned it with fire, and crushed it, grinding it very small, until it was as fine as dust. I threw its dust into the brook that descended out of the mountain. 22 At Taberah, at Massah, and at Kibroth Hattaavah you provoked Yahweh to wrath. 23 When Yahweh sent you from Kadesh Barnea, saying, "Go up and possess the land which I have given you," you rebelled against the commandment of Yahweh your God, and you didn't believe him or listen to his voice. 24 You have been

necked people. 7 Remember, and don't forget, how you rebellious against Yahweh from the day that I knew

 $\mathbf{10}$ At that time Yahweh said to me, "Cut two stone tablets like the first, and come up to me onto the mountain, and make an ark of wood. 2 I will write on the tablets the words that were on the first tablets which you broke, and you shall put them in the ark." 3 So I made an ark of acacia wood, and cut two stone tablets like the first, and went up onto the mountain, having the two tablets in my hand. 4 He wrote on the tablets, according to the first writing, the ten commandments, which Yahweh spoke to you on the mountain out of the middle of the fire in the day of the assembly; and Yahweh gave them to me. 5 I turned and came down from the mountain, and put the tablets in the ark which I had made: and there they are as Yahweh 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 Yahweh set apart the tribe of Levi to bear the ark of Yahweh's covenant, to stand before Yahweh to minister to him, and to bless in his name, to this day. 9 Therefore Levi has no portion nor inheritance with his brothers; Yahweh is his inheritance, according as Yahweh your God spoke to him.) 10 I stayed on the mountain, as at the first time, forty days and forty nights; and Yahweh listened to me that time also. Yahweh would not destroy you. 11 Yahweh said to me, "Arise, take your journey before the people; and they shall go in and possess the land which I swore to their fathers to give to them." 12 Now, Israel, what does Yahweh your God require of you, but to fear Yahweh your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, and to serve Yahweh your God with all your heart and with all your soul, 13 to keep Yahweh's commandments and statutes, which I command you today for your good? it, from the beginning of the year even to the end of sky for multitude.

11 Therefore you shall love Yahweh your God, and keep his instructions, his statutes, his ordinances, and his commandments, always. 2 Know this day-for I don't speak with your children who have not known, and who have not seen the chastisement of Yahweh your God, his greatness, his mighty hand, his outstretched arm, 3 his signs, and his works, which he did in the middle 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 you, and how Yahweh 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 swallowed them up, with their households, their tents, and every living thing that followed them, in the middle of all Israel; 7 but your eyes have seen all of Yahweh's great work which he did. 8 Therefore you shall keep the entire commandment which I command you today, that you may be strong and go in and possess the land that you go over to possess; 9 and that you may prolong your days in the land which Yahweh swore to your fathers to give to them and to their offspring, a land flowing with milk and honey. 10 For the land, where you go in to possess isn't like the land of Egypt that you came out of, where you sowed your seed and watered it with your foot, as a garden of herbs; 11 but the land that you go over to possess is a land of hills and valleys which drinks water from the rain of the sky, 12 a land which Yahweh your God cares for. Yahweh your God's eyes are always on

14 Behold, to Yahweh your God belongs heaven, the the year. 13 It shall happen, if you shall listen diligently heaven of heavens, and the earth, with all that is therein. to my commandments which I command you today, to 15 Only Yahweh had a delight in your fathers to love love Yahweh your God, and to serve him with all your them, and he chose their offspring after them, even heart and with all your soul, 14 that I will give the rain you above all peoples, as it is today. 16 Circumcise for your land in its season, the early rain and the latter therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiff- rain, that you may gather in your grain, your new wine, necked. 17 For Yahweh your God, he is God of gods and your oil. 15 I will give grass in your fields for your and Lord of lords, the great God, the mighty, and the livestock, and you shall eat and be full. 16 Be careful, awesome, who doesn't respect persons or take bribes. lest your heart be deceived, and you turn away to serve 18 He executes justice for the fatherless and widow and other gods and worship them; 17 and Yahweh's anger loves the foreigner in giving him food and clothing. 19 be kindled against you, and he shut up the sky so that Therefore love the foreigner, for you were foreigners there is no rain, and the land doesn't yield its fruit; and in the land of Egypt. 20 You shall fear Yahweh your you perish quickly from off the good land which Yahweh God. You shall serve him. You shall cling to him, and gives you. 18 Therefore you shall lay up these words of you shall swear by his name. 21 He is your praise, and mine in your heart and in your soul. You shall bind them he is your God, who has done for you these great and for a sign on your hand, and they shall be for frontlets awesome things which your eyes have seen. 22 Your between your eyes. 19 You shall teach them to your fathers went down into Egypt with seventy persons; and children, talking of them when you sit in your house, now Yahweh your God has made you as the stars of the when you walk by the way, 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 and your children's days may be multiplied in the land which Yahweh swore to your fathers to give them, as the days of the heavens above the earth. 22 For if you shall diligently keep all these commandments which I command you—to do them, to love Yahweh your God, to walk in all his ways, and to cling to him— 23 then Yahweh will drive out all these nations from before you, and you shall dispossess nations greater and mightier than yourselves. 24 Every place on which the sole of your foot treads shall be yours: from the wilderness and Lebanon, from the river, the river Euphrates, even to the western sea shall be your border. 25 No man will be able to stand before you. Yahweh your God will lay the fear of you and the dread of you on all the land that you tread on, as he has spoken to you. 26 Behold, I set before you today a blessing and a curse: 27 the blessing, if you listen to the commandments of Yahweh your God, which I command you today; 28 and the curse, if you do not listen to the commandments of Yahweh your God, but turn away out of the way which I command you today, to go after other gods which you have not known. 29 It shall happen, when Yahweh your God brings you into the land that you go to possess, that you shall set the blessing on Mount Gerizim, and the curse on Mount Ebal. 30 Aren't they beyond the Jordan, behind the way of the going down of the sun, in the land of the Canaanites who dwell in the Arabah near Gilgal, beside the oaks of Moreh? 31 For you are to pass over the Jordan to go in to possess the land which Yahweh your God gives you, and you shall possess it and dwell in it. 32 You shall observe to do all the statutes and the offerings, nor the wave offering of your hand; 18 but you ordinances which I set before you today. shall eat them before Yahweh your God in the place

1 7 These are the statutes and the ordinances which you shall observe to do in the land which Yahweh, the God of your fathers, has given you to possess 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 You shall break down their altars, dash their pillars in pieces, and burn their Asherah poles with fire. You shall cut down the engraved images of their gods. You shall destroy their name out of that place. 4 You shall not do so to Yahweh your God. 5 But to the place which Yahweh your God shall choose out of all your tribes, to put his name there, you shall seek his habitation, and you shall come there. 6 You shall bring your burnt offerings, your sacrifices, your tithes, the wave offering of your hand. your vows, your free will offerings, and the firstborn of your herd and of your flock there. 7 There you shall eat before Yahweh your God, and you shall rejoice in all that you put your hand to, you and your households, in which Yahweh your God has blessed you. 8 You shall not do all the things that we do here today, every man whatever is right in his own eyes; 9 for you haven't yet come to the rest and to the inheritance which Yahweh your God gives you. 10 But when you go over the Jordan and dwell in the land which Yahweh 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 Yahweh your God shall choose, to cause his name to dwell there, there you shall bring all that I command you: your burnt offerings, your sacrifices, your tithes, the wave offering of your hand, and all your choice yows which you vow to Yahweh. 12 You shall rejoice before Yahweh your God-you, and your sons, your daughters, your male servants, your female servants, and the Levite who is within your gates, because he has no portion nor inheritance with you. 13 Be careful that you don't offer your burnt offerings in every place that you see; 14 but in the place which Yahweh chooses in one of your tribes, there you shall offer your burnt offerings, and there you shall do all that I command you. 15 Yet you may kill and eat meat within all your gates, after all the desire of your soul, according to Yahweh your God's blessing which he has given you. The unclean and the clean may eat of it, as of the gazelle and the deer. 16 Only you shall not eat the blood. You shall pour it out on the earth like water. 17 You may not eat within your gates the tithe of your grain, or of 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 free will

shall eat them before Yahweh your God in the place which Yahweh your God shall choose: you, your son, your daughter, your male servant, your female servant, and the Levite who is within your gates. You shall rejoice before Yahweh your God in all that you put your hand to. 19 Be careful that you don't forsake the Levite as long as you live in your land. 20 When Yahweh your God enlarges your border, as he has promised you, and you 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 Yahweh your God shall choose to put his name is too far from you, then you shall kill of your herd and of your flock, which Yahweh 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 don't eat the blood; for the blood is the life. You shall not eat the life with the meat. 24 You shall not eat it. You shall pour it out on the earth like water. 25 You shall not eat it, that it may go well with you and with your children after you, when you do that which is right in Yahweh's eves. 26 Only your holy things which you have, and your vows, you shall take and go to the place which Yahweh shall choose. 27 You shall offer your burnt offerings, the meat and the blood, on Yahweh your God's altar. The blood of your sacrifices shall be poured out on Yahweh your God's altar, and you shall eat the meat. 28 Observe and hear all these words which I command you, that it may go well with you and with your children after you forever, when you do that which is good and right in Yahweh your God's eyes. 29 When Yahweh your God cuts off the nations from before you where you go in to dispossess them, and you dispossess them and dwell in their land, 30 be careful that you are not ensnared to follow them after they are destroyed from before you, and that you not inquire after their gods, saying, "How do these nations serve their gods? I will do likewise." 31 You shall not do so to Yahweh your God: for every abomination to Yahweh, which he hates. they have done to their gods; for they even burn their sons and their daughters in the fire to their gods. 32 Whatever thing I command you, that you shall observe to do. You shall not add to it, nor take away from it.

13 If a prophet or a dreamer of dreams arises among you, and he gives you a sign or a wonder, 2 and the sign or the wonder comes to pass, of which he spoke to you, saying, "Let's go after other gods" (which you have not known) "and let's serve them," 3 you shall not listen to the words of that prophet, or to that dreamer of dreams; for Yahweh your God is

your God's eyes.

1 1 You are the children of Yahweh your God. You shall not cut yourselves, nor make any baldness between your eyes for the dead. 2 For you are a holy

testing you, to know whether you love Yahweh your people to Yahweh your God, and Yahweh has chosen God with all your heart and with all your soul. 4 You you to be a people for his own possession, above all shall walk after Yahweh your God, fear him, keep his peoples who are on the face of the earth. 3 You shall commandments, and obey his voice. You shall serve not eat any abominable thing. 4 These are the animals him, and cling to him. 5 That prophet, or that dreamer of which you may eat: the ox, the sheep, the goat, 5 dreams, shall be put to death, because he has spoken the deer, the gazelle, the roebuck, the wild goat, the rebellion against Yahweh your God, who brought you ibex, the antelope, and the chamois. 6 Every animal out of the land of Egypt and redeemed you out of the that parts the hoof, and has the hoof split in two and house of bondage, to draw you aside out of the way chews the cud, among the animals, you may eat. 7 which Yahweh your God commanded you to walk in. So Nevertheless these you shall not eat of them that chew you shall remove the evil from among you. 6 If your the cud, or of those who have the hoof split: the camel, brother, the son of your mother, or your son, or your the hare, and the rabbit. Because they chew the cud but daughter, or the wife of your bosom, or your friend who don't part the hoof, they are unclean to you. 8 The pig, is as your own soul, entices you secretly, saying, "Let's because it has a split hoof but doesn't chew the cud, is go and serve other gods"—which you have not known, unclean to you. You shall not eat their meat. You shall you, nor your fathers; 7 of the gods of the peoples who not touch their carcasses. 9 These you may eat of all are around you, near to you, or far off from you, from that are in the waters: you may eat whatever has fins the one end of the earth even to the other end of the and scales. 10 You shall not eat whatever doesn't have earth— 8 you shall not consent to him nor listen to fins and scales. It is unclean to you. 11 Of all clean birds him; neither shall your eye pity him, neither shall you you may eat. 12 But these are they of which you shall spare, neither shall you conceal him; 9 but you shall not eat: the eagle, the vulture, the osprey, 13 the red surely kill him. Your hand shall be first on him to put him kite, the falcon, the kite of any kind, 14 every raven of to death, and afterwards the hands of all the people. any kind, 15 the ostrich, the owl, the seagull, the hawk 10 You shall stone him to death with stones, because of any kind, 16 the little owl, the great owl, the horned he has sought to draw you away from Yahweh your owl, 17 the pelican, the vulture, the cormorant, 18 the God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out stork, the heron after its kind, the hoopoe, and the bat. of the house of bondage. 11 All Israel shall hear, and 19 All winged creeping things are unclean to you. They fear, and shall not do any more wickedness like this shall not be eaten. 20 Of all clean birds you may eat. 21 among you. 12 If you hear about one of your cities, You shall not eat of anything that dies of itself. You may which Yahweh your God gives you to dwell there, that give it to the foreigner living among you who is within 13 certain wicked fellows have gone out from among your gates, that he may eat it; or you may sell it to a you and have drawn away the inhabitants of their city, foreigner; for you are a holy people to Yahweh your saying, "Let's go and serve other gods," which you have God. You shall not boil a young goat in its mother's milk. not known, 14 then you shall inquire, investigate, and 22 You shall surely tithe all the increase of your seed, ask diligently. Behold, if it is true, and the thing certain, that which comes out of the field year by year. 23 You that such abomination was done among you, 15 you shall eat before Yahweh your God, in the place which shall surely strike the inhabitants of that city with the he chooses to cause his name to dwell, the tithe of your edge of the sword, destroying it utterly, with all that is grain, of your new wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn therein and its livestock, with the edge of the sword. of your herd and of your flock; that you may learn to 16 You shall gather all its plunder into the middle of its fear Yahweh your God always. 24 If the way is too long street, and shall burn with fire the city, with all of its for you, so that you are not able to carry it because plunder, to Yahweh your God. It shall be a heap forever. the place which Yahweh your God shall choose to set It shall not be built again. 17 Nothing of the devoted his name there is too far from you, when Yahweh your thing shall cling to your hand, that Yahweh may turn God blesses you, 25 then you shall turn it into money, from the fierceness of his anger and show you mercy, bind up the money in your hand, and shall go to the and have compassion on you and multiply you, as he place which Yahweh your God shall choose. 26 You has sworn to your fathers, 18 when you listen to Yahweh shall trade the money for whatever your soul desires: your God's voice, to keep all his commandments which I for cattle, or for sheep, or for wine, or for strong drink, command you today, to do that which is right in Yahweh or for whatever your soul asks of you. You shall eat there before Yahweh your God, and you shall rejoice, you and your household. 27 You shall not forsake the Levite who is within your gates, for he has no portion nor inheritance with you. 28 At the end of every three years you shall bring all the tithe of your increase in because he is well with you, 17 then you shall take the same year, and shall store it within your gates. 29 an awl, and thrust it through his ear to the door, and The Levite, because he has no portion nor inheritance he shall be your servant forever. Also to your female with you, as well as the foreigner living among you, the servant you shall do likewise. 18 It shall not seem hard to you when you let him go free from you, for he has shall come, and shall eat and be satisfied; that Yahweh been double the value of a hired hand as he served you your God may bless you in all the work of your hand which you do. 19 You shall dedicate all the firstborn males

15 At the end of every seven years, you shall cancel debts. 2 This is the way it shall be done: every creditor shall release that which he has lent to his neighbor. He shall not require payment from his neighbor and his brother, because Yahweh's release has been proclaimed. 3 Of a foreigner you may require it; but whatever of yours is with your brother, your hand shall release. 4 However there will be no poor with you (for Yahweh will surely bless you in the land which Yahweh your God gives you for an inheritance to possess) 5 if only you diligently listen to Yahweh your God's voice, to observe to do all this commandment which I command you today. 6 For Yahweh your God will bless you, as he promised you. You will lend to many nations, but you will not borrow. You will rule over many nations, but they will not rule over you. 7 If a poor man, one of your brothers, is with you within any of your gates in your land which Yahweh your God gives you, you shall not harden your heart, nor shut your hand from your poor brother; 8 but you shall surely open your hand to him, and shall surely lend him sufficient for his need, which he lacks. 9 Beware that there not be a wicked thought in your heart, saying, "The seventh year, the year of release, is at hand," and your eye be evil against your poor brother and you give him nothing; and he cry to Yahweh against you, and it be sin to you. 10 You shall surely give, and your heart shall not be grieved when you give to him, because it is for this thing Yahweh your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you put your hand to. 11 For the poor will never cease out of the land. Therefore I command you to surely open your hand to your brother, to your needy, and to your poor, in your land. 12 If your brother, a Hebrew man, or a Hebrew woman, is sold to you and serves you six years, then in the seventh year you shall let him go free from you. 13 When you let him go free from you, you shall not let him go empty. 14 You shall furnish him liberally out of your flock, out of your threshing floor, and out of your wine press. As Yahweh your God has blessed you, you shall give to him. 15 You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and Yahweh your God redeemed you. Therefore I command you this thing today. 16 It shall be, if he tells you, "I will not go out from you," because he loves you and your house,

because he is well with you, 17 then you shall take an awl, and thrust it through his ear to the door, and he shall be your servant forever. Also to your female servant you shall do likewise. 18 It shall not seem hard to you when you let him go free from you, for he has been double the value of a hired hand as he served you six years. Yahweh your God will bless you in all that you do. 19 You shall dedicate all the firstborn males that are born of your herd and of your flock to Yahweh 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 Yahweh your God year by year in the place which Yahweh shall choose, you and your household. 21 If it has any defect—is lame or blind, or has any defect whatever, you shall not sacrifice it to Yahweh 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 like water.

16 Observe the month of Abib, and keep the Passover to Yahweh your God; for in the month of Abib Yahweh your God brought you out of Egypt by night. 2 You shall sacrifice the Passover to Yahweh your God, of the flock and the herd, in the place which Yahweh shall choose to cause his name to dwell there. 3 You shall eat no leavened bread with it. You shall eat unleavened bread with it seven days, even the bread of affliction (for you came out of the land of Egypt in haste) that you may remember the day when you came out of the land of Egypt all the days of your life. 4 No yeast shall be seen with you in all your borders seven days; neither shall any of the meat, which you sacrifice the first day at evening, remain all night until the morning. 5 You may not sacrifice the Passover within any of your gates which Yahweh your God gives you; 6 but at the place which Yahweh your God 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 out of Egypt. 7 You shall roast and eat it in the place which Yahweh your God chooses. In the morning you shall return to your tents. 8 Six days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the seventh day shall be a solemn assembly to Yahweh 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 count seven weeks. 10 You shall keep the feast of weeks to Yahweh your God with a tribute of a free will offering of your hand, which you shall give according to how Yahweh your God blesses you. 11 You shall rejoice before Yahweh your God: you, your son, your daughter, your male servant, your female servant, the Levite who is within your gates, the foreigner, the fatherless, and the widow God shall choose to cause his name to dwell there. 12 among you. 8 If there arises a matter too hard for you in keep the feast of booths seven days, after you have controversy within your gates, then you shall arise, and gathered in from your threshing floor and from your go up to the place which Yahweh your God chooses. 9 wine press. 14 You shall rejoice in your feast, you, your You shall come to the priests who are Levites and to son, your daughter, your male servant, your female the judge who shall be in those days. You shall inquire, servant, the Levite, the foreigner, the fatherless, and the and they shall give you the verdict. 10 You shall do widow who are within your gates. 15 You shall keep according to the decisions of the verdict which they shall a feast to Yahweh your God seven days in the place give you from that place which Yahweh chooses. You which Yahweh chooses, because Yahweh your God shall observe to do according to all that they shall teach will bless you in all your increase and in all the work of you. 11 According to the decisions of the law which your hands, and you shall be altogether joyful. 16 Three they shall teach you, and according to the judgment times in a year all of your males shall appear before which they shall tell you, you shall do. You shall not turn Yahweh your God in the place which he chooses: in away from the sentence which they announce to you, to the feast of unleavened bread, in the feast of weeks, the right hand, nor to the left. 12 The man who does and in the feast of booths. They shall not appear before presumptuously in not listening to the priest who stands Yahweh empty. 17 Every man shall give as he is able, to minister there before Yahweh your God, or to the according to Yahweh your God's blessing which he judge, even that man shall die. You shall put away the has given you. 18 You shall make judges and officers evil from Israel. 13 All the people shall hear and fear, in all your gates, which Yahweh your God gives you, and do no more presumptuously. 14 When you have according to your tribes; and they shall judge the people come to the land which Yahweh your God gives you, with righteous judgment. 19 You shall not pervert justice. and possess it and dwell in it, and say, "I will set a king You shall not show partiality. You shall not take a bribe, over me, like all the nations that are around me," 15 you for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and perverts the shall surely set him whom Yahweh your God chooses as words of the righteous. 20 You shall follow that which is king over yourselves. You shall set as king over you one altogether just, that you may live and inherit the land from among your brothers. You may not put a foreigner which Yahweh your God gives you. 21 You shall not over you, who is not your brother. 16 Only he shall plant for yourselves an Asherah of any kind of tree not multiply horses to himself, nor cause the people to beside Yahweh your God's altar, which you shall make return to Egypt, to the end that he may multiply horses; for yourselves. 22 Neither shall you set yourself up a because Yahweh has said to you, "You shall not go sacred stone which Yahweh your God hates.

17 You shall not sacrifice to Yahweh your God an ox or a sheep in which is a defect or anything evil; for that is an abomination to Yahweh your God. 2 If there is found among you, within any of your gates which Yahweh your God gives you, a man or woman who does that which is evil in Yahweh your God's sight 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 stars of the sky, which I have not commanded, 4 and you are told, and you have heard of it, then you shall inquire diligently. Behold, if it is true, and the thing certain, that such abomination is done in Israel, 5 then you shall bring out that man or that woman who has done this evil thing to your

who are among you, in the place which Yahweh your of all the people. So you shall remove the evil from You shall remember that you were a slave in Egypt. judgment, between blood and blood, between plea and You shall observe and do these statutes. 13 You shall plea, and between stroke and stroke, being matters of back that way again." 17 He shall not multiply wives to himself, that his heart not turn away. He shall not greatly multiply to himself silver and gold. 18 It shall be, when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write himself a copy of this law in a book, out of that which is before the Levitical priests. 19 It shall be with him, and he shall read from it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear Yahweh his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them; 20 that his heart not be lifted up above his brothers, and that he not turn away from the commandment to the right hand, or to the left, to the end that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he and his children, in the middle of Israel.

18 The priests and the Levites—all the tribe of Levi-shall have no portion nor inheritance with gates, even that same man or woman; and you shall Israel. They shall eat the offerings of Yahweh made by stone them to death with stones. 6 At the mouth of two fire and his portion. 2 They shall have no inheritance witnesses, or three witnesses, he who is to die shall be among their brothers. Yahweh is their inheritance, as put to death. At the mouth of one witness he shall not he has spoken to them. 3 This shall be the priests' be put to death. 7 The hands of the witnesses shall be due from the people, from those who offer a sacrifice, first on him to put him to death, and afterward the hands whether it be ox or sheep, that they shall give to the 4 You shall give him the first fruits of your grain, of your gives you to possess. 3 You shall prepare the way, and new wine, and of your oil, and the first of the fleece of divide the borders of your land which Yahweh your God your sheep. 5 For Yahweh your God has chosen him out causes you to inherit into three parts, that every man of all your tribes to stand to minister in Yahweh's name, slayer may flee there. 4 This is the case of the man him and his sons forever. 6 If a Levite comes from any slayer who shall flee there and live: Whoever kills his of your gates out of all Israel where he lives, and comes neighbor unintentionally, and didn't hate him in time with all the desire of his soul to the place which Yahweh past— 5 as when a man goes into the forest with his shall choose, 7 then he shall minister in the name of neighbor to chop wood and his hand swings the ax to Yahweh his God, as all his brothers the Levites do, cut down the tree, and the head slips from the handle who stand there before Yahweh. 8 They shall have and hits his neighbor so that he dies—he shall flee to like portions to eat, in addition to that which comes one of these cities and live. 6 Otherwise, the avenger from the sale of his family possessions. 9 When you of blood might pursue the man slayer while hot anger have come into the land which Yahweh your God gives is in his heart and overtake him, because the way is you, you shall not learn to imitate the abominations of long, and strike him mortally, even though he was not those nations. 10 There shall not be found with you worthy of death, because he didn't hate him in time past. anyone who makes his son or his daughter to pass 7 Therefore I command you to set apart three cities through the fire, one who uses divination, one who for yourselves. 8 If Yahweh your God enlarges your tells fortunes, or an enchanter, or a sorcerer, 11 or a border, as he has sworn to your fathers, and gives you charmer, or someone who consults with a familiar spirit, all the land which he promised to give to your fathers; 9 or a wizard, or a necromancer. 12 For whoever does and if you keep all this commandment to do it, which I these things is an abomination to Yahweh. Because command you today, to love Yahweh your God, and to of these abominations, Yahweh your God drives them walk ever in his ways, then you shall add three cities out from before you. 13 You shall be blameless with more for yourselves, in addition to these three. 10 This Yahweh your God. 14 For these nations that you shall is so that innocent blood will not be shed in the middle dispossess listen to those who practice sorcery and of your land which Yahweh your God gives you for an to diviners; but as for you, Yahweh your God has not inheritance, leaving blood guilt on you. 11 But if any allowed you so to do. 15 Yahweh your God will raise up man hates his neighbor, lies in wait for him, rises up to you a prophet from among you, of your brothers, like against him, strikes him mortally so that he dies, and me. You shall listen to him. 16 This is according to all he flees into one of these cities; 12 then the elders that you desired of Yahweh your God in Horeb in the of his city shall send and bring him there, and deliver day of the assembly, saying, "Let me not hear again him into the hand of the avenger of blood, that he may Yahweh my God's voice, neither let me see this great die. 13 Your eye shall not pity him, but you shall purge fire any more, that I not die." 17 Yahweh said to me, the innocent blood from Israel that it may go well with "They have well said that which they have spoken. 18 I you. 14 You shall not remove your neighbor's landmark, will raise them up a prophet from among their brothers, which they of old time have set, in your inheritance like you. I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall which you shall inherit, in the land that Yahweh your speak to them all that I shall command him. 19 It shall God gives you to possess. 15 One witness shall not rise happen, that whoever will not listen to my words which up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin that he he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him. 20 sins. At the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of But the prophet who speaks a word presumptuously in three witnesses, shall a matter be established. 16 If my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, an unrighteous witness rises up against any man to or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same testify against him of wrongdoing, 17 then both the men, prophet shall die." 21 You may say in your heart, "How between whom the controversy is, shall stand before shall we know the word which Yahweh has not spoken?" Yahweh, before the priests and the judges who shall be 22 When a prophet speaks in Yahweh's name, if the in those days; 18 and the judges shall make diligent thing doesn't follow, nor happen, that is the thing which inquisition; and behold, if the witness is a false witness, Yahweh has not spoken. The prophet has spoken it and has testified falsely against his brother, 19 then you presumptuously. You shall not be afraid of him.

19 When Yahweh your God cuts off the nations whose land Yahweh your God gives you, and you succeed them and dwell in their cities and in their houses, 2 you shall set apart three cities for yourselves

priest; the shoulder, the two cheeks, and the inner parts, in the middle of your land, which Yahweh your God shall do to him as he had thought to do to his brother. So you shall remove the evil from among you. 20 Those who remain shall hear, and fear, and will never again commit any such evil among you. 21 Your eyes shall not

pity: life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for war against it to take it, you shall not destroy its trees by hand, foot for foot.

20 When you go out to battle against your enemies. and see horses, chariots, and a people more numerous than you, you shall not be afraid of them; for Yahweh your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt, is with you. 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 today to battle against your enemies. and it isn't known who has struck him, 2 then your elders Don't let your heart faint! Don't be afraid, nor tremble, and your judges shall come out, and they shall measure he who goes with you, to fight for you against your be that the elders of the city which is nearest to the slain house, and has not dedicated it? Let him go and return elders of that city shall bring the heifer down to a valley to his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man with running water, which is neither plowed nor sown, dedicate it. 6 What man is there who has planted a and shall break the heifer's neck there in the valley. 5 vineyard, and has not used its fruit? Let him go and The priests the sons of Levi shall come near, for them return to his house, lest he die in the battle, and another Yahweh your God has chosen to minister to him, and to man use its fruit. 7 What man is there who has pledged bless in Yahweh's name; and according to their word to be married to a wife, and has not taken her? Let him shall every controversy and every assault be decided. 6 go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle, and All the elders of that city which is nearest to the slain another man take her." 8 The officers shall speak further man shall wash their hands over the heifer whose neck to the people, and they shall say, "What man is there was broken in the valley. 7 They shall answer and say, who is fearful and faint-hearted? Let him go and return "Our hands have not shed this blood, neither have our to his house, lest his brother's heart melt as his heart." eyes seen it. 8 Forgive, Yahweh, your people Israel, 9 It shall be, when the officers have finished speaking to whom you have redeemed, and don't allow innocent the people, that they shall appoint captains of armies at blood among your people Israel." The blood shall be the head of the people. 10 When you draw near to a city forgiven them. 9 So you shall put away the innocent to fight against it, then proclaim peace to it. 11 It shall blood from among you, when you shall do that which is be, if it gives you answer of peace and opens to you, right in Yahweh's eyes. 10 When you go out to battle then it shall be that all the people who are found therein against your enemies, and Yahweh your God delivers shall become forced laborers to you, and shall serve them into your hands and you carry them away captive, you. 12 If it will make no peace with you, but will make 11 and see among the captives a beautiful woman, and war against you, then you shall besiege it. 13 When you are attracted to her, and desire to take her as your strike every male of it with the edge of the sword; 14 but She shall shave her head and trim her nails. 13 She the women, the little ones, the livestock, and all that is shall take off the clothing of her captivity, and shall for yourself. You may use the plunder of your enemies, mother a full month. After that you shall go in to her and which Yahweh your God has given you. 15 Thus you be her husband, and she shall be your wife. 14 It shall shall do to all the cities which are very far off from you, be, if you have no delight in her, then you shall let her which are not of the cities of these nations. 16 But of go where she desires; but you shall not sell her at all for the cities of these peoples that Yahweh your God gives money. You shall not deal with her as a slave, because you for an inheritance, you shall save alive nothing you have humbled her. 15 If a man has two wives, the that breathes; 17 but you shall utterly destroy them: one beloved and the other hated, and they have borne the Hittite, the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Perizzite, him children, both the beloved and the hated, and if the the Hivite, and the Jebusite, as Yahweh your God has firstborn son is hers who was hated, 16 then it shall be, commanded you; 18 that they not teach you to follow in the day that he causes his sons to inherit that which all their abominations, which they have done for their he has, that he may not give the son of the beloved gods; so would you sin against Yahweh your God. 19 the rights of the firstborn before the son of the hated, When you shall besiege a city a long time, in making who is the firstborn; 17 but he shall acknowledge the

wielding an ax against them; for you may eat of them. You shall not cut them down, for is the tree of the field man, that it should be besieged by you? 20 Only the trees that you know are not trees for food, you shall destroy and cut them down. You shall build bulwarks against the city that makes war with you, until it falls.

21 If someone is found slain in the land which Yahweh your God gives you to possess, lying in the field, neither be scared of them; 4 for Yahweh your God is to the cities which are around him who is slain. 3 It shall enemies, to save you." 5 The officers shall speak to the man shall take a heifer of the herd, which hasn't been people, saying, "What man is there who has built a new worked with and which has not drawn in the yoke. 4 The Yahweh your God delivers it into your hand, you shall wife, 12 then you shall bring her home to your house. in the city, even all its plunder, you shall take for plunder remain in your house, and bewail her father and her firstborn, the son of the hated, by giving him a double near to her. I didn't find in her the tokens of virginity." portion of all that he has; for he is the beginning of his 15 then the young lady's father and mother shall take strength. The right of the firstborn is his. 18 If a man and bring the tokens of the young lady's virginity to has a stubborn and rebellious son who will not obey the elders of the city in the gate. 16 The young lady's the voice of his father or the voice of his mother, and father shall tell the elders, "I gave my daughter to this though they chasten him, will not listen to them, 19 then man as his wife, and he hates her. 17 Behold, he has his father and his mother shall take hold of him and accused her of shameful things, saving, 'I didn't find bring him out to the elders of his city and to the gate of in your daughter the tokens of virginity;' and yet these his place. 20 They shall tell the elders of his city, "This are the tokens of my daughter's virginity." They shall our son is stubborn and rebellious. He will not obey our spread the cloth before the elders of the city. 18 The voice. He is a glutton and a drunkard." 21 All the men of elders of that city shall take the man and chastise him. his city shall stone him to death with stones. So you 19 They shall fine him one hundred shekels of silver, shall remove the evil from among you. All Israel shall and give them to the father of the young lady, because hear, and fear. 22 If a man has committed a sin worthy he has given a bad name to a virgin of Israel. She shall of death, and he is put to death, and you hang him on a be his wife. He may not put her away all his days. 20 tree. 23 his body shall not remain all night on the tree. But if this thing is true, that the tokens of virginity were but you shall surely bury him the same day; for he who not found in the young lady, 21 then they shall bring is hanged is accursed of God. Don't defile your land which Yahweh your God gives you for an inheritance.

77 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 don't know him, then you shall bring it home to your house, and it shall be with you until your brother comes looking for it, and you shall restore it to him. 3 So you shall do with his donkey. So you shall do with his garment. 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 Yahweh your God. 6 If you come across a bird's nest on 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 for 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 railing around your roof, so that you don't bring blood on your house if anyone falls from there. 9 You shall not sow your vineyard with two kinds of seed, lest all the fruit be defiled, 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 clothes of wool and linen woven together. 12 You shall make yourselves fringes on the four corners of your cloak with which you cover yourself. 13 If any man takes a wife, and goes in to her, hates her, 14 accuses her of shameful things, gives her a bad

out the young lady to the door of her father's house. and the men of her city shall stone her to death with stones, because she has done folly in Israel, to play the prostitute in her father's house. So you shall remove the evil from among you. 22 If a man is found lying with a woman married to a husband, then they shall both die, the man who lay with the woman and the woman. So you shall remove the evil from Israel. 23 If there is a young lady who is a virgin pledged to be married to a husband, and a man finds her in the city, and lies with her, 24 then you shall bring them both out to the gate of that city, and you shall stone them to death with stones: the lady, because she didn't cry, being in the city; and the man, because he has humbled his neighbor's wife. So you shall remove the evil from among you. 25 But if the man finds the lady who is pledged to be married in the field, and the man forces her and lies with her, then only the man who lay with her shall die; 26 but to the lady you shall do nothing. There is in the lady no sin worthy of death; for as when a man rises against his neighbor and kills him, even so is this matter; 27 for he found her in the field, the pledged to be married lady cried, and there was no one to save her. 28 If a man finds a lady who is a virgin, who is not pledged to be married, grabs her and lies with her, and they are found, 29 then the man who lay with her shall give to the lady's father fifty shekels of silver. She shall be his wife, because he has humbled her. He may not put her away all his days. 30 A man shall not take his father's wife, and shall not uncover his father's skirt.

11 You shall not wear clothes of wool and linen woven together. 12 You shall make yourselves fringes on the not enter into Yahweh's assembly. 2 A person four corners of your cloak with which you cover yourself. born of a forbidden union shall not enter into Yahweh's assembly; even to the tenth generation shall no one her, 14 accuses her of shameful things, gives her a bad of his enter into Yahweh's assembly; 3 An Ammonite name, and says, "I took this woman, and when I came or a Moabite shall not enter into Yahweh's assembly;

them enter into Yahweh's assembly forever, 4 because come into your neighbor's vineyard, then you may eat they didn't meet you with bread and with water on your fill of grapes at your own pleasure; but you shall the way when you came out of Egypt, and because not put any in your container. 25 When you come into they hired against you Balaam the son of Beor from your neighbor's standing grain, then you may pluck the Pethor of Mesopotamia, to curse you. 5 Nevertheless ears with your hand; but you shall not use a sickle on Yahweh your God wouldn't listen to Balaam, but Yahweh your neighbor's standing grain. your God turned the curse into a blessing to you, because Yahweh your God loved you. 6 You shall not seek their peace nor their prosperity all your days forever. 7 You shall not abhor an Edomite, for he is your brother. You shall not abhor an Egyptian, because you lived as a foreigner in his land. 8 The children of the third generation who are born to them may enter into Yahweh's assembly. 9 When you go out and camp against your enemies, then you shall keep yourselves from every evil thing. 10 If there is among you any man who is not clean by reason of that which happens to him by night, then shall he go outside of the camp. He shall not come within the camp; 11 but it shall be, when evening comes, he shall bathe himself in water. When the sun is down, he shall come within the camp. 12 You shall have a place also outside of the camp where you go relieve yourself. 13 You shall have a trowel among your weapons. It shall be, when you relieve yourself, you shall dig with it, and shall turn back and cover your excrement; 14 for Yahweh your God walks in the middle of your camp, to deliver you, and to give up your enemies before you. Therefore your camp shall be holy, that he may not see an unclean thing in you, and turn away from you. 15 You shall not deliver to his master a servant who has escaped from his master to you. 16 He shall dwell with you, among you, in the place which he shall choose within one of your gates, where it pleases him best. You shall not oppress him. 17 There shall be no prostitute of the daughters of Israel, neither shall there be a sodomite of the sons of Israel. 18 You shall not bring the hire of a prostitute, or the wages of a male prostitute, into the house of Yahweh your God for any vow; for both of these are an abomination to Yahweh your God. 19 You shall not lend on interest to your brother: interest of money, interest of food, interest of anything that is lent on interest. 20 You may charge a foreigner interest; but you shall not charge your brother interest, that Yahweh 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 vow a vow to Yahweh your God, you shall not be slack to pay it, for Yahweh your God will surely require it of you; and it would be sin in you. 22 But if you refrain from making a vow, it shall be no sin in you. 23 You shall observe and do that which has gone out of your lips. Whatever you have vowed to Yahweh your God as a free will offering, which you have

even to the tenth generation shall no one belonging to promised with your mouth, you must do. 24 When you

24 When a man takes a wife and marries her, then it shall be, if she finds no favor in his eyes because he has found some unseemly thing in her, that he shall write her a certificate of divorce, put it in her hand, and send her out of his house. 2 When she has departed out of his house, she may go and be another man's wife. 3 If the latter husband hates her, and writes her a certificate of divorce, puts it in her hand, and sends her out of his house; or if the latter husband dies, who took her to be his wife; 4 her former husband, who sent her away, may not take her again to be his wife after she is defiled; for that would be an abomination to Yahweh. You shall not cause the land to sin, which Yahweh 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 as a pledge, for he takes a life in pledge. 7 If a man is found stealing any of his brothers of the children of Israel, and he deals with him as a slave, or sells him, then that thief shall die. So you shall remove the evil from among you. 8 Be careful in the plague of leprosy, that you observe diligently and do according to all that the Levitical priests teach you. As I commanded them, so you shall observe to do. 9 Remember what Yahweh your God did to Miriam, by the way as you came out of Egypt. 10 When you 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 lend shall bring the pledge outside to you. 12 If he is 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. It shall be righteousness to you before Yahweh your God. 14 You shall not oppress a hired servant who is poor and needy, whether he is one of your brothers or one of the foreigners who are in your land within your gates. 15 In his day you shall give him his wages, neither shall the sun go down on it, for he is poor and sets his heart on it, lest he cry against you to Yahweh, 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 slave in Egypt, and Yahweh your God redeemed you measures, one large and one small. 15 You shall have a there. Therefore I command you to do this thing. 19 perfect and just weight. You shall have a perfect and just When you reap your harvest in your field, and have measure, that your days may be long in the land which forgotten a sheaf in the field, you shall not go again to Yahweh your God gives you. 16 For all who do such get it. It shall be for the foreigner, for the fatherless, and things, all who do unrighteously, are an abomination to for the widow, that Yahweh your God may bless you in Yahweh your God. 17 Remember what Amalek did to all the work of your hands. 20 When you beat your olive you by the way as you came out of Egypt, 18 how he tree, you shall not go over the boughs again. It shall be met you by the way, and struck the rearmost of you, all for the foreigner, for the fatherless, and for the widow. who were feeble behind you, when you were faint and 21 When you harvest your vineyard, you shall not glean weary; and he didn't fear God. 19 Therefore it shall be, it after yourselves. It shall be for the foreigner, for the when Yahweh your God has given you rest from all your fatherless, and for the widow. 22 You shall remember enemies all around, in the land which Yahweh your God that you were a slave in the land of Egypt. Therefore I gives you for an inheritance to possess it, that you shall command you to do this thing.

25 If there is a controversy between men, and thev come to judgment and the judges judge them, then they shall justify the righteous and condemn the wicked. 2 It shall be, if the wicked man is worthy to be beaten, that the judge shall cause him to lie down and to be beaten before his face, according to his wickedness, by number. 3 He may sentence him to no more than forty stripes. He shall not give more, lest if he should give more and beat him more than that many stripes, then your brother will be degraded in your sight. 4 You shall not muzzle the ox when he treads out the grain. 5 If brothers dwell together, and one of them dies and has 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 as his 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. If he stands and says, "I don't want to take her," 9 then his brother's wife shall come to him in the presence of the elders, and loose his sandal from off his foot, and spit in his face. 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 had his sandal removed." 11 When men strive against each other, and the wife of one draws near to deliver her husband out of the hand of him who strikes him, and puts out her hand, and grabs him by his private parts, 12 then you shall cut off her hand. Your eye shall have no pity. 13 You shall

in pledge; 18 but you shall remember that you were a one light. 14 You shall not have in your house diverse blot out the memory of Amalek from under the sky. You shall not forget.

26 It shall be, when you have come in to the land which Yahweh your God gives you for an inheritance, possess it, and dwell in it, 2 that you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you shall bring in from your land that Yahweh your God gives you. You shall put it in a basket, and shall go to the place which Yahweh 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 today to Yahweh your God, that I have come to the land which Yahweh swore to our fathers to give us." 4 The priest shall take the basket out of your hand, and set it down before Yahweh your God's altar. 5 You shall answer and say before Yahweh your God, "My father was a Syrian ready to perish. He went down into Egypt, and lived there, few in number. There he became a great, mighty, and populous nation. 6 The Egyptians mistreated us, afflicted us, and imposed hard labor on us. 7 Then we cried to Yahweh, the God of our fathers. Yahweh heard our voice, and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. 8 Yahweh brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand, with an outstretched arm, with great terror, 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, behold, I have brought the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, Yahweh, have given me." You shall set it down before Yahweh your God, and worship before Yahweh your God. 11 You shall rejoice in all the good which Yahweh 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 finished 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 not have in your bag diverse weights, one heavy and be filled. 13 You shall say before Yahweh your God, "I have put away the holy things out of my house, and

commandment which you have commanded me. I have Ebal for the curse: Reuben, Gad, Asher, Zebulun, Dan, Israel, and the ground which you have given us, as you is he who removes his neighbor's landmark.' All the 16 Today Yahweh your God commands you to do these the blind astray on the road.' All the people shall say, that you would walk in his ways, keep his statutes, his wife, because he dishonors his father's bed.' All the voice. 18 Yahweh has declared today that you are a any kind of animal.' All the people shall say, 'Amen.' people for his own possession, as he has promised you, and that you should keep all his commandments. 19 He will make you high above all nations that he has made, holy people to Yahweh your God, as he has spoken.

77 Moses and the elders of Israel commanded the people, saying, "Keep all the commandment which I command you today. 2 It shall be on the day when you shall pass over the Jordan to the land which Yahweh your God gives you, that you shall set yourself up great stones, and coat them with plaster. 3 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 Yahweh your God gives you, a land flowing with milk and honey, as Yahweh, the God of your fathers, has promised you. 4 It shall be, when you have crossed over the Jordan, that you shall set up these stones, which I command you today, on Mount Ebal, and you shall coat them with plaster. 5 There you shall build an altar to Yahweh your God, an altar of stones. You shall not use any iron tool on them. 6 You shall build Yahweh your God's altar of uncut stones. You shall offer burnt offerings on it to Yahweh your God. 7 You shall sacrifice peace offerings, and shall eat there. You shall rejoice before Yahweh your God. 8 You shall write on the stones all the words of this law very plainly." 9 Moses and the Levitical priests spoke to all Israel, saying, "Be silent and listen, Israel! Today you have become the people of Yahweh your God. 10 You shall therefore obey Yahweh your God's voice, and do his commandments and his statutes, which I command you today." 11 Moses commanded the people the same day, saving, 12 "These shall stand on Mount Gerizim to bless the people, when you have

also have given them to the Levite, to the foreigner, to crossed over the Jordan; Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, the fatherless, and to the widow, according to all your Joseph, and Benjamin. 13 These shall stand on Mount not transgressed any of your commandments, neither and Naphtali. 14 With a loud voice, the Levites shall have I forgotten them. 14 I have not eaten of it in my say to all the men of Israel, 15 'Cursed is the man who mourning, neither have I removed any of it while I was makes an engraved or molten image, an abomination to unclean, nor given of it for the dead. I have listened to Yahweh, the work of the hands of the craftsman, and Yahweh my God's voice. I have done according to all sets it up in secret.' All the people shall answer and say, that you have commanded me. 15 Look down from your 'Amen.' 16 'Cursed is he who dishonors his father or his holy habitation, from heaven, and bless your people mother.' All the people shall say, 'Amen.' 17 'Cursed swore to our fathers, a land flowing with milk and honey." people shall say, 'Amen.' 18 'Cursed is he who leads statutes and ordinances. You shall therefore keep and 'Amen.' 19 'Cursed is he who withholds justice from the do them with all your heart and with all your soul. 17 foreigner, fatherless, and widow.' All the people shall You have declared today that Yahweh is your God, and say, 'Amen.' 20 'Cursed is he who lies with his father's commandments, and his ordinances, and listen to his people shall say, 'Amen.' 21 'Cursed is he who lies with 22 'Cursed is he who lies with his sister, his father's daughter or his mother's daughter.' All the people shall say, 'Amen.' 23 'Cursed is he who lies with his motherin praise, in name, and in honor, and that you may be a in-law.' All the people shall say, 'Amen.' 24 'Cursed is he who secretly kills his neighbor.' All the people shall say, 'Amen.' 25 'Cursed is he who takes a bribe to kill an innocent person.' All the people shall say, 'Amen.' 26 'Cursed is he who doesn't uphold the words of this law by doing them.' All the people shall say, 'Amen."

> 28 It shall happen, if you shall listen diligently to Yahweh your God's voice, to observe to do all his commandments which I command you today, that Yahweh your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. 2 All these blessings will come upon you, and overtake you, if you listen to Yahweh your God's voice. 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 Yahweh 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 Yahweh will command the blessing on you in your barns, and in all that you put your hand to. He will bless you in the land which Yahweh your God gives you. 9 Yahweh will establish you for a holy people to himself, as he has sworn to you, if you shall keep the commandments of Yahweh your God, and walk in his ways. 10 All the peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by Yahweh's name, and they will be afraid of you. 11 Yahweh will grant you abundant prosperity in

the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and not use its fruit. 31 Your ox will be slain before your in the fruit of your ground, in the land which Yahweh eyes, and you will not eat any of it. Your donkey will be swore to your fathers to give you. 12 Yahweh will open violently taken away from before your face, and will not to you his good treasure in the sky, to give the rain of be restored to you. Your sheep will be given to your your hand. You will lend to many nations, and you will Your sons and your daughters will be given to another not borrow. 13 Yahweh will make you the head, and people. Your eyes will look and fail with longing for them not the tail. You will be above only, and you will not be all day long. There will be no power in your hand. 33 A beneath, if you listen to the commandments of Yahweh nation which you don't know will eat the fruit of your your God which I command you today, to observe and ground and all of your work. You will only be oppressed to do, 14 and shall not turn away from any of the words and crushed always, 34 so that the sights that you see which I command you today, to the right hand or to with your eyes will drive you mad. 35 Yahweh will strike the left, to go after other gods to serve them. 15 But it you in the knees and in the legs with a sore boil, of shall come to pass, if you will not listen to Yahweh your which you cannot be healed, from the sole of your foot God's voice, to observe to do all his commandments to the crown of your head. 36 Yahweh will bring you, and his statutes which I command you today, that all and your king whom you will set over yourselves, to a these curses will come on you and overtake you. 16 nation that you have not known, you nor your fathers. You will be cursed in the city, and you will be cursed in There you will serve other gods of wood and stone. 37 the field. 17 Your basket and your kneading trough will You will become an astonishment, a proverb, and a be cursed. 18 The fruit of your body, the fruit of your byword among all the peoples where Yahweh will lead ground, the increase of your livestock, and the young of you away. 38 You will carry much seed out into the field, your flock will be cursed. 19 You will be cursed when and will gather little in, for the locust will consume it. 39 you come in, and you will be cursed when you go out. You will plant vineyards and dress them, but you will 20 Yahweh will send on you cursing, confusion, and neither drink of the wine, nor harvest, because worms rebuke in all that you put your hand to do, until you are will eat them. 40 You will have olive trees throughout all destroyed and until you perish quickly, because of the your borders, but you won't anoint yourself with the oil, evil of your doings, by which you have forsaken me. 21 for your olives will drop off. 41 You will father sons and Yahweh will make the pestilence cling to you, until he daughters, but they will not be yours, for they will go has consumed you from off the land where you go in to into captivity. 42 Locusts will consume all of your trees possess it. 22 Yahweh will strike you with consumption, and the fruit of your ground. 43 The foreigner who is with fever, with inflammation, with fiery heat, with the among you will mount up above you higher and higher, sword, with blight, and with mildew. They will pursue and you will come down lower and lower. 44 He will you until you perish. 23 Your sky that is over your head lend to you, and you won't lend to him. He will be the will be bronze, and the earth that is under you will be head, and you will be the tail. 45 All these curses will iron. 24 Yahweh will make the rain of your land powder come on you, and will pursue you and overtake you, and dust. It will come down on you from the sky, until until you are destroyed, because you didn't listen to you are destroyed. 25 Yahweh will cause you to be Yahweh your God's voice, to keep his commandments struck before your enemies. You will go out one way and his statutes which he commanded you. 46 They against them, and will flee seven ways before them. You will be for a sign and for a wonder to you and to your will be tossed back and forth among all the kingdoms offspring forever. 47 Because you didn't serve Yahweh of the earth. 26 Your dead bodies will be food to all your God with joyfulness and with gladness of heart, by birds of the sky, and to the animals of the earth; and reason of the abundance of all things: 48 therefore you there will be no one to frighten them away. 27 Yahweh will serve your enemies whom Yahweh sends against will strike you with the boils of Egypt, with the tumors, you, in hunger, in thirst, in nakedness, and in lack of with the scurvy, and with the itch, of which you can not all things. He will put an iron yoke on your neck until be healed. 28 Yahweh will strike you with madness, he has destroyed you. 49 Yahweh will bring a nation with blindness, and with astonishment of heart. 29 You against you from far away, from the end of the earth, as and you shall not prosper in your ways. You will only understand, 50 a nation of fierce facial expressions, be oppressed and robbed always, and there will be that doesn't respect the elderly, nor show favor to the no one to save you. 30 You will betroth a wife, and young, 51 They will eat the fruit of your livestock and another man shall lie with her. You will build a house, the fruit of your ground, until you are destroyed. They and you won't dwell in it. You will plant a vineyard, and also won't leave you grain, new wine, oil, the increase

your land in its season, and to bless all the work of enemies, and you will have no one to save you. 32 will grope at noonday, as the blind gropes in darkness, the eagle flies: a nation whose language you will not have caused you to perish. 52 They will be siege you in morning!" for the fear of your heart which you will fear, all your gates until your high and fortified walls in which and for the sights which your eyes will see. 68 Yahweh you trusted come down throughout all your land. They will bring you into Egypt again with ships, by the way will besiege you in all your gates throughout all your of which I told you that you would never see it again. land which Yahweh your God has given you. 53 You will There you will offer yourselves to your enemies for male eat the fruit of your own body, the flesh of your sons and of your daughters, whom Yahweh your God has given you, in the siege and in the distress with which your enemies will distress you. 54 The man who is tender among you, and very delicate, his eye will be evil toward his brother, toward the wife whom he loves, and toward the remnant of his children whom he has remaining, 55 so that he will not give to any of them of the flesh of his children whom he will eat, because he has nothing left to him, in the siege and in the distress with which your enemy will distress you in all your gates. 56 The tender and delicate woman among you, who would not venture to set the sole of her foot on the ground for delicateness and tenderness, her eye will be evil toward the husband that she loves, toward her son, toward her daughter, 57 toward her young one who comes out from between her feet, and toward her children whom she bears; for she will eat them secretly for lack of all things in the siege and in the distress with which your enemy will distress you in your gates. 58 If you will not observe to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that you may fear this glorious and fearful name, YAHWEH your God, 59 then Yahweh will make your plagues and the plagues of your offspring fearful, even great plagues, and of long duration, and severe sicknesses, and of long duration. 60 He will bring on you again all the diseases of Egypt, which you were afraid of; and they will cling to you. 61 Also every sickness and every plague which is not written in the book of this law, Yahweh will bring them on you until you are destroyed. 62 You will be left few in number, even though you were as the stars of the sky for multitude, because you didn't listen to Yahweh your God's voice. 63 It will happen that as Yahweh rejoiced over you to do you good, and to multiply you, so Yahweh will rejoice over you to cause you to perish and to destroy you. You will be plucked from the land that you are going in to possess. 64 Yahweh will scatter you among all peoples, from one end of the earth to the other end of the earth. There you will serve other gods which you have not known, you nor your fathers, even wood and stone. 65 Among these nations you will find no ease, and there will be no rest for the sole of your foot; but Yahweh will give you there a trembling heart, failing of eyes, and pining of soul. 66 Your life will hang in doubt before you. You will be afraid night and day, and will have no assurance of your life. 67 In the morning you will say, "I wish it were

of your livestock, or the young of your flock, until they evening!" and at evening you will say, "I wish it were and female slaves, and nobody will buy you.

> These are the words of the covenant which Yahweh commanded Moses to make with the children of Israel in the land of Moab, in addition to the covenant which he made with them in Horeb. 2 Moses called to all Israel, and said to them: Your eyes have seen all that Yahweh did 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 Yahweh has not given you a heart to know, eyes to see, and ears to hear, to this day. 5 I have led you forty years in the wilderness. Your clothes have not grown old on you, and your sandals have not grown old on your feet. 6 You have not eaten bread, neither have you drunk wine or strong drink, that you may know that I am Yahweh 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 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 Therefore keep the words of this covenant and do them, that you may prosper in all that you do. 10 All of you stand today in the presence of Yahweh your God: your heads, your tribes, your elders, and your officers, even all the men of Israel, 11 your little ones, your wives, and the foreigners who are in the middle 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 Yahweh your God, and into his oath, which Yahweh your God makes with you today, 13 that he may establish you today as his people, and that he may be your God, as he spoke to you and as he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. 14 Neither do I make this covenant and this oath with you only, 15 but with those who stand here with us today before Yahweh our God, and also with those who are not here with us today 16 (for you know how we lived in the land of Egypt, and how we came through the middle of the nations through which you passed; 17 and you have seen their abominations and their idols of wood, stone, silver, and gold, which were among them); 18 lest there should be among you man, woman, family, or tribe whose heart turns away today from Yahweh our God, to go to serve the gods of those nations; lest there should be among you a root that produces bitter poison; 19 and it happen, when he hears the words of this curse, that he bless himself in

in the stubbornness of my heart," to destroy the moist you. 8 You shall return and obey Yahweh's voice, and with the dry. 20 Yahweh will not pardon him, but then do all his commandments which I command you today. Yahweh's anger and his jealousy will smoke against 9 Yahweh your God will make you prosperous in all the that man, and all the curse that is written in this book work of your hand, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of will fall on him, and Yahweh will blot out his name from your livestock, and in the fruit of your ground, for good; under the sky. 21 Yahweh will set him apart for evil out for Yahweh will again rejoice over you for good, as he of all the tribes of Israel, according to all the curses of rejoiced over your fathers, 10 if you will obey Yahweh the covenant written in this book of the law. 22 The your God's voice, to keep his commandments and his generation to come-your children who will rise up statutes which are written in this book of the law, if you after you, and the foreigner who will come from a far turn to Yahweh your God with all your heart and with all land—will say, when they see the plagues of that land, your soul. 11 For this commandment which I command and the sicknesses with which Yahweh has made it sick, you today is not too hard for you or too distant. 12 It is 23 that all of its land is sulfur, salt, and burning, that it is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will go up for not sown, doesn't produce, nor does any grass grow in us to heaven, bring it to us, and proclaim it to us, that it, like the overthrow of Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah, and we may do it?" 13 Neither is it beyond the sea, that you Zeboiim, which Yahweh overthrew in his anger, and in should say, "Who will go over the sea for us, bring it to his wrath. 24 Even all the nations will say, "Why has us, and proclaim it to us, that we may do it?" 14 But Yahweh done this to this land? What does the heat of the word is very near to you, in your mouth and in your this great anger mean?" 25 Then men will say, "Because heart, that you may do it. 15 Behold, I have set before they abandoned the covenant of Yahweh, the God of you today life and prosperity, and death and evil. 16 their fathers, which he made with them when he brought For I command you today to love Yahweh your God, them out of the land of Egypt, 26 and went and served to walk in his ways and to keep his commandments, other gods and worshiped them, gods that they didn't his statutes, and his ordinances, that you may live and know and that he had not given to them. 27 Therefore multiply, and that Yahweh your God may bless you in Yahweh's anger burned against this land, to bring on it the land where you go in to possess it. 17 But if your all the curses that are written in this book. 28 Yahweh heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn rooted them out of their land in anger, in wrath, and in away and worship other gods, and serve them, 18 l great indignation, and thrust them into another land, as declare to you today that you will surely perish. You it is today." 29 The secret things belong to Yahweh our will not prolong your days in the land where you pass God; but the things that are revealed belong to us and over the Jordan to go in to possess it. 19 I call heaven to our children forever, that we may do all the words of and earth to witness against you today that I have set this law.

30 It shall happen, when all these things have come on you, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before you, and you shall call them to mind among all the nations where Yahweh your God has driven you, 2 and return to Yahweh your God and obey his voice according to all that I command you today, you and your children, with all your heart and with all your soul, 3 that then Yahweh your God will release you from captivity, have compassion on you, and will return and gather you from all the peoples where Yahweh your God has scattered you. 4 If your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of the heavens, from there Yahweh your God will gather you, and from there he will bring you back. 5 Yahweh your God will bring you into the land which your fathers possessed, and you will possess it. He will do you good, and increase your numbers more than your fathers. 6 Yahweh your God will circumcise your heart, and the heart of your offspring, to love Yahweh your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may

his heart, saving, "I shall have peace, though I walk enemies and on those who hate you, who persecuted before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. Therefore choose life, that you may live, you and your descendants, 20 to love Yahweh your God, to obey his voice, and to cling to him; for he is your life, and the length of your days, that you may dwell in the land which Yahweh swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.

31 Moses went and spoke these words to all Israel. 2 He said to them, "I am one hundred twenty years old today. I can no more go out and come in. Yahweh has said to me, 'You shall not go over this Jordan.' 3 Yahweh your God himself will go over before you. He will destroy these nations from before you, and you shall dispossess them. Joshua will go over before you, as Yahweh has spoken. 4 Yahweh will do to them as he did to Sihon and to Og, the kings of the Amorites, and to their land, when he destroyed them. 5 Yahweh will deliver them up before you, and you shall do to them according to all the commandment which I have commanded you. 6 Be strong and courageous. Don't be live. 7 Yahweh your God will put all these curses on your afraid or scared of them, for Yahweh your God himself

of Meeting, that I may commission him." Moses and of this song, until they were finished. Joshua went, and presented themselves in the Tent of Meeting. 15 Yahweh appeared in the Tent in a pillar of cloud, and the pillar of cloud stood over the Tent's door. 16 Yahweh said to Moses, "Behold, you shall sleep with your fathers. This people will rise up and play the prostitute after the strange gods of the land where they go to be among them, and will forsake me and break my covenant which I have made with them. 17 Then my anger shall be kindled against them in that day, and I will forsake them, and I will hide my face from them, and they shall be devoured, and many evils and troubles shall come on them; so that they will say in that day, 'Haven't these evils come on us because our God is not among us?' 18 I will surely hide my face in that day for all the evil which they have done, in that they have turned to other gods. 19 "Now therefore write this song for yourselves, and teach it to the children of Israel. Put it in their mouths, that this song may be a witness for me against the children of Israel. 20 For when I have brought them into the land which I swore to their fathers, flowing with milk and honey, and they have eaten and filled themselves, and grown fat, then they will turn to other gods, and serve them, and despise me, and break my covenant. 21 It will happen, when many evils and troubles have come on them, that this song will testify before them as a witness; for it will not be forgotten out of the mouths of their descendants; for I know their

is who goes with you. He will not fail you nor forsake ways and what they are doing today, before I have you." 7 Moses called to Joshua, and said to him in the brought them into the land which I promised them." 22 sight of all Israel, "Be strong and courageous, for you So Moses wrote this song the same day, and taught it to shall go with this people into the land which Yahweh has the children of Israel. 23 He commissioned Joshua the sworn to their fathers to give them; and you shall cause son of Nun, and said, "Be strong and courageous; for them to inherit it. 8 Yahweh himself is who goes before you shall bring the children of Israel into the land which you. He will be with you. He will not fail you nor forsake I swore to them. I will be with you." 24 When Moses had you. Don't be afraid. Don't be discouraged." 9 Moses finished writing the words of this law in a book, until they wrote this law and delivered it to the priests the sons of were finished, 25 Moses commanded the Levites, who Levi, who bore the ark of Yahweh's covenant, and to bore the ark of Yahweh's covenant, saying, 26 "Take all the elders of Israel. 10 Moses commanded them, this book of the law, and put it by the side of the ark of saying, "At the end of every seven years, in the set time Yahweh your God's covenant, that it may be there for a of the year of release, in the feast of booths, 11 when all witness against you. 27 For I know your rebellion and Israel has come to appear before Yahweh your God your stiff neck. Behold, while I am yet alive with you in the place which he will choose, you shall read this today, you have been rebellious against Yahweh. How law before all Israel in their hearing. 12 Assemble the much more after my death? 28 Assemble to me all the people, the men and the women and the little ones, and elders of your tribes and your officers, that I may speak the foreigners who are within your gates, that they may these words in their ears, and call heaven and earth hear, learn, fear Yahweh your God, and observe to do to witness against them. 29 For I know that after my all the words of this law, 13 and that their children, who death you will utterly corrupt yourselves, and turn away have not known, may hear and learn to fear Yahweh from the way which I have commanded you; and evil your God, as long as you live in the land where you will happen to you in the latter days, because you will go over the Jordan to possess it." 14 Yahweh said to do that which is evil in Yahweh's sight, to provoke him Moses, "Behold, your days approach that you must to anger through the work of your hands." 30 Moses die. Call Joshua, and present yourselves in the Tent spoke in the ears of all the assembly of Israel the words

> Give ear, you heavens, and I will speak. Let the earth hear the words of my mouth. 2 My doctrine will drop as the rain. My speech will condense as the dew, as the misty rain on the tender grass, as the showers on the herb. 3 For I will proclaim Yahweh's name. Ascribe greatness to our God! 4 The Rock: his work is perfect, for all his ways are just. A God of faithfulness who does no wrong, just and right is he. 5 They have dealt corruptly with him. They are not his children, because of their defect. They are a perverse and crooked generation. 6 Is this the way you repay Yahweh, foolish and unwise people? Isn't he your father who has bought you? He has made you and established you. 7 Remember the days of old. Consider the years of many generations. Ask your father, and he will show you; your elders, and they will tell you. 8 When the Most High gave to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the children of men, he set the bounds of the peoples according to the number of the children of Israel. 9 For Yahweh's portion is his people. Jacob is the lot of his inheritance. 10 He found him in a desert land, in the waste howling wilderness. He surrounded him. He cared for him. He kept him as the apple of his eye. 11 As an eagle that stirs up her nest, that flutters over her young, he spread abroad his wings, he took them, he bore them on his feathers. 12 Yahweh alone led him. There was no foreign god with him. 13 He

the increase of the field. He caused him to suck honey Yahweh will judge his people, and have compassion on out of the rock, oil out of the flinty rock; 14 butter from his servants, when he sees that their power is gone, the herd, and milk from the flock, with fat of lambs, rams that there is no one remaining, shut up or left at large. of the breed of Bashan, and goats, with the finest of the 37 He will say, "Where are their gods, the rock in which wheat. From the blood of the grape, you drank wine. 15 they took refuge, 38 which ate the fat of their sacrifices, But Jeshurun grew fat, and kicked. You have grown fat. and drank the wine of their drink offering? Let them rise You have grown thick. You have become sleek. Then up and help you! Let them be your protection. 39 "See he abandoned God who made him, and rejected the now that I myself am he. There is no god with me. I Rock of his salvation. 16 They moved him to jealousy kill and I make alive. I wound and I heal. There is no with strange gods. They provoked him to anger with one who can deliver out of my hand. 40 For I lift up abominations. 17 They sacrificed to demons, not God, my hand to heaven and declare, as I live forever, 41 to gods that they didn't know, to new gods that came if I sharpen my glittering sword, my hand grasps it in up recently, which your fathers didn't dread. 18 Of the judgment; I will take vengeance on my adversaries, and Rock who became your father, you are unmindful, and will repay those who hate me. 42 I will make my arrows have forgotten God who gave you birth. 19 Yahweh drunk with blood. My sword shall devour flesh with the saw and abhorred, because of the provocation of his blood of the slain and the captives, from the head of the sons and his daughters. 20 He said, "I will hide my face leaders of the enemy." 43 Rejoice, you nations, with his from them. I will see what their end will be; for they people, for he will avenge the blood of his servants. He are a very perverse generation, children in whom is will take vengeance on his adversaries, and will make no faithfulness. 21 They have moved me to jealousy atonement for his land and for his people. 44 Moses with that which is not God. They have provoked me to came and spoke all the words of this song in the ears of anger with their vanities. I will move them to jealousy the people, he and Joshua the son of Nun. 45 Moses with those who are not a people. I will provoke them to finished reciting all these words to all Israel. 46 He said anger with a foolish nation. 22 For a fire is kindled in to them, "Set your heart to all the words which I testify my anger, that burns to the lowest Sheol, devours the to you today, which you shall command your children to earth with its increase, and sets the foundations of the observe to do, all the words of this law. 47 For it is no mountains on fire. (Sheol h7585) 23 "I will heap evils on vain thing for you, because it is your life, and through them. I will spend my arrows on them. 24 They shall be this thing you shall prolong your days in the land, where wasted with hunger, and devoured with burning heat you go over the Jordan to possess it." 48 Yahweh spoke and bitter destruction. I will send the teeth of animals on to Moses that same day, saying, 49 "Go up into this them, with the venom of vipers that glide in the dust. 25 mountain of Abarim, to Mount Nebo, which is in the Outside the sword will bereave, and in the rooms, terror land of Moab, that is across from Jericho; and see the on both young man and virgin, the nursing infant with land of Canaan, which I give to the children of Israel the gray-haired man. 26 I said that I would scatter them for a possession. 50 Die on the mountain where you afar. I would make their memory to cease from among go up, and be gathered to your people, as Aaron your men; 27 were it not that I feared the provocation of the brother died on Mount Hor, and was gathered to his enemy, lest their adversaries should judge wrongly, lest people; 51 because you trespassed against me among they should say, 'Our hand is exalted; Yahweh has not the children of Israel at the waters of Meribah of Kadesh, done all this." 28 For they are a nation void of counsel. in the wilderness of Zin; because you didn't uphold my There is no understanding in them. 29 Oh that they holiness among the children of Israel. 52 For you shall were wise, that they understood this, that they would see the land from a distance; but you shall not go there consider their latter end! 30 How could one chase a into the land which I give the children of Israel." thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight, unless their Rock had sold them, and Yahweh had delivered them up? 31 For their rock is not as our Rock, even our enemies themselves concede. 32 For their vine is of the vine of Sodom, of the fields of Gomorrah. Their grapes are poison grapes. 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, and recompense, at the time when their foot slides, for the day of their

made him ride on the high places of the earth. He ate calamity is at hand. Their doom rushes at them." 36 For

33 This is the blessing with which Moses the man of God blessed the children of Israel before his death. 2 He said, "Yahweh came from Sinai, and rose from Seir to them. He shone 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 saints 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

didn't acknowledge his brothers, nor did he know his to you. You will tread on their high places." 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 Yahweh, bless his skills. Accept the work of his hands. Strike through the hips of those who rise up against him, of those who hate him, that they not rise again." 12 About Benjamin he said, "The beloved of Yahweh will dwell in safety by him. He covers him all day long. He dwells between his shoulders." 13 About Joseph he said, "His land is blessed by Yahweh, for the precious things of the heavens, for the dew, for the deep that couches beneath, 14 for the precious things of the fruits of the sun, for the precious things that the moon can yield, 15 for the best things of the ancient mountains, for the precious things of the everlasting hills, 16 for the precious 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 separated from his brothers. 17 Majesty belongs to the firstborn of his herd. His horns are the horns of the wild ox. With them he will push all the peoples to the ends of the earth. They are the ten thousands of Ephraim. They are the thousands of Manasseh." 18 About Zebulun he said, "Rejoice, Zebulun, in your going out; and Issachar, in your tents. 19 They will call the peoples to the mountain. There they will offer sacrifices of righteousness, for they will draw out the abundance of the seas, the hidden treasures of the sand." 20 About Gad he said. "He who enlarges Gad is blessed. He dwells as a lioness, and tears the arm and the crown of the head. 21 He provided the first part for himself, for the lawgiver's portion was reserved for him. He came with the heads of the people. He executed the righteousness of Yahweh, His ordinances with Israel." 22 About Dan he said, "Dan is a lion's cub that leaps out of Bashan." 23 About Naphtali he said, "Naphtali, satisfied with favor, full of Yahweh's blessing, Possess the west and the south." 24 About 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 will

of Jacob. 5 He was king in Jeshurun, when the heads be iron and bronze. As your days, so your strength of the people were gathered, all the tribes of Israel will be. 26 "There is no one like God, Jeshurun, who together. 6 "Let Reuben live, and not die; Nor let his men rides on the heavens for your help, in his excellency on be few." 7 This is for Judah. He said, "Hear, Yahweh, the skies. 27 The eternal God is your dwelling place. the voice of Judah. Bring him in to his people. With Underneath are the everlasting arms. He thrust out the his hands he contended for himself. You shall be a enemy from before you, and said, 'Destroy!' 28 Israel help against his adversaries." 8 About Levi he said, dwells in safety, the fountain of Jacob alone, In a land "Your Thummim and your Urim are with your godly of grain and new wine. Yes, his heavens drop down one, whom you proved at Massah, with whom you dew. 29 You are happy, Israel! Who is like you, a people contended at the waters of Meribah. 9 He said of his saved by Yahweh, the shield of your help, the sword of father, and of his mother, 'I have not seen him.' He your excellency? Your enemies will submit themselves

> 34 Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, that is opposite Jericho. Yahweh 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, to the Western Sea, 3 and the south, and the Plain of the valley of Jericho the city of palm trees, to Zoar. 4 Yahweh said to him, "This is the land which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your offspring.' I have caused you to see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there." 5 So Moses the servant of Yahweh died there in the land of Moab, according to Yahweh's word. 6 He buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth Peor, but no man knows where his tomb is to this day. 7 Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died. His eye was not dim, nor his strength gone. 8 The children of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days, until the days of weeping in the mourning for Moses were ended. 9 Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. The children of Israel listened to him, and did as Yahweh commanded Moses. 10 Since then, there has not arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom Yahweh knew face to face, 11 in all the signs and the wonders which Yahweh sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh, and to all his servants, and to all his land, 12 and in all the mighty hand, and in all the awesome deeds, which Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

Joshua

1 Now after the death of Moses the servant of Yahweh. Yahweh spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' servant, saying, 2 "Moses my servant is dead. Now therefore arise, go across this Jordan, you and all these people, to the land which I am giving to them, even to the children of Israel. 3 I have given you every place that the sole of your foot will tread on, as I told Moses. 4 From the wilderness and this Lebanon even to the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and to the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your border. 5 No man will be able to stand before you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not fail you nor forsake you. 6 "Be strong and courageous; for you shall cause this people to inherit the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. 7 Only be strong and very courageous. Be careful to observe to do according to all the law which Moses my servant commanded you. Don't turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go. 8 This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it; for then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall have good success. 9 Haven't I commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Don't be afraid. Don't be dismayed, for Yahweh your God is with you wherever you go." 10 Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying, 11 "Pass through the middle of the camp, and command the people, saying, 'Prepare food; for within three days you are to pass over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land which Yahweh your God gives you to possess." 12 Joshua spoke to the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to the half-tribe of Manasseh, saying, 13 "Remember the word which Moses the servant of Yahweh commanded you, saying, 'Yahweh your God gives you rest, and will give you this land. 14 Your wives, your little ones, and your livestock shall live in the land which Moses gave you beyond the Jordan; but you shall pass over before your brothers armed, all the mighty men of valor, and shall help them 15 until Yahweh has given your brothers rest, as he has given you, and they have also possessed the land which Yahweh your God gives them. Then you shall return to the land of your possession and possess it, which Moses the servant of Yahweh gave you beyond the Jordan toward the sunrise." 16 They answered Joshua, saying, "All that you have commanded us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go. 17 Just as we listened to Moses in all things, so will we listen to you. Only may Yahweh your God be with you, as he was with Moses. 18 Whoever

rebels against your commandment, and doesn't listen to your words in all that you command him shall himself be put to death. Only be strong and courageous."

2 Joshua the son of Nun secretly sent two men out of Shittim as spies, saying, "Go, view the land, including Jericho." They went and came into the house of a prostitute whose name was Rahab, and slept there. 2 The king of Jericho was told, "Behold, men of the children of Israel came in here tonight to spy out the land." 3 Jericho's king sent to Rahab, saying, "Bring out the men who have come to you, who have entered into your house; for they have come to spy out all the land." 4 The woman took the two men and hid them. Then she said, "Yes, the men came to me, but I didn't know where they came from. 5 About the time of the shutting of the gate, when it was dark, the men went out. Where the men went, I don't know. Pursue them quickly. You may catch up with them." 6 But she had brought them up to the roof, and hidden them under the stalks of flax which she had laid in order on the roof. 7 The men pursued them along the way to the fords of the Jordan River. As soon as those who pursued them had gone out, they shut the gate. 8 Before they had lain down, she came up to them on the roof. 9 She said to the men, "I know that Yahweh has given you the land, and that the fear of you has fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land melt away before you. 10 For we have heard how Yahweh dried up the water of the Red Sea before you, when you came out of Egypt; and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites, who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon and to Og, whom you utterly destroyed. 11 As soon as we had heard it, our hearts melted, and there wasn't any more spirit in any man, because of you: for Yahweh your God, he is God in heaven above, and on earth beneath. 12 Now therefore, please swear to me by Yahweh, since I have dealt kindly with you, that you also will deal kindly with my father's house, and give me a true sign; 13 and that you will save alive my father, my mother, my brothers, and my sisters, and all that they have, and will deliver our lives from death." 14 The men said to her, "Our life for yours, if you don't talk about this business of ours; and it shall be, when Yahweh gives us the land, that we will deal kindly and truly with you." 15 Then she let them down by a cord through the window; for her house was on the side of the wall, and she lived on the wall. 16 She said to them, "Go to the mountain, lest the pursuers find you. Hide yourselves there three days, until the pursuers have returned. Afterward, you may go your way." 17 The men said to her, "We will be guiltless of this your oath which you've made us to swear. 18 Behold, when we come into the land, tie this line of scarlet thread in the window which you used

into our hands. Moreover, all the inhabitants of the land over the Jordan. melt away before us."

3 Joshua got up early in the morning; and they moved from Shittim and came to the Jordan, he and all the children of Israel. They camped there before they crossed over. 2 After three days, the officers went through the middle of the camp; 3 and they commanded the people, saying, "When you see the ark of Yahweh your God's covenant, and the Levitical priests bearing it, then leave your place and follow it. 4 Yet there shall be a space between you and it of about two thousand cubits by measure—don't come closer 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 Yahweh will do wonders among you." 6 Joshua spoke to the priests, saying, "Take up the ark of the covenant, and cross over before the people." They took up the ark of the covenant, and went before the people. 7 Yahweh said to Joshua, "Today I will begin to magnify you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. 8 You shall command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, saying, 'When you come to the brink of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan." 9 Joshua said to the children of Israel, "Come here, and hear the words of Yahweh your God." 10 Joshua said, "By this you shall know that the living God is among you, and that he will without fail drive the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Hivite, the Perizzite, the Girgashite, the Amorite, and the Jebusite out from before you. 11 Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth passes over before you into the Jordan. 12 Now therefore take twelve men out of the tribes of Israel, for every tribe a man. 13 It shall be that when the soles of the feet of the priests who bear

to let us down. Gather to yourself into the house your the ark of Yahweh, the Lord of all the earth, rest in the father, your mother, your brothers, and all your father's waters of the Jordan, that the waters of the Jordan will household. 19 It shall be that whoever goes out of the be cut off. The waters that come down from above shall doors of your house into the street, his blood will be on stand in one heap." 14 When the people moved from his head, and we will be guiltless. Whoever is with you their tents to pass over the Jordan, the priests who bore in the house, his blood shall be on our head, if any hand the ark of the covenant being before the people, 15 and is on him. 20 But if you talk about this business of ours. when those who bore the ark had come to the Jordan. then we shall be guiltless of your oath which you've and the feet of the priests who bore the ark had dipped made us to swear." 21 She said, "Let it be as you have in the edge of the water (for the Jordan overflows all its said." She sent them away, and they departed. Then banks all the time of harvest), 16 the waters which came she tied the scarlet line in the window. 22 They went down from above stood, and rose up in one heap a and came to the mountain, and stayed there three days, great way off, at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan; until the pursuers had returned. The pursuers sought and those that went down toward the sea of the Arabah, them all along the way, but didn't find them. 23 Then even the Salt Sea, were wholly cut off. Then the people the two men returned, descended from the mountain, passed over near Jericho. 17 The priests who bore the crossed the river, and came to Joshua the son of Nun, ark of Yahweh's covenant stood firm on dry ground in They told him all that had happened to them. 24 They the middle of the Jordan; and all Israel crossed over on said to Joshua, "Truly Yahweh has delivered all the land dry ground, until all the nation had passed completely

> When all the nation had completely crossed over the Jordan, Yahweh spoke to Joshua, saying, 2 "Take twelve men out of the people, a man out of every tribe, 3 and command them, saying, 'Take from out of the middle of the Jordan, out of the place where the priests' feet stood firm, twelve stones, carry them over with you, and lay them down in the place where you'll camp tonight." 4 Then Joshua called the twelve men whom he had prepared of the children of Israel, a man out of every tribe. 5 Joshua said to them, "Cross before the ark of Yahweh your God into the middle of the Jordan, and each of you pick up a stone and put it on your shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel; 6 that this may be a sign among you, that when your children ask in the future, saying, 'What do you mean by these stones?' 7 then you shall tell them, 'Because the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of Yahweh's covenant. When it crossed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. These stones 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 Yahweh spoke to Joshua, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel. They carried them over with them to the place where they camped, and laid them down there. 9 Joshua set up twelve stones in the middle of the Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests who bore the ark of the covenant stood; and they are there to this day. 10 For the priests who bore the ark stood in the middle of the Jordan until everything was finished that Yahweh commanded Joshua to speak to the people, according to all that Moses commanded Joshua; and the people hurried and passed over. 11 When all the

the Red Sea, which he dried up from before us, until we place on which you stand is holy." Joshua did so. had crossed over, 24 that all the peoples of the earth may know that Yahweh's hand is mighty, and that you may fear Yahweh your God forever."

beyond the Jordan westward, and all the kings of the Canaanites, who were by the sea, heard how Yahweh had dried up the waters of the Jordan from before the melted, and there was no more spirit in them, because of the children of Israel. 2 At that time. Yahweh said to Joshua, "Make flint knives, and circumcise again the sons of Israel the second time." 3 Joshua made himself flint knives, and circumcised the sons of Israel at the hill of the foreskins. 4 This is the reason Joshua who were males, even all the men of war, died in the

people had completely crossed over. Yahweh's ark because they didn't listen to Yahweh's voice. Yahweh crossed over with the priests in the presence of the swore to them that he wouldn't let them see the land people. 12 The children of Reuben, and the children which Yahweh swore to their fathers that he would give of Gad, and the half-tribe of Manasseh crossed over us, a land flowing with milk and honey. 7 Their children, armed before the children of Israel, as Moses spoke to whom he raised up in their place, were circumcised by them. 13 About forty thousand men, ready and armed Joshua, for they were uncircumcised, because they had for war, passed over before Yahweh to battle, to the not circumcised them on the way. 8 When they were plains of Jericho. 14 On that day, Yahweh magnified done circumcising the whole nation, they stayed in their Joshua in the sight of all Israel; and they feared him, as places in the camp until they were healed. 9 Yahweh they feared Moses, all the days of his life. 15 Yahweh said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away the reproach spoke to Joshua, saying, 16 "Command the priests who of Egypt from you." Therefore the name of that place bear the ark of the covenant, that they come up out was called Gilgal to this day. 10 The children of Israel of the Jordan." 17 Joshua therefore commanded the encamped in Gilgal. They kept the Passover on the priests, saying, "Come up out of the Jordan!" 18 When fourteenth day of the month at evening in the plains of the priests who bore the ark of Yahweh's covenant had Jericho. 11 They ate unleavened cakes and parched come up out of the middle of the Jordan, and the soles grain of the produce of the land on the next day after of the priests' feet had been lifted up to the dry ground, the Passover, in the same day. 12 The manna ceased the waters of the Jordan returned to their place, and on the next day, after they had eaten of the produce of went over all its banks, as before. 19 The people came the land. The children of Israel didn't have manna any up out of the Jordan on the tenth day of the first month, more, but they ate of the fruit of the land of Canaan and encamped in Gilgal, on the east border of Jericho. that year. 13 When Joshua was by Jericho, he lifted 20 Joshua set up those twelve stones, which they took up his eyes and looked, and behold, a man stood in out of the Jordan, in Gilgal. 21 He spoke to the children front of him with his sword drawn in his hand. Joshua of Israel, saying, "When your children ask their fathers went to him and said to him, "Are you for us, or for our in time to come, saying, 'What do these stones mean?' enemies?" 14 He said, "No; but I have come now as 22 Then you shall let your children know, saying, 'Israel commander of Yahweh's army." Joshua fell on his face came over this Jordan on dry land. 23 For Yahweh your to the earth, and worshiped, and asked him, "What does God dried up the waters of the Jordan from before you my lord say to his servant?" 15 The prince of Yahweh's until you had crossed over, as Yahweh your God did to army said to Joshua, "Take off your sandals, for the

6 Now Jericho was tightly shut up because of the children of Israel. No one went out, and no one came in. 2 Yahweh said to Joshua, "Behold, I have given 5 When all the kings of the Amorites, who were Jericho into your hand, with its king and the mighty men of valor. 3 All of 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 children of Israel until we had crossed over, their heart 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 hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout; then the city wall will fall down flat, and the people shall go up, every man straight in front circumcised them: all the people who came out of Egypt, of him." 6 Joshua the son of Nun called the priests, and said to them, "Take up the ark of the covenant, wilderness along the way, after they came out of Egypt. and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of rams' 5 For all the people who came out were circumcised; horns before Yahweh's ark." 7 They said to the people, but all the people who were born in the wilderness "Advance! March around the city, and let the armed along the way as they came out of Egypt had not been men pass on before Yahweh's ark." 8 It was so, that circumcised. 6 For the children of Israel walked forty when Joshua had spoken to the people, the seven years in the wilderness until all the nation, even the priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns before men of war who came out of Egypt, were consumed, Yahweh advanced and blew the trumpets, and the ark

went before the priests who blew the trumpets, and the Joshua commanded them with an oath at that time, ark went after them. The trumpets sounded as they saying, "Cursed is the man before Yahweh who rises went. 10 Joshua commanded the people, saying, "You up and builds this city Jericho. With the loss of his shall not shout nor let your voice be heard, neither shall firstborn he will lay its foundation, and with the loss of any word proceed out of your mouth until the day I tell his youngest son he will set up its gates." 27 So Yahweh you to shout. Then you shall shout." 11 So he caused was with Joshua; and his fame was in all the land. Yahweh's ark to go around the city, circling it once. Then they came into the camp, and stayed in the camp. 12 Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up Yahweh's ark. 13 The seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns in front of Yahweh's ark went on continually, and blew the trumpets. The armed men went in front of them. The rear guard came after Yahweh's ark. 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 On the seventh day, they rose early at the dawning of the day, and marched around the city in the same way seven times. On this day only they marched around the city seven times. 16 At the seventh time, when the priests blew the trumpets, Joshua said to the people, "Shout, for Yahweh has given you the city! 17 The city shall be devoted, even it and all that is in it, to Yahweh. 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 what is devoted to destruction, lest when you have devoted it, you take of the devoted thing; so you would make the camp of Israel accursed and trouble it. 19 But all the silver, gold, and vessels of bronze and iron are holy to Yahweh. They shall come into Yahweh's treasury." 20 So the people shouted and the priests blew the trumpets. When the people heard the sound of the trumpet, 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 in front of 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, sheep, and donkey, with the edge of the sword. 22 Joshua said to the two men who had spied out the land, "Go into the prostitute's house, and bring the woman and all that she has out from there, as you swore to her." 23 The young men who were spies went in, and brought out Rahab with her father, her mother, her brothers, and all that she had. They also brought out all of her relatives, and they set them outside of the camp of Israel. 24 They burned the city with fire, and all that was in it. Only they put the silver, the gold, and the vessels of bronze and of iron into the treasury of Yahweh's house. 25 But Rahab the prostitute, her father's household, and all that she had, Joshua saved alive. She lives in the middle of Israel to this day, because she hid the

of Yahweh's covenant followed them. 9 The armed men messengers whom Joshua sent to spy out Jericho. 26

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 Yahweh'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, "Don't let all the people go up, but let about two or three thousand men go up and strike Ai. Don't 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. They chased them from before the gate even to 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 Yahweh's ark until the evening, he and the elders of Israel; and they put dust on their heads. 7 Joshua said, "Alas, Lord Yahweh, 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 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 Yahweh said to Joshua, "Get up! Why have you fallen on your face like that? 11 Israel has sinned. Yes, they have even transgressed my covenant which I commanded them. Yes, they have even taken some of the devoted things, and have also stolen, and also deceived. They have even 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 yourselves for tomorrow, for Yahweh, the God of Israel, says, "There is a devoted thing among 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 Yahweh selects shall come near by ambush against the city, behind the city. Don't go very families. The family which Yahweh selects shall come far from the city, but all of you be ready. 5 I and all the near by households. The household which Yahweh people who are with me will approach the city. It shall selects shall come near man by man. 15 It shall be, happen, when they come out against us, as at the first, that he who is taken with the devoted thing shall be that we will flee before them. 6 They will come out after burned with fire, he and all that he has, because he us until we have drawn them away from the city; for has transgressed Yahweh's covenant, and because he they will say, 'They flee before us, like the first time.' has done a disgraceful thing in Israel." 16 So Joshua So we will flee before them, 7 and you shall rise up rose up early in the morning and brought Israel near from the ambush, and take possession of the city; for by their tribes. The tribe of Judah was selected. 17 He Yahweh your God will deliver it into your hand. 8 It shall brought near the family of Judah, and he selected the be, when you have seized the city, that you shall set family of the Zerahites. He brought near the family of the the city on fire. You shall do this according to Yahweh's Zerahites man by man, and Zabdi was selected. 18 He word. Behold, I have commanded you." 9 Joshua sent brought near his household man by man, and Achan, them out; and they went to set up the ambush, and the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, stayed between Bethel and Ai on the west side of Ai; but of the tribe of Judah, was selected. 19 Joshua said to Joshua stayed among the people that night. 10 Joshua Achan, "My son, please give glory to Yahweh, the God rose up early in the morning, mustered the people, and of Israel, and make confession to him. Tell me now went up, he and the elders of Israel, before the people what you have done! Don't hide it from me!" 20 Achan to Ai. 11 All the people, even the men of war who were answered Joshua, and said, "I have truly sinned against with him, went up and came near, and came before the Yahweh, the God of Israel, and this is what I have city and encamped on the north side of Ai. Now there done. 21 When I saw among the plunder a beautiful was a valley between him and Ai. 12 He took about Babylonian robe, two hundred shekels of silver, and a five thousand men, and set them in ambush between wedge of gold weighing fifty shekels, then I coveted Bethel and Ai, on the west side of the city. 13 So they them and took them. Behold, they are hidden in the set the people, even all the army who was on the north ground in the middle of my tent, with the silver under of the city, and their ambush on the west of the city; and it." 22 So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran to the Joshua went that night into the middle of the valley. 14 tent. Behold, it was hidden in his tent, with the silver When the king of Ai saw it, they hurried and rose up under it. 23 They took them from the middle of the tent, early, and the men of the city went out against Israel and brought them to Joshua and to all the children of to battle, he and all his people, at the time appointed, Israel. They laid them down before Yahweh. 24 Joshua, before the Arabah; but he didn't know that there was an and all Israel with him, took Achan the son of Zerah, ambush against him behind the city. 15 Joshua and all the silver, the robe, the wedge of gold, his sons, his Israel made as if they were beaten before them, and daughters, his cattle, his donkeys, his sheep, his tent, fled by the way of the wilderness. 16 All the people who and all that he had; and they brought them up to the were in the city were called together to pursue after valley of Achor. 25 Joshua said, "Why have you troubled them. They pursued Joshua, and were drawn away us? Yahweh will trouble you today." All Israel stoned him from the city. 17 There was not a man left in Ai or Bethel with stones, and they burned them with fire and stoned who didn't go out after Israel. They left the city open, them with stones. 26 They raised over him a great heap and pursued Israel. 18 Yahweh said to Joshua, "Stretch of stones that remains to this day. Yahweh turned from out the javelin that is in your hand toward Ai, for I will the fierceness of his anger. Therefore the name of that give it into your hand." Joshua stretched out the javelin place was called "The valley of Achor" to this day.

A Yahweh said to Joshua, "Don't be afraid, and don't be dismayed. Take all the warriors with you, and arise, go up to Ai. Behold, 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 you shall take its goods and its livestock for yourselves. Set an ambush for the city behind it." 3 So Joshua arose, with all the warriors, 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, "Behold, you shall lie in

that was in his hand toward the city. 19 The ambush arose quickly out of their place, and they ran as soon as he had stretched out his hand and entered into the city and took it. They hurried and set the city on fire. 20 When the men of Ai looked behind them, they saw, and behold, the smoke of the city ascended up to heaven, and they had no power to flee this way or that way. 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 back and killed the men of Ai. 22 The others came out of the city against them,

among them.

• 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 Hittite, the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite, heard of it 2 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

so they were in the middle of Israel, some on this side. had been ambassadors, and took old sacks on their and some on that side. They struck them, so that they donkeys, and old, torn-up and bound up wine skins, 5 let none of them remain or escape. 23 They captured and old and patched sandals on their feet, and wore old the king of Ai alive, and brought him to Joshua. 24 garments. All the bread of their food supply was dry and When Israel had finished killing all the inhabitants of moldy. 6 They went to Joshua at the camp at Gilgal, and Ai in the field, in the wilderness in which they pursued said to him and to the men of Israel, "We have come them, and they had all fallen by the edge of the sword from a far country. Now therefore make a covenant with until they were consumed, all Israel returned to Ai and us." 7 The men of Israel said to the Hivites, "What if you struck it with the edge of the sword. 25 All that fell that live among us? How could we make a covenant with day, both of men and women, were twelve thousand, you?" 8 They said to Joshua, "We are your servants." even all the people of Ai. 26 For Joshua didn't draw Joshua said to them, "Who are you? Where do you back his hand, with which he stretched out the javelin, come from?" 9 They said to him, "Your servants have until he had utterly destroyed all the inhabitants of Ai. come from a very far country because of the name of 27 Israel took for themselves only the livestock and the Yahweh your God; for we have heard of his fame, all goods of that city, according to Yahweh's word which that he did in Egypt, 10 and all that he did to the two he commanded Joshua. 28 So Joshua burned Ai and kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to made it a heap forever, even a desolation, to this day. Sihon king of Heshbon and to Og king of Bashan, who 29 He hanged the king of Ai on a tree until the evening. was at Ashtaroth. 11 Our elders and all the inhabitants At sundown, Joshua commanded, and they took his of our country spoke to us, saying, 'Take supplies in your body down from the tree and threw it at the entrance of hand for the journey, and go to meet them. Tell them, the gate of the city, and raised a great heap of stones "We are your servants. Now make a covenant with us." on it that remains to this day. 30 Then Joshua built an 12 This our bread we took hot for our supplies out of altar to Yahweh, the God of Israel, on Mount Ebal, 31 as our houses on the day we went out to go to you; but Moses the servant of Yahweh commanded the children now, behold, it is dry, and has become moldy. 13 These of Israel, as it is written in the book of the law of Moses: wine skins, which we filled, were new; and behold, they an altar of uncut stones, on which no one had lifted up are torn. These our garments and our sandals have any iron. They offered burnt offerings on it to Yahweh become old because of the very long journey." 14 The and sacrificed peace offerings. 32 He wrote there on men sampled their provisions, and didn't ask counsel the stones a copy of Moses' law, which he wrote in the from Yahweh's mouth. 15 Joshua made peace with presence of the children of Israel. 33 All Israel, with them, and made a covenant with them, to let them live. their elders, officers, and judges, stood on both sides The princes of the congregation swore to them. 16 At of the ark before the Levitical priests, who carried the the end of three days after they had made a covenant ark of Yahweh's covenant, the foreigner as well as the with them, they heard that they were their neighbors, native; half of them in front of Mount Gerizim, and half and that they lived among them. 17 The children of of them in front of Mount Ebal, as Moses the servant of Israel traveled and came to their cities on the third day. Yahweh had commanded at the first, that they should Now their cities were Gibeon, Chephirah, Beeroth, and bless the people of Israel. 34 Afterward he read all the Kiriath Jearim. 18 The children of Israel didn't strike words of the law, the blessing and the curse, according them, because the princes of the congregation had to all that is written in the book of the law. 35 There was sworn to them by Yahweh, the God of Israel. All the not a word of all that Moses commanded which Joshua congregation murmured against the princes. 19 But all didn't read before all the assembly of Israel, with the the princes said to all the congregation, "We have sworn women, the little ones, and the foreigners who were to them by Yahweh, the God of Israel, Now therefore we may not touch them. 20 We will do this to them, and let them live: lest wrath be on us, because of the oath which we swore to them." 21 The princes said to them, "Let them live." So they became wood cutters and drawers of water for all the congregation, as the princes had spoken to them. 22 Joshua called for them, and he spoke to them, saying, "Why have you deceived us, saying, 'We are very far from you,' when you live among us? 23 Now therefore you are cursed, and some of you will never fail to be slaves, both wood cutters and drawers of water for the house of my God." 24 They

answered Joshua, and said, "Because your servants" stayed, until the nation had avenged themselves of their them. 27 That day Joshua made them wood cutters and drawers of water for the congregation and for Yahweh's altar to this day, in the place which he should choose.

1 Now when Adoni-Zedek king of Jerusalem heard how Joshua had taken Ai, and had utterly destroyed it; as he had done to Jericho and her king, so he had done to Ai and her king; and how the inhabitants of Gibeon had made peace with Israel, and were among them, 2 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, Piram king of Jarmuth, Japhia king of Lachish, and Debir king of Eglon, saying, 4 "Come up to me and help me. Let's strike Gibeon; for they have 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. and the king of Eglon, gathered themselves together and went up, they and all their armies, and encamped against Gibeon, and made war against it. 6 The men of Gibeon sent to Joshua at the camp at Gilgal, saying "Don't abandon your servants! Come up to us quickly and save us! Help us; for all the kings of the Amorites that dwell in the hill country have gathered together against us." 7 So Joshua went up from Gilgal, he and the whole army with him, including all the mighty men of valor. 8 Yahweh said to Joshua, "Don't fear them, for I have delivered them into your hands. Not a man of them will stand before you." 9 Joshua therefore came to them suddenly. He marched from Gilgal all night. 10 Yahweh confused them before Israel. He killed them with a great slaughter at Gibeon, and chased them by the way of the ascent of Beth Horon, and struck them to Azekah and to Makkedah. 11 As they fled from before Israel, while they were at the descent of Beth Horon. Yahweh hurled down great stones from the sky on them to Azekah, and they died. There were more who died from the hailstones than those whom the children of Israel killed with the sword. 12 Then Joshua spoke to Yahweh in the day when Yahweh delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel. He said in the sight of Israel, "Sun, stand still on Gibeon! You, moon, stop in the valley of Aiialon!" 13 The sun stood still, and the moon

were certainly told how Yahweh your God commanded enemies. Isn't this written in the book of Jashar? The his servant Moses to give you all the land, and to destroy sun stayed in the middle of the sky, and didn't hurry all the inhabitants of the land from before you. Therefore to go down about a whole day. 14 There was no day we were very afraid for our lives because of you, and like that before it or after it, that Yahweh listened to have done this thing. 25 Now, behold, we are in your the voice of a man; for Yahweh fought for Israel. 15 hand. Do to us as it seems good and right to you to Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to the camp to do." 26 He did so to them, and delivered them out of Gilgal. 16 These five kings fled, and hid themselves the hand of the children of Israel, so that they didn't kill in the cave at Makkedah, 17 Joshua was told, saving, "The five kings have been found, hidden in the cave at Makkedah." 18 Joshua said, "Roll large stones to cover the cave's entrance, and set men by it to guard them; 19 but don't stay there. Pursue your enemies, and attack them from the rear. Don't allow them to enter into their cities; for Yahweh your God has delivered them into vour hand." 20 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 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 cave entrance, 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 Eglon. 24 When they brought those kings out to Joshua, Joshua called for all the men of Israel, and said to the chiefs of the men of war who went with him, "Come near. Put your feet on the necks of these kings." They came near, and put their feet on their necks. 25 Joshua said to them, "Don't be afraid, nor be dismayed. Be strong and courageous, for Yahweh will do this to all your enemies against whom 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 At the time of the going down of the sun, Joshua commanded, and they took them down off the trees, and threw 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 it and all the souls who were in it. He left no one 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 Yahweh 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 no one 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 encamped against it, and fought against it.

Israel with him, to Hebron; and they fought against it. 37 and he struck them with the edge of the sword, and Joshua struck all the land, the hill country, the South, the all that land, the hill country, all the South, all the land returned, and all Israel with him, to the camp to Gilgal.

11 When Jabin king of Hazor heard of it, he sent to Jobab king of Madon, to the king of Shimron, to the king of Achshaph, 2 and to the kings who were on the north, in the hill country, in the Arabah south of Chinneroth, in the lowland, and in the heights of Dor on the west, 3 to the Canaanite on the east and on the west, the Amorite, the Hittite, the Perizzite, 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 encamped together at the waters of Merom, to fight with Israel. 6 Yahweh said to Joshua, "Don't 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 suddenly, with all the warriors, against them by the waters of Merom, and attacked them. 8 Yahweh delivered them into the hand of Israel.

32 Yahweh delivered Lachish into the hand of Israel. He and they struck them, and chased them to great Sidon. took it on the second day, and struck it with the edge of and to Misrephoth Maim, and to the valley of Mizpah the sword, with all the souls who were in it, according to eastward. They struck them until they left them no one all that he had done to Libnah. 33 Then Horam king of remaining. 9 Joshua did to them as Yahweh told him. Gezer came up to help Lachish; and Joshua struck him He hamstrung their horses and burned their chariots and his people, until he had left him no one remaining. with fire. 10 Joshua turned back at that time, and took 34 Joshua passed from Lachish, and all Israel with him, Hazor, and struck its king with the sword; for Hazor to Eglon; and they encamped against it and fought used to be the head of all those kingdoms. 11 They against it. 35 They took it on that day, and struck it with struck all the souls who were in it with the edge of the the edge of the sword. He utterly destroyed all the souls sword, utterly destroying them. There was no one left who were in it that day, according to all that he had who breathed. He burned Hazor with fire. 12 Joshua done to Lachish. 36 Joshua went up from Eglon, and all captured all the cities of those kings, with their kings, They took it, and struck it with the edge of the sword, utterly destroyed them, as Moses the servant of Yahweh with its king and all its cities, and all the souls who were commanded. 13 But as for the cities that stood on their in it. He left no one remaining, according to all that he mounds. Israel burned none of them, except Hazor had done to Eglon; but he utterly destroyed it, and all only. Joshua burned that. 14 The children of Israel took the souls who were in it. 38 Joshua returned, and all all the plunder of these cities, with the livestock, as Israel with him, to Debir, and fought against it. 39 He plunder for themselves; but every man they struck with took it, with its king and all its cities. They struck them the edge of the sword, until they had destroyed them. with the edge of the sword, and utterly destroyed all the They didn't leave any who breathed. 15 As Yahweh souls who were in it. He left no one remaining. As he commanded Moses his servant, so Moses commanded had done to Hebron, so he did to Debir, and to its king; Joshua. Joshua did so. He left nothing undone of all that as he had done also to Libnah, and to its king. 40 So Yahweh commanded Moses. 16 So Joshua captured lowland, the slopes, and all their kings. He left no one of Goshen, the lowland, the Arabah, the hill country of remaining, but he utterly destroyed all that breathed, Israel, and the lowland of the same, 17 from Mount as Yahweh, the God of Israel, commanded. 41 Joshua Halak, that goes up to Seir, even to Baal Gad in the struck them from Kadesh Barnea even to Gaza, and valley of Lebanon under Mount Hermon. He took all all the country of Goshen, even to Gibeon. 42 Joshua their kings, struck them, and put them to death. 18 took all these kings and their land at one time because Joshua made war a long time with all those kings. 19 Yahweh, the God of Israel, fought for Israel. 43 Joshua There was not a city that made peace with the children of Israel, except the Hivites, the inhabitants of Gibeon. They took all in battle. 20 For it was of Yahweh to harden their hearts, to come against Israel in battle, that he might utterly destroy them, that they might have no favor, but that he might destroy them, as Yahweh commanded Moses. 21 Joshua came at that time, and cut off the Anakim from the hill country, from Hebron, from Debir, from Anab, and from all the hill country of Judah, and from all the hill country of Israel. Joshua utterly destroyed them with their cities. 22 There were 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 Yahweh spoke to Moses; and Joshua gave it for an inheritance to Israel according to their divisions by their tribes. Then 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 Sidonians, to Aphek, to the border of the Amorites: 5 Heshbon, and ruled from Aroer, which is on the edge of and the land of the Gebalites, and all Lebanon, toward the valley of the Arnon, and the middle of the valley, the sunrise, from Baal Gad under Mount Hermon to and half Gilead, even to the river Jabbok, the border of the entrance of Hamath; 6 all the inhabitants of the hill the children of Ammon; 3 and the Arabah to the sea of country from Lebanon to Misrephoth Maim, even all the Chinneroth, eastward, and to the sea of the Arabah, Sidonians. I will drive them out from before the children even the Salt Sea, eastward, the way to Beth Jeshimoth; of Israel. Just allocate it to Israel for an inheritance, as and on the south, under the slopes of Pisgah: 4 and I have commanded you. 7 Now therefore divide this the border of Og king of Bashan, of the remnant of land for an inheritance to the nine tribes and the halfthe Rephaim, who lived at Ashtaroth and at Edrei, 5 tribe of Manasseh." 8 With him the Reubenites and the and ruled in Mount Hermon, and in Salecah, and in Gadites received their inheritance, which Moses gave all Bashan, to the border of the Geshurites and the them, beyond the Jordan eastward, even as Moses Maacathites, and half Gilead, the border of Sihon king the servant of Yahweh gave them: 9 from Aroer, that of Heshbon. 6 Moses the servant of Yahweh and the is on the edge of the valley of the Arnon, and the city children of Israel struck them. Moses the servant of that is in the middle of the valley, and all the plain of Yahweh gave it for a possession to the Reubenites, and Medeba to Dibon; 10 and all the cities of Sihon king of the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh. 7 These the Amorites, who reigned in Heshbon, to the border of are the kings of the land whom Joshua and the children the children of Ammon; 11 and Gilead, and the border of of Israel struck beyond the Jordan westward, from Baal the Geshurites and Maacathites, and all Mount Hermon, Gad in the valley of Lebanon even to Mount Halak, that and all Bashan to Salecah; 12 all the kingdom of Og in goes up to Seir. Joshua gave it to the tribes of Israel for Bashan, who reigned in Ashtaroth and in Edrei (who a possession according to their divisions; 8 in the hill was left of the remnant of the Rephaim); for Moses country, and in the lowland, and in the Arabah, and in attacked these, and drove them out. 13 Nevertheless the slopes, and in the wilderness, and in the South; the the children of Israel didn't drive out the Geshurites, nor Hittite, the Amorite, and the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Maacathites: but Geshur and Maacath live within the Hivite, and the Jebusite: 9 the king of Jericho, one; Israel to this day. 14 Only he gave no inheritance to the the king of Ai, which is beside Bethel, one; 10 the king tribe of Levi. The offerings of Yahweh, the God of Israel, of Jerusalem, one; the king of Hebron, one; 11 the king made by fire are his inheritance, as he spoke to him. of Jarmuth, one; the king of Lachish, one; 12 the king of 15 Moses gave to the tribe of the children of Reuben Eglon, one; the king of Gezer, one; 13 the king of Debir, according to their families. 16 Their border was from one; the king of Geder, one; 14 the king of Hormah, Aroer, that is on the edge of the valley of the Arnon, one; the king of Arad, one; 15 the king of Libnah, one; and the city that is in the middle of the valley, and all the king of Adullam, one; 16 the king of Makkedah, one; the plain by Medeba; 17 Heshbon, and all its cities the king of Bethel, one: 17 the king of Tappuah, one; the that are in the plain; Dibon, Bamoth Baal, Beth Baal king of Hepher, one; 18 the king of Aphek, one; the king Meon, 18 Jahaz, Kedemoth, Mephaath, 19 Kiriathaim, of Lassharon, one; 19 the king of Madon, one; the king Sibmah, Zereth Shahar in the mount of the valley, 20 of Hazor, one; 20 the king of Shimron Meron, one; the Beth Peor, the slopes of Pisgah, Beth Jeshimoth, 21 king of Achshaph, one; 21 the king of Taanach, one; the all the cities of the plain, and all the kingdom of Sihon king of Megiddo, one; 22 the king of Kedesh, one; the king of the Amorites, who reigned in Heshbon, whom king of Jokneam in Carmel, one; 23 the king of Dor in Moses struck with the chiefs of Midian, Evi, Rekem, the height of Dor, one; the king of Goiim in Gilgal, one; Zur, Hur, and Reba, the princes of Sihon, who lived in 24 the king of Tirzah, one: all the kings thirty-one.

13 Now Joshua was old and well advanced in years. Yahweh 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 Mearah that belongs to the

the land. 22 The children of Israel also killed Balaam the son of Beor, the soothsayer, with the sword, among the rest of their slain. 23 The border of the children of Reuben was the bank of the Jordan. This was the inheritance of the children of Reuben according to their families, the cities and its villages. 24 Moses gave to the tribe of Gad, to the children of Gad, according to their families. 25 Their border was Jazer, and all the cities of Gilead, and half the land of the children of Ammon, to Aroer that is near Rabbah; 26 and from Heshbon to Ramath Mizpeh, and Betonim; and from Mahanaim to the border of Debir; 27 and in the valley, Beth Haram,

kingdom of Sihon king of Heshbon, the Jordan's bank, of which Yahweh spoke in that day; for you heard in to the uttermost part of the sea of Chinnereth beyond that day how the Anakim were there, and great and the Jordan eastward. 28 This is the inheritance of the fortified cities. It may be that Yahweh will be with me, children of Gad according to their families, the cities and and I shall drive them out, as Yahweh said." 13 Joshua its villages. 29 Moses gave an inheritance to the half- blessed him; and he gave Hebron to Caleb the son of tribe of Manasseh. It was for the half-tribe of the children Jephunneh for an inheritance. 14 Therefore Hebron of Manasseh according to their families. 30 Their border became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh was from Mahanaim, all Bashan, all the kingdom of Og the Kenizzite to this day, because he followed Yahweh, king of Bashan, and all the villages of Jair, which are the God of Israel wholeheartedly. 15 Now the name of in Bashan, sixty cities. 31 Half Gilead, Ashtaroth, and Hebron before was Kiriath Arba, after the greatest man Edrei, the cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan, were among the Anakim. Then the land had rest from war. for the children of Machir the son of Manasseh, even for the half of the children of Machir 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 Moses gave no inheritance to the tribe of Levi. Yahweh, the God of Israel, is their inheritance, as he spoke to them.

then, even so is my strength now for war, to go out and the children of Judah according to their families. 13 He

Beth Nimrah, Succoth, and Zaphon, the rest of the to come in. 12 Now therefore give me this hill country.

15 The lot for the tribe of the children of Judah according to their families was to the border of Edom, even to the wilderness of Zin southward, at the uttermost part of the 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 went 1 1 These are the inheritances which the children of up by the south of Kadesh Barnea, and passed along Israel took in the land of Canaan, which Eleazar by Hezron, went up to Addar, and turned toward Karka; the priest, Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the 4 and it passed along to Azmon, went out at the brook fathers' houses of the tribes of the children of Israel, of Egypt; and the border ended at the sea. This shall distributed to them, 2 by the lot of their inheritance, as be your south border. 5 The east border was the Salt Yahweh commanded by Moses, for the nine tribes, and Sea, even to the end of the Jordan. The border of the for the half-tribe. 3 For Moses had given the inheritance north quarter was from the bay of the sea at the end of the two tribes and the half-tribe beyond the Jordan; of the Jordan. 6 The border went up to Beth Hoglah, but to the Levites he gave no inheritance among them. and passed along by the north of Beth Arabah; and 4 For the children of Joseph were two tribes, Manasseh the border went up to the stone of Bohan the son of and Ephraim. They gave no portion to the Levites in the Reuben. 7 The border went up to Debir from the valley land, except cities to dwell in, with their pasture lands of Achor, and so northward, looking toward Gilgal, that for their livestock and for their property. 5 The children faces the ascent of Adummim, which is on the south of Israel did as Yahweh commanded Moses, and they side of the river. The border passed along to the waters divided the land. 6 Then the children of Judah came of En Shemesh, and ended at En Rogel. 8 The border near to Joshua in Gilgal. Caleb the son of Jephunneh went up by the valley of the son of Hinnom to the side the Kenizzite said to him, "You know the thing that of the Jebusite (also called Jerusalem) southward; and Yahweh spoke to Moses the man of God concerning me the border went up to the top of the mountain that lies and concerning you in Kadesh Barnea. 7 I was forty before the valley of Hinnom westward, which is at the years old when Moses the servant of Yahweh sent me farthest part of the valley of Rephaim northward. 9 The from Kadesh Barnea to spy out the land. I brought him border extended from the top of the mountain to the word again as it was in my heart. 8 Nevertheless, my spring of the waters of Nephtoah, and went out to the brothers who went up with me made the heart of the cities of Mount Ephron; and the border extended to people melt; but I wholly followed Yahweh my God. Baalah (also called Kiriath Jearim); 10 and the border 9 Moses swore on that day, saying, 'Surely the land turned about from Baalah westward to Mount Seir, where you walked shall be an inheritance to you and to and passed along to the side of Mount Jearim (also your children forever, because you have wholly followed called Chesalon) on the north, and went down to Beth Yahweh my God.' 10 "Now, behold, Yahweh has kept Shemesh, and passed along by Timnah; 11 and the me alive, as he spoke, these forty-five years, from the border went out to the side of Ekron northward; and time that Yahweh spoke this word to Moses, while Israel the border extended to Shikkeron, and passed along to walked in the wilderness. Now, behold, I am eighty-five Mount Baalah, and went out at Jabneel; and the goings years old, today. 11 As yet I am as strong today as I out of the border were at the sea. 12 The west border was in the day that Moses sent me. As my strength was was to the shore of the great sea. This is the border of

the children of Judah, according to the commandment Kiriath Baal (also called Kiriath Jearim), and Rabbah; of Yahweh to Joshua, even Kiriath Arba, named after two cities with their villages. 61 In the wilderness, Beth the father of Anak (also called Hebron). 14 Caleb drove Arabah, Middin, Secacah, 62 Nibshan, the City of Salt, out the three sons of Anak: Sheshai, and Ahiman, and and En Gedi; six cities with their villages. 63 As for the Talmai, the children of Anak. 15 He went up against Jebusites, the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the children of the inhabitants of Debir: now the name of Debir before Judah couldn't drive them out; but the Jebusites live was Kiriath Sepher. 16 Caleb said, "He who strikes with the children of Judah at Jerusalem to this day. Kiriath Sepher, and takes it, to him I will give Achsah my daughter as wife." 17 Othniel the son of Kenaz, the brother of Caleb, took it: and he gave him Achsah his daughter as wife. 18 When she came, she had him ask her father for a field. She got off her donkey, and Caleb said, "What do you want?" 19 She said, "Give me a blessing. Because you have set me in the land of the South, give me also springs of water." So he gave her the upper springs and the lower springs. 20 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Judah according to their families. 21 The farthest cities of the tribe of the children of Judah toward the border of Edom in the South were Kabzeel, Eder, Jagur, 22 Kinah, Dimonah, Adadah, 23 Kedesh, Hazor, Ithnan, 24 Ziph, Telem, Bealoth, 25 Hazor Hadattah, Kerioth Hezron (also called Hazor). 26 Amam. Shema. Moladah. 27 Hazar Gaddah, Heshmon, Beth Pelet, 28 Hazar Shual, Beersheba, Biziothiah, 29 Baalah, Iim, Ezem, 30 Eltolad, Chesil, Hormah, 31 Ziklag, Madmannah, Sansannah, 32 Lebaoth, Shilhim, Ain, and Rimmon. All the cities are twenty-nine, with their villages. 33 In the lowland, Eshtaol, Zorah, Ashnah, 34 Zanoah, En Gannim, Tappuah, Enam, 35 Jarmuth, Adullam, Socoh, Azekah, 36 Shaaraim, Adithaim and Gederah (or Gederothaim); fourteen cities with their villages. 37 Zenan, Hadashah, Migdal Gad, 38 Dilean, Mizpah, Joktheel, 39 Lachish, Bozkath, Eglon, 40 Cabbon, Lahmam, Chitlish, 41 Gederoth, Beth Dagon, Naamah, and Makkedah; sixteen cities with their villages. 42 Libnah, Ether, Ashan, 43 Iphtah, Ashnah, Nezib, 44 Keilah, Achzib, and Mareshah; nine cities with their villages. 45 Ekron, with its towns and its villages; 46 from Ekron even to the sea, all that were by the side of Ashdod, with their villages. 47 Ashdod, its towns and its villages; Gaza, its towns and its villages; to the brook of Egypt, and the great sea with its coastline. 48 In the hill country, Shamir, Jattir, Socoh, 49 Dannah, Kiriath Sannah (which is Debir), 50 Anab, Eshtemoh, Anim, 51 Goshen, Holon, and Giloh; eleven cities with their villages. 52 Arab, Dumah, Eshan, 53 Janim, Beth Tappuah, Aphekah, 54 Humtah, Kiriath Arba (also called Hebron), and Zior; nine cities with their villages. 55 Maon, Carmel, Ziph, Jutah, 56 Jezreel, Jokdeam, Zanoah, 57 Kain, Gibeah, and Timnah; ten cities with their villages. 58 Halhul, Beth Zur, Gedor, 59 Maarath,

gave to Caleb the son of Jephunneh a portion among Beth Anoth, and Eltekon; six cities with their villages, 60

16 The lot came out for the children of Joseph from the Jordan at Jericho, at the waters of Jericho on the east, even the wilderness, going up from Jericho through the hill country to Bethel. 2 It went out from Bethel to Luz, and passed along to the border of the Archites to Ataroth; 3 and it went down westward to the border of the Japhletites, to the border of Beth Horon the lower, and on to Gezer; and ended at the sea. 4 The children of Joseph, Manasseh and Ephraim, took their inheritance. 5 This was the border of the children of Ephraim according to their families. The border of their inheritance eastward was Ataroth Addar, to Beth Horon the upper. 6 The border went out westward at Michmethath on the north. The border turned about eastward to Taanath Shiloh, and passed along it on the east of Janoah. 7 It went down from Janoah to Ataroth, to Naarah, reached to Jericho, and went out at the Jordan. 8 From Tappuah the border went along westward to the brook of Kanah; and ended at the sea. This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Ephraim according to their families: 9 together with the cities which were set apart for the children of Ephraim in the middle of the inheritance of the children of Manasseh, all the cities with their villages. 10 They didn't drive out the Canaanites who lived in Gezer; but the Canaanites dwell in the territory of Ephraim to this day, and have become servants to do forced labor.

This was the lot for the tribe of Manasseh, for he was the firstborn of Joseph. As for Machir the firstborn of Manasseh, the father of Gilead, because he was a man of war, therefore he had Gilead and Bashan. 2 So this was for the rest of the children of Manasseh according to their families: for the children of Abiezer, for the children of Helek, for the children of Asriel, for the children of Shechem, for the children of Hepher, and for the children of Shemida. These were the male children of Manasseh the son of Joseph according to their families. 3 But Zelophehad, the son of Hepher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, had no sons, but daughters. These are the names of his daughters: Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah, 4 They came to Eleazar the priest, and to Joshua the son of Nun, and to the princes, saying, "Yahweh commanded Moses to give us an inheritance among our brothers."

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

Therefore according to the commandment of Yahweh children of Israel, which had not vet divided their he gave them an inheritance among the brothers of inheritance. 3 Joshua said to the children of Israel, their father. 5 Ten parts fell to Manasseh, in addition to "How long will you neglect to go in to possess the land, the land of Gilead and Bashan, which is beyond the which Yahweh, the God of your fathers, has given you? Jordan; 6 because the daughters of Manasseh had 4 Appoint for yourselves three men from each tribe. I an inheritance among his sons. The land of Gilead will send them, and they shall arise, walk through the belonged to the rest of the sons of Manasseh. 7 The land, and describe it according to their inheritance; then border of Manasseh was from Asher to Michmethath, they shall come to me. 5 They shall divide it into seven which is before Shechem. The border went along to portions. Judah shall live in his borders on the south, the right hand, to the inhabitants of En Tappuah. 8 The and the house of Joseph shall live in their borders on land of Tappuah belonged to Manasseh; but Tappuah the north. 6 You shall survey the land into seven parts, on the border of Manasseh belonged to the children and bring the description here to me; and I will cast lots of Ephraim. 9 The border went down to the brook of for you here before Yahweh our God. 7 However, the Kanah, southward of the brook. These cities belonged Levites have no portion among you; for the priesthood of to Ephraim among the cities of Manasseh. The border Yahweh is their inheritance. Gad, Reuben, and the halfof Manasseh was on the north side of the brook, and tribe of Manasseh have received their inheritance east ended at the sea. 10 Southward it was Ephraim's, and of the Jordan, which Moses the servant of Yahweh gave northward it was Manasseh's, and the sea was his them." 8 The men arose and went. Joshua commanded border. They reached to Asher on the north, and to those who went to survey the land, saying, "Go walk Issachar on the east. 11 Manasseh had three heights through the land, survey it, and come again to me. I in Issachar, in Asher Beth Shean and its towns, and will cast lots for you here before Yahweh in Shiloh." Ibleam and its towns, and the inhabitants of Dor and 9 The men went and passed through the land, and its towns, and the inhabitants of Endor and its towns, surveyed it by cities into seven portions in a book. They and the inhabitants of Taanach and its towns, and the came to Joshua to the camp at Shiloh. 10 Joshua cast inhabitants of Megiddo and its towns. 12 Yet the children lots for them in Shiloh before Yahweh. There Joshua of Manasseh couldn't drive out the inhabitants of those divided the land to the children of Israel according to cities: but the Canaanites would dwell in that land. 13 their divisions. 11 The lot of the tribe of the children When the children of Israel had grown strong, they put of Benjamin came up according to their families. The the Canaanites to forced labor, and didn't utterly drive border of their lot went out between the children of them out. 14 The children of Joseph spoke to Joshua, Judah and the children of Joseph. 12 Their border on saying, "Why have you given me just one lot and one the north quarter was from the Jordan. The border part for an inheritance, since we are a numerous people, went up to the side of Jericho on the north, and went because Yahweh has blessed us so far?" 15 Joshua up through the hill country westward. It ended at the said to them, "If you are a numerous people, go up wilderness of Beth Aven. 13 The border passed along to the forest, and clear land for yourself there in the from there to Luz, to the side of Luz (also called Bethel), land of the Perizzites and of the Rephaim, since the southward. The border went down to Ataroth Addar, hill country of Ephraim is too narrow for you." 16 The by the mountain that lies on the south of Beth Horon children of Joseph said, "The hill country is not enough the lower. 14 The border extended, and turned around for us. All the Canaanites who dwell in the land of the on the west quarter southward, from the mountain that valley have chariots of iron, both those who are in Beth lies before Beth Horon southward; and ended at Kiriath Shean and its towns, and those who are in the valley of Baal (also called Kiriath Jearim), a city of the children of Jezreel." 17 Joshua spoke to the house of Joseph, that Judah, This was the west quarter. 15 The south quarter is, to Ephraim and to Manasseh, saying, "You are a was from the farthest part of Kiriath Jearim. The border numerous people, and have great power. You shall not went out westward, and went out to the spring of the have one lot only; 18 but the hill country shall be yours. waters of Nephtoah. 16 The border went down to the Although it is a forest, you shall cut it down, and it's farthest part of the mountain that lies before the valley farthest extent shall be yours; for you shall drive out of the son of Hinnom, which is in the valley of Rephaim the Canaanites, though they have chariots of iron, and northward. It went down to the valley of Hinnom, to the side of the Jebusite southward, and went down to En Rogel. 17 It extended northward, went out at En Shemesh, and went out to Geliloth, which is opposite the ascent of Adummim. It went down to the stone of Bohan the son of Reuben. 18 It passed along to the side

opposite the Arabah northward, and went down to the Anaharath, 20 Rabbith, Kishion, Ebez, 21 Remeth, children of Benjamin according to their families.

19 The second lot came out for Simeon, even for the tribe of the children of Simeon according to their families. Their inheritance was in the middle of the inheritance of the children of Judah. 2 They had for their inheritance Beersheba (or Sheba), Moladah, 3 Hazar Shual, Balah, Ezem, 4 Eltolad, Bethul, Hormah, 5 Ziklag, Beth Marcaboth, Hazar Susah, 6 Beth Lebaoth, and Sharuhen; thirteen cities with their villages; 7 Ain, Rimmon, Ether, and Ashan; four cities with their villages; 8 and all the villages that were around these cities to Baalath Beer, Ramah of the South. This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Simeon according to their families. 9 Out of the part of the children of Judah was the inheritance of the children of Simeon; for the portion of the children of Judah was too much for them. Therefore the children of Simeon had inheritance in the middle of their inheritance. 10 The third lot came up for the children of Zebulun according to their families. The border of their inheritance was to Sarid. 11 Their border went up westward, even to Maralah, and reached to Dabbesheth. It reached to the brook that is before Jokneam. 12 It turned from Sarid eastward toward the sunrise to the border of Chisloth Tabor. It went out to Daberath, and went up to Japhia. 13 From there it passed along eastward to Gath Hepher, to Ethkazin; and it went out at Rimmon which stretches to Neah. 14 The border turned around it on the north to Hannathon; and it ended at the valley of Iphtah El; 15 Kattath, Nahalal, Shimron, Idalah, and Bethlehem: twelve cities with their villages. 16 This is the inheritance of the children of Zebulun according to their families, these cities with their villages. 17 The fourth lot came out for Issachar, even for the children of Issachar according to their families. 18 Their border was to Jezreel, Chesulloth, Shunem, 19 Hapharaim, Shion,

Arabah. 19 The border passed along to the side of Beth Engannim, En Haddah, and Beth Pazzez. 22 The border Hoglah northward; and the border ended at the north reached to Tabor, Shahazumah, and Beth Shemesh. bay of the Salt Sea, at the south end of the Jordan. This Their border ended at the Jordan: sixteen cities with was the south border. 20 The Jordan was its border on their villages. 23 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the east quarter. This was the inheritance of the children the children of Issachar according to their families, the of Benjamin, by the borders around it, according to their cities with their villages. 24 The fifth lot came out for the families. 21 Now the cities of the tribe of the children of tribe of the children of Asher according to their families. Benjamin according to their families were Jericho, Beth 25 Their border was Helkath, Hali, Beten, Achshaph, Hoglah, Emek Keziz, 22 Beth Arabah, Zemaraim, Bethel, 26 Allammelech, Amad, Mishal. It reached to Carmel 23 Avvim, Parah, Ophrah, 24 Chephar Ammoni, Ophni, westward, and to Shihorlibnath. 27 It turned toward and Geba; twelve cities with their villages. 25 Gibeon, the sunrise to Beth Dagon, and reached to Zebulun, Ramah, Beeroth, 26 Mizpeh, Chephirah, Mozah, 27 and to the valley of Iphtah El northward to Beth Emek Rekem, Irpeel, Taralah, 28 Zelah, Eleph, the Jebusite and Neiel. It went out to Cabul on the left hand, 28 (also called Jerusalem), Gibeath, and Kiriath; fourteen and Ebron, Rehob, Hammon, and Kanah, even to great cities with their villages. This is the inheritance of the Sidon. 29 The border turned to Ramah, to the fortified city of Tyre; and the border turned to Hosah. It ended at the sea by the region of Achzib; 30 Ummah also, and Aphek, and Rehob: twenty-two cities with their villages. 31 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Asher according to their families, these cities with their villages. 32 The sixth lot came out for the children of Naphtali, even for the children of Naphtali according to their families. 33 Their border was from Heleph, from the oak in Zaanannim, Adami-nekeb, 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 sunrise. 35 The fortified cities were Ziddim, Zer, Hammath, Rakkath, Chinnereth, 36 Adamah, Ramah, Hazor, 37 Kedesh, Edrei, En Hazor, 38 Iron, Migdal El, Horem, Beth Anath, and Beth Shemesh; nineteen cities with their villages. 39 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Naphtali according to their families, the cities with their villages. 40 The seventh lot came out for the tribe of the children of Dan according to their families. 41 The border of their inheritance was Zorah, Eshtaol, Irshemesh, 42 Shaalabbin, Aijalon, Ithlah, 43 Elon, Timnah, Ekron, 44 Eltekeh, Gibbethon, Baalath, 45 Jehud, Bene Berak, Gath Rimmon, 46 Me Jarkon, and Rakkon, with the border opposite Joppa. 47 The border of the children of Dan went out beyond them; for the children of Dan went up and fought against Leshem, and took it, and struck it with the edge of the sword, and possessed it, and lived therein, and called Leshem, Dan, after the name of Dan their forefather. 48 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Dan according to their families, these cities with their villages. 49 So they finished distributing the land for inheritance by its borders. The children of Israel gave an inheritance to Joshua the son of Nun among them. 50 According to Yahweh's commandment, they gave him

the city which he asked, even Timnathserah in the hill of the children of Kohath had ten cities by lot out of the country of Ephraim; and he built the city, and lived there. families of the tribe of Ephraim, out of the tribe of Dan, 51 These are the inheritances, which Eleazar the priest, and out of the half-tribe of Manasseh. 6 The children of Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers' Gershon had thirteen cities by lot out of the families of houses of the tribes of the children of Israel, distributed the tribe of Issachar, out of the tribe of Asher, out of the for inheritance by lot in Shiloh before Yahweh, at the tribe of Naphtali, and out of the half-tribe of Manasseh door of the Tent of Meeting. So they finished dividing in Bashan. 7 The children of Merari according to their families had twelve cities out of the tribe of Reuben, out

2 Yahweh 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 man slayer who kills any person accidentally or unintentionally may flee there. They shall be to you for 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 case 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 pursues him, then they shall not deliver up the man slayer into his hand; because he struck his neighbor unintentionally, and didn't 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 man slayer 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 (also called Hebron) in the hill country of Judah. 8 Beyond the Jordan at Jericho eastward, they assigned Bezer in the wilderness in the plain 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 alien who lives 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 trial before the congregation.

21 Then the heads of fathers' houses of the Levites came near to Eleazar the priest, and to Joshua the son of Nun, and to the heads of fathers' houses of the tribes of the children of Israel. 2 They spoke to them at Shiloh in the land of Canaan, saying, "Yahweh commanded through Moses to give us cities to dwell in, with their pasture lands for our livestock." 3 The children of Israel gave to the Levites out of their inheritance, according to the commandment of Yahweh, these cities with their pasture lands. 4 The lot came out for the families of the Kohathites. The children of Aaron the priest, who were of the Levites, had thirteen cities by lot out of the tribe of Judah, out of the tribe of the Simeonites, and out of the tribe of Benjamin. 5 The rest

Gershon had thirteen cities by lot out of the families of families had twelve cities out of the tribe of Reuben, out of the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe of Zebulun. 8 The children of Israel gave these cities with their pasture lands by lot to the Levites, as Yahweh commanded by Moses. 9 They gave out of the tribe of the children of Judah, and out of the tribe of the children of Simeon, these cities which are mentioned by name: 10 and they were for the children of Aaron, of the families of the Kohathites, who were of the children of Levi; for theirs was the first lot. 11 They gave them Kiriath Arba, named after the father of Anak (also called Hebron), in the hill country of Judah, with its pasture lands around it. 12 But they gave the fields of the city and its villages to Caleb the son of Jephunneh for his possession. 13 To the children of Aaron the priest they gave Hebron with its pasture lands, the city of refuge for the man slayer, Libnah with its pasture lands, 14 Jattir with its pasture lands, Eshtemoa with its pasture lands, 15 Holon with its pasture lands, Debir with its pasture lands, 16 Ain with its pasture lands. Juttah with its pasture lands, and Beth Shemesh with its pasture lands: nine cities out of those two tribes. 17 Out of the tribe of Benjamin, Gibeon with its pasture lands, Geba with its pasture lands, 18 Anathoth with its pasture lands, and Almon with its pasture lands: four cities. 19 All the cities of the children of Aaron, the priests, were thirteen cities with their pasture lands. 20 The families of the children of Kohath, the Levites, even the rest of the children of Kohath, had the cities of their lot out of the tribe of Ephraim. 21 They gave them Shechem with its pasture lands in the hill country of Ephraim, the city of refuge for the man slayer, and Gezer with its pasture lands, 22 Kibzaim with its pasture lands, and Beth Horon with its pasture lands: four cities. 23 Out of the tribe of Dan, Elteke with its pasture lands. Gibbethon with its pasture lands, 24 Aijalon with its pasture lands, Gath Rimmon with its pasture lands: four cities. 25 Out of the halftribe of Manasseh, Taanach with its pasture lands, and Gath Rimmon with its pasture lands: two cities. 26 All the cities of the families of the rest of the children of Kohath were ten with their pasture lands. 27 They gave to the children of Gershon, of the families of the Levites, out of the half-tribe of Manasseh Golan in Bashan with its pasture lands, the city of refuge for the man slayer, and Be Eshterah with its pasture lands: two cities. 28 Out of the tribe of Issachar, Kishion with its pasture

lands. Daberath with its pasture lands. 29 Jarmuth with 6 So Joshua blessed them, and sent them away; and All came to pass.

77 Then Joshua called the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, 2 and said to them, "You have kept all that Moses the servant of Yahweh 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 Yahweh your God. 4 Now Yahweh 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 Yahweh gave you beyond the Jordan. 5 Only take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law which Moses the servant of Yahweh commanded you, to love Yahweh your God, to walk in all his ways, to keep his commandments, to hold fast to him, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul."

its pasture lands, En Gannim with its pasture lands: they went to their tents. 7 Now to the one half-tribe four cities. 30 Out of the tribe of Asher, Mishal with its of Manasseh Moses had given inheritance in Bashan; pasture lands, Abdon with its pasture lands, 31 Helkath but Joshua gave to the other half among their brothers with its pasture lands, and Rehob with its pasture lands: beyond the Jordan westward. Moreover when Joshua four cities. 32 Out of the tribe of Naphtali, Kedesh in sent them away to their tents, he blessed them, 8 and Galilee with its pasture lands, the city of refuge for the spoke to them, saying, "Return with much wealth to your man slayer, Hammothdor with its pasture lands, and tents, with very much livestock, with silver, with gold, Kartan with its pasture lands: three cities. 33 All the with bronze, with iron, and with very much clothing. cities of the Gershonites according to their families were Divide the plunder of your enemies with your brothers." thirteen cities with their pasture lands. 34 To the families 9 The children of Reuben and the children of Gad and of the children of Merari, the rest of the Levites, out of the half-tribe of Manasseh returned, and departed from the tribe of Zebulun, Jokneam with its pasture lands, the children of Israel out of Shiloh, which is in the land Kartah with its pasture lands, 35 Dimnah with its pasture of Canaan, to go to the land of Gilead, to the land of lands, and Nahalal with its pasture lands: four cities, their possession, which they owned, according to the 36 Out of the tribe of Reuben. Bezer with its pasture commandment of Yahweh by Moses. 10 When they lands, Jahaz with its pasture lands, 37 Kedemoth with its came to the region near the Jordan, that is in the land of pasture lands, and Mephaath with its pasture lands: four Canaan, the children of Reuben and the children of Gad cities. 38 Out of the tribe of Gad, Ramoth in Gilead with and the half-tribe of Manasseh built an altar there by its pasture lands, the city of refuge for the man slayer, the Jordan, a great altar to look at. 11 The children of and Mahanaim with its pasture lands, 39 Heshbon with Israel heard this, "Behold, the children of Reuben and its pasture lands, Jazer with its pasture lands: four cities the children of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh have in all. 40 All these were the cities of the children of built an altar along the border of the land of Canaan, in Merari according to their families, even the rest of the the region around the Jordan, on the side that belongs families of the Levites. Their lot was twelve cities. 41 All to the children of Israel." 12 When the children of Israel the cities of the Levites among the possessions of the heard of it, the whole congregation of the children of children of Israel were forty-eight cities with their pasture. Israel gathered themselves together at Shiloh, to go up lands. 42 Each of these cities included their pasture against them to war. 13 The children of Israel sent to lands around them. It was this way with all these cities. the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and 43 So Yahweh gave to Israel all the land which he swore to the half-tribe of Manasseh, into the land of Gilead, to give to their fathers. They possessed it, and lived in Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest. 14 With him it. 44 Yahweh gave them rest all around, according to were ten princes, one prince of a fathers' house for each all that he swore to their fathers. Not a man of all their of the tribes of Israel; and they were each head of their enemies stood before them. Yahweh delivered all their fathers' houses among the thousands of Israel. 15 They enemies into their hand. 45 Nothing failed of any good came to the children of Reuben, and to the children of thing which Yahweh had spoken to the house of Israel. Gad, and to the half-tribe of Manasseh, to the land of Gilead, and they spoke with them, saying, 16 "The whole congregation of Yahweh says, 'What trespass is this that you have committed against the God of Israel, to turn away today from following Yahweh, in that you have built yourselves an altar, to rebel today against Yahweh? 17 Is the iniquity of Peor too little for us, from which we have not cleansed ourselves to this day, although there came a plaque on the congregation of Yahweh. 18 that you must turn away today from following Yahweh? It will be, since you rebel today against Yahweh, that tomorrow he will be angry with the whole congregation of Israel. 19 However, if the land of your possession is unclean, then pass over to the land of the possession of Yahweh, in which Yahweh's tabernacle dwells, and take possession among us; but don't rebel against Yahweh, nor rebel against us, in building an altar other than Yahweh our God's altar. 20 Didn't Achan the son of

fell on all the congregation of Israel? That man didn't Reuben and the children of Gad lived. 34 The children perish alone in his iniquity." 21 Then the children of of Reuben and the children of Gad named the altar "A Reuben and the children of Gad and the half-tribe of Witness Between Us that Yahweh is God." Manasseh answered, and spoke to the heads of the thousands of Israel, 22 "The Mighty One, God, Yahweh, the Mighty One, God, Yahweh, he knows; and Israel shall know: if it was in rebellion, or if in trespass against Yahweh (don't save us today), 23 that we have built us an altar to turn away from following Yahweh; or if to offer burnt offering or meal offering, or if to offer sacrifices of peace offerings, let Yahweh himself require it. 24 "If we have not out of concern done this, and for a reason, saying, 'In time to come your children might speak to our children, saying, "What have you to do with Yahweh, the God of Israel? 25 For Yahweh has made the Jordan a border between us and you, you children of Reuben and children of Gad. You have no portion in Yahweh." So your children might make our children cease from fearing Yahweh. 26 "Therefore we said, 'Let's now prepare to build ourselves an altar, not for burnt offering, nor for sacrifice; 27 but it will be a witness between us and you, and between our generations after us, that we may perform the service of Yahweh before him with our burnt offerings, with our sacrifices, and with our peace offerings;' that your children may not tell our children in time to come, 'You have no portion in Yahweh.' 28 "Therefore we said, 'It shall be, when they tell us or our generations this in time to come, that we shall say, "Behold the pattern of Yahweh's altar, which our fathers made, not for burnt offering, nor for sacrifice; but it is a witness between us and you." 29 "Far be it from us that we should rebel against Yahweh, and turn away today from following Yahweh, to build an altar for burnt offering, for meal offering, or for sacrifice, besides Yahweh our God's altar that is before his tabernacle!" 30 When Phinehas the priest, and the princes of the congregation, even the heads of the thousands of Israel that were with him, heard the words that the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the children of Manasseh spoke, it pleased them well. 31 Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest said to the children of Reuben, to the children of Gad, and to the children of Manasseh, "Today we know that Yahweh is among us, because you have not committed this trespass against Yahweh. Now you have delivered the children of Israel out of Yahweh's hand." 32 Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, and the princes, returned from the children of Reuben, and from the children of Gad, out of the land of Gilead, to the land of Canaan, to the children of Israel, and brought them word again. 33 The thing pleased the children of Israel; and the children of Israel blessed God, and spoke no more of going up against

Zerah commit a trespass in the devoted thing, and wrath them to war, to destroy the land in which the children of

23 After many days, when Yahweh had given rest to Israel from their enemies all around, and Joshua was old and well advanced in years, 2 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 Yahweh your God has done to all these nations because of you; for it is Yahweh your God who has fought for you. 4 Behold, I have allotted to you these nations that remain, to be an inheritance for your tribes, from the Jordan, with all the nations that I have cut off, even to the great sea toward the going down of the sun. 5 Yahweh your God will thrust them out from before you, and drive them from out of your sight. You shall possess their land, as Yahweh your God spoke to you. 6 "Therefore be very courageous to keep and to do all that is written in the book of the law of Moses, that you not turn away from it to the right hand or to the left; 7 that you not come among these nations, these that remain among you; neither make mention of the name of their gods, nor cause to swear by them, neither serve them, nor bow down yourselves to them; 8 but hold fast to Yahweh your God, as you have done to this day. 9 "For Yahweh has driven great and strong nations out from before you. But as for you, no man has stood before you to this day. 10 One man of you shall chase a thousand; for it is Yahweh your God who fights for you, as he spoke to you. 11 Take good heed therefore to yourselves, that you love Yahweh your God. 12 "But if you do at all go back, and hold fast to the remnant of these nations, even these who remain among you, and make marriages with them, and go in to them, and they to you; 13 know for a certainty that Yahweh your God will no longer drive these nations from out of your sight; but they shall be a snare and a trap to you, a scourge in your sides, and thorns in your eyes, until you perish from off this good land which Yahweh your God has given you. 14 "Behold, today I am going the way of all the earth. You know in all your hearts and in all your souls that not one thing has failed of all the good things which Yahweh your God spoke concerning you. All have happened to you. Not one thing has failed of it. 15 It shall happen that as all the good things have come on you of which Yahweh your God spoke to you, so Yahweh will bring on you all the evil things, until he has destroyed you from off this good land which Yahweh your God has given you, 16 when you disobey the covenant of Yahweh your God, which he commanded you, and go and serve other gods, and

bow down yourselves to them. Then Yahweh's anger other gods: 17 for it is Yahweh our God who brought us from off the good land which he has given to you."

21 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, "Yahweh, the God of Israel, says, 'Your fathers lived of old time beyond the River, even Terah, the father of Abraham, and the father of Nahor, They served other gods. 3 I took your father Abraham from beyond the River, and led him throughout all the land of Canaan, and multiplied his offspring, and gave him Isaac. 41 gave to Isaac Jacob and Esau: and I gave to Esau Mount Seir, to possess it. Jacob and his children went down into Egypt. 5 "I sent Moses and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt, according to that which I did among them: and afterward I brought you out. 6 I brought your fathers out of Egypt: and you came to the sea. The Egyptians pursued your fathers with chariots and with horsemen to the Red Sea. 7 When they cried out to Yahweh, he put darkness between you and the Egyptians, and brought the sea on them, and covered them; and your eyes saw what I did in Egypt. You lived in the wilderness many days. 8 "I brought you into the land of the Amorites, that lived beyond the Jordan. They fought with you, and I gave them into your hand. You possessed their land, and I destroyed them from before you. 9 Then Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, arose and fought against Israel. He sent and called Balaam the son of Beor to curse you, 10 but I would not listen to Balaam; therefore he blessed you still. So I delivered you out of his hand. 11 "'You went over the Jordan, and came to Jericho. The men of Jericho fought against you, the Amorite, the Perizzite, the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Girgashite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite; and I delivered them into your hand. 12 I sent the hornet before you, which drove them out from before you, even the two kings of the Amorites; not with your sword, nor with your bow. 13 I gave you a land on which you had not labored, and cities which you didn't build, and you live in them. You eat of vineyards and olive groves which you didn't plant.' 14 "Now therefore fear Yahweh, and serve him in sincerity and in truth. Put away the gods which your fathers served beyond the River, in Egypt; and serve Yahweh. 15 If it seems evil to you to serve Yahweh, choose today whom you will serve; whether 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 Yahweh." 16 The people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake Yahweh, to serve

will be kindled against you, and you will perish quickly 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 middle of whom we passed. 18 Yahweh drove out from before us all the peoples, even the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve Yahweh; for he is our God." 19 Joshua said to the people, "You can't serve Yahweh, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God. He will not forgive your disobedience nor your sins. 20 If you forsake Yahweh, and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you evil, and consume you, after he has done you good." 21 The people said to Joshua, "No, but we will serve Yahweh." 22 Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen Yahweh yourselves, 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 Yahweh, the God of Israel." 24 The people said to Joshua, "We will serve Yahweh 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 Yahweh. 27 Joshua said to all the people. "Behold, this stone shall be a witness against us, for it has heard all Yahweh's words 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, each to his own inheritance. 29 After these things, Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of Yahweh, died, being one hundred ten years old. 30 They buried him in the border of his inheritance in Timnathserah, which is in the hill country of Ephraim, on the north of the mountain of Gaash. 31 Israel served Yahweh all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, and had known all the work of Yahweh, 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 parcel of ground which Jacob bought from the sons of Hamor the father of Shechem for a hundred pieces of silver. They became the inheritance of the children of Joseph. 33 Eleazar the son of Aaron died. They buried him in the hill of Phinehas his son, which was given him in the hill country of Ephraim.

Judges

1 After the death of Joshua, the children of Israel asked of Yahweh, saying, "Who should go up for us first against the Canaanites, to fight against them?" 2 Yahweh said, "Judah shall go up. Behold, 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 Yahweh delivered the Canaanites and the Perizzites into their hand. They struck ten thousand men in Bezek. 5 They found Adoni-Bezek in Bezek, and they fought against him. They struck the Canaanites and the Perizzites. 6 But Adoni-Bezek fled. They pursued him, caught him, and cut off his thumbs and his big toes. 7 Adoni-Bezek said, "Seventy kings, having their thumbs and their big toes cut off, scavenged under my table. As I have done, so God has done to me." They brought him to Jerusalem, and he died there. 8 The children of Judah fought against Jerusalem, took it, struck it with the edge of the sword, and set the city on fire. 9 After that, the children of Judah went down to fight against the Canaanites who lived in the hill country, and in the South, and in the lowland. 10 Judah went against the Canaanites who lived in Hebron. (The name of Hebron before that was Kiriath Arba.) They struck Sheshai, Ahiman, and Talmai. 11 From there he went against the inhabitants of Debir. (The name of Debir before that was Kiriath Sepher.) 12 Caleb said, "I will give Achsah my daughter as wife to the man who strikes Kiriath Sepher, and takes it." 13 Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother, took it, so he gave him Achsah his daughter as his wife. 14 When she came, she got him to ask her father for a field. She got off her donkey; and Caleb said to her, "What would you like?" 15 She said to him, "Give me a blessing; because you have set me in the land of the South, give me also springs of water." Then Caleb gave her the upper springs and the lower springs. 16 The children of the Kenite, Moses' brother-in-law, went up out of the city of palm trees with the children of Judah into the wilderness of Judah, which is in the south of Arad; and they went and 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 border, and Ashkelon with its border, and Ekron with its border. 19 Yahweh 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 said, and he drove the three sons of

Anak out of there. 21 The children of Benjamin didn't drive out the Jebusites who inhabited Jerusalem, but the Jebusites dwell with the children of Benjamin in Jerusalem to this day. 22 The house of Joseph also went up against Bethel, and Yahweh was with them. 23 The house of Joseph sent to spy out Bethel. (The name of the city before that was Luz.) 24 The watchers saw a man come out of the city, and they said to him, "Please show us the entrance into the city, and we will deal kindly with you." 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 and all his family go. 26 The man went into the land of the Hittites, built a city, and called its name Luz, which is its name to this day. 27 Manasseh didn't 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 When Israel had grown strong, they put the Canaanites to forced labor, and didn't 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 didn't 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 didn't 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 children 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. Yet 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 the rock, and upward.

2 Yahweh's angel came up from Gilgal to Bochim. He said, "I brought you out of Egypt, and have brought you to the land which I swore to give your fathers. I said, 'I will never break my covenant with you. 2 You shall make no covenant with the inhabitants of this land. You shall break down their altars.' But you have not listened to my voice. Why have you done this? 3 Therefore I also said, 'I will not drive them out from before you; but they shall be in your sides, and their gods will be a snare

to all the children of Israel, the people lifted up their them out hastily. He didn't deliver them into Joshua's voice and wept. 5 They called the name of that place hand. Bochim, and they sacrificed there to Yahweh. 6 Now when Joshua had sent the people away, the children of Israel each went to his inheritance to possess the land. 7 The people served Yahweh all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great work of Yahweh that he had worked for Israel. 8 Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of Yahweh, died, being one hundred ten years old. 9 They buried him in the border of his inheritance in Timnath Heres, in the hill country of Ephraim, on the north of the mountain of Gaash. 10 After all that generation were gathered to their fathers, another generation arose after them who didn't know Yahweh, nor the work which he had done for Israel. 11 The children of Israel did that which was evil in Yahweh's sight, and served the Baals. 12 They abandoned Yahweh, 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 Yahweh to anger. 13 They abandoned Yahweh. and served Baal and the Ashtaroth. 14 Yahweh's anger burned against Israel, and he delivered them into the hands of raiders who plundered them. He sold them into the hands of their enemies all around, so that they could no longer stand before their enemies. 15 Wherever they went out. Yahweh's hand was against them for evil, as Yahweh had spoken, and as Yahweh had sworn to them; and they were very distressed. 16 Yahweh raised up judges, who saved them out of the hand of those who plundered them. 17 Yet they didn't listen to their judges; for they prostituted themselves to other gods, and bowed themselves down to them. They quickly turned away from the way in which their fathers walked, obeying Yahweh's commandments. They didn't do so. 18 When Yahweh raised up judges for them, then Yahweh was with the judge, and saved them out of the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge; for it grieved Yahweh because of their groaning by reason of those who oppressed them and troubled them. 19 But when the judge was dead, they turned back, and dealt more corruptly than their fathers in following other gods to serve them and to bow down to them. They didn't cease what they were doing, or give up their stubborn ways. 20 Yahweh's anger burned against Israel; and he said, "Because this nation transgressed my covenant which I commanded their fathers, and has not listened to my voice. 21 I also will no longer drive out any of the nations that Joshua left when he died from before them; 22 that by them I may test Israel, to see if they will keep Yahweh's way to walk therein, as their fathers kept it, or

to vou." 4 When Yahweh's angel spoke these words not." 23 So Yahweh left those nations, without driving

3 Now these are the nations which Yahweh left, to test Israel by them, even as many 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 least those who knew nothing of it before: 3 the five lords of the Philistines, all the Canaanites, the Sidonians, and the Hivites who lived on Mount Lebanon, from Mount Baal Hermon to the entrance of Hamath. 4 They were left to test Israel by them, to know whether they would listen to Yahweh's commandments, which he commanded their fathers by Moses. 5 The children of Israel lived among the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. 6 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 Yahweh's sight, and forgot Yahweh their God, and served the Baals and the Asheroth. 8 Therefore Yahweh's anger burned against Israel, and he sold them into the hand of Cushan Rishathaim king of Mesopotamia; and the children of Israel served Cushan Rishathaim eight years. 9 When the children of Israel cried to Yahweh, Yahweh raised up a savior to the children of Israel, who saved them, even Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's vounger brother. 10 Yahweh's Spirit came on him, and he judged Israel; and he went out to war, and Yahweh delivered Cushan Rishathaim king of Mesopotamia into his hand. His hand prevailed against Cushan Rishathaim. 11 The land had rest forty years, then Othniel the son of Kenaz died. 12 The children of Israel again did that which was evil in Yahweh's sight, and Yahweh strengthened Eglon the king of Moab against Israel, because they had done that which was evil in Yahweh's sight. 13 He gathered the children of Ammon and Amalek to himself; 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 Yahweh, Yahweh raised up a savior for them: Ehud the son of Gera, the Benjamite, a lefthanded man. The children of Israel sent tribute by him to Eglon the king of Moab. 16 Ehud made himself a sword which had two edges, a cubit in length; and he wore it under his clothing on his right thigh. 17 He offered the tribute to Eglon king of Moab. Now Eglon was a very fat man. 18 When Ehud had finished offering the tribute, he sent away the people who carried the tribute. 19 But he himself turned back from the stone idols that were by Gilgal, and said, "I have a secret message for you, O king." The king said, "Keep silence!" All who

stood by him left him. 20 Ehud came to him; and he me. I will not go." 9 She said, "I will surely go with you. was sitting by himself alone in the cool upper room. Nevertheless, the journey that you take won't be for your Ehud said, "I have a message from God to you." He honor; for Yahweh will sell Sisera into a woman's hand." arose out of his seat. 21 Ehud put out his left hand, and Deborah arose, and went with Barak to Kedesh. 10 took the sword from his right thigh, and thrust it into Barak called Zebulun and Naphtali together to Kedesh. his body. 22 The handle also went in after the blade; Ten thousand men followed him; and Deborah went and the fat closed on the blade, for he didn't draw the up with him. 11 Now Heber the Kenite had separated sword out of his body; and it came out behind. 23 Then himself from the Kenites, even from the children of Ehud went out onto the porch, and shut the doors of Hobab, Moses' brother-in-law, and had pitched his tent the upper room on him, and locked them. 24 After he as far as the oak in Zaanannim, which is by Kedesh. 12 had gone, his servants came and saw that the doors of They told Sisera that Barak the son of Abinoam had the upper room were locked. They said, "Surely he is gone up to Mount Tabor. 13 Sisera gathered together all covering his feet in the upper room." 25 They waited his chariots, even nine hundred chariots of iron, and all until they were ashamed; and behold, he didn't open the people who were with him, from Harosheth of the the doors of the upper room. Therefore they took the Gentiles, to the river Kishon. 14 Deborah said to Barak, key and opened them, and behold, their lord had fallen "Go; for this is the day in which Yahweh has delivered down dead on the floor. 26 Ehud escaped while they Sisera into your hand. Hasn't Yahweh gone out before waited, passed beyond the stone idols, and escaped to you?" So Barak went down from Mount Tabor, and ten the hill country of Ephraim; and the children of Israel all his chariots, and all his army, with the edge of the went down with him from the hill country, and he led sword before Barak. Sisera abandoned his chariot and them. 28 He said to them, "Follow me; for Yahweh has fled away on his feet. 16 But Barak pursued the chariots over. 29 They struck at that time about ten thousand to the tent of Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite; for there men of Moab, every strong man and every man of valor. was peace between Jabin the king of Hazor and the No man escaped. 30 So Moab was subdued that day house of Heber the Kenite. 18 Jael went out to meet under the hand of Israel. Then the land had rest eighty Sisera, and said to him, "Turn in, my lord, turn in to me; years. 31 After him was Shamgar the son of Anath, who don't be afraid." He came in to her into the tent, and she struck six hundred men of the Philistines with an ox covered him with a rug. 19 He said to her, "Please give goad. He also saved Israel.

⚠ The children of Israel again did that which was evil in Yahweh's sight, when Ehud was dead. 2 Yahweh 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 of the Gentiles. 3 The children of Israel cried to Yahweh, for he had nine hundred chariots of iron; and he mightily oppressed the children of Israel for twenty years. 4 Now Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lappidoth, judged Israel at that time. 5 She lived under Deborah's palm tree between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the children of Israel came up to her for judgment. 6 She sent and called Barak the son of Abinoam out of Kedesh Naphtali, and said to him, "Hasn't Yahweh, the God of Israel, commanded, 'Go and lead the way to Mount Tabor, and take with you ten thousand men of the children of Naphtali and of the children of Zebulun? 7 I will draw to you, to the river Kishon, Sisera, the captain of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his multitude; and I will

Seirah. 27 When he had come, he blew a trumpet in thousand men after him. 15 Yahweh confused Sisera, delivered your enemies the Moabites into your hand." and the army to Harosheth of the Gentiles; and all the They followed him, and took the fords of the Jordan army of Sisera fell by the edge of the sword. There was against the Moabites, and didn't allow any man to pass not a man left. 17 However Sisera fled away on his feet me a little water to drink; for I am thirsty." She opened a container of milk, and gave him a drink, and covered him. 20 He said to her, "Stand in the door of the tent, and if any man comes and inquires of you, and says, 'Is there any man here?' you shall say, 'No." 21 Then Jael, Heber's wife, took a tent peg, and took a hammer in her hand, and went softly to him, and struck the pin into his temples, and it pierced through into the ground, for he was in a deep sleep; so he fainted and died. 22 Behold, as Barak pursued Sisera, Jael came out to meet him, and said to him, "Come, and I will show you the man whom you seek." He came to her; and behold, Sisera lay dead, and the tent peg was in his temples. 23 So God subdued Jabin the king of Canaan before the children of Israel on that day. 24 The hand of the children of Israel prevailed more and more against Jabin the king of Canaan, until they had destroyed Jabin king of Canaan.

5 Then Deborah and Barak the son of Abinoam sang on that day, saying, 2 "Because the leaders took the deliver him into your hand." 8 Barak said to her, "If you lead in Israel, because the people offered themselves will go with me, then I will go; but if you will not go with willingly, be blessed, Yahweh! 3 "Hear, you kings! Give

praise to Yahweh, the God of Israel. 4 "Yahweh, when peg, and her right hand to the workmen's hammer. With you went out of Seir, when you marched out of the field the hammer she struck Sisera. She struck through his of Edom, the earth trembled, the sky also dropped. Yes, head. Yes, she pierced and struck through his temples. the clouds dropped water. 5 The mountains guaked 27 At her feet he bowed, he fell, he lay. At her feet he at Yahweh's presence, even Sinai at the presence of bowed, he fell. Where he bowed, there he fell down Yahweh, the God of Israel. 6 "In the days of Shamgar dead. 28 "Through the window she looked out, and the son of Anath, in the days of Jael, the highways cried: Sisera's mother looked through the lattice. 'Why were unoccupied. The travelers walked through byways. is his chariot so long in coming? Why do the wheels of 7 The rulers ceased in Israel. They ceased until I, his chariots wait?' 29 Her wise ladies answered her, Deborah, arose; Until I arose a mother in Israel. 8 They Yes, she returned answer to herself, 30 'Have they chose new gods. Then war was in the gates. Was there not found, have they not divided the plunder? A lady, a shield or spear seen among forty thousand in Israel? two ladies to every man; to Sisera a plunder of dyed 9 My heart is toward the governors of Israel, who offered garments, a plunder of dyed garments embroidered, of themselves willingly among the people. Bless Yahweh! dyed garments embroidered on both sides, on the necks 10 "Speak, you who ride on white donkeys, you who of the plunder?" 31 "So let all your enemies perish, sit on rich carpets, and you who walk by the way. 11 Yahweh, but let those who love him be as the sun when Far from the noise of archers, in the places of drawing it rises in its strength." Then the land had rest forty water, there they will rehearse Yahweh's righteous acts, years. the righteous acts of his rule in Israel. "Then Yahweh's people went down to the gates. 12 'Awake, awake, Deborah! Awake, awake, utter a song! Arise, Barak, and lead away your captives, you son of Abinoam.' 13 "Then a remnant of the nobles and the people came down. Yahweh came down for me against the mighty. 14 Those whose root is in Amalek came out of Ephraim, after you, Benjamin, among your peoples. Governors come down out of Machir. Those who handle the marshal's staff came out of Zebulun. 15 The princes of Issachar were with Deborah. As was Issachar, so was Barak. They rushed into the valley at his feet. By the watercourses of Reuben, there were great resolves of heart. 16 Why did you sit among the sheepfolds? To hear the whistling for the flocks? At the watercourses of Reuben, there were great searchings of heart. 17 Gilead lived beyond the Jordan. Why did Dan remain in ships? Asher sat still at the haven of the sea, and lived by his creeks. 18 Zebulun was a people that jeopardized their lives to the death; Naphtali also, on the high places of the field. 19 "The kings came and fought, then the kings of Canaan fought at Taanach by the waters of Megiddo. They took no plunder of silver. 20 From the sky the stars fought. From their courses, they fought against Sisera. 21 The river Kishon swept them away, that ancient river, the river Kishon. My soul, march on with strength. 22 Then the horse hoofs stamped because of the prancing, the prancing of their strong ones. 23 'Curse Meroz,' said Yahweh's angel. 'Curse bitterly its inhabitants, because they didn't come to help Yahweh, to help Yahweh 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

ear, you princes! I, even I, will sing to Yahweh, I will sing butter in a lordly dish. 26 She put her hand to the tent

 $\mathbf{6}$ The children of Israel did that which was evil in Yahweh's sight, so Yahweh delivered them into the hand of Midian seven years. 2 The hand of Midian prevailed against Israel; and because of Midian the children of Israel made themselves the dens which are in the mountains, the caves, and the strongholds. 3 So it was, when Israel had sown, that the Midianites, the Amalekites, and the children of the east came up against them. 4 They encamped against them, and destroyed the increase of the earth, until you come to Gaza. They left no sustenance in Israel, and no sheep, ox, or donkey. 5 For they came up with their livestock and their tents. They came in as locusts for multitude. Both they and their camels were without number; and they came into the land to destroy it. 6 Israel was brought very low because of Midian; and the children of Israel cried to Yahweh. 7 When the children of Israel cried to Yahweh because of Midian, 8 Yahweh sent a prophet to the children of Israel; and he said to them, "Yahweh, the God of Israel, says, 'I brought you up from Egypt, and brought you out of the house of bondage. 9 I delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians and out of the hand of all who oppressed you, and drove them out from before you, and gave you their land. 10 I said to you, "I am Yahweh your God. You shall not fear the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell." But you have not listened to my voice." 11 Yahweh's angel came and sat under the oak which was in Ophrah, that belonged to Joash the Abiezrite. His son Gideon was beating out wheat in the wine press, to hide it from the Midianites. 12 Yahweh's angel appeared to him, and said to him, "Yahweh is with you, you mighty man of valor!" 13 Gideon said to him, "Oh, my lord, if Yahweh is with us, why then has all this happened to us? Where

saying, 'Didn't Yahweh bring us up from Egypt?' But contend for Baal? Or will you save him? He who will now Yahweh has cast us off, and delivered us into the contend for him, let him be put to death by morning! hand of Midian." 14 Yahweh looked at him, and said, If he is a god, let him contend for himself, because "Go in this your might, and save Israel from the hand someone has broken down his altar!" 32 Therefore on of Midian. Haven't I sent you?" 15 He said to him, "O that day he named him Jerub-Baal, saying, "Let Baal Lord, how shall I save Israel? Behold, my family is the contend against him, because he has broken down his poorest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's altar." 33 Then all the Midianites and the Amalekites and house." 16 Yahweh said to him, "Surely I will be with the children of the east assembled themselves together; you, and you shall strike the Midianites as one man." and they passed over, and encamped in the valley of 17 He said to him, "If now I have found favor in your Jezreel. 34 But Yahweh's Spirit came on Gideon, and sight, then show me a sign that it is you who talk with he blew a trumpet; and Abiezer was gathered together me. 18 Please don't go away until I come to you, and to follow him. 35 He sent messengers throughout all bring out my present, and lay it before you." He said, "I Manasseh, and they also were gathered together to will wait until you come back." 19 Gideon went in and follow him. He sent messengers to Asher, to Zebulun, prepared a young goat and unleavened cakes of an and to Naphtali; and they came up to meet them. 36 ephah of meal. He put the meat in a basket and he put Gideon said to God, "If you will save Israel by my hand, the broth in a pot, and brought it out to him under the as you have spoken, 37 behold, I will put a fleece of oak, and presented it. 20 The angel of God said to him, wool on the threshing floor. If there is dew on the fleece "Take the meat and the unleavened cakes, and lay them only, and it is dry on all the ground, then I'll know that on this rock, and pour out the broth." He did so. 21 you will save Israel by my hand, as you have spoken." Then Yahweh's angel stretched out the end of the staff 38 lt was so; for he rose up early on the next day, and that was in his hand, and touched the meat and the pressed the fleece together, and wrung the dew out unleavened cakes; and fire went up out of the rock and of the fleece, a bowl full of water. 39 Gideon said to consumed the meat and the unleavened cakes. Then God, "Don't let your anger be kindled against me, and I Yahweh's angel departed out of his sight. 22 Gideon will speak but this once. Please let me make a trial just saw that he was Yahweh's angel; and Gideon said, this once with the fleece. Let it now be dry only on the "Alas, Lord Yahweh! Because I have seen Yahweh's fleece, and on all the ground let there be dew." 40 God angel face to face!" 23 Yahweh said to him, "Peace be to did so that night; for it was dry on the fleece only, and you! Don't be afraid. You shall not die." 24 Then Gideon there was dew on all the ground. built an altar there to Yahweh, and called it "Yahweh is Peace." To this day it is still in Ophrah of the Abiezrites. 25 That same night, Yahweh said to him, "Take your father's bull, even the second bull seven years old, and throw down the altar of Baal that your father has, and cut down the Asherah that is by it. 26 Then build an altar to Yahweh your God on the top of this stronghold, in an orderly way, and take the second bull, and offer a burnt offering with the wood of the Asherah which you shall cut down." 27 Then Gideon took ten men of his servants, and did as Yahweh had spoken to him. Because he feared his father's household and the men of the city, he could not do it by day, but he did it by night. 28 When the men of the city arose early in the morning, behold, the altar of Baal was broken down, and the Asherah was cut down that was by it, and the second bull was offered on the altar that was built. 29 They said to one another, "Who has done this thing?" When they inquired and asked, they said, "Gideon the son of Joash has done this thing." 30 Then the men of the city said to Joash, "Bring out your son, that he may die, because he has broken down the altar of Baal, and because he has cut down the Asherah that was by it."

are all his wondrous works which our fathers told us of. 31 Joash said to all who stood against him. "Will you

7 Then Jerubbaal, who is Gideon, and all the people who were with him, rose up early and encamped beside the spring of Harod. Midian's camp was on the north side of them, by the hill of Moreh, in the valley. 2 Yahweh said to Gideon, "The people who are with you are too many for me to give the Midianites into their hand, lest Israel brag against me, saying, 'My own hand has saved me.' 3 Now therefore proclaim in the ears of the people, saying, 'Whoever is fearful and trembling, let him return and depart from Mount Gilead." So twentytwo thousand of the people returned, and ten thousand remained. 4 Yahweh said to Gideon. "There are still too many people. Bring them down to the water, and I will test them for you there. It shall be, that those whom I tell you, 'This shall go with you,' shall go with you; and whoever I tell you, 'This shall not go with you,' shall not go." 5 So he brought down the people to the water; and Yahweh said to Gideon, "Everyone who laps of the water with his tongue, like a dog laps, you shall set him by himself; likewise everyone who bows down on his knees to drink." 6 The number of those who lapped, putting their hand to their mouth, was three hundred men; but all the rest of the people bowed down on their

save you by the three hundred men who lapped, and Abel Meholah, by Tabbath. 23 The men of Israel were deliver the Midianites into your hand. Let all the other gathered together out of Naphtali, out of Asher, and out people go, each to his own place." 8 So the people took of all Manasseh, and pursued Midian. 24 Gideon sent food in their hand, and their trumpets; and he sent all the messengers throughout all the hill country of Ephraim, rest of the men of Israel to their own tents, but retained saying, "Come down against Midian and take the waters the three hundred men: and the camp of Midian was before them as far as Beth Barah, even the Jordan!" So beneath him in the valley. 9 That same night, Yahweh all the men of Ephraim were gathered together and took said to him, "Arise, go down into the camp, for I have the waters as far as Beth Barah, even the Jordan. 25 delivered it into your hand. 10 But if you are afraid to go They took the two princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb. down, go with Purah your servant down to the camp. 11 They killed Oreb at Oreb's rock, and Zeeb they killed at You will hear what they say; and afterward your hands Zeeb's wine press, as they pursued Midian. Then they will be strengthened to go down into the camp." Then brought the heads of Oreb and Zeeb to Gideon beyond went he down with Purah his servant to the outermost the Jordan. part of the armed men who were in the camp. 12 The Midianites and the Amalekites and all the children of the east lay along in the valley like locusts for multitude; and their camels were without number, as the sand which is on the seashore for multitude. 13 When Gideon had come, behold, there was a man telling a dream to his fellow. He said, "Behold, I dreamed a dream; and behold, a cake of barley bread tumbled into the camp of Midian, came to the tent, and struck it so that it fell, and turned it upside down, so that the tent lav flat." 14 His fellow answered, "This is nothing other than the sword of Gideon the son of Joash, a man of Israel. God has delivered Midian into his hand, with all the army." 15 It was so, when Gideon heard the telling of the dream and its interpretation, that he worshiped. Then he returned into the camp of Israel and said, "Arise, for Yahweh has delivered the army of Midian into your hand!" 16 He divided the three hundred men into three companies, and he put into the hands of all of them trumpets and empty pitchers, with torches within the pitchers. 17 He said to them, "Watch me, and do likewise. Behold, when I come to the outermost part of the camp, it shall be that, as I do, so you shall do. 18 When I blow the trumpet, I and all who are with me, then blow the trumpets also on every side of all the camp, and shout, 'For Yahweh and for Gideon!" 19 So Gideon and the hundred men who were with him came to the outermost part of the camp in the beginning of the middle watch, when they had but newly set the watch. Then they blew the trumpets and broke in pieces the pitchers that were in their hands. 20 The three companies blew the trumpets, broke the pitchers, and held the torches in their left hands and the trumpets in their right hands with which to blow; and they shouted, "The sword of Yahweh and of Gideon!" 21 They each stood in his place around the camp, and all the army ran; and they shouted, and put them to flight. 22 They blew the three hundred trumpets, and Yahweh set every man's sword against his fellow and against all the army; and the army fled as far as

knees to drink water, 7 Yahweh said to Gideon, "I will Beth Shittah toward Zererah, as far as the border of

8 The men of Ephraim said to him, "Why have you treated us this way, that you didn't call us when you went to fight with Midian?" They rebuked him sharply. 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! What was I able to do in comparison with you?" Then their anger was abated 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, faint, yet pursuing. 5 He said to the men of Succoth, "Please give loaves of bread to the people who follow me; for they are faint, and I am pursuing after Zebah and Zalmunna, the kings of Midian." 6 The princes of Succoth said, "Are the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna now in your hand, that we should give bread to your army?" 7 Gideon said. "Therefore when Yahweh has delivered Zebah and Zalmunna into my hand, then I will tear your flesh with the thorns of the wilderness and with briers." 8 He went up there to Penuel, and spoke to them in the same way; and the men of Penuel answered him as the men of Succoth had answered. 9 He spoke also to the men of Penuel, saying, "When I come again in peace, I will break down this tower." 10 Now Zebah and Zalmunna were in Karkor, and their armies with them, about fifteen thousand men, all who were left of all the army of the children of the east; for there fell one hundred twenty thousand men who drew sword. 11 Gideon went up by the way of those who lived in tents on the east of Nobah and Jogbehah, and struck the army; for the army felt secure. 12 Zebah and Zalmunna fled and he pursued them. He took the two kings of Midian, Zebah and Zalmunna, and confused all the army. 13 Gideon the son of Joash returned from the battle from the ascent of Heres. 14 He caught a young man of the men of Succoth, and inquired of him; and he described for him the princes of Succoth, and its elders, seventy-seven men. 15 He came to the men of Succoth, and said, "See

me, saying, 'Are the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna now in your hand, that we should give bread to your men who are weary?" 16 He took the elders of the city, and thorns of the wilderness and briers, and with them he taught 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, "They were like you. They all resembled the children of a king." 19 He said, "They were my brothers, the sons of my mother. As Yahweh 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 didn't draw his sword; for he was afraid, because he was yet a youth. 21 Then Zebah and Zalmunna said, "You rise and fall on us; for as the man is, so is his strength." Gideon arose, and killed Zebah and Zalmunna, and took the crescents that were on their camels' necks. 22 Then the men of Israel said to Gideon, "Rule over us, both you, 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. Yahweh shall rule over you." 24 Gideon said to them, "I do have a request: that you would each give me the earrings of his plunder." (For they had golden earrings, because they were Ishmaelites.) 25 They answered, "We will willingly give them." They spread a garment, and every man threw the earrings of his plunder into it. 26 The weight of the golden earrings that he requested was one thousand and seven hundred shekels of gold, in addition to the crescents, and the pendants, and the purple clothing that was on the kings of Midian, and in addition to the chains that were about their camels' necks. 27 Gideon made an ephod out of it, and put it in Ophrah, his city. Then all Israel played the prostitute with it there; and it became a snare to Gideon and to his house. 28 So Midian was subdued before the children of Israel, and they lifted up their heads no more. The land had rest forty years in the days of Gideon. 29 Jerubbaal the son of Joash went and lived in his own house. 30 Gideon had seventy sons conceived from his body. for he had many wives. 31 His concubine who was in Shechem also bore him a son, and he named him Abimelech. 32 Gideon the son of Joash died in a good old age, and was buried in the tomb of Joash his father, in Ophrah of the Abiezrites. 33 As soon as Gideon was dead, the children of Israel turned again and played the prostitute following the Baals, and made Baal Berith their god. 34 The children of Israel didn't remember Yahweh their God, who had delivered them out of the hand of all their enemies on every side; 35 neither did they show kindness to the house of Jerubbaal, that is,

Zebah and Zalmunna, concerning whom you taunted Gideon, according to all the goodness which he had me, saying, 'Are the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna now shown to Israel.

 ${f 9}$ 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 men 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 His mother's brothers spoke of him in the ears of all the men of Shechem all these words. 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 reckless 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 All the men of Shechem assembled themselves together with all the house of Millo, and went and made Abimelech king by the oak of the pillar that was in Shechem. 7 When they told it to Jotham, he went and stood on the top of Mount Gerizim and lifted up his voice, cried out, and said to them, "Listen to me, you men of Shechem, that God may listen to you. 8 The trees set out to anoint a king over themselves. They said to the olive tree, 'Reign over us.' 9 "But the olive tree said to them, 'Should I stop producing my oil, with which they honor God and man by me, and go to wave back and forth over the trees?' 10 "The trees said to the fig tree, 'Come and reign over us.' 11 "But the fig tree said to them, 'Should I leave my sweetness, and my good fruit, and go to wave back and forth over the trees?' 12 "The trees said to the vine, 'Come and reign over us.' 13 "The vine said to them. 'Should I leave my new wine, which cheers God and man, and go to wave back and forth over the trees?' 14 "Then all the trees said to the bramble, 'Come and reign over us.' 15 "The bramble said to the trees, 'If in truth you anoint me king over you, then come and take refuge in my shade; and if not, let fire come out of the bramble, and devour the cedars of Lebanon.' 16 "Now therefore, if you have dealt truly and righteously, in that you have made Abimelech king, and if you have dealt well with Jerubbaal and his house, and have done to him according to the deserving of his hands 17 (for my father fought for you, risked his life, and delivered you out of the hand of Midian; 18 and you have risen up against my father's house today and have slain his sons, seventy persons, on one stone, and have made Abimelech, the son of his female servant, king over the men of Shechem, because he is your brother); 19 if you then have dealt truly and righteously with Jerubbaal and

with his house today, then reioice in Abimelech, and let Zebul said to him, "Now where is your mouth, that you him also rejoice in you; 20 but if not, let fire come out said, 'Who is Abimelech, that we should serve him?' from Abimelech and devour the men of Shechem and Isn't this the people that you have despised? Please go the house of Millo; and let fire come out from the men out now and fight with them." 39 Gaal went out before of Shechem and from the house of Millo and devour the men of Shechem, and fought with Abimelech. 40 Abimelech." 21 Jotham ran away and fled, and went to Abimelech chased him, and he fled before him, and Beer and lived there, for fear of Abimelech his brother. many fell wounded, even to the entrance of the gate. 41 22 Abimelech was prince over Israel three years. 23 Abimelech lived at Arumah; and Zebul drove out Gaal Then God sent an evil spirit between Abimelech and and his brothers, that they should not dwell in Shechem. the men of Shechem; and the men of Shechem dealt 42 On the next day, the people went out into the field; treacherously with Abimelech, 24 that the violence done and they told Abimelech. 43 He took the people and to the seventy sons of Jerubbaal might come, and that divided them into three companies, and laid wait in the their blood might be laid on Abimelech their brother field; and he looked, and behold, the people came out who killed them, and on the men of Shechem who of the city. So, he rose up against them and struck strengthened his hands to kill his brothers. 25 The men them. 44 Abimelech and the companies that were with of Shechem set an ambush for him on the tops of the him rushed forward and stood in the entrance of the mountains, and they robbed all who came along that gate of the city; and the two companies rushed on all way by them; and Abimelech was told about it. 26 who were in the field and struck them. 45 Abimelech Gaal the son of Ebed came with his brothers and went fought against the city all that day; and he took the city over to Shechem; and the men of Shechem put their and killed the people in it. He beat down the city and trust in him. 27 They went out into the field, harvested sowed it with salt. 46 When all the men of the tower of their vineyards, trod the grapes, celebrated, and went Shechem heard of it, they entered into the stronghold of into the house of their god and ate and drank, and the house of Elberith. 47 Abimelech was told that all the cursed Abimelech. 28 Gaal the son of Ebed said, "Who men of the tower of Shechem were gathered together. is Abimelech, and who is Shechem, that we should 48 Abimelech went up to Mount Zalmon, he and all the serve him? Isn't he the son of Jerubbaal? Isn't Zebul his people who were with him; and Abimelech took an ax in officer? Serve the men of Hamor the father of Shechem, his hand, and cut down a bough from the trees, and took but why should we serve him? 29 I wish that this people it up, and laid it on his shoulder. Then he said to the were under my hand! Then I would remove Abimelech." people who were with him, "What you have seen me do, He said to Abimelech, "Increase your army and come make haste, and do as I have done!" 49 All the people out!" 30 When Zebul the ruler of the city heard the likewise each cut down his bough, followed Abimelech, words of Gaal the son of Ebed, his anger burned. 31 He and put them at the base of the stronghold, and set the sent messengers to Abimelech craftily, saying, "Behold, stronghold on fire over them, so that all the people of Gaal the son of Ebed and his brothers have come to the tower of Shechem died also, about a thousand men Shechem; and behold, they incite the city against you. and women. 50 Then Abimelech went to Thebez and 32 Now therefore, go up by night, you and the people encamped against Thebez, and took it. 51 But there who are with you, and lie in wait in the field. 33 It shall was a strong tower within the city, and all the men and be that in the morning, as soon as the sun is up, you women of the city fled there, and shut themselves in, shall rise early and rush on the city. Behold, when he and went up to the roof of the tower. 52 Abimelech came and the people who are with him come out against you, to the tower and fought against it, and came near to the then may you do to them as you shall find occasion." 34 door of the tower to burn it with fire. 53 A certain woman Abimelech rose up, and all the people who were with cast an upper millstone on Abimelech's head, and broke him, by night, and they laid wait against Shechem in his skull. 54 Then he called hastily to the young man, his four companies. 35 Gaal the son of Ebed went out, and armor bearer, and said to him, "Draw your sword and kill stood in the entrance of the gate of the city. Abimelech me, that men not say of me, 'A woman killed him.' His rose up, and the people who were with him, from the young man thrust him through, and he died." 55 When ambush. 36 When Gaal saw the people, he said to the men of Israel saw that Abimelech was dead, they Zebul, "Behold, people are coming down from the tops each departed to his place. 56 Thus God repaid the of the mountains." Zebul said to him, "You see the wickedness of Abimelech, which he did to his father shadows of the mountains as if they were men." 37 in killing his seventy brothers; 57 and God repaid all Gaal spoke again and said, "Behold, people are coming the wickedness of the men of Shechem on their heads; down by the middle of the land, and one company and the curse of Jotham the son of Jerubbaal came on comes by the way of the oak of Meonenim." 38 Then them.

Gilead."

11 Now Jephthah the Gileadite was a mighty man of valor. He was the son of a prostitute. Gilead became the father of Jephthah. 2 Gilead's wife bore him sons. When his wife's sons grew up, they drove Jephthah out and said to him, "You will not inherit in our father's house, for you are the son of another woman."

1 After Abimelech, Tola the son of Puah, the son 3 Then Jephthah fled from his brothers and lived in of Dodo, a man of Issachar, arose to save Israel. the land of Tob. Outlaws joined up with Jephthah, and He lived in Shamir in the hill country of Ephraim. 2 He they went out with him. 4 After a while, the children of judged Israel twenty-three years, and died, and was Ammon made war against Israel. 5 When the children buried in Shamir. 3 After him Jair, the Gileadite, arose. of Ammon made war against Israel, the elders of Gilead He judged Israel twenty-two years. 4 He had thirty sons went to get Jephthah out of the land of Tob. 6 They said who rode on thirty donkey colts. They had thirty cities, to Jephthah, "Come and be our chief, that we may fight which are called Havvoth Jair to this day, which are with the children of Ammon." 7 Jephthah said to the in the land of Gilead. 5 Jair died, and was buried in elders of Gilead, "Didn't you hate me, and drive me out Kamon. 6 The children of Israel again did that which of my father's house? Why have you come to me now was evil in Yahweh's sight, and served the Baals, the when you are in distress?" 8 The elders of Gilead said Ashtaroth, the gods of Syria, the gods of Sidon, the to Jephthah, "Therefore we have turned again to you gods of Moab, the gods of the children of Ammon, and now, that you may go with us and fight with the children the gods of the Philistines. They abandoned Yahweh, of Ammon. You will be our head over all the inhabitants and didn't serve him. 7 Yahweh's anger burned against of Gilead." 9 Jephthah said to the elders of Gilead, "If Israel, and he sold them into the hand of the Philistines you bring me home again to fight with the children of and into the hand of the children of Ammon. 8 They Ammon, and Yahweh delivers them before me, will I be troubled and oppressed the children of Israel that year. your head?" 10 The elders of Gilead said to Jephthah, For eighteen years they oppressed all the children of "Yahweh will be witness between us. Surely we will do Israel that were beyond the Jordan in the land of the what you say." 11 Then Jephthah went with the elders of Amorites, which is in Gilead. 9 The children of Ammon Gilead, and the people made him head and chief over passed over the Jordan to fight also against Judah, and them. Jephthah spoke all his words before Yahweh in against Benjamin, and against the house of Ephraim, so Mizpah. 12 Jephthah sent messengers to the king of the that Israel was very distressed. 10 The children of Israel children of Ammon, saying, "What do you have to do cried to Yahweh, saying, "We have sinned against you, with me, that you have come to me to fight against my even because we have forsaken our God, and have land?" 13 The king of the children of Ammon answered served the Baals." 11 Yahweh said to the children of the messengers of Jephthah, "Because Israel took away Israel, "Didn't I save you from the Egyptians, and from my land when he came up out of Egypt, from the Arnon the Amorites, from the children of Ammon, and from the even to the Jabbok, and to the Jordan. Now therefore Philistines? 12 The Sidonians also, and the Amalekites, restore that territory again peaceably." 14 Jephthah sent and the Maonites, oppressed you; and you cried to me, messengers again to the king of the children of Ammon; and I saved you out of their hand. 13 Yet you have 15 and he said to him, "Jephthah says: Israel didn't take forsaken me and served other gods. Therefore I will away the land of Moab, nor the land of the children of save you no more. 14 Go and cry to the gods which you Ammon; 16 but when they came up from Egypt, and have chosen. Let them save you in the time of your Israel went through the wilderness to the Red Sea, and distress!" 15 The children of Israel said to Yahweh, "We came to Kadesh, 17 then Israel sent messengers to the have sinned! Do to us whatever seems good to you; king of Edom, saying, 'Please let me pass through your only deliver us, please, today." 16 They put away the land;' but the king of Edom didn't listen. In the same foreign gods from among them and served Yahweh; and way, he sent to the king of Moab, but he refused; so his soul was grieved for the misery of Israel. 17 Then Israel stayed in Kadesh. 18 Then they went through the the children of Ammon were gathered together and wilderness, and went around the land of Edom, and encamped in Gilead. The children of Israel assembled the land of Moab, and came by the east side of the themselves together and encamped in Mizpah. 18 The land of Moab, and they encamped on the other side people, the princes of Gilead, said to one another, "Who of the Arnon; but they didn't come within the border is the man who will begin to fight against the children of of Moab, for the Arnon was the border of Moab. 19 Ammon? He shall be head over all the inhabitants of Israel sent messengers to Sihon king of the Amorites, the king of Heshbon; and Israel said to him, 'Please let us pass through your land to my place.' 20 But Sihon didn't trust Israel to pass through his border; but Sihon gathered all his people together, and encamped in Jahaz, and fought against Israel. 21 Yahweh, the God of Israel, delivered Sihon and all his people into the hand of Israel, and they struck them. So Israel of that country. 22 They possessed all the border of the she returned to her father, who did with her according Amorites, from the Arnon even to the Jabbok, and from to his yow which he had vowed. She was a virgin, It the wilderness even to the Jordan. 23 So now Yahweh. the God of Israel, has dispossessed the Amorites from Israel went yearly to celebrate the daughter of Jephthah before his people Israel, and should you possess them? the Gileadite four days in a year. 24 Won't you possess that which Chemosh your god gives you to possess? So whoever Yahweh our God has dispossessed from before us, them will we possess. 25 Now are you anything better than Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab? Did he ever strive against Israel, or did he ever fight against them? 26 Israel lived in Heshbon and its towns, and in Aroer and its towns, and in all the cities that are along the side of the Arnon for three hundred years! Why didn't you recover them within that time? 27 Therefore I have not sinned against you. but you do me wrong to war against me. May Yahweh the Judge be judge today between the children of Israel and the children of Ammon." 28 However, the king of the children of Ammon didn't listen to the words of Jephthah which he sent him. 29 Then Yahweh's Spirit came on Jephthah, and he passed over Gilead and Manasseh, and passed over Mizpah of Gilead, and from Mizpah of Gilead he passed over to the children of Ammon. 30 Jephthah vowed a vow to Yahweh, and said, "If you will indeed deliver the children of Ammon into my hand. 31 then it shall be, that whatever comes out of the doors of my house to meet me when I return in peace from the children of Ammon, it shall be Yahweh's, and I will offer it up for a burnt offering." 32 So Jephthah passed over to the children of Ammon to fight against them; and Yahweh delivered them into his hand. 33 He struck them from Aroer until you come to Minnith, even twenty cities, and to Abelcheramim, with a very great slaughter. So the children of Ammon were subdued before the children of Israel. 34 Jephthah came to Mizpah to his house; and behold, his daughter came out to meet him with tambourines and with dances. She was his only child. Besides her he had neither son nor daughter. 35 When he saw her, he tore his clothes, and said, "Alas, my daughter! You have brought me very low, and you are one of those who trouble me: for I have opened my mouth to Yahweh, and I can't go back." 36 She said to him. "My father, you have opened your mouth to Yahweh; do to me according to that which has proceeded out of your mouth, because Yahweh has taken vengeance for you on your enemies, even on the children of Ammon." 37 Then she said to her father, "Let this thing be done for me. Leave me alone two months, that I may depart and go down on the mountains. and bewail my virginity, I and my companions." 38 He said, "Go." He sent her away for two months; and she departed, she and her companions, and mourned her

possessed all the land of the Amorites, the inhabitants virginity on the mountains, 39 At the end of two months. became a custom in Israel 40 that the daughters of

> The men of Ephraim were gathered together, and passed northward; and they said to Jephthah, "Why did you pass over to fight against the children of Ammon, and didn't call us to go with you? We will burn your house around you with fire!" 2 Jephthah said to them, "I and my people were at great strife with the children of Ammon; and when I called you, you didn't save me out of their hand. 3 When I saw that you didn't save me, I put my life in my hand, and passed over against the children of Ammon, and Yahweh delivered them into my hand. Why then have you come up to me today, to fight against me?" 4 Then Jephthah gathered together all the men of Gilead, and fought with Ephraim. The men of Gilead struck Ephraim, because they said. "You are fugitives of Ephraim, you Gileadites, in the middle of Ephraim, and in the middle of Manasseh." 5 The Gileadites took the fords of the Jordan against the Ephraimites. Whenever a fugitive of Ephraim said, "Let me go over," the men of Gilead said to him, "Are you an Ephraimite?" If he said, "No;" 6 then they said to him, "Now say 'Shibboleth;" and he said "Sibboleth"; for he couldn't manage to pronounce it correctly, then they seized him and killed him at the fords of the Jordan. At that time, forty-two thousand of Ephraim fell. 7 Jephthah judged Israel six years. Then Jephthah the Gileadite died, and was buried in the cities of Gilead. 8 After him Ibzan of Bethlehem judged Israel. 9 He had thirty sons. He sent his thirty daughters outside his clan, and he brought in thirty daughters from outside his clan for his sons. He judged Israel seven years. 10 lbzan died, and was buried at Bethlehem. 11 After him. Elon the Zebulunite judged Israel; and he judged Israel ten years. 12 Elon the Zebulunite died, and was buried in Aijalon in the land of Zebulun. 13 After him, Abdon the son of Hillel the Pirathonite judged Israel. 14 He had forty sons and thirty sons' sons who rode on seventy donkey colts. He judged Israel eight years. 15 Abdon the son of Hillel the Pirathonite died, and was buried in Pirathon in the land of Ephraim, in the hill country of the Amalekites.

> 3 The children of Israel again did that which was evil in Yahweh's sight; and Yahweh 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 childless. 3 Yahweh's angel appeared to the woman, and said to her, "See now, you are barren and childless;

please beware and drink no wine nor strong drink, and meal offering at our hand, and he wouldn't have shown don't eat any unclean thing; 5 for, behold, you shall us all these things, nor would he have told us such conceive and give birth to a son. No razor shall come things as these at this time." 24 The woman bore a son on his head, for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from and named him Samson. The child grew, and Yahweh the womb. He shall begin to save Israel out of the hand blessed him. 25 Yahweh's Spirit began to move him in of the Philistines." 6 Then the woman came and told Mahaneh Dan, between Zorah and Eshtaol. her husband, saying, "A man of God came to me, and his face was like the face of the angel of God, very awesome. I didn't ask him where he was from, neither did he tell me his name; 7 but he said to me, 'Behold, you shall conceive and bear a son; and now drink no wine nor strong drink. Don't eat any unclean thing, for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb to the day of his death." 8 Then Manoah entreated Yahweh, and said, "Oh, Lord, please let the man of God whom you sent come again to us, and teach us what we should do to the child who shall be born." 9 God listened to the voice of Manoah, and the angel of God came again to the woman as she sat in the field; but Manoah, her husband, wasn't with her. 10 The woman hurried and ran, and told her husband, saying to him, "Behold, the man who came to me that day has appeared to me." 11 Manoah arose and followed his wife, and came to the man, and said to him, "Are you the man who spoke to my wife?" He said, "I am." 12 Manoah said, "Now let your words happen. What shall the child's way of life and mission be?" 13 Yahweh's angel said to Manoah, "Of all that I said to the woman let her beware. 14 She may not eat of anything that comes of the vine, neither let her drink wine or strong drink, nor eat any unclean thing. Let her observe all that I commanded her." 15 Manoah said to Yahweh's angel, "Please stay with us, that we may make a young goat ready for you." 16 Yahweh's angel said to Manoah, "Though you detain me, I won't eat your bread. If you will prepare a burnt offering, you must offer it to Yahweh." For Manoah didn't know that he was Yahweh's angel. 17 Manoah said to Yahweh's angel, "What is your name, that when your words happen, we may honor you?" 18 Yahweh's angel said to him, "Why do you ask about my name, since it is incomprehensible?" 19 So Manoah took the young goat with the meal offering, and offered it on the rock to Yahweh. Then the angel did an amazing thing as Manoah and his wife watched. 20 For when the flame went up toward the sky from off the altar, Yahweh's angel ascended in the flame of the altar. Manoah and his wife watched; and they fell on their faces to the ground. 21 But Yahweh's angel didn't appear to Manoah or to his wife any more. Then Manoah knew that he was Yahweh's angel. 22 Manoah said to his wife, "We shall surely die, because we have seen God." 23 But his wife said to him, "If Yahweh were pleased to kill

but you shall conceive and bear a son. 4 Now therefore us, he wouldn't have received a burnt offering and a

▲ Samson went down to Timnah, and saw a woman in Timnah of the daughters of the Philistines. 2 He came up, and told his father and his mother, saying, "I have seen a woman in Timnah of the daughters of the Philistines. Now therefore get her for me as my wife." 3 Then his father and his mother said to him, "Isn't there a woman among your brothers' daughters, or among all my people, that you go to take a wife of the uncircumcised Philistines?" Samson said to his father, "Get her for me, for she pleases me well." 4 But his father and his mother didn't know that it was of Yahweh; for he sought an occasion against the Philistines. Now at that time the Philistines ruled over Israel. 5 Then Samson went down to Timnah with his father and his mother, and came to the vineyards of Timnah; and behold, a young lion roared at him. 6 Yahweh's Spirit came mightily on him, and he tore him as he would have torn a young goat with his bare hands, but he didn't tell his father or his mother what he had done. 7 He went down and talked with the woman, and she pleased Samson well. 8 After a while he returned to take her, and he went over to see the carcass of the lion; and behold, 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. He came to his father and mother and gave to them, and they ate, but he didn't tell them that he had taken the honey out of the lion's body. 10 His father went down to the woman; and Samson made a feast there, for the young men used to do so. 11 When they saw him, they brought thirty companions to be with him. 12 Samson said to them, "Let me tell you a riddle now. If you can tell me the answer within the seven days of the feast, and find it out, then I will give you thirty linen garments and thirty changes of clothing; 13 but if you can't tell me the answer, then you shall give me thirty linen garments and thirty changes of clothing." They said to him, "Tell us your riddle, that we may hear it." 14 He said to them, "Out of the eater came out food. Out of the strong came out sweetness." They couldn't in three days declare the riddle. 15 On the seventh day, they said to Samson's wife, "Entice your husband, that he may declare to us the riddle, lest we burn you and your father's house with fire. Have you called us to impoverish us? Isn't that so?" 16 Samson's wife wept before him, and said, "You just hate me, and don't love me. You've told a riddle to the children of

plowed with my heifer, you wouldn't have found out my the jawbone of a donkey, heaps on heaps; with the He took their plunder, then gave the changes of clothing out of his hand; and that place was called Ramath Lehi. to those who declared the riddle. His anger burned, and 18 He was very thirsty, and called on Yahweh and said, he went up to his father's house. 20 But Samson's wife "You have given this great deliverance by the hand was given to his companion, who had been his friend.

15 But after a while, in the time of wheat harvest, Samson visited his wife with a young goat. He said, "I will go in to my wife's room." But her father wouldn't allow him to go in. 2 Her father said, "I most certainly thought that you utterly hated her; therefore I gave her to your companion. Isn't her younger sister more beautiful than she? Please, take her instead." 3 Samson said to them, "This time I will be blameless in the case 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 middle between every two tails. 5 When he had set the torches on fire, he let them go into the standing grain of the Philistines, and burned up both the shocks and the standing grain, and also the 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 burned her and her father with fire. 7 Samson said to them, "If you behave like this, surely I will 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 cave in Etam's rock. 9 Then the Philistines went up, encamped in Judah, and spread themselves 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 cave in Etam's rock, and said to Samson, "Don't you 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 I have 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 attack me yourselves." 13 They spoke to him, saying, "No, but we will bind you securely and

my people, and haven't told it to me." He said to her, deliver you into their hands; but surely we will not kill "Behold, I haven't told my father or my mother, so why you." They bound him with two new ropes, and brought should I tell you?" 17 She wept before him the seven him up from the rock. 14 When he came to Lehi, the days, while their feast lasted; and on the seventh day, Philistines shouted as they met him. Then Yahweh's he told her, because she pressed him severely; and she Spirit came mightily on him, and the ropes that were on told the riddle to the children of her people. 18 The men his arms became as flax that was burned with fire; and of the city said to him on the seventh day before the his bands dropped from off his hands. 15 He found a sun went down, "What is sweeter than honey? What is fresh jawbone of a donkey, put out his hand, took it, and stronger than a lion?" He said to them, "If you hadn't struck a thousand men with it. 16 Samson said, "With riddle." 19 Yahweh's Spirit came mightily on him, and he jawbone of a donkey I have struck a thousand men." 17 went down to Ashkelon and struck thirty men of them. When he had finished speaking, he threw the jawbone of your servant; and now shall I die of thirst, and fall into the hands of the uncircumcised?" 19 But God split the hollow place that is in Lehi, and water came out of it. When he had drunk, his spirit came again, and he revived. Therefore its name was called En Hakkore, which is in Lehi, to this day. 20 He judged Israel twenty years in the days of the Philistines.

> 16 Samson went to Gaza, and saw there a prostitute, and went in to her. 2 The Gazites were told, "Samson is here!" They surrounded him and laid wait for him all night in the gate of the city, and were quiet all the night, saying, "Wait until morning light; then we will kill him." 3 Samson lay until midnight, then arose at midnight and took hold of the doors of the gate of the city, with the two posts, and plucked them up, bar and all, and put them on his shoulders and carried them up to the top of the mountain that is before Hebron. 4 It came to pass afterward that he loved 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 what you might be bound to afflict you." 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 flax thread is broken when it touches the fire. So his strength was not known. 10 Delilah said to Samson, "Behold, you have mocked me, and told me lies. Now please tell me how you might be bound." 11

with which no work has been done, then shall I become and women, who saw while Samson performed. 28 weak, and be as another man." 12 So Delilah took Samson called to Yahweh, and said, "Lord Yahweh, new ropes and bound him with them, then said to him, remember me, please, and strengthen me, please, only "The Philistines are on you, Samson!" The ambush was this once, God, that I may be at once avenged of the waiting in the inner room. He broke them off his arms Philistines for my two eyes." 29 Samson took hold of like a thread. 13 Delilah said to Samson, "Until now, you the two middle pillars on which the house rested and have mocked me and told me lies. Tell me with what leaned on them, the one with his right hand and the you might be bound." He said to her, "If you weave the other with his left. 30 Samson said, "Let me die with the seven locks of my head with the fabric on the loom." Philistines!" He bowed himself with all his might; and the 14 She fastened it with the pin, and said to him, "The house fell on the lords, and on all the people who were Philistines are on you, Samson!" He awakened out of in it. So the dead that he killed at his death were more his sleep, and plucked away the pin of the beam and than those who he killed in his life. 31 Then his brothers the fabric. 15 She said to him, "How can you say, 'I love and all the house of his father came down and took you,' when your heart is not with me? You have mocked him, and brought him up and buried him between Zorah me these three times, and have not told me where your and Eshtaol in the burial site of Manoah his father. He great strength lies." 16 When she pressed him daily judged Israel twenty years. with her words and urged him, 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 came up to her and brought the money in their hand. 19 She made him sleep on her knees; and she called for a man and shaved off the seven locks of his head; and she began to afflict him, and his strength went from him. 20 She said, "The Philistines are upon you, Samson!" He awoke out of his sleep, and said, will go out as at other times, and shake myself free." But he didn't know that Yahweh had departed from him. 21 The Philistines laid hold on him and put out his eyes; and they brought him down to Gaza and bound him with fetters of bronze; 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 together to offer a great sacrifice to Dagon their god, and to rejoice; for they said, "Our god has delivered Samson our enemy into our hand." 24 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 When their hearts were merry, they said, "Call for Samson, that he may entertain us." They called for Samson out of the prison; and he performed before them. 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." 27 Now the house was full of men and women; and all the lords of the Philistines were there;

He said to her. "If they only bind me with new ropes and there were on the roof about three thousand men

17 There was a man of the hill country of Ephraim. whose name was Micah. 2 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-behold, the silver is with me. I took it." His mother said, "May Yahweh bless my son!" 3 He restored the eleven hundred pieces of silver to his mother, then his mother said, "I most certainly dedicate the silver to Yahweh from my hand for my son, to make a carved image and a molten image. Now therefore I will restore it to you." 4 When he restored the money to his mother, his mother took two hundred pieces of silver, and gave them to a silversmith, who made a carved image and a molten image out of it. It was in the house of Micah. 5 The man Micah had a house of gods, 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. Everyone 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 looking for a place to live." 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 per year, 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 Yahweh will do good to me, since I have a Levite as my priest."

18 In those days there was no king in Israel. In those priest stood by the entrance of the gate with the six to dwell in; for to that day, their inheritance had not these went into Micah's house, and took the engraved fallen to them among the tribes of Israel. 2 The children image, the ephod, the teraphim, and the molten image, of Dan sent five men of their family from their whole the priest said to them, "What are you doing?" 19 They number, men of valor, from Zorah and from Eshtaol, to said to him, "Hold your peace, put your hand on your spy out the land and to search it. They said to them, mouth, and go with us. Be a father and a priest to us. Is "Go, explore the land!" They came to the hill country of it better for you to be priest to the house of one man, Ephraim, to the house of Micah, and lodged there. 3 or to be priest to a tribe and a family in Israel?" 20 When they were by the house of Micah, they knew the The priest's heart was glad, and he took the ephod, the voice of the young man the Levite; so they went over teraphim, and the engraved image, and went with the there and said to him, "Who brought you here? What do people. 21 So they turned and departed, and put the you do in this place? What do you have here?" 4 He little ones, the livestock, and the goods before them. 22 said to them, "Thus and thus has Micah dealt with me, When they were a good way from the house of Micah, and he has hired me, and I have become his priest." the men who were in the houses near Micah's house 5 They said to him, "Please ask counsel of God, that gathered together and overtook the children of Dan. we may know whether our way which we go shall be 23 As they called to the children of Dan, they turned prosperous." 6 The priest said to them, "Go in peace. their faces, and said to Micah, "What ails you, that you Your way in which you go is before Yahweh." 7 Then come with such a company?" 24 He said, "You have the five men departed and came to Laish and saw the taken away my gods which I made, and the priest, and people who were there, how they lived in safety, in the have gone away! What more do I have? How can you way of the Sidonians, quiet and secure; for there was ask me, "What ails you?" 25 The children of Dan said no one in the land possessing authority, that might put to him, "Don't let your voice be heard among us, lest them to shame in anything, and they were far from angry fellows fall on you, and you lose your life, with the Sidonians, and had no dealings with anyone else. the lives of your household." 26 The children of Dan 8 They came to their brothers at Zorah and Eshtaol; went their way; and when Micah saw that they were too and their brothers asked them, "What do you say?" 9 strong for him, he turned and went back to his house. They said, "Arise, and let's go up against them; for we 27 They took that which Micah had made, and the priest have seen the land, and behold, it is very good. Do whom he had, and came to Laish, to a people quiet you stand still? Don't be slothful to go and to enter in and unsuspecting, and struck them with the edge of the to possess the land. 10 When you go, you will come sword; then they burned the city with fire. 28 There was to an unsuspecting people, and the land is large; for no deliverer, because it was far from Sidon, and they God has given it into your hand, a place where there had no dealings with anyone else; and it was in the is no lack of anything that is in the earth." 11 The valley that lies by Beth Rehob. They built the city and family of the Danites set out from Zorah and Eshtaol lived in it. 29 They called the name of the city Dan, after with six hundred men armed with weapons of war. 12 the name of Dan their father, who was born to Israel; They went up and encamped in Kiriath Jearim in Judah. however the name of the city used to be Laish. 30 The Therefore they call that place Mahaneh Dan to this day. children of Dan set up for themselves the engraved Behold, it is behind Kiriath Jearim. 13 They passed from image; and Jonathan, the son of Gershom, the son of there to the hill country of Ephraim, and came to the Moses, and his sons were priests to the tribe of the house of Micah. 14 Then the five men who went to spy Danites until the day of the captivity of the land. 31 So out the country of Laish answered and said to their they set up for themselves Micah's engraved image brothers, "Do you know that there is in these houses which he made, and it remained all the time that God's an ephod, and teraphim, and a carved image, and a house was in Shiloh. molten image? Now therefore consider what you have to do." 15 They went over there and came to the house of the young Levite man, even to the house of Micah, and asked him how he was doing. 16 The six hundred men armed with their weapons of war, who were of the children of Dan, stood by the entrance of the gate. 17 The five men who went to spy out the land went up, and came in there, and took the engraved image, the ephod, the teraphim, and the molten image; and the

days the tribe of the Danites sought an inheritance hundred men armed with weapons of war. 18 When

19 In those days, when there was no king in Israel, there was a certain Levite living on the farther side of the hill country of Ephraim, who took for himself a concubine out of Bethlehem Judah. 2 His concubine played the prostitute against him, and went away from him to her father's house to Bethlehem Judah, and was there for four months. 3 Her husband arose and went after her to speak kindly to her, to bring her again, having his servant with him and a couple of donkeys.

the father of the young lady saw him, he rejoiced to you! Just let me supply all your needs, but don't sleep they ate and drank, and stayed there. 5 On the fourth feet, and ate and drank. 22 As they were making their to depart. The young lady's father said to his son-in-fellows, surrounded the house, beating at the door; and afterward you shall go your way." 6 So they sat down, saying, "Bring out the man who came into your house, up to depart; but his father-in-law urged him, and he man has come into my house, don't do this folly. 24 on the fifth day to depart; and the young lady's father I will bring them out now. Humble them, and do with said, "Please strengthen your heart and stay until the them what seems good to you; but to this man don't do his father-in-law, the young lady's father, said to him, out to them; and they had sex with her, and abused "Behold, now the day draws toward evening, please her all night until the morning. When the day began to stay all night. Behold, the day is ending. Stay here, dawn, they let her go. 26 Then the woman came in the that your heart may be merry; and tomorrow go on dawning of the day, and fell down at the door of the your way early, that you may go home." 10 But the man's house where her lord was, until it was light. 27 couple of saddled donkeys. His concubine also was woman his concubine had fallen down at the door of the with him. 11 When they were by Jebus, the day was house, with her hands on the threshold. 28 He said to far spent; and the servant said to his master, "Please her, "Get up, and let's get going!" but no one answered. come and let's enter into this city of the Jebusites, and Then he took her up on the donkey; and the man rose stay in it." 12 His master said to him, "We won't enter up, and went to his place. 29 When he had come into his servant, "Come and let's draw near to one of these sent her throughout all the borders of Israel. 30 It was went down on them near Gibeah, which belongs to came up out of the land of Egypt to this day! Consider Benjamin. 15 They went over there, to go in to stay it, take counsel, and speak." in Gibeah. He went in, and sat down in the street of the city; for there was no one who took them into his 20house to stay. 16 Behold, an old man came from his work out of the field at evening. Now the man was from the hill country of Ephraim, and he lived in Gibeah; but the men of the place were Benjamites. 17 He lifted up his eyes, and saw the wayfaring man in the street of the city; and the old man said, "Where are you going? Where did you come from?" 18 He said to him, "We are passing from Bethlehem Judah to the farther side of the hill country of Ephraim. I am from there, and I went to Bethlehem Judah. I am going to Yahweh's house; and there is no one who has taken me into his house. 19 Yet there is both straw and feed for our donkeys; and there is bread and wine also for me, and for your servant, and for the young man who is with your servants. There is

She brought him into her father's house: and when no lack of anything." 20 The old man said. "Peace be to meet him. 4 His father-in-law, the young lady's father, in the street." 21 So he brought him into his house, kept him there; and he stayed with him three days. So and gave the donkeys fodder. Then they washed their day, they got up early in the morning, and he rose up hearts merry, behold, the men of the city, certain wicked law, "Strengthen your heart with a morsel of bread, and they spoke to the master of the house, the old man, ate, and drank, both of them together. Then the young that we can have sex with him!" 23 The man, the master lady's father said to the man, "Please be pleased to stay of the house, went out to them, and said to them, "No, all night, and let your heart be merry." 7 The man rose my brothers, please don't act so wickedly; since this stayed there again. 8 He arose early in the morning Behold, here is my virgin daughter and his concubine. day declines;" and they both ate. 9 When the man rose any such folly." 25 But the men wouldn't listen to him; up to depart, he, and his concubine, and his servant, so the man grabbed his concubine, and brought her man wouldn't stay that night, but he rose up and went. Her lord rose up in the morning and opened the doors of near Jebus (also called Jerusalem). With him were a the house, and went out to go his way; and behold, the into the city of a foreigner that is not of the children of his house, he took a knife and cut up his concubine, Israel; but we will pass over to Gibeah." 13 He said to and divided her, limb by limb, into twelve pieces, and places; and we will lodge in Gibeah, or in Ramah." 14 so, that all who saw it said, "Such a deed has not been So they passed on and went their way; and the sun done or seen from the day that the children of Israel

> Then all the children of Israel went out, and the congregation was assembled as one man, from Dan even to Beersheba, with the land of Gilead, to Yahweh at Mizpah. 2 The chiefs of all the people, even of all the tribes of Israel, presented themselves in the assembly of the people of God, four hundred thousand footmen who drew sword. 3 (Now the children of Benjamin heard that the children of Israel had gone up to Mizpah.) The children of Israel said, "Tell us, how did this wickedness happen?" 4 The Levite, the husband of the woman who was murdered, answered, "I came into Gibeah that belongs to Benjamin, I and my concubine, to spend the night. 5 The men of Gibeah rose against me, and surrounded the house by night. They intended to kill me and they raped my concubine, and she is dead. 6 I took my concubine and cut her in

pieces, and sent her throughout all the country of the the children of Israel again eighteen thousand men. inheritance of Israel; for they have committed lewdness All these drew the sword. 26 Then all the children of and folly in Israel. 7 Behold, you children of Israel, all Israel and all the people went up, and came to Bethel, of you, give here your advice and counsel." 8 All the and wept, and sat there before Yahweh, and fasted people arose as one man, saying, "None of us will go to that day until evening; then they offered burnt offerings his tent, neither will any of us turn to his house. 9 But and peace offerings before Yahweh. 27 The children now this is the thing which we will do to Gibeah: we will of Israel asked Yahweh (for the ark of the covenant of go up against it by lot; 10 and we will take ten men of God was there in those days, 28 and Phinehas, the one hundred throughout all the tribes of Israel, and one son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron, stood before it in hundred of one thousand, and a thousand out of ten those days), saying, "Shall I yet again go out to battle thousand to get food for the people, that they may do, against the children of Benjamin my brother, or shall when they come to Gibeah of Benjamin, according to all I cease?" Yahweh said, "Go up; for tomorrow I will the folly that the men of Gibeah have done in Israel." 11 deliver him into your hand." 29 Israel set ambushes So all the men of Israel were gathered against the city, all around Gibeah. 30 The children of Israel went up knit together as one man. 12 The tribes of Israel sent against the children of Benjamin on the third day, and men through all the tribe of Benjamin, saying, "What set themselves in array against Gibeah, as at other wickedness is this that has happened among you? 13 times. 31 The children of Benjamin went out against the Now therefore deliver up the men, the wicked fellows people, and were drawn away from the city; and they who are in Gibeah, that we may put them to death and began to strike and kill of the people as at other times, put away evil from Israel." But Benjamin would not listen in the highways, of which one goes up to Bethel and the to the voice of their brothers, the children of Israel. 14 other to Gibeah, in the field, about thirty men of Israel. The children of Benjamin gathered themselves together 32 The children of Benjamin said, "They are struck down out of the cities to Gibeah, to go out to battle against the before us, as at the first." But the children of Israel said, children of Israel. 15 The children of Benjamin were "Let's flee, and draw them away from the city to the counted on that day out of the cities twenty-six thousand highways." 33 All the men of Israel rose up out of their men who drew the sword, in addition to the inhabitants place and set themselves in array at Baal Tamar. Then of Gibeah, who were counted seven hundred chosen the ambushers of Israel broke out of their place, even men. 16 Among all these soldiers there were seven out of Maareh Geba. 34 Ten thousand chosen men out hundred chosen men who were left-handed. Every one of all Israel came over against Gibeah, and the battle of them could sling a stone at a hair and not miss. 17 was severe; but they didn't know that disaster was close The men of Israel, besides Benjamin, were counted to them. 35 Yahweh struck Benjamin before Israel; and four hundred thousand men who drew sword. All these the children of Israel destroyed of Benjamin that day were men of war. 18 The children of Israel arose, twenty-five thousand one hundred men. All these drew went up to Bethel, and asked counsel of God. They the sword. 36 So the children of Benjamin saw that they asked, "Who shall go up for us first to battle against were struck, for the men of Israel yielded to Benjamin the children of Benjamin?" Yahweh said, "Judah first." because they trusted the ambushers whom they had 19 The children of Israel rose up in the morning and set against Gibeah. 37 The ambushers hurried, and encamped against Gibeah. 20 The men of Israel went rushed on Gibeah; then the ambushers spread out, and out to battle against Benjamin; and the men of Israel struck all the city with the edge of the sword. 38 Now set the battle in array against them at Gibeah. 21 The the appointed sign between the men of Israel and the children of Benjamin came out of Gibeah, and on that ambushers was that they should make a great cloud day destroyed twenty-two thousand of the Israelite men of smoke rise up out of the city. 39 The men of Israel down to the ground. 22 The people, the men of Israel, turned in the battle, and Benjamin began to strike and encouraged themselves, and set the battle again in kill of the men of Israel about thirty persons; for they array in the place where they set themselves in array said, "Surely they are struck down before us, as in the the first day. 23 The children of Israel went up and first battle." 40 But when the cloud began to arise up out wept before Yahweh until evening; and they asked of the city in a pillar of smoke, the Benjamites looked of Yahweh, saying, "Shall I again draw near to battle behind them; and behold, the whole city went up in against the children of Benjamin my brother?" Yahweh smoke to the sky. 41 The men of Israel turned, and said, "Go up against him." 24 The children of Israel the men of Benjamin were dismayed; for they saw that came near against the children of Benjamin the second disaster had come on them. 42 Therefore they turned day. 25 Benjamin went out against them out of Gibeah their backs before the men of Israel to the way of the the second day, and destroyed down to the ground of wilderness, but the battle followed hard after them; and

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the middle of it. 43 They surrounded the Benjamites, proclaimed peace to them. 14 Benjamin returned at that chased them, and trod them down at their resting place, time; and they gave them the women whom they had as far as near Gibeah toward the sunrise. 44 Eighteen saved alive of the women of Jabesh Gilead. There still thousand men of Benjamin fell; all these were men of weren't enough for them. 15 The people grieved for valor. 45 They turned and fled toward the wilderness to Benjamin, because Yahweh had made a breach in the the rock of Rimmon. They gleaned five thousand men of tribes of Israel. 16 Then the elders of the congregation them in the highways, and followed hard after them to said, "How shall we provide wives for those who remain, Gidom, and struck two thousand men of them. 46 So since the women are destroyed out of Benjamin?" 17 that all who fell that day of Benjamin were twenty-five They said, "There must be an inheritance for those who thousand men who drew the sword. All these were men are escaped of Benjamin, that a tribe not be blotted out of valor. 47 But six hundred men turned and fled toward from Israel. 18 However, we may not give them wives the wilderness to the rock of Rimmon, and stayed in of our daughters, for the children of Israel had sworn, the rock of Rimmon four months. 48 The men of Israel saying, 'Cursed is he who gives a wife to Benjamin." 19 turned again on the children of Benjamin, and struck They said, "Behold, there is a feast of Yahweh from year them with the edge of the sword—including the entire to year in Shiloh, which is on the north of Bethel, on city, the livestock, and all that they found. Moreover they the east side of the highway that goes up from Bethel set all the cities which they found on fire.

71 Now the men of Israel had sworn in Mizpah, saying, "None of us will give his daughter to Benjamin as a 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, "Yahweh, the God of Israel, why has this happened in Israel, that there should be one tribe lacking in Israel today?" 4 On the next day, the people rose early and built an altar there, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. 5 The children of Israel said, "Who is there among all the tribes of Israel who didn't come up in the assembly to Yahweh?" For they had made a great oath concerning him who didn't come up to Yahweh 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 today. 7 How shall we provide wives for those who remain, since we have sworn by Yahweh that we will not give them of our daughters to wives?" 8 They said, "What one is there of the tribes of Israel who didn't come up to Yahweh to Mizpah?" Behold, no one came from Jabesh Gilead to the camp to the assembly. 9 For when the people were counted, behold, there were none of the inhabitants of Jabesh Gilead there. 10 The congregation sent twelve thousand of the most valiant men there, 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 lain with a man." 12 They found among the inhabitants of Jabesh Gilead four hundred young virgins who had not known man by lying with him; 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 children

those who came out of the cities destroyed them in of Benjamin who were in the rock of Rimmon, and to Shechem, and on the south of Lebonah." 20 They commanded the children of Benjamin, saying, "Go and lie in wait in the vineyards, 21 and see, and behold, if the daughters of Shiloh come out to dance in the dances, then come out of the vineyards, and each man catch his wife of 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 for each man his wife in battle, neither did you give them to them; otherwise you would now be guilty." 23 The children of Benjamin did so, and took wives for themselves 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 from there at that time, every man to his tribe and to his family, and they each went out from there to his own inheritance. 25 In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did that which was right in his own eyes.

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1 In the days when the judges judged, there was a famine in the land. A certain man of Bethlehem Judah went to live in the country of Moab with his wife and his two sons. 2 The name of the man was Elimelech, and the name of his wife Naomi. The names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion, Ephrathites of Bethlehem Judah. They came into the country of Moab and lived there. 3 Elimelech, Naomi's husband, died; and she was left with her two sons. 4 They took for themselves wives of the women of Moab. The name of the one was Orpah, and the name of the other was Ruth. They lived there about ten years. 5 Mahlon and Chilion both died, and the woman was bereaved of her two children and of her husband. 6 Then she arose with her daughters-in-law, that she might return from the country of Moab: for she had heard in the country of Moab how Yahweh had visited his people in giving them bread. 7 She went out of the place where she was, and her two daughters-in-law with her. 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 Yahweh deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. 9 May Yahweh 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 voices, 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 seriously for your sakes, for Yahweh's hand has gone out against me." 14 They lifted up their voices and wept again; then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth stayed with her. 15 She said, "Behold, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her god. Follow your sister-in-law." 16 Ruth said, "Don't urge me to leave you, and to return from following you, for where you go, I will go; and where you stay, I will stay. Your people will be my people, and your God my God. 17 Where you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. May Yahweh do so to me, and more also, if anything but death parts you and me." 18 When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her. 19 So they both went until they came to Bethlehem. When they had come to Bethlehem, all the city was excited about them, and they asked, "Is this Naomi?" 20 She said to them,

"Don't call me Naomi. Call me Mara, for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me. 21 I went out full, and Yahweh has brought me home again empty. Why do you call me Naomi, since Yahweh has testified against me, and the Almighty 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. They came to Bethlehem in the beginning of barley harvest.

? Naomi had a relative 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 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 Behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem, and said to the reapers, "May Yahweh be with you." They answered him, "May Yahweh bless you." 5 Then Boaz said to his servant who was set over the reapers, "Whose young lady is this?" 6 The servant who was set over the reapers answered, "It is the Moabite lady 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 rested a little in the house." 8 Then Boaz said to Ruth, "Listen, my daughter. Don't go to glean in another field, and don't 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, "I have been told all about what you have done for your motherin-law since the death of your husband, and how you have left your father, your mother, and the land of your birth, and have come to a people that you didn't know before. 12 May Yahweh repay your work, and a full reward be given to you from Yahweh, 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 servant, though I am not as one of your servants." 14 At meal time Boaz said to her, "Come here, and eat some bread, and dip your morsel in the vinegar." She sat beside the reapers, and they passed her parched grain. She ate, was satisfied, and left some of it. 15 When she had risen up to glean, Boaz

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Moabitess said, "Yes, he said to me, 'You shall stay man will not rest until he has settled this today." close to my young men until they have finished all my harvest." 22 Naomi said to Ruth her daughter-in-law, "It is good, my 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.

you? 2 Now isn't Boaz our kinsman, with whose maidens 'Buy it before those who sit here, and before the elders you were? Behold, he will be winnowing barley tonight of my people.' If you will redeem it, redeem it; but if on the threshing floor. 3 Therefore wash yourself, anoint you will not redeem it, then tell me, that I may know. yourself, get dressed, and go down to the threshing For there is no one to redeem it besides you; and I floor; but don't make yourself known to the man until he am after you." He said, "I will redeem it." 5 Then Boaz has finished eating and drinking. 4 It shall be, when he said, "On the day you buy the field from the hand of lies down, that you shall note the place where he is Naomi, you must buy it also from Ruth the Moabitess, lying. Then you shall go in, uncover his feet, and lie the wife of the dead, to raise up the name of the down. Then he will tell you what to do." 5 She said to dead on his inheritance." 6 The near kinsman said, her, "All that you say, I will do." 6 She went down to the "I can't redeem it for myself, lest I endanger my own threshing floor, and did everything that her mother-in- inheritance. Take my right of redemption for yourself; for law told her. 7 When Boaz had eaten and drunk, and I can't redeem it." 7 Now this was the custom in former his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end time in Israel concerning redeeming and concerning of the heap of grain. She came softly, uncovered his exchanging, to confirm all things: a man took off his feet, and lay down. 8 At midnight, the man was startled sandal, and gave it to his neighbor; and this was the and turned himself; and behold, a woman lay at his way of formalizing transactions in Israel. 8 So the near feet. 9 He said, "Who are you?" She answered, "I am kinsman said to Boaz, "Buy it for yourself," then he took Ruth your servant. Therefore spread the corner of your off his sandal. 9 Boaz said to the elders and to all the garment over your servant; for you are a near kinsman." people, "You are witnesses today, that I have bought 10 He said, "You are blessed by Yahweh, my daughter. all that was Elimelech's, and all that was Chilion's and the beginning, because you didn't follow young men, the Moabitess, the wife of Mahlon, I have purchased whether poor or rich. 11 Now, my daughter, don't be to be my wife, to raise up the name of the dead on afraid. I will do to you all that you say; for all the city of his inheritance, that the name of the dead may not be my people knows that you are a worthy woman. 12 Now cut off from among his brothers and from the gate of

commanded his young men, saying, "Let her glean even it is true that I am a near kinsman. However, there is a among the sheaves, and don't reproach her. 16 Also kinsman nearer than I. 13 Stay this night, and in the pull out some for her from the bundles, and leave it. Let morning, if he will perform for you the part of a kinsman, her glean, and don't rebuke her." 17 So she gleaned in good. Let him do the kinsman's duty. But if he will not the field until evening; and she beat out that which she do the duty of a kinsman for you, then I will do the duty had gleaned, and it was about an ephah of barley. 18 of a kinsman for you, as Yahweh lives. Lie down until She took it up, and went into the city. Then her mother- the morning," 14 She lay at his feet until the morning, in-law saw what she had gleaned; and she brought then she rose up before one could discern another. For out and gave to her that which she had left after she he said, "Let it not be known that the woman came to had enough. 19 Her mother-in-law said to her, "Where the threshing floor." 15 He said, "Bring the mantle that is have you gleaned today? Where have you worked? on you, and hold it." She held it; and he measured six Blessed be he who noticed you." She told her mother- measures of barley, and laid it on her; then he went in-law with whom she had worked, "The man's name into the city. 16 When she came to her mother-in-law, with whom I worked today is Boaz." 20 Naomi said to she said, "How did it go, my daughter?" She told her all her daughter-in-law, "May he be blessed by Yahweh, that the man had done for her. 17 She said, "He gave who has not abandoned his kindness to the living and me these six measures of barley; for he said, 'Don't go to the dead." Naomi said to her, "The man is a close empty to your mother-in-law." 18 Then she said, "Wait, relative to us, one of our near kinsmen." 21 Ruth the my daughter, until you know what will happen; for the

▲ Now Boaz went up to the gate and sat down there. Behold, the near kinsman of whom Boaz spoke came by, Boaz said to him, "Come over here, friend, and sit down!" He came over, and sat down. 2 Boaz took ten men of the elders of the city, and said, "Sit down here," and they sat down. 3 He said to the near kinsman, "Naomi, who has come back out of the country 3 Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, of Moab, is selling the parcel of land, which was our shall I not seek rest for you, that it may be well with brother Elimelech's. 4 I thought I should tell you, saying, You have shown more kindness in the latter end than at Mahlon's, from the hand of Naomi. 10 Moreover, Ruth

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his place. You are witnesses today." 11 All the people who were in the gate, and the elders, said, "We are witnesses. May Yahweh make the woman who has come into your house like Rachel and like Leah, which both 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, of the offspring which Yahweh will give you by this young woman." 13 So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife; and he went in to her, and Yahweh enabled her to conceive, and she bore a son. 14 The women said to Naomi, "Blessed be Yahweh, who has not left you today without a near kinsman. 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 daughterin-law, who loves you, who is better to you than seven sons, has given birth to him." 16 Naomi took the child, laid him in her bosom, and became nurse to him. 17 The women, her neighbors, gave him a name, saying, "A son is born to Naomi". They named him Obed. He is the father of Jesse, the father of David. 18 Now this is the history of 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.

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1 Samuel

1 Now there was a certain man of Ramathaim Zophim, of the hill country of Ephraim, and his name was Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite. 2 He had two wives. The name of one was Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah. 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 Yahweh of Armies in Shiloh. The two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, priests to Yahweh, were there. 4 When the day came that Elkanah sacrificed, he gave portions to Peninnah his wife and to all her sons and her daughters: 5 but he gave a double portion to Hannah, for he loved Hannah, but Yahweh had shut up her womb. 6 Her rival provoked her severely, to irritate her, because Yahweh had shut up her womb. 7 So year by year, when she went up to Yahweh's house, her rival provoked her. Therefore she wept, and didn't eat. 8 Elkanah her husband said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? Why I have asked him of Yahweh." 21 The man Elkanah, that the fork brought up for himself. They did this to all

and all his house, went up to offer to Yahweh the yearly sacrifice and his vow. 22 But Hannah didn't go up, for she said to her husband, "Not until the child is weaned; then I will bring him, that he may appear before Yahweh, and stay there forever." 23 Elkanah her husband said to her, "Do what seems good to you. Wait until you have weaned him; only may Yahweh establish his word." So the woman waited and nursed her son until she weaned him. 24 When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with three bulls, and one ephah of meal, and a container of wine, and brought him to Yahweh's house in Shiloh. The child was young. 25 They killed the bull, and brought the child 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 Yahweh. 27 I prayed for this child, and Yahweh has given me my petition which I asked of him. 28 Therefore I have also given him to Yahweh. As long as he lives he is given to Yahweh." He worshiped Yahweh there.

2 Hannah prayed, and said, "My heart exults in Yahweh! My horn is exalted in Yahweh. My mouth is enlarged don't you eat? Why is your heart grieved? Am I not over my enemies, because I rejoice in your salvation. better to you than ten sons?" 9 So Hannah rose up after 2 There is no one as holy as Yahweh, for there is no they had finished eating and drinking in Shiloh. Now one besides you, nor is there any rock like our God. 3 Eli the priest was sitting on his seat by the doorpost of "Don't keep talking so exceedingly proudly. Don't let Yahweh's temple. 10 She was in bitterness of soul, and arrogance come out of your mouth, for Yahweh is a God prayed to Yahweh, weeping bitterly. 11 She vowed a of knowledge. By him actions are weighed. 4 "The bows vow, and said, "Yahweh of Armies, if you will indeed of the mighty men are broken. Those who stumbled look at the affliction of your servant and remember me, are armed with strength. 5 Those who were full have and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant hired themselves out for bread. Those who were hungry a boy, then I will give him to Yahweh all the days of his are satisfied. Yes, the barren has borne seven. She life, and no razor shall come on his head." 12 As she who has many children languishes. 6 "Yahweh kills and continued praying before Yahweh, Eli saw her mouth. makes alive. He brings down to Sheol and brings up. 13 Now Hannah spoke in her heart. Only her lips moved, (Sheol h7585) 7 Yahweh makes poor and makes rich. but her voice was not heard. Therefore Eli thought she He brings low, he also lifts up. 8 He raises up the poor was drunk. 14 Eli said to her, "How long will you be out of the dust. He lifts up the needy from the dunghill drunk? Get rid of your wine!" 15 Hannah answered, "No, to make them sit with princes and inherit the throne of my lord, I am a woman of a sorrowful spirit. I have not glory. For the pillars of the earth are Yahweh's. He has been drinking wine or strong drink, but I poured out my set the world on them. 9 He will keep the feet of his holy soul before Yahweh. 16 Don't consider your servant ones, but the wicked will be put to silence in darkness; a wicked woman; for I have been speaking out of the for no man will prevail by strength. 10 Those who strive abundance of my complaint and my provocation." 17 with Yahweh shall be broken to pieces. He will thunder Then Eli answered, "Go in peace; and may the God of against them in the sky. "Yahweh will judge the ends of Israel grant your petition that you have asked of him." the earth. He will give strength to his king, and exalt the 18 She said, "Let your servant find favor in your sight." horn of his anointed." 11 Elkanah went to Ramah to his So the woman went her way and ate; and her facial house. The child served Yahweh before Eli the priest. expression wasn't sad any more. 19 They rose up in the 12 Now the sons of Eli were wicked men. They didn't morning early and worshiped Yahweh, then returned know Yahweh. 13 The custom of the priests with the and came to their house to Ramah. Then Elkanah knew people was that when anyone offered a sacrifice, the Hannah his wife; and Yahweh remembered her. 20 priest's servant came while the meat was boiling, with a When the time had come, Hannah conceived, and bore fork of three teeth in his hand; 14 and he stabbed it into a son; and she named him Samuel, saying, "Because the pan, or kettle, or cauldron, or pot. The priest took all

they burned the fat, the priest's servant came, and said grieve your heart. All the increase of your house will die to the man who sacrificed, "Give meat to roast for the in the flower of their age. 34 This will be the sign to priest; for he will not accept boiled meat from you, but you that will come on your two sons, on Hophni and raw." 16 If the man said to him, "Let the fat be burned Phinehas: in one day they will both die. 35 I will raise up first, and then take as much as your soul desires;" then a faithful priest for myself who will do according to that he would say, "No, but you shall give it to me now; and if which is in my heart and in my mind. I will build him a not, I will take it by force." 17 The sin of the young men sure house. He will walk before my anointed forever. 36 was very great before Yahweh; for the men despised It will happen that everyone who is left in your house Yahweh's offering. 18 But Samuel ministered before will come and bow down to him for a piece of silver and Yahweh, being a child, clothed with a linen ephod. 19 a loaf of bread, and will say, "Please put me into one of Moreover his mother made him a little robe, and brought the priests' offices, that I may eat a morsel of bread."" it to him from year to year when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. 20 Eli blessed Elkanah and his wife, and said, "May Yahweh give you offspring from this woman for the petition which was asked of Yahweh." Then they went to their own home. 21 Yahweh visited Hannah, and she conceived and bore three sons and two daughters. The child Samuel grew before Yahweh. 22 Now Eli was very old; and he heard all that his sons did to all Israel, and how that they slept with the women who served at the door of the Tent of Meeting. 23 He said to them, "Why do you do such things? For I hear of your evil dealings from all these people. 24 No, my sons; for it is not a good report that I hear! You make Yahweh's people disobey. 25 If one man sins against another. God will judge him: but if a man sins against Yahweh, who will intercede for him?" Notwithstanding, they didn't listen to the voice of their father, because Yahweh intended to kill them. 26 The child Samuel grew on, and increased in favor both with Yahweh and also with men. 27 A man of God came to Eli and said to him, "Yahweh says, 'Did I reveal myself to the house of your father when they were in Egypt in bondage to Pharaoh's house? 28 Didn't I choose him out of all the tribes of Israel to be my priest, to go up to my altar, to burn incense, to wear an ephod before me? Didn't I give to the house of your father all the offerings of the children of Israel made by fire? 29 Why do you kick at my sacrifice and at my offering, which I have commanded in my habitation, and honor your sons above me, to make vourselves fat with the best of all the offerings of Israel my people?' 30 "Therefore Yahweh, the God of Israel, says, 'I said indeed that your house and the house of your father should walk before me forever.' But now Yahweh says, 'Far be it from me; for those who honor me I will honor, and those who despise me will be cursed. 31 Behold, the days come that I will cut off your arm and the arm of your father's house, that there will not be an old man in your house. 32 You will see the affliction of my habitation, in all the wealth which I will give Israel. There shall not be an old man in your house forever. 33 The man of yours whom I

the Israelites who came there to Shiloh. 15 Yes, before don't cut off from my altar will consume your eyes and

3 The child Samuel ministered to Yahweh before Eli. Yahweh's word was rare in those days. There were not many visions, then. 2 At that time, when Eli was laid down in his place (now his eyes had begun to grow dim, so that he could not see), 3 and God's lamp hadn't yet gone out, and Samuel had laid down in Yahweh's temple where God's ark was, 4 Yahweh called Samuel. He said, "Here I am." 5 He ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; for you called me." He said, "I didn't call. Lie down again." He went and lay down. 6 Yahweh called yet again, "Samuel!" Samuel arose and went to Eli and said. "Here I am: for you called me." He answered. "I didn't call, my son. Lie down again." 7 Now Samuel didn't yet know Yahweh, neither was Yahweh's word yet revealed to him. 8 Yahweh called Samuel again the third time. He arose and went to Eli and said. "Here I am; for you called me." Eli perceived that Yahweh had called the child. 9 Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down. It shall be, if he calls you, that you shall say, 'Speak, Yahweh; for your servant hears." So Samuel went and lay down in his place. 10 Yahweh came, and stood, and called as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak; for your servant hears." 11 Yahweh said to Samuel, "Behold, I will do a thing in Israel at which both the ears of everyone who hears it will tingle. 12 In that day I will perform against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from the beginning even to the end. 13 For I have told him that I will judge his house forever for the iniquity which he knew, because his sons brought a curse on themselves, and he didn't restrain them. 14 Therefore I have sworn to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be removed with sacrifice or offering forever." 15 Samuel lay until the morning, and opened the doors of Yahweh's house. Samuel was afraid to show Eli the vision. 16 Then Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son!" He said, "Here I am." 17 He said, "What is the thing that he has spoken to you? Please don't hide it from me. God do so to you, and more also, if you hide anything from me of all the things that he spoke to you." 18 Samuel told him every bit, and hid nothing from

him. He said, "It is Yahweh. Let him do what seems came out of the army, and I fled today out of the army." good to him." 19 Samuel grew, and Yahweh was with He said, "How did the matter go, my son?" 17 He who him and let none of his words fall to the ground. 20 All brought the news answered, "Israel has fled before the Israel from Dan even to Beersheba knew that Samuel Philistines, and there has been also a great slaughter was established to be a prophet of Yahweh. 21 Yahweh among the people. Your two sons also, Hophni and appeared again in Shiloh; for Yahweh revealed himself Phinehas, are dead, and God's ark has been captured." to Samuel in Shiloh by Yahweh's word.

⚠ The word of Samuel came to all Israel. Now Israel went out against the Philistines to battle, and encamped beside Ebenezer; and the Philistines encamped in Aphek. 2 The Philistines put themselves in array against Israel. When they joined battle, Israel was defeated by the Philistines, who killed about four thousand men of the army in the field. 3 When the people had come into the camp, the elders of Israel said, "Why has Yahweh defeated us today before the Philistines? Let's get the ark of Yahweh's covenant out of Shiloh and bring it 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 covenant of Yahweh of Armies, who sits above the cherubim; and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were there with the ark of the covenant of God. 5 When the ark of Yahweh's covenant came into the camp, all Israel shouted with a great shout, so that the earth resounded. 6 When the Philistines heard the noise of the shout, they said, "What does the noise of this great shout in the camp of the Hebrews mean?" They understood that Yahweh's ark had come into the camp. 7 The Philistines were afraid, for they said, "God has come into the camp." They said, "Woe to us! For there has not been such a thing before. 8 Woe to us! Who shall deliver us out of the hand of these mighty gods? These are the gods that struck the Egyptians with all kinds of plagues in the wilderness. 9 Be strong and behave like men, O you Philistines, that you not be servants to the Hebrews, as they have been to you. Strengthen yourselves like men, and fight!" 10 The Philistines fought, and Israel was defeated, and each man fled to his tent. There was a very great slaughter; for thirty thousand footmen of Israel fell. 11 God's ark was taken; and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were slain. 12 A man of Benjamin ran out of the army and came to Shiloh the same day, with his clothes torn and with dirt on his head. 13 When he came, behold, Eli was sitting on his seat by the road watching, for his heart trembled for God's ark. When the man came into the city and told about it, all the city cried out. 14 When Eli heard the noise of the crying, he said, "What does the noise of this tumult mean?" The man hurried, and came and told Eli. 15 Now Eli was ninety-eight years old. His eyes were set, so that he could not see. 16 The man said to Eli, "I am he who

18 When he made mention of God's ark. 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-inlaw, Phinehas' wife, was with child, near to giving birth. When she heard the news that God's ark 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 About the time of her death the women who stood by her said to her, "Don't be afraid, for you have given birth to a son." But she didn't answer, neither did she regard it. 21 She named the child Ichabod, saying, "The glory has departed from Israel!" because God's ark was taken, and because of her father-in-law and her husband. 22 She said, "The glory has departed from Israel; for God's ark has been taken."

5 Now the Philistines had taken God's ark, and they brought it from Ebenezer to Ashdod. 2 The Philistines took God's ark, and brought it into the house of Dagon and set it by Dagon. 3 When the people of Ashdod arose early on the next day, behold, Dagon had fallen on his face to the ground before Yahweh's ark. They took Dagon and set him in his place again. 4 When they arose early on the following morning, behold, Dagon had fallen on his face to the ground before Yahweh's ark; and the head of Dagon and both the palms of his hands were cut off on the threshold. Only Dagon's torso was intact. 5 Therefore neither the priests of Dagon nor any who come into Dagon's house step on the threshold of Dagon in Ashdod to this day. 6 But Yahweh's hand was heavy on the people of Ashdod, and he destroyed them and struck them with tumors, even Ashdod and its borders. 7 When the men of Ashdod saw that it was so, they said, "The ark of the God of Israel shall not stay with us, for his hand is severe on us and on Dagon our god." 8 They sent therefore and gathered together all the lords of the Philistines, and said, "What shall we do with the ark of the God of Israel?" They answered, "Let the ark of the God of Israel be carried over to Gath." They carried the ark of the God of Israel there. 9 It was so, that after they had carried it there, Yahweh's hand was against the city with a very great confusion; and he struck the men of the city, both small and great, so that tumors broke out on them. 10 So they sent God's ark to Ekron. As God's ark came to Ekron, the Ekronites cried out, saying, "They have brought the ark of the God of Philistines, and they said, "Send the ark of the God of ark and the box that was with it, in which the jewels Israel away, and let it go again to its own place, that it of gold were, and put them on the great stone; and not kill us and our people." For there was a deadly panic the men of Beth Shemesh offered burnt offerings and throughout all the city. The hand of God was very heavy sacrificed sacrifices the same day to Yahweh. 16 When there. 12 The men who didn't die were struck with the the five lords of the Philistines had seen it, they returned tumors; and the cry of the city went up to heaven.

6 Yahweh's ark was in the country of the Philistines seven months. 2 The Philistines called for the priests and the diviners, saying, "What shall we do with Yahweh's ark? Show us how we should send it to its place." 3 They said, "If you send away the ark of the God of Israel, don't send it empty; but by all means return a trespass offering to him. Then you will be healed, and it will be known to you why his hand is not removed from you." 4 Then they said, "What should the trespass offering be which we shall return to him?" They said, "Five golden tumors and five golden mice, for the number of the lords of the Philistines; for one plaque was on you all, and on your lords. 5 Therefore you shall make images of your tumors and images of your mice that mar the land; and you shall give glory to the God of Israel. Perhaps he will release his hand from you, from your gods, and from 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, didn't they let the people go, and they departed? 7 "Now therefore take and prepare yourselves a new cart and two milk cows on which there has come no voke; and tie the cows to the cart, and bring their calves home from them; 8 and take Yahweh's ark and lay it on the cart. Put the jewels of gold, which you return him for a trespass offering, in a box by its side: and send it away, that it may go. 9 Behold, if it goes up by the way of its own border to Beth Shemesh, then he has done us this great evil; but if not, then we shall know that it is not his hand that struck us. It was a chance that happened to us." 10 The men did so, and took two milk cows and tied them to the cart, and shut up their calves at home. 11 They put Yahweh's ark on the cart, and the box with the golden mice and the images of their tumors. 12 The cows took the straight way by the way to Beth Shemesh. They went along the highway, lowing as they went, and didn't turn away to the right hand or to the left; and the lords of the Philistines went after them to the border of Beth Shemesh. 13 The people of Beth Shemesh were reaping their wheat harvest in the valley; and they lifted up their eyes and saw the ark, and rejoiced to see it. 14 The cart came into the field of Joshua of Beth Shemesh, and stood there, where there was a great stone. Then they split

Israel here to us, to kill us and our people," 11 They the wood of the cart and offered up the cows for a burnt sent therefore and gathered together all the lords of the offering to Yahweh. 15 The Levites took down Yahweh's to Ekron the same day. 17 These are the golden tumors which the Philistines returned for a trespass offering to Yahweh: 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, even to the great stone on which they set down Yahweh's ark. That stone remains to this day in the field of Joshua of Beth Shemesh. 19 He struck of the men of Beth Shemesh, because they had looked into Yahweh's ark, he struck fifty thousand seventy of the men. Then the people mourned, because Yahweh had struck the people with a great slaughter. 20 The men of Beth Shemesh said, "Who is able to stand before Yahweh, this holy God? To whom shall he go up from us?" 21 They sent messengers to the inhabitants of Kiriath Jearim, saving, "The Philistines have brought back Yahweh's ark. Come down and bring it up to yourselves."

> The men of Kiriath Jearim came and took Yahweh's ark, and brought it into Abinadab's house on the hill, and consecrated Eleazar his son to keep Yahweh's ark. 2 From the day that the ark stayed in Kiriath Jearim, the time was long-for it was twenty years; and all the house of Israel lamented after Yahweh. 3 Samuel spoke to all the house of Israel, saying, "If you are returning to Yahweh with all your heart, then put away the foreign gods and the Ashtaroth from among you, and direct your hearts to Yahweh, and serve him only; and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines." 4 Then the children of Israel removed the Baals and the Ashtaroth, and served Yahweh only. 5 Samuel said, "Gather all Israel to Mizpah, and I will pray to Yahweh for you." 6 They gathered together to Mizpah, and drew water, and poured it out before Yahweh, and fasted on that day, and said there, "We have sinned against Yahweh." Samuel judged the children of Israel in Mizpah. 7 When the Philistines heard that the children of Israel were gathered together at Mizpah, the lords of the Philistines went up against Israel. When the children of Israel heard it, they were afraid of the Philistines. 8 The children of Israel said to Samuel, "Don't stop crying to Yahweh our God for us, that he will save us out of the hand of the Philistines." 9 Samuel took a suckling lamb, and offered it for a whole burnt offering to Yahweh. Samuel cried to Yahweh for Israel, and Yahweh answered

there, and he judged Israel there; and he built an altar "Everyone go to your own city." to Yahweh there.

R When Samuel was old, he made his sons judges over Israel. 2 Now the name of his firstborn was Joel, and the name of his second, Abijah. They were judges in Beersheba. 3 His sons didn't walk in his ways, but turned away after dishonest gain, took bribes, and perverted justice. 4 Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together and came to Samuel to Ramah. 5 They said to him, "Behold, you are old, and your sons don't walk in your ways. Now make us a king to judge us like all the nations." 6 But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to judge us." Samuel prayed to Yahweh. 7 Yahweh said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in all that they tell you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me as the king over them. 8 According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt even to this day, in that they have forsaken me and served other gods, so they also do to you. 9 Now therefore, listen to their voice. However, you shall protest solemnly to them, and shall show them the way of the king who will reign over them." 10 Samuel told all Yahweh's words to the people who asked him for a king. 11 He said, "This will be the way of the king who shall reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them as his servants, for his chariots and to be his horsemen; and they will run before his chariots. 12 He will appoint them to him for captains of thousands and captains of fifties; and he will assign some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest; and to make his instruments of war and the instruments

him. 10 As Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, of his charjots, 13 He will take your daughters to be the Philistines came near to battle against Israel; but perfumers, to be cooks, and to be bakers. 14 He will Yahweh thundered with a great thunder on that day take your fields, your vineyards, and your olive groves, on the Philistines and confused them; and they were even your best, and give them to his servants. 15 He struck down before Israel. 11 The men of Israel went will take one tenth of your seed and of your vineyards, out of Mizpah and pursued the Philistines, and struck and give it to his officers and to his servants. 16 He will them until they came under Beth Kar. 12 Then Samuel take your male servants, your female servants, your took a stone and set it between Mizpah and Shen, best young men, and your donkeys, and assign them to and called its name Ebenezer, saying, "Yahweh helped his own work. 17 He will take one tenth of your flocks; us until now." 13 So the Philistines were subdued, and you will be his servants. 18 You will cry out in that and they stopped coming within the border of Israel. day because of your king whom you will have chosen Yahweh's hand was against the Philistines all the days for yourselves; and Yahweh will not answer you in that of Samuel. 14 The cities which the Philistines had taken day." 19 But the people refused to listen to the voice of from Israel were restored to Israel, from Ekron even to Samuel; and they said, "No, but we will have a king Gath; and Israel recovered its border out of the hand of over us, 20 that we also may be like all the nations; and the Philistines. There was peace between Israel and the that our king may judge us, and go out before us, and Amorites. 15 Samuel judged Israel all the days of his fight our battles." 21 Samuel heard all the words of the life. 16 He went from year to year in a circuit to Bethel, people, and he rehearsed them in the ears of Yahweh. Gilgal, and Mizpah; and he judged Israel in all those 22 Yahweh said to Samuel, "Listen to their voice, and places. 17 His return was to Ramah, for his house was make them a king." Samuel said to the men of Israel,

> 9 Now there was a man of Benjamin, whose name was Kish the son of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son of Becorath, the son of Aphiah, the son of a Benjamite, a mighty man of valor. 2 He had a son whose name was Saul, an impressive young man; and there was not among the children of Israel a more handsome person than he. From his shoulders and upward he was taller than any of the people. 3 The donkeys of Kish, Saul's father, were lost. Kish said to Saul his son, "Now take one of the servants with you, and arise, go look for the donkeys." 4 He passed through the hill country of Ephraim, and passed through the land of Shalishah, but they didn't find them. Then they passed through the land of Shaalim, and they weren't there. Then he passed through the land of the Benjamites, but they didn't find them. 5 When they had come to the land of Zuph, Saul said to his servant who was with him, "Come! Let's return, lest my father stop caring about the donkeys and be anxious for us." 6 The servant said to him, "Behold now, there is a man of God in this city, and he is a man who is held in honor. All that he says surely happens. Now let's go there. Perhaps he can tell us which way to go." 7 Then Saul said to his servant, "But behold, if we go, what should we bring the man? For the bread is spent in our sacks, and there is not a present to bring to the man of God. What do we have?" 8 The servant answered Saul again and said, "Behold, I have in my hand the fourth part of a shekel of silver. I will give that to the man of God, to tell us our way." 9 (In earlier times in Israel, when a man went to inquire of God, he said, "Come! Let's go to the seer;" for he who is now called a prophet was before called a seer.)

Let's go." So they went to the city where the man of then Samuel said, "But stand still first, that I may cause God was. 11 As they went up the ascent to the city, you to hear God's message." they found young maidens going out to draw water, and said to them, "Is the seer here?" 12 They answered them and said, "He is. Behold, he is before you. Hurry now, for he has come today into the city; for the people have a sacrifice today in the high place. 13 As soon as you have come into the city, you will immediately find him before he goes up to the high place to eat; for the people will not eat until he comes, because he blesses the sacrifice. Afterwards those who are invited eat. Now therefore go up; for at this time you will find him." 14 They went up to the city. As they came within the city, behold, Samuel came out toward them to go up to the high place. 15 Now Yahweh had revealed to Samuel a day before Saul came, saying, 16 "Tomorrow about this time I will send you a man out of the land of Benjamin. and you shall anoint him to be prince over my people Israel. He will save my people out of the hand of the Philistines; for I have looked upon my people, because their cry has come to me." 17 When Samuel saw Saul, Yahweh said to him, "Behold, the man of whom I spoke to you! He will have authority over my people." 18 Then Saul approached Samuel in the gateway, and said, "Please tell me where the seer's house is." 19 Samuel answered Saul and said. "I am the seer. Go up before me to the high place, for you are to eat with me today. In the morning I will let you go and will tell you all that is in your heart. 20 As for your donkeys who were lost three days ago, don't set your mind on them, for they have been found. For whom does all Israel desire? Is it not you and all your father's house?" 21 Saul answered. "Am I not a Benjamite, of the smallest of the tribes of Israel? And my family the least of all the families of the tribe of Benjamin? Why then do you speak to me like this?" 22 Samuel took Saul and his servant and brought them into the guest room, and made them sit in the best place among those who were invited, who were about thirty persons. 23 Samuel said to the cook, "Bring the portion which I gave you, of which I said to you, 'Set it aside." 24 The cook took up the thigh, and that which was on it, and set it before Saul. Samuel said, "Behold, that which has been reserved! Set it before yourself and eat; because it has been kept for you for the appointed time, for I said, 'I have invited the people." So Saul ate with Samuel that day. 25 When they had come down from the high place into the city, he talked with Saul on the housetop. **26** They arose early; and about daybreak, Samuel called to Saul on the housetop, saving, "Get up, that I may send you away." Saul arose, and they both went outside, he and Samuel, together. 27 As they were going down at the end of the city, Samuel said to Saul,

10 Then Saul said to his servant. "Well said. Come! "Tell the servant to go on ahead of us." He went ahead.

10 Then Samuel took the vial of oil and poured it on his head, then kissed him and said, "Hasn't Yahweh anointed you to be prince over his inheritance? 2 When you have departed from me today, then you will find two men by Rachel's tomb, on the border of Benjamin at Zelzah. They will tell you, 'The donkeys which you went to look for have been found; and behold. your father has stopped caring about the donkeys and is anxious for you, saying, "What shall I do for my son?" 3 "Then you will go on forward from there, and you will come to the oak of Tabor. Three men will meet you there going up to God to Bethel: one carrying three young goats, and another carrying three loaves of bread, and another carrying a container of wine. 4 They will greet you and give you two loaves of bread, which you shall receive from their hand. 5 "After that you will come to the hill of God, where the garrison of the Philistines is; and it will happen, when you have come there to the city, that you will meet a band of prophets coming down from the high place with a lute, a tambourine, a pipe, and a harp before them; and they will be prophesying. 6 Then Yahweh's Spirit will come mightily on you, then you will prophesy with them and will be turned into another man. 7 Let it be, when these signs have come to you, that you do what is appropriate for the occasion; for God is with you. 8 "Go down ahead of me to Gilgal; and behold. I will come down to you to offer burnt offerings and to sacrifice sacrifices of peace offerings. Wait seven days, until I come to you and show you what you are to do." 9 It was so, that when he had turned his back to go from Samuel, God gave him another heart; and all those signs happened that day. 10 When they came there to the hill, behold, a band of prophets met him; and the Spirit of God came mightily on him, and he prophesied among them. 11 When all who knew him before saw that, behold, he prophesied with the prophets, then the people said to one another, "What is this that has come to the son of Kish? Is Saul also among the prophets?" 12 One from the same place answered, "Who is their father?" Therefore it became a proverb, "Is Saul also among the prophets?" 13 When he had finished prophesying, he came to the high place. 14 Saul's uncle said to him and to his servant, "Where did you go?" He said, "To seek the donkeys. When we saw that they were not found, we came 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, of which Samuel spoke, he didn't tell

told the people the regulations of the kingdom, and of Israel rejoiced greatly. wrote it in a book and laid it up before Yahweh. Samuel sent all the people away, every man to his house. 26 Saul also went to his house in Gibeah; and the army went with him, whose hearts God had touched. 27 But certain worthless fellows said, "How could this man save us?" They despised him, and brought him no tribute. But he held his peace.

out after Saul and after Samuel, so shall it be done hand of the king of Moab; and they fought against them.

him. 17 Samuel called the people together to Yahweh to his oxen." The dread of Yahweh fell on the people. to Mizpah; 18 and he said to the children of Israel, and they came out as one man. 8 He counted them in "Yahweh, the God of Israel, says 'I brought Israel up Bezek; and the children of Israel were three hundred out of Egypt and I delivered you out of the hand of the thousand, and the men of Judah thirty thousand. 9 Egyptians, and out of the hand of all the kingdoms that They said to the messengers who came, "Tell the men oppressed you.' 19 But you have today rejected your of Jabesh Gilead, 'Tomorrow, by the time the sun is hot, God, who himself saves you out of all your calamities you will be rescued." The messengers came and told and your distresses; and you have said to him, 'No! the men of Jabesh; and they were glad. 10 Therefore Set a king over us!' Now therefore present yourselves the men of Jabesh said, "Tomorrow we will come out before Yahweh by your tribes and by your thousands." to you, and you shall do with us all that seems good 20 So Samuel brought all the tribes of Israel near, and to you." 11 On the next day, Saul put the people in the tribe of Benjamin was chosen. 21 He brought the three companies; and they came into the middle of the tribe of Benjamin near by their families and the family of camp in the morning watch, and struck the Ammonites the Matrites was chosen. Then Saul the son of Kish until the heat of the day. Those who remained were was chosen; but when they looked for him, he could not scattered, so that no two of them were left together. 12 be found. 22 Therefore they asked of Yahweh further, The people said to Samuel, "Who is he who said, 'Shall "Is there yet a man to come here?" Yahweh answered, Saul reign over us?' Bring those men, that we may put "Behold, he has hidden himself among the baggage." 23 them to death!" 13 Saul said, "No man shall be put to They ran and got him there. When he stood among the death today; for today Yahweh has rescued Israel." 14 people, he was higher than any of the people from his Then Samuel said to the people, "Come! Let's go to shoulders and upward. 24 Samuel said to all the people, Gilgal, and renew the kingdom there." 15 All the people "Do you see him whom Yahweh has chosen, that there went to Gilgal; and there they made Saul king before is no one like him among all the people?" All the people Yahweh in Gilgal. There they offered sacrifices of peace shouted and said. "Long live the king!" 25 Then Samuel offerings before Yahweh; and there Saul and all the men

12 Samuel said to all Israel, "Behold, I have listened to your voice in all that you said to me, and have made a king over you. 2 Now, behold, the king walks before you. I am old and gray-headed. Behold, my sons are with you. I have walked before you from my youth to this day. 3 Here I am. Witness against me before Yahweh and before his anointed. Whose ox have 11 Then Nahash the Ammonite came up and I taken? Whose donkey have I taken? Whom have I encamped against Jabesh Gilead; and all the men defrauded? Whom have I oppressed? Of whose hand of Jabesh said to Nahash, "Make a covenant with us, have I taken a bribe to make me blind my eyes? I will and we will serve you." 2 Nahash the Ammonite said to restore it to you." 4 They said, "You have not defrauded them, "On this condition I will make it with you, that all us, nor oppressed us, neither have you taken anything your right eyes be gouged out. I will make this dishonor from anyone's hand." 5 He said to them, "Yahweh is all Israel." 3 The elders of Jabesh said to him, "Give us witness against you, and his anointed is witness today, seven days, that we may send messengers to all the that you have not found anything in my hand." They borders of Israel; and then, if there is no one to save said, "He is witness." 6 Samuel said to the people, "It us, we will come out to you." 4 Then the messengers is Yahweh who appointed Moses and Aaron, and that came to Gibeah of Saul, and spoke these words in the brought your fathers up out of the land of Egypt. 7 Now ears of the people, then all the people lifted up their therefore stand still, that I may plead with you before voice and wept. 5 Behold, Saul came following the oxen Yahweh concerning all the righteous acts of Yahweh, out of the field; and Saul said, "What ails the people which he did to you and to your fathers. 8 "When Jacob that they weep?" They told him the words of the men had come into Egypt, and your fathers cried to Yahweh, of Jabesh. 6 God's Spirit came mightily on Saul when then Yahweh sent Moses and Aaron, who brought your he heard those words, and his anger burned hot. 7 fathers out of Egypt, and made them to dwell in this He took a yoke of oxen and cut them in pieces, then place. 9 But they forgot Yahweh their God; and he sold sent them throughout all the borders of Israel by the them into the hand of Sisera, captain of the army of hand of messengers, saying, "Whoever doesn't come Hazor, and into the hand of the Philistines, and into the 10 They cried to Yahweh, and said, 'We have sinned, land, saving, "Let the Hebrews hear!" 4 All Israel heard consumed, both you and your king."

13 Saul was thirty years old when he became king. and he reigned over Israel forty-two years. 2 Saul chose for himself three thousand men of Israel, of which two thousand were with Saul in Michmash and in the Mount of Bethel, and one thousand were with Jonathan in Gibeah of Benjamin. He sent the rest of the people to their own tents. 3 Jonathan struck the garrison of the Philistines that was in Geba, and the Philistines heard of it. Saul blew the trumpet throughout all the

because we have forsaken Yahweh and have served that Saul had struck the garrison of the Philistines, and the Baals and the Ashtaroth; but now deliver us out of also that Israel was considered an abomination to the the hand of our enemies, and we will serve you.' 11 Philistines. The people were gathered together after Yahweh sent Jerubbaal, Bedan, Jephthah, and Samuel, Saul to Gilgal. 5 The Philistines assembled themselves and delivered you out of the hand of your enemies on together to fight with Israel: thirty thousand chariots, every side; and you lived in safety. 12 "When you saw six thousand horsemen, and people as the sand which that Nahash the king of the children of Ammon came is on the seashore in multitude. They came up and against you, you said to me, 'No, but a king shall reign encamped in Michmash, eastward of Beth Aven. 6 over us," when Yahweh your God was your king. 13 When the men of Israel saw that they were in trouble Now therefore see the king whom you have chosen (for the people were distressed), then the people hid and whom you have asked for. Behold, Yahweh has themselves in caves, in thickets, in rocks, in tombs, and set a king over you. 14 If you will fear Yahweh, and in pits. 7 Now some of the Hebrews had gone over serve him, and listen to his voice, and not rebel against the Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead; but as for the commandment of Yahweh, then both you and also Saul, he was yet in Gilgal, and all the people followed the king who reigns over you are followers of Yahweh him trembling. 8 He stayed seven days, according to your God. 15 But if you will not listen to Yahweh's voice, the time set by Samuel; but Samuel didn't come to but rebel against the commandment of Yahweh, then Gilgal, and the people were scattering from him. 9 Yahweh's hand will be against you, as it was against Saul said, "Bring the burnt offering to me here, and your fathers. 16 "Now therefore stand still and see this the peace offerings." He offered the burnt offering. great thing, which Yahweh will do before your eyes. 10 It came to pass that as soon as he had finished 17 Isn't it wheat harvest today? I will call to Yahweh, offering the burnt offering, behold, Samuel came; and that he may send thunder and rain; and you will know Saul went out to meet him, that he might greet him. and see that your wickedness is great, which you have 11 Samuel said, "What have you done?" Saul said, done in Yahweh's sight, in asking for a king." 18 So "Because I saw that the people were scattered from me, Samuel called to Yahweh, and Yahweh sent thunder and that you didn't come within the days appointed, and and rain that day. Then all the people greatly feared that the Philistines assembled themselves together at Yahweh and Samuel. 19 All the people said to Samuel, Michmash, 12 therefore I said, 'Now the Philistines will "Pray for your servants to Yahweh your God, that we come down on me to Gilgal, and I haven't entreated the not die; for we have added to all our sins this evil, to ask favor of Yahweh.' I forced myself therefore, and offered for a king." 20 Samuel said to the people, "Don't be the burnt offering." 13 Samuel said to Saul, "You have afraid. You have indeed done all this evil; yet don't turn done foolishly. You have not kept the commandment away from following Yahweh, but serve Yahweh with all of Yahweh your God, which he commanded you; for your heart. 21 Don't turn away to go after vain things now Yahweh would have established your kingdom which can't profit or deliver, for they are vain. 22 For on Israel forever. 14 But now your kingdom will not Yahweh will not forsake his people for his great name's continue. Yahweh has sought for himself a man after sake, because it has pleased Yahweh to make you a his own heart, and Yahweh has appointed him to be people for himself. 23 Moreover, as for me, far be it prince over his people, because you have not kept that from me that I should sin against Yahweh in ceasing to which Yahweh commanded you." 15 Samuel arose, pray for you; but I will instruct you in the good and the and went from Gilgal to Gibeah of Benjamin. Saul right way. 24 Only fear Yahweh, and serve him in truth counted the people who were present with him, about with all your heart; for consider what great things he has six hundred men. 16 Saul, and Jonathan his son, and done for you. 25 But if you keep doing evil, you will be the people who were present with them, stayed in Geba of Benjamin: but the Philistines encamped in Michmash. 17 The raiders 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 another company turned the way to Beth Horon; and another company turned the way of the border that looks down on the valley of Zeboim toward the wilderness. 19 Now there was no blacksmith found throughout all the land of Israel, for the Philistines said, "Lest the Hebrews make themselves swords or spears"; 20 but all the Israelites

went down to the Philistines, each man to sharpen his the people; the garrison and the raiders also trembled; own plowshare, mattock, ax, and sickle. 21 The price and the earth quaked, so there was an exceedingly was one payim each to sharpen mattocks, plowshares, great trembling. 16 The watchmen of Saul in Gibeah pitchforks, axes, and goads. 22 So it came to pass in of Benjamin looked; and behold, the multitude melted away and scattered. 17 Then Saul said to the people in the hand of any of the people who were with Saul who were with him, "Count now, and see who is missing and Jonathan; but Saul and Jonathan his son had them. from us." When they had counted, behold, Jonathan and his armor bearer were not there. 18 Saul said to Michmash. "Bring God's ark here." For God's ark was with

1 1 Now it happened on a day that Jonathan the son of Saul said to the young man who bore his armor, "Come! Let's go over to the Philistines' garrison that is on the other side." But he didn't tell his father. 2 Saul stayed in the uttermost part of Gibeah under the pomegranate tree which is in Migron; and the people who were with him were about six hundred men, 3 including Ahijah the son of Ahitub, Ichabod's brother, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eli the priest of Yahweh in Shiloh, wearing an ephod. The people didn't know that Jonathan was gone. 4 Between the passes, by which Jonathan sought to go over to the Philistines' garrison, there was a rocky crag on the one side and a rocky crag on the other side; and the name of the one was Bozez, and the name of the other Seneh. 5 The one crag rose up on the north in front of Michmash, and the other on the south in front of Geba. 6 Jonathan said to the young man who bore his armor, "Come! Let's go over to the garrison of these uncircumcised. It may be that Yahweh will work for us, for there is no restraint on Yahweh to save by many or by few." 7 His armor bearer said to him, "Do all that is in your heart. Go, and behold, I am with you according to your heart." 8 Then Jonathan said, "Behold, we will pass over to the men, and we will reveal ourselves to them. 9 If they say this to us, 'Wait until we come to you!' then we will stand still in our place and will not go up to them. 10 But if they say this, 'Come up to us!' then we will go up, for Yahweh 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, "Behold, 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 Yahweh 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, within as it were half a furrow's length in an acre of land. 15 There was a trembling in the camp, in the field, and among all

Ahijah, "Bring God's ark here." For God's ark was with the children of Israel at that time. 19 While Saul talked to the priest, the tumult that was in the camp of the Philistines went on and increased; and Saul said to the priest, "Withdraw your hand!" 20 Saul and all the people who were with him were gathered together, and came to the battle; and behold, they were all striking each other with their swords in very great confusion. 21 Now the Hebrews who were with the Philistines before and who went up with them into the camp from all around, even they also turned to be with the Israelites who were with Saul and Jonathan. 22 Likewise all the men of Israel who had hidden themselves in the hill country of Ephraim, when they heard that the Philistines fled, even they also followed hard after them in the battle. 23 So Yahweh saved Israel that day; and the battle passed over by Beth Aven. 24 The men of Israel were distressed that day; for Saul had adjured the people, saying, "Cursed is the man who eats any food until it is evening, and I am avenged of my enemies." So none of the people tasted food. 25 All the people came into the forest; and there was honey on the ground. 26 When the people had come to the forest, behold, honey was dripping, but no one put his hand to his mouth, for the people feared the oath. 27 But Jonathan didn't hear when his father commanded the people with the oath. Therefore he put out the end of the rod that was in his hand and dipped it in the honeycomb, and put his hand to his mouth; and his eyes brightened. 28 Then one of the people answered, and said, "Your father directly commanded the people with an oath, saying, 'Cursed is the man who eats food today." So the people were faint. 29 Then Jonathan said, "My father has troubled the land. Please look how my eves have brightened because I tasted a little of this honey. 30 How much more, if perhaps the people had eaten freely today of the plunder of their enemies which they found? For now there has been no great slaughter among the Philistines." 31 They struck the Philistines that day from Michmash to Aijalon. The people were very faint; 32 and the people pounced on the plunder, and took sheep, cattle, and calves, and killed them on the ground; and the people ate them with the blood. 33 Then they told Saul, saying, "Behold, the people are sinning against Yahweh, in that they eat meat with the blood." He said, me today!" 34 Saul said, "Disperse yourselves among severe war against the Philistines all the days of Saul; the people, and tell them, 'Every man bring me here his ox, and every man his sheep, and kill them here, and eat; and don't sin against Yahweh in eating meat with the blood." All the people brought every man his ox with him that night, and killed them there. 35 Saul built an altar to Yahweh. This was the first altar that he built to Yahweh. 36 Saul said, "Let's go down after the Philistines by night, and take plunder among them until the morning light. Let's not leave a man of them." They said, "Do whatever seems good to you." Then the priest said, "Let's draw near here to God." 37 Saul asked counsel of God: "Shall I go down after the Philistines? Will you deliver them into the hand of Israel?" But he didn't answer him that day. 38 Saul said. "Draw near here, all you chiefs of the people, and know and see in whom this sin has been today. 39 For as Yahweh lives. who saves Israel, though it is in Jonathan my son, he shall surely die." But there was not a man among all the people who answered him. 40 Then he said to all Israel, "You be on one side, and I and Jonathan my son will be on the other side." The people said to Saul, "Do what seems good to you." 41 Therefore Saul said to Yahweh, the God of Israel, "Show the right." Jonathan and Saul were chosen, but the people escaped. 42 Saul said, "Cast lots between me and Jonathan my son." Jonathan was selected. 43 Then Saul said to Jonathan, "Tell me what you have done!" Jonathan told him, and said, "I certainly did taste a little honey with the end of the rod that was in my hand; and behold, I must die." 44 Saul said, "God do so and more also; for you shall surely die, Jonathan." 45 The people said to Saul, "Shall Jonathan die, who has worked this great salvation in Israel? Far from it! As Yahweh lives, there shall not one hair of his head fall to the ground, for he has worked with God today!" So the people rescued Jonathan, so he didn't die. 46 Then Saul went up from following the Philistines; and the Philistines went to their own place. 47 Now when Saul had taken the kingdom over Israel, he fought against all his enemies on every side: against Moab, and against the children of Ammon, and against Edom, and against the kings of Zobah, and against the Philistines. Wherever he turned himself, he defeated them. 48 He did valiantly and struck the Amalekites, and delivered Israel out of the hands of those who plundered them. 49 Now the sons of Saul were Jonathan, Ishvi. and Malchishua: and the names of his two daughters were these: the name of the firstborn Merab, and the name of the vounger Michal. 50 The name of Saul's wife was Ahinoam the daughter of Ahimaaz. The name of the captain of his army was Abner the son of Ner. Saul's uncle. 51 Kish was the father of Saul, and Ner

"You have dealt treacherously. Roll a large stone to the father of Abner was the son of Abiel. 52 There was and when Saul saw any mighty man or any valiant man. he took him into his service.

> Samuel said to Saul, "Yahweh sent me to anoint you to be king over his people, over Israel. Now therefore listen to the voice of Yahweh's words. 2 Yahweh of Armies says, 'I remember what Amalek did to Israel, how he set himself against him on the way when he came up out of Egypt. 3 Now go and strike Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and don't spare them; but kill both man and woman, infant and nursing baby, ox and sheep, camel and donkey," 4 Saul summoned the people, and counted them in Telaim, two hundred thousand footmen and ten thousand men of Judah. 5 Saul came to the city of Amalek, and set an ambush in the valley. 6 Saul said to the Kenites, "Go, depart, go down from among the Amalekites, lest I destroy you with them; for you showed kindness to all the children of Israel when they came up out of Egypt." So the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites. 7 Saul struck the Amalekites, from Havilah as you go to Shur, which is before Egypt. 8 He took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive, and utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword. 9 But Saul and the people spared Agag and the best of the sheep, of the cattle, of the fat calves, of the lambs, and all that was good, and were not willing to utterly destroy them; but everything that was vile and refuse, that they destroyed utterly. 10 Then Yahweh's word came to Samuel, saving, 11 "It grieves me that I have set up Saul to be king, for he has turned back from following me, and has not performed my commandments." Samuel was angry: and he cried to Yahweh all night. 12 Samuel rose early to meet Saul in the morning; and Samuel was told. saying, "Saul came to Carmel, and behold, he set up a monument for himself, turned, passed on, and went down to Gilgal." 13 Samuel came to Saul; and Saul said to him. "You are blessed by Yahweh! I have performed the commandment of Yahweh." 14 Samuel said, "Then what does this bleating of the sheep in my ears and the lowing of the cattle which I hear mean?" 15 Saul said, "They have brought them from the Amalekites; for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the cattle, to sacrifice to Yahweh your God. We have utterly destroyed the rest." 16 Then Samuel said to Saul. "Stay. and I will tell you what Yahweh said to me last night." He said to him, "Sav on," 17 Samuel said, "Though you were little in your own sight, weren't you made the head of the tribes of Israel? Yahweh anointed you king over Israel: 18 and Yahweh sent you on a journey, and said, 'Go, and utterly destroy the sinners the Amalekites. and fight against them until they are consumed.' 19

Why then didn't you obey Yahweh's voice, but took to me him whom I name to you." 4 Samuel did that grieved that he had made Saul king over Israel.

16 Yahweh 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." Yahweh said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to Yahweh.' 3 Call Jesse to the sacrifice, harp and played with his hand; so Saul was refreshed and I will show you what you shall do. You shall anoint

the plunder, and did that which was evil in Yahweh's which Yahweh spoke, and came to Bethlehem. The sight?" 20 Saul said to Samuel, "But I have obeyed elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, Yahweh's voice, and have gone the way which Yahweh "Do you come peaceably?" 5 He said, "Peaceably; I sent me, and have brought Agag the king of Amalek, have come to sacrifice to Yahweh. Sanctify yourselves, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites. 21 But the and come with me to the sacrifice." He sanctified Jesse people took of the plunder, sheep and cattle, the best of and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice. 6 When the devoted things, to sacrifice to Yahweh your God in they had come, he looked at Eliab, and said, "Surely Gilgal." 22 Samuel said, "Has Yahweh as great delight Yahweh's anointed is before him." 7 But Yahweh said to in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying Yahweh's Samuel, "Don't look on his face, or on the height of his voice? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to stature, because I have rejected him; for I don't see as listen than the fat of rams. 23 For rebellion is as the man sees. For man looks at the outward appearance, sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as idolatry and but Yahweh looks at the heart." 8 Then Jesse called teraphim. Because you have rejected Yahweh's word, Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, he has also rejected you from being king." 24 Saul said "Yahweh has not chosen this one, either." 9 Then Jesse to Samuel, "I have sinned; for I have transgressed the made Shammah to pass by. He said, "Yahweh has not commandment of Yahweh and your words, because chosen this one, either." 10 Jesse made seven of his I feared the people and obeyed their voice. 25 Now sons to pass before Samuel. Samuel said to Jesse, therefore, please pardon my sin, and turn again with "Yahweh has not chosen these." 11 Samuel said to me, that I may worship Yahweh." 26 Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your children here?" He said, "There Saul, "I will not return with you; for you have rejected remains yet the youngest. Behold, he is keeping the Yahweh's word, and Yahweh has rejected you from sheep." Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and get him, for being king over Israel." 27 As Samuel turned around to we will not sit down until he comes here." 12 He sent, go away, Saul grabbed the skirt of his robe, and it tore. and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, with a handsome 28 Samuel said to him, "Yahweh has torn the kingdom of face and good appearance. Yahweh said, "Arise! Anoint Israel from you today, and has given it to a neighbor of him, for this is he." 13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil yours who is better than you. 29 Also the Strength of and anointed him in the middle of his brothers. Then Israel will not lie nor repent: for he is not a man, that he Yahweh's Spirit came mightily on David from that day should repent." 30 Then he said, "I have sinned; yet forward. So Samuel rose up and went to Ramah. 14 please honor me now before the elders of my people Now Yahweh's Spirit departed from Saul, and an evil and before Israel, and come back with me, that I may spirit from Yahweh troubled him. 15 Saul's servants said worship Yahweh your God." 31 So Samuel went back to him, "See now, an evil spirit from God troubles you. with Saul; and Saul worshiped Yahweh. 32 Then Samuel 16 Let our lord now command your servants who are in said, "Bring Agag the king of the Amalekites here to front of you to seek out a man who is a skillful player on me!" Agag came to him cheerfully. Agag said, "Surely the harp. Then when the evil spirit from God is on you, the bitterness of death is past." 33 Samuel said, "As he will play with his hand, and you will be well." 17 Saul your sword has made women childless, so your mother said to his servants, "Provide me now a man who can will be childless among women!" Then Samuel cut Agag play well, and bring him to me." 18 Then one of the in pieces before Yahweh in Gilgal. 34 Then Samuel went young men answered and said, "Behold, I have seen a to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house to Gibeah of son of Jesse the Bethlehemite who is skillful in playing, Saul. 35 Samuel came no more to see Saul until the a mighty man of valor, a man of war, prudent in speech, day of his death, but Samuel mourned for Saul, Yahweh and a handsome person; and Yahweh is with him." 19 Therefore Saul sent messengers to Jesse, and said, "Send me David your son, who is with the sheep." 20 Jesse took a donkey loaded with bread, a container 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 When the spirit from God was on Saul, David took the and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him.

17 Now the Philistines gathered together their armies 22 David left his baggage in the hand of the keeper Socoh, which belongs to Judah, and encamped between greeted his brothers. 23 As he talked with them, behold, Socoh and Azekah in Ephesdammim. 2 Saul and the the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, men of Israel were gathered together, and encamped in came up out of the ranks of the Philistines, and said the the valley of Elah, and set the battle in array against the same words; and David heard them. 24 All the men of Philistines. 3 The Philistines stood on the mountain on Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him and were the one side, and Israel stood on the mountain on the terrified. 25 The men of Israel said, "Have you seen this other side: and there was a valley between them. 4 man who has come up? He has surely come up to defy A champion out of the camp of the Philistines named Israel. The king will give great riches to the man who Goliath of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a kills him, and will give him his daughter, and will make span went out. 5 He had a helmet of bronze on his his father's house tax-free in Israel." 26 David spoke to head, and he wore a coat of mail; and the weight of the men who stood by him, saying, "What shall be done the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze. 6 He to the man who kills this Philistine and takes away the had bronze shin armor on his legs and a bronze javelin reproach from Israel? For who is this uncircumcised between his shoulders. 7 The staff of his spear was like Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living a weaver's beam; and his spear's head weighed six God?" 27 The people answered him in this way, saying, hundred shekels of iron. His shield bearer went before "So shall it be done to the man who kills him." 28 Eliab him. 8 He stood and cried to the armies of Israel, and his oldest brother heard when he spoke to the men; said to them, "Why have you come out to set your battle and Eliab's anger burned against David, and he said, in array? Am I not a Philistine, and you servants to "Why have you come down? With whom have you left Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your pride down to me. 9 If he is able to fight with me and kill me, and the evil of your heart; for you have come down that then will we be your servants; but if I prevail against him you might see the battle." 29 David said, "What have I and kill him, then you will be our servants and serve now done? Is there not a cause?" 30 He turned away us." 10 The Philistine said, "I defy the armies of Israel from him toward another, and spoke like that again; today! Give me a man, that we may fight together!" and the people answered him again the same way. 31 11 When Saul and all Israel heard those words of the When the words were heard which David spoke, they Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid. 12 rehearsed them before Saul; and he sent for him. 32 Now David was the son of that Ephrathite of Bethlehem David said to Saul, "Let no man's heart fail because of Judah, whose name was Jesse; and he had eight sons. him. Your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." The man was an elderly old man in the days of Saul. 33 Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against 13 The three oldest sons of Jesse had gone after Saul this Philistine to fight with him; for you are but a youth, to the battle; and the names of his three sons who and he a man of war from his youth." 34 David said went to the battle were Eliab the firstborn, and next to to Saul, "Your servant was keeping his father's sheep; him Abinadab, and the third Shammah. 14 David was and when a lion or a bear came and took a lamb out the youngest; and the three oldest followed Saul. 15 of the flock, 35 I went out after him, struck him, and Now David went back and forth from Saul to feed his rescued it out of his mouth. When he arose against me, father's sheep at Bethlehem. 16 The Philistine came I caught him by his beard, struck him, and killed him. near morning and evening, and presented himself forty 36 Your servant struck both the lion and the bear. This days. 17 Jesse said to David his son, "Now take for uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, since your brothers an ephah of this parched grain and these he has defied the armies of the living God." 37 David ten loaves, and carry them quickly to the camp to your said, "Yahweh, who delivered me out of the paw of the brothers; 18 and bring these ten cheeses to the captain lion and out of the paw of the bear, will deliver me out of their thousand; and see how your brothers are doing, of the hand of this Philistine." Saul said to David, "Go! and bring back news." 19 Now Saul, and they, and all Yahweh will be with you." 38 Saul dressed David with the men of Israel were in the valley of Elah, fighting with his clothing. He put a helmet of bronze on his head, and the Philistines. 20 David rose up early in the morning he clad him with a coat of mail. 39 David strapped his and left the sheep with a keeper, and took the provisions sword on his clothing and he tried to move, for he had and went, as Jesse had commanded him. He came to not tested it. David said to Saul, "I can't go with these, the place of the wagons as the army which was going for I have not tested them." Then David took them off. out to the fight shouted for the battle. 21 Israel and the 40 He took his staff in his hand, and chose for himself Philistines put the battle in array, army against army. five smooth stones out of the brook, and put them in the

to battle; and they were gathered together at of the baggage and ran to the army, and came and

was in his hand; and he came near to the Philistine. 41 sword and spear; for the battle is Yahweh's, and he will me with thousands. What can he have more but the put his hand in his bag, took a stone and slung it, and of the house. David played with his hand, as he did Saul saw David go out against the Philistine, he said 18 David said to Saul, "Who am I, and what is my life, the Bethlehemite."

pouch of his shepherd's bag which he had. His sling 18 When he had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and The Philistine walked and came near to David: and the Jonathan loved him as his own soul. 2 Saul took him man who bore the shield went before him. 42 When the that day, and wouldn't let him go home to his father's Philistine looked around and saw David, he disdained house any more. 3 Then Jonathan and David made a him; for he was but a youth, and ruddy, and had a good covenant, because he loved him as his own soul. 4 looking face. 43 The Philistine said to David, "Am I a Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was on him dog, that you come to me with sticks?" The Philistine and gave it to David with his clothing, even including cursed David by his gods. 44 The Philistine said to his sword, his bow, and his sash. 5 David went out David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the wherever Saul sent him, and behaved himself wisely; birds of the sky and to the animals of the field." 45 Then and Saul set him over the men of war. It was good in David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a the sight of all the people, and also in the sight of Saul's sword, with a spear, and with a javelin; but I come to you servants. 6 As they came, when David returned from in the name of Yahweh of Armies, the God of the armies the slaughter of the Philistine, the women came out of of Israel, whom you have defied. 46 Today, Yahweh all the cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet King will deliver you into my hand. I will strike you and take Saul with tambourines, with joy, and with instruments your head from off you. I will give the dead bodies of of music. 7 The women sang to one another as they the army of the Philistines today to the birds of the sky played, and said, "Saul has slain his thousands, and and to the wild animals of the earth, that all the earth David his ten thousands." 8 Saul was very angry, and may know that there is a God in Israel, 47 and that all this saying displeased him. He said, "They have credited this assembly may know that Yahweh doesn't save with David with ten thousands, and they have only credited give you into our hand." 48 When the Philistine arose, kingdom?" 9 Saul watched David from that day and and walked and came near to meet David, David hurried forward. 10 On the next day, an evil spirit from God and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine. 49 David came mightily on Saul, and he prophesied in the middle struck the Philistine in his forehead. The stone sank into day by day. Saul had his spear in his hand; 11 and his forehead, and he fell on his face to the earth. 50 So Saul threw the spear, for he said, "I will pin David to David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with the wall!" David escaped from his presence twice. 12 a stone, and struck the Philistine and killed him; but Saul was afraid of David, because Yahweh was with there was no sword in David's hand. 51 Then David ran, him, and had departed from Saul. 13 Therefore Saul stood over the Philistine, took his sword, drew it out removed him from his presence, and made him his of its sheath, killed him, and cut off his head with it. captain over a thousand; and he went out and came in When the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, before the people. 14 David behaved himself wisely in they fled. 52 The men of Israel and of Judah arose and all his ways; and Yahweh was with him. 15 When Saul shouted, and pursued the Philistines as far as Gai and saw that he behaved himself very wisely, he stood in to the gates of Ekron. The wounded of the Philistines awe of him. 16 But all Israel and Judah loved David; for fell down by the way to Shaaraim, even to Gath and to he went out and came in before them. 17 Saul said to Ekron. 53 The children of Israel returned from chasing David, "Behold, my elder daughter Merab. I will give after the Philistines, and they plundered their camp. 54 her to you as wife. Only be valiant for me, and fight David took the head of the Philistine and brought it to Yahweh's battles." For Saul said, "Don't let my hand be Jerusalem, but he put his armor in his tent. 55 When on him, but let the hand of the Philistines be on him." to Abner, the captain of the army, "Abner, whose son or my father's family in Israel, that I should be sonis this youth?" Abner said, "As your soul lives, O king, in-law to the king?" 19 But at the time when Merab, I can't tell." 56 The king said, "Inquire whose son the Saul's daughter, should have been given to David, she young man is!" 57 As David returned from the slaughter was given to Adriel the Meholathite as wife. 20 Michal, of the Philistine, Abner took him and brought him before Saul's daughter, loved David; and they told Saul, and Saul with the head of the Philistine in his hand. 58 Saul the thing pleased him. 21 Saul said, I will give her to said to him, "Whose son are you, you young man?" him, that she may be a snare to him and that the hand David answered, "I am the son of your servant Jesse of the Philistines may be against him. Therefore Saul said to David a second time, "You shall today be my son-in-law." 22 Saul commanded his servants, "Talk with

went, he and his men, and killed two hundred men of pillow of goats' hair at its head. 17 Saul said to Michal, was with David; and Michal, Saul's daughter, loved him. at Ramah, and told him all that Saul had done to him. 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 Jonathan, Saul's son, greatly delighted in David. 2 Jonathan told David, saying, "Saul my father seeks to kill you. Now therefore, please take care of yourself in the morning, live in a secret place, and hide yourself. 3 I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where you are, and I will talk with my father about you; and if I see anything, I will tell you." 4 Jonathan spoke good of David to Saul his father, and said to him, "Don't let the king sin against his servant, against David; because he has not sinned against you, and because his works have been very good toward you; 5 for he put his life in his hand and struck the Philistine, and Yahweh 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 Yahweh lives, he shall not be put to death." 7 Jonathan called David, and Jonathan showed him all those things. Then 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 An evil spirit from Yahweh was on Saul as he sat in his house with his spear in his hand; and David was playing music with his hand. 10 Saul sought to pin David to the wall with the spear, but he slipped away out of Saul's presence; and

David secretly, and say, 'Behold, the king has delight in the stuck the spear into the wall, David fled and escaped you, and all his servants love you. Now therefore be that night. 11 Saul sent messengers to David's house the king's son-in-law." 23 Saul's servants spoke those to watch him and to kill him in the morning. Michal, words in the ears of David. David said, "Does it seem to David's wife, told him, saying, "If you don't save your life you a light thing to be the king's son-in-law, since I am a tonight, tomorrow you will be killed." 12 So Michal let poor man and little known?" 24 The servants of Saul told David down through the window. He went away, fled, him, saying, "David spoke like this." 25 Saul said, "Tell and escaped. 13 Michal took the teraphim and laid it in David, 'The king desires no dowry except one hundred the bed, and put a pillow of goats' hair at its head and foreskins of the Philistines, to be avenged of the king's covered it with clothes. 14 When Saul sent messengers enemies." Now Saul thought he would make David fall to take David, she said, "He is sick." 15 Saul sent the by the hand of the Philistines. 26 When his servants told messengers to see David, saying, "Bring him up to me David these words, it pleased David well to be the king's in the bed, that I may kill him." 16 When the messengers son-in-law. Before the deadline, 27 David arose and came in, behold, the teraphim was in the bed, with the the Philistines. Then David brought their foreskins, and "Why have you deceived me like this and let my enemy they gave them in full number to the king, that he might go, so that he has escaped?" Michal answered Saul, be the king's son-in-law. Then Saul gave him Michal his "He said to me, 'Let me go! Why should I kill you?" daughter as wife. 28 Saul saw and knew that Yahweh 18 Now David fled and escaped, and came to Samuel 29 Saul was even more afraid of David; and Saul was He and Samuel went and lived in Naioth. 19 Saul was David's enemy continually. 30 Then the princes of the told, saying, "Behold, David is at Naioth in Ramah." 20 Philistines went out; and as often as they went out, Saul sent messengers to seize David; and when they David behaved himself more wisely than all the servants saw the company of the prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing as head over them. God's Spirit came on Saul's messengers, and they also prophesied. 21 When Saul was told, he sent other messengers, and they also prophesied. Saul sent messengers again the third time, and they also prophesied. 22 Then he also went to Ramah, and came to the great well that is in Secu: and he asked, "Where are Samuel and David?" One said, "Behold, they are at Naioth in Ramah." 23 He went there to Naioth in Ramah. Then God's Spirit came on him also, and he went on, and prophesied, until he came to Naioth in Ramah. 24 He also stripped off his clothes. He also prophesied before Samuel and lay down naked all that day and all that night. Therefore they say, "Is Saul also among the prophets?"

> 20 David fled from Naioth in Ramah, and came and said to Jonathan, "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 will not die. Behold, my father does nothing either great or small, but that he discloses it to me. Why would my father hide this thing from me? It is not so." 3 David swore moreover, and said, "Your father knows well that I have found favor in your eyes; and he says, 'Don't let Jonathan know this, lest he be grieved;' but truly as Yahweh 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 even do it for you." 5 David said to Jonathan, "Behold, tomorrow is the new moon, and I should not fail to dine with the king; but let me go, that I may hide myself in the field to the third day

for all the family.' 7 If he says, 'It is well,' your servant didn't the son of Jesse come to eat, either yesterday, or shall have peace; but if he is angry, then know that today?" 28 Jonathan answered Saul, "David earnestly evil is determined by him. 8 Therefore deal kindly with asked permission of me to go to Bethlehem. 29 He said, your servant, for you have brought your servant into a 'Please let me go, for our family has a sacrifice in the covenant of Yahweh with you; but if there is iniquity in city. My brother has commanded me to be there. Now, if me, kill me yourself, for why should you bring me to I have found favor in your eyes, please let me go away your father?" 9 Jonathan said, "Far be it from you; for if and see my brothers.' Therefore he has not come to I should at all know that evil were determined by my the king's table." 30 Then Saul's anger burned against father to come on you, then wouldn't I tell you that?" 10 Jonathan, and he said to him, "You son of a perverse Then David said to Jonathan, "Who will tell me if your rebellious woman, don't I know that you have chosen the father answers you roughly?" 11 Jonathan said to David, son of Jesse to your own shame, and to the shame of into the field. 12 Jonathan said to David, "By Yahweh, Jesse lives on the earth, you will not be established, nor the God of Israel, when I have sounded out my father will your kingdom. Therefore now send and bring him about this time tomorrow, or the third day, behold, if to me, for he shall surely die!" 32 Jonathan answered there is good toward David, won't I then send to you and Saul his father, and said to him, "Why should he be disclose it to you? 13 Yahweh do so to Jonathan and put to death? What has he done?" 33 Saul cast his more also, should it please my father to do you evil, if I spear at him to strike him. By this Jonathan knew that don't disclose it to you and send you away, that you may his father was determined to put David to death. 34 go in peace. May Yahweh be with you as he has been So Jonathan arose from the table in fierce anger, and with my father. 14 You shall not only show me the loving ate no food the second day of the month; for he was kindness of Yahweh while I still live, that I not die; 15 but grieved for David, because his father had treated him you shall also not cut off your kindness from my house shamefully. 35 In the morning, Jonathan went out into forever, no, not when Yahweh has cut off every one of the field at the time appointed with David, and a little the enemies of David from the surface of the earth." boy with him. 36 He said to his boy, "Run, find now 16 So Jonathan made a covenant with David's house, the arrows which I shoot." As the boy ran, he shot an saying, "Yahweh will require it at the hand of David's arrow beyond him. 37 When the boy had come to the enemies." 17 Jonathan caused David to swear again, for place of the arrow which Jonathan had shot, Jonathan the love that he had to him; for he loved him as he loved cried after the boy, and said, "Isn't the arrow beyond his own soul. 18 Then Jonathan said to him, "Tomorrow you?" 38 Jonathan cried after the boy, "Go fast! Hurry! is the new moon, and you will be missed, because your Don't delay!" Jonathan's boy gathered up the arrows, seat will be empty. 19 When you have stayed three and came to his master. 39 But the boy didn't know days, go down quickly and come to the place where anything. Only Jonathan and David knew the matter. you hid yourself when this started, and remain by the 40 Jonathan gave his weapons to his boy, and said to stone Ezel. 20 I will shoot three arrows on its side, as him, "Go, carry them to the city." 41 As soon as the though I shot at a mark. 21 Behold, I will send the boy, boy was gone, David arose out of the south, and fell on saying, 'Go, find the arrows!' If I tell the boy, 'Behold, the his face to the ground, and bowed himself three times. arrows are on this side of you. Take them,' then come, They kissed one another and wept with one another, for there is peace to you and no danger, as Yahweh and David wept the most, 42 Jonathan said to David. lives. 22 But if I say this to the boy, 'Behold, the arrows "Go in peace, because we have both sworn in Yahweh's are beyond you,' then go your way, for Yahweh has sent name, saying, 'Yahweh is between me and you, and you away. 23 Concerning the matter which you and I between my offspring and your offspring, forever." He have spoken of, behold, Yahweh is between you and arose and departed; and Jonathan went into the city. me forever." 24 So David hid himself in the field. When the new moon had come, the king sat himself down to eat food. 25 The king sat on his seat, as at other times, even on the seat by the wall; and Jonathan stood up, and Abner sat by Saul's side, but David's place was empty. 26 Nevertheless Saul didn't say anything that day, for he thought, "Something has happened to

at evening, 6 If your father misses me at all, then say, him, He is not clean, Surely he is not clean," 27 On the 'David earnestly asked leave of me that he might run to next day after the new moon, the second day, David's Bethlehem, his city; for it is the yearly sacrifice there place was empty. Saul said to Jonathan his son, "Why "Come! Let's go out into the field." They both went out your mother's nakedness? 31 For as long as the son of

> **21** Then David came to Nob to Ahimelech the priest. Ahimelech came to meet David trembling, and said to him, "Why are you alone, and no man with you?" 2 David said to Ahimelech the priest, "The king has commanded me to do something, and has said to me, 'Let no one know anything about the business about which I send you, and what I have commanded

you. I have sent the young men to a certain place.' 3 with him all the time that David was in the stronghold. Now therefore what is under your hand? Please give 5 The prophet Gad said to David, "Don't stay in the me five loaves of bread in my hand, or whatever is stronghold. Depart, and go into the land of Judah." Then available." 4 The priest answered David, and said, "I David departed, and came into the forest of Hereth. 6 have no common bread, but there is holy bread; if only Saul heard that David was discovered, with the men who the young men have kept themselves from women." were with him. Now Saul was sitting in Gibeah, under 5 David answered the priest, and said to him, "Truly, the tamarisk tree in Ramah, with his spear in his hand, women have been kept from us as usual these three and all his servants were standing around him. 7 Saul days. When I came out, the vessels of the young men said to his servants who stood around him, "Hear now, were holy, though it was only a common journey. How you Benjamites! Will the son of Jesse give everyone of much more then today shall their vessels be holy?" 6 you fields and vineyards? Will he make you all captains So the priest gave him holy bread; for there was no of thousands and captains of hundreds? 8 Is that why bread there but the show bread that was taken from all of you have conspired against me, and there is no before Yahweh, to be replaced with hot bread in the day one who discloses to me when my son makes a treaty when it was taken away. 7 Now a certain man of the with the son of Jesse, and there is none of you who is servants of Saul was there that day, detained before sorry for me, or discloses to me that my son has stirred Yahweh; and his name was Doeg the Edomite, the best up my servant against me, to lie in wait, as it is today?" of the herdsmen who belonged to Saul. 8 David said to 9 Then Doeg the Edomite, who stood by the servants Ahimelech, "Isn't there here under your hand spear or of Saul, answered and said, "I saw the son of Jesse sword? For I haven't brought my sword or my weapons coming to Nob, to Ahimelech the son of Ahitub. 10 He with me, because the king's business required haste." inquired of Yahweh for him, gave him food, and gave 9 The priest said, "Behold, the sword of Goliath the him the sword of Goliath the Philistine." 11 Then the Philistine, whom you killed in the valley of Elah, is here king sent to call Ahimelech the priest, the son of Ahitub, wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod. If you would like and all his father's house, the priests who were in Nob; to take that, take it, for there is no other except that and they all came to the king. 12 Saul said, "Hear now, here." David said, "There is none like that. Give it to you son of Ahitub." He answered, "Here I am, my lord." me." 10 David arose and fled that day for fear of Saul, 13 Saul said to him, "Why have you conspired against and went to Achish the king of Gath. 11 The servants of me, you and the son of Jesse, in that you have given Achish said to him, "Isn't this David the king of the land? him bread, and a sword, and have inquired of God for Didn't they sing to one another about him in dances, him, that he should rise against me, to lie in wait, as saying, 'Saul has slain his thousands, and David his ten it is today?" 14 Then Ahimelech answered the king, thousands'?" 12 David laid up these words in his heart, and said, "Who among all your servants is so faithful and was very afraid of Achish the king of Gath. 13 He as David, who is the king's son-in-law, captain of your changed his behavior before them and pretended to be body guard, and honored in your house? 15 Have I insane in their hands, and scribbled on the doors of the today begun to inquire of God for him? Be it far from gate, and let his spittle fall down on his beard. 14 Then me! Don't let the king impute anything to his servant, Achish said to his servants, "Look, you see the man is nor to all the house of my father; for your servant knew insane. Why then have you brought him to me? 15 Do I nothing of all this, less or more." 16 The king said, "You lack madmen, that you have brought this fellow to play shall surely die, Ahimelech, you and all your father's the madman in my presence? Should this fellow come house." 17 The king said to the guard who stood about into my house?"

22 David therefore departed from there and escaped to Adullam's cave. When his brothers and all his father's house heard it, they went down there to him. 2 Everyone who was in distress, everyone who was in debt, and everyone who was discontented gathered themselves to him; and he became captain over them. There were with him about four hundred men. 3 David went from there to Mizpeh of Moab; and he said to the king of Moab, "Please let my father and my mother come out to you, until I know what God will do for me." 4 He brought them before the king of Moab; and they lived

him, "Turn and kill the priests of Yahweh, because their hand also is with David, and because they knew that he fled and didn't disclose it to me." But the servants of the king wouldn't put out their hand to fall on the priests of Yahweh. 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, donkeys, and sheep, with the edge of the sword. 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 Yahweh's priests. 22 David Yahweh. Then David stayed in the woods and Jonathan said to Abiathar, "I knew on that day, when Doeg the Edomite was there, that he would surely tell Saul. I to Gibeah, saying, "Doesn't David hide himself with us am responsible for the death of all the persons of your in the strongholds in the woods, in the hill of Hachilah, father's house. 23 Stay with me. Don't be afraid, for he which is on the south of the desert? 20 Now therefore, who seeks my life seeks your life. You will be safe with o king, come down. According to all the desire of your me."

22 David was told, "Behold, the Philistines are fighting against Keilah, and are robbing the threshing floors." 2 Therefore David inquired of Yahweh, saying, "Shall I go and strike these Philistines?" Yahweh said to David, "Go strike the Philistines, and save Keilah." 3 David's men said to him, "Behold, we are afraid here in Judah. How much more then if we go to Keilah against the armies of the Philistines?" 4 Then David inquired of Yahweh yet again. Yahweh answered him, and said, "Arise, go down to Keilah; for I will deliver the Philistines into your hand." 5 David and his men went to Keilah and fought with the Philistines, and brought away their livestock, and killed them with a great slaughter. So David saved the inhabitants of Keilah. 6 When Abiathar the son of Ahimelech fled to David to Keilah, he came down with an ephod in his hand. 7 Saul was told that David had come to Keilah. Saul said, "God has delivered him into my hand, for he is shut in by entering into a town that has gates and bars." 8 Saul summoned all the people to war, to go down to Keilah to besiege David and his men. 9 David knew that Saul was devising mischief against him. He said to Abiathar the priest, "Bring the ephod here." 10 Then David said, "O Yahweh, the God of Israel, your servant has surely heard that Saul seeks to come to Keilah to destroy the city for my sake. 11 Will the men of Keilah deliver me up into his hand? Will Saul come down, as your servant has heard? Yahweh, the God of Israel, I beg you, tell your

soul to come down; and our part will be to deliver him up into the king's hand." 21 Saul said, "You are blessed by Yahweh, for you have had compassion on me. 22 Please go make yet more sure, and know and see his place where his haunt is, and who has seen him there; for I have been told that he is very cunning. 23 See therefore, and take knowledge of all the lurking places where he hides himself; and come again to me with certainty, and I will go with you. It shall happen, if he is in the land, that I will search him out 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 the desert. 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 Saul went on this side of the mountain, and David and his men on that side of the mountain; and David hurried 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, saying, "Hurry and come, for the Philistines have made a raid on the land!" 28 So Saul returned from pursuing David, and went against the Philistines. Therefore they called that place Sela Hammahlekoth. 29 David went up from there and lived in the strongholds of En Gedi.

 $oldsymbol{24}$ When Saul had returned from following the Philistines, he was told, "Behold, David is in the servant." Yahweh said, "He will come down." 12 Then wilderness of En Gedi." 2 Then Saul took three thousand David said, "Will the men of Keilah deliver me and my chosen men out of all Israel, and went to seek David men into the hand of Saul?" Yahweh said, "They will and his men on the rocks of the wild goats. 3 He came deliver you up." 13 Then David and his men, who were to the sheep pens by the way, where there was a cave; about six hundred, arose and departed out of Keilah and and Saul went in to relieve himself. Now David and his went wherever they could go. Saul was told that David men were staying in the innermost parts of the cave. had escaped from Keilah; and he gave up going there. 4 David's men said to him, "Behold, the day of which 14 David stayed in the wilderness in the strongholds, Yahweh said to you, 'Behold, I will deliver your enemy and remained in the hill country in the wilderness of into your hand, and you shall do to him as it shall seem Ziph. Saul sought him every day, but God didn't deliver good to you." Then David arose and cut off the skirt of him into his hand. 15 David saw that Saul had come out Saul's robe secretly. 5 Afterward, David's heart struck to seek his life. David was in the wilderness of Ziph in him because he had cut off Saul's skirt. 6 He said to the woods. 16 Jonathan, Saul's son, arose and went to his men, "Yahweh forbid that I should do this thing to David into the woods, and strengthened his hand in my lord, Yahweh's anointed, to stretch out my hand God. 17 He said to him, "Don't be afraid, for the hand against him, since he is Yahweh's anointed." 7 So David of Saul my father won't find you; and you will be king checked his men with these words, and didn't allow over Israel, and I will be next to you; and Saul my father them to rise against Saul. Saul rose up out of the cave, knows that also." 18 They both made a covenant before and went on his way. 8 David also arose afterward, and went out of the cave and cried after Saul, saving, "My said to the young men, "Go up to Carmel, and go to lord the king!" When Saul looked behind him, David Nabal, and greet him in my name. 6 Tell him, 'Long bowed with his face to the earth, and showed respect. 9 life to you! Peace be to you! Peace be to your house! David said to Saul, "Why do you listen to men's words, Peace be to all that you have! 7 Now I have heard that saying, 'Behold, David seeks to harm you'? 10 Behold, you have shearers. Your shepherds have now been today your eyes have seen how Yahweh had delivered with us, and we didn't harm them. Nothing was missing you today into my hand in the cave. Some urged me to from them all the time they were in Carmel. 8 Ask your kill you, but I spared you. I said, 'I will not stretch out young men, and they will tell you. Therefore let the my hand against my lord, for he is Yahweh's anointed.' young men find favor in your eyes, for we come on a 11 Moreover, my father, behold, yes, see the skirt of good day. Please give whatever comes to your hand to your robe in my hand; for in that I cut off the skirt of your servants and to your son David." 9 When David's your robe and didn't kill you, know and see that there is young men came, they spoke to Nabal all those words neither evil nor disobedience in my hand. I have not in the name of David, and waited. 10 Nabal answered sinned against you, though you hunt for my life to take David's servants and said, "Who is David? Who is the it. 12 May Yahweh judge between me and you, and may son of Jesse? There are many servants who break Yahweh avenge me of you; but my hand will not be on away from their masters these days. 11 Shall I then take you. 13 As the proverb of the ancients says, 'Out of the my bread, my water, and my meat that I have killed for wicked comes wickedness;' but my hand will not be on my shearers, and give it to men who I don't know where you. 14 Against whom has the king of Israel come out? they come from?" 12 So David's young men turned on Whom do you pursue? A dead dog? A flea? 15 May their way and went back, and came and told him all Yahweh therefore be judge, and give sentence between these words. 13 David said to his men, "Every man put me and you, and see, and plead my cause, and deliver on his sword!" Every man put on his sword. David also me out of your hand." 16 It came to pass, when David put on his sword. About four hundred men followed had finished speaking these words to Saul, that Saul David, and two hundred staved by the baggage, 14 But said, "Is that your voice, my son David?" Saul lifted one of the young men told Abigail, Nabal's wife, saying, up his voice and wept. 17 He said to David, "You are "Behold, David sent messengers out of the wilderness more righteous than I; for you have done good to me, to greet our master; and he insulted them. 15 But the whereas I have done evil to you. 18 You have declared men were very good to us, and we were not harmed, today how you have dealt well with me, because when and we didn't miss anything as long as we went with Yahweh had delivered me up into your hand, you didn't them, when we were in the fields. 16 They were a wall kill me. 19 For if a man finds his enemy, will he let him to us both by night and by day, all the while we were go away unharmed? Therefore may Yahweh reward with them keeping the sheep. 17 Now therefore know you good for that which you have done to me today. 20 and consider what you will do; for evil is determined Now, behold, I know that you will surely be king, and against our master and against all his house, for he is that the kingdom of Israel will be established in your such a worthless fellow that one can't speak to him." 18 hand. 21 Swear now therefore to me by Yahweh that Then Abigail hurried and took two hundred loaves of you will not cut off my offspring after me, and that you bread, two containers of wine, five sheep ready dressed, will not destroy my name out of my father's house." 22 five seahs of parched grain, one hundred clusters of David swore to Saul. Saul went home, but David and raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs, and laid them on his men went up to the stronghold.

25 Samuel died; and all Israel gathered themselves together and mourned for him, and buried him at his house at Ramah. Then David arose and went down to the wilderness of Paran. 2 There was a man in Maon whose possessions were in Carmel; and the man was very great. 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. This woman was intelligent and had a beautiful face; but the man was surly and evil in his doings. He was of the house of Caleb. 4 David heard in the wilderness that Nabal was shearing his sheep. 5 David sent ten young men; and David

donkeys. 19 She said to her young men, "Go on before me. Behold, I am coming after you." But she didn't tell her husband. Nabal. 20 As she rode on her donkey, and came down hidden by the mountain, behold, David and his men came down toward her, and she met them. 21 Now David had said, "Surely in vain I have 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 the enemies of 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 her donkey, and fell before David on her face and bowed herself to the ground. 24 She fell at his feet and

let your servant speak in your ears. Hear the words of Abigail to Carmel, they spoke to her, saving, "David has your servant. 25 Please don't let my lord pay attention sent us to you, to take you to him as wife." 41 She arose to this worthless fellow, Nabal, for as his name is, so and bowed herself with her face to the earth, and said, is he. Nabal is his name, and folly is with him; but I, "Behold, your servant is a servant to wash the feet of the your servant, didn't see my lord's young men whom servants of my lord." 42 Abigail hurriedly arose and rode you sent. 26 Now therefore, my lord, as Yahweh lives on a donkey with her five maids who followed her; and and as your soul lives, since Yahweh has withheld you she went after the messengers of David, and became from blood guiltiness and from avenging yourself with his wife. 43 David also took Ahinoam of Jezreel; and your own hand, now therefore let your enemies and they both became his wives. 44 Now Saul had given those who seek evil to my lord be as Nabal. 27 Now this Michal his daughter, David's wife, to Palti the son of present which your servant has brought to my lord, let Laish, who was of Gallim. it be given to the young men who follow my lord. 28 Please forgive the trespass of your servant. For Yahweh will certainly make my lord a sure house, because my lord fights Yahweh's battles. Evil will 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 will be bound in the bundle of life with Yahweh your God. He will sling out the souls of your enemies as from a sling's pocket. 30 It will come to pass, when Yahweh has done to my lord according to all the good that he has spoken concerning you, and has appointed you prince over Israel, 31 that this shall be no grief to you, nor offense of heart to my lord, either that you have shed blood without cause, or that my lord has avenged himself. When Yahweh has dealt well with my lord. then remember your servant." 32 David said to Abigail, "Blessed is Yahweh, the God of Israel, who sent you today to meet me! 33 Blessed is your discretion, and blessed are you, who have kept me today from blood guiltiness, and from avenging myself with my own hand. 34 For indeed, as Yahweh the God of Israel lives, who has withheld me from harming you, unless you had hurried and come to meet me, surely there wouldn't have been left to Nabal by the morning light so much as one who urinates on a wall." 35 So David received from her hand that which she had brought him. Then he said to her, "Go up in peace to your house. Behold, I have listened to your voice and have granted your request." 36 Abigail came to Nabal; and behold, he held a feast in his house like the feast of a king. Nabal's heart was merry within him, for he was very drunk. Therefore she told him nothing until the morning light. 37 In the morning, when the wine had gone out of Nabal, his wife told him these things; and his heart died within him, and he became as a stone. 38 About ten days later, Yahweh struck Nabal, so that he died. 39 When David heard that Nabal was dead, he said, "Blessed is Yahweh, who has pleaded the cause of my reproach from the hand of Nabal, and has kept back his servant from evil. Yahweh has returned the evildoing of Nabal on his own head." David sent and spoke concerning Abigail, to take her to

said. "On me. my lord, on me be the blame! Please himself as wife. 40 When David's servants had come to

26 The Ziphites came to Saul to Gibeah, saying, "Doesn't David hide himself in the hill of Hachilah, which is before the desert?" 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 encamped in the hill of Hachilah, which is before the desert, by the way. 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 Then David arose and came to the place where Saul had encamped; and David saw the place where Saul lay, with Abner the son of Ner, the captain of his army. Saul lay within the place of the wagons, and the people were encamped around him. 6 Then David answered and said to Ahimelech the Hittite, and to Abishai the son of Zeruiah, brother of Joab, saying, "Who will go down with me to Saul to the camp?" Abishai said, "I will go down with you." 7 So David and Abishai came to the people by night; and, behold, Saul lay sleeping within the place of the wagons, with his spear stuck in the ground at his head; and Abner and the people lay around him. 8 Then Abishai said to David, "God has delivered up your enemy into your hand today. Now therefore please let me strike him with the spear to the earth at one stroke, and I will not strike him the second time." 9 David said to Abishai, "Don't destroy him, for who can stretch out his hand against Yahweh's anointed, and be guiltless?" 10 David said, "As Yahweh lives, Yahweh will strike him; or his day shall come to die, or he shall go down into battle and perish. 11 Yahweh forbid that I should stretch out my hand against Yahweh's anointed; but now please take the spear that is at his head and the jar of water, and let's go." 12 So David took the spear and the jar of water from Saul's head, and they went away. No man saw it, or knew it, nor did any awake; for they were all asleep, because a deep sleep from Yahweh had fallen on them. 13 Then David went over to the other side, and stood on the top of the mountain far away, a great space being between them; 14 and David cried to the the king of Israel has come out to seek a flea, as when he will be my servant forever." one hunts a partridge in the mountains." 21 Then Saul said, "I have sinned. Return, my son David; for I will no more do you harm, because my life was precious in your eyes today. Behold, I have played the fool, and have erred exceedingly." 22 David answered, "Behold the spear, O king! Let one of the young men come over and get it. 23 Yahweh will render to every man his righteousness and his faithfulness; because Yahweh delivered you into my hand today, and I wouldn't stretch out my hand against Yahweh's anointed. 24 Behold, as your life was respected today in my eyes, so let my life be respected in Yahweh's eyes, and let him deliver me out of all oppression." 25 Then Saul said to David, "You are blessed, my son David. You will both do mightily, and will surely prevail." So David went his way, and Saul returned to his place.

27 David said in his heart, "I will now perish one day by the hand of Saul. There is nothing better for me than that I should escape into the land of the

people, and to Abner the son of Ner, saving, "Don't you a place in one of the cities in the country, that I may answer, Abner?" Then Abner answered, "Who are you dwell there. For why should your servant dwell in the who calls to the king?" 15 David said to Abner, "Aren't royal city with you?" 6 Then Achish gave him Ziklag that you a man? Who is like you in Israel? Why then have day: therefore Ziklag belongs to the kings of Judah to you not kept watch over your lord the king? For one of this day. 7 The number of the days that David lived in the people came in to destroy your lord the king. 16 This the country of the Philistines was a full year and four thing isn't good that you have done. As Yahweh lives, months. 8 David and his men went up and raided the you are worthy to die, because you have not kept watch Geshurites, the Girzites, and the Amalekites; for those over your lord, Yahweh's anointed. Now see where the were the inhabitants of the land who were of old, on the king's spear is, and the jar of water that was at his way to Shur, even to the land of Egypt. 9 David struck head." 17 Saul recognized David's voice, and said, "Is the land, and saved no man or woman alive, and took this your voice, my son David?" David said, "It is my away the sheep, the cattle, the donkeys, the camels, voice, my lord, O king." 18 He said, "Why does my lord and the clothing. Then he returned, and came to Achish. pursue his servant? For what have I done? What evil 10 Achish said, "Against whom have you made a raid is in my hand? 19 Now therefore, please let my lord today?" David said, "Against the South of Judah, against the king hear the words of his servant. If it is so that the South of the Jerahmeelites, and against the South Yahweh has stirred you up against me, let him accept an of the Kenites." 11 David saved neither man nor woman offering. But if it is the children of men, they are cursed alive to bring them to Gath, saying, "Lest they should before Yahweh; for they have driven me out today that I tell about us, saying, 'David did this, and this has been shouldn't cling to Yahweh's inheritance, saying, 'Go, his way all the time he has lived in the country of the serve other gods!' 20 Now therefore, don't let my blood Philistines." 12 Achish believed David, saving, "He has fall to the earth away from the presence of Yahweh; for made his people Israel utterly to abhor him. Therefore

 ${\bf 28}$ In those days, the Philistines gathered their armies together for warfare, to fight with Israel. Achish said to David, "Know assuredly that you will go out with me in the army, you and your men." 2 David said to Achish, "Therefore you will know what your servant can do." Achish said to David, "Therefore I will make you my bodyguard forever." 3 Now Samuel was dead. and all Israel had mourned for him and buried him in Ramah, even in his own city. Saul had sent away those who had familiar spirits and the wizards out of the land. 4 The Philistines gathered themselves together, and came and encamped in Shunem; and Saul gathered all Israel together, and they encamped in Gilboa. 5 When Saul saw the army of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart trembled greatly. 6 When Saul inquired of Yahweh, Yahweh didn't answer him by dreams, by Urim, or by prophets. 7 Then Saul said to his servants, "Seek for me a woman who has a familiar spirit, that I may go to her and inquire of her." His servants said to Philistines; and Saul will despair of me, to seek me him, "Behold, there is a woman who has a familiar spirit any more in all the borders of Israel. So I will escape at Endor." 8 Saul disguised himself and put on other out of his hand." 2 David arose and passed over, he clothing, and went, he and two men with him, and they and the six hundred men who were with him, to Achish came to the woman by night. Then he said, "Please the son of Maoch, king of Gath. 3 David lived with consult for me by the familiar spirit, and bring me up Achish at Gath, he and his men, every man with his whomever I shall name to you." 9 The woman said household, even David with his two wives, Ahinoam to him, "Behold, you know what Saul has done, how the Jezreelitess and Abigail the Carmelitess, Nabal's he has cut off those who have familiar spirits and the wife. 4 Saul was told that David had fled to Gath, so wizards out of the land. Why then do you lay a snare he stopped looking for him. 5 David said to Achish, "If for my life, to cause me to die?" 10 Saul swore to her now I have found favor in your eyes, let them give me by Yahweh, saying, "As Yahweh lives, no punishment

"Behold, your servant has listened to your voice, and I Philistines; and the Philistines went up to Jezreel. 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. 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, constrained him; and he listened to their voice. So he arose from the earth 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.

29 Now the Philistines gathered together all their armies to Aphek; and the Israelites encamped by the spring which is in Jezreel. 2 The lords of the Philistines passed on by hundreds and by thousands; Achish. 3 Then the princes of the Philistines said, "What

will happen to you for this thing." 11 Then the woman about these Hebrews?" Achish said to the princes of the said, "Whom shall I bring up to you?" He said, "Bring Philistines, "Isn't this David, the servant of Saul the king Samuel up for me." 12 When the woman saw Samuel, of Israel, who has been with me these days, or rather she cried with a loud voice; and the woman spoke to these years? I have found no fault in him since he fell Saul, saying, "Why have you deceived me? For you are away until today." 4 But the princes of the Philistines Saul!" 13 The king said to her, "Don't be afraid! What were angry with him; and the princes of the Philistines do you see?" The woman said to Saul, "I see a god said to him, "Make the man return, that he may go back coming up out of the earth." 14 He said to her, "What to his place where you have appointed him, and let does he look like?" She said, "An old man comes up. him not go down with us to battle, lest in the battle he He is covered with a robe." Saul perceived that it was become an adversary to us. For with what should this Samuel, and he bowed with his face to the ground, and fellow reconcile himself to his lord? Should it not be with showed respect. 15 Samuel said to Saul, "Why have the heads of these men? 5 Isn't this David, of whom you disturbed me, to bring me up?" Saul answered, "I people sang to one another in dances, saying, 'Saul has am very distressed; for the Philistines make war against slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands'?" 6 me, and God has departed from me, and answers me Then Achish called David and said to him, "As Yahweh no more, by prophets, or by dreams. Therefore I have lives, you have been upright, and your going out and called you, that you may make known to me what I shall your coming in with me in the army is good in my sight; do." 16 Samuel said, "Why then do you ask me, since for I have not found evil in you since the day of your Yahweh has departed from you and has become your coming to me to this day. Nevertheless, the lords don't adversary? 17 Yahweh has done to you as he spoke by favor you. 7 Therefore now return, and go in peace, that me. Yahweh has torn the kingdom out of your hand and you not displease the lords of the Philistines." 8 David given it to your neighbor, even to David. 18 Because you said to Achish, "But what have I done? What have you didn't obey Yahweh's voice, and didn't execute his fierce found in your servant so long as I have been before wrath on Amalek, therefore Yahweh has done this thing you to this day, that I may not go and fight against the to you today. 19 Moreover Yahweh will deliver Israel also enemies of my lord the king?" 9 Achish answered David, with you into the hand of the Philistines; and tomorrow "I know that you are good in my sight, as an angel you and your sons will be with me. Yahweh will deliver of God. Notwithstanding, the princes of the Philistines the army of Israel also into the hand of the Philistines." have said, 'He shall not go up with us to the battle.' 20 Then Saul fell immediately his full length on the earth, 10 Therefore now rise up early in the morning with the and was terrified, because of Samuel's words. There servants of your lord who have come with you; and as was no strength in him, for he had eaten no bread all soon as you are up early in the morning and have light, day long or all night long. 21 The woman came to Saul depart." 11 So David rose up early, he and his men, and saw that he was very troubled, and said to him, to depart in the morning, to return into the land of the

30 When David and his men had come to Ziklag on the third day, the Amalekites had made a raid on the South 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 didn't kill any, but carried them off and went their way. 3 When David and his men came to the city, behold, it was burned with fire; and their wives, 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 Jezreelitess, and Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite. 6 David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him, because the souls of all the people were grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters; but David strengthened himself in Yahweh his God. 7 David said to and David and his men passed on in the rear with Abiathar the priest, the son of Ahimelech, "Please bring David. 8 David inquired of Yahweh, saying, "If I pursue against us into our hand. 24 Who will listen to you in this after this troop, will I overtake them?" He answered matter? For as his share is who goes down to the battle. him, "Pursue, for you will surely overtake them, and will so shall his share be who stays with the baggage. They without fail recover all." 9 So David went, he and the shall share alike." 25 It was so from that day forward six hundred men who were with him, and came to the that he made it a statute and an ordinance for Israel brook Besor, where those who were left behind stayed, to this day, 26 When David came to Ziklag, he sent 10 But David pursued, he and four hundred men; for some of the plunder to the elders of Judah, even to two hundred stayed behind, who were so faint that they his friends, saying, "Behold, a present for you from the couldn't go over the brook Besor. 11 They found an plunder of Yahweh's enemies." 27 He sent it to those Egyptian in the field, and brought him to David, and who were in Bethel, to those who were in Ramoth of the gave him bread, and he ate; and they gave him water to South, to those who were in Jattir, 28 to those who were drink. 12 They gave him a piece of a cake of figs and in Aroer, to those who were in Siphmoth, to those who two clusters of raisins. When he had eaten, his spirit were in Eshtemoa, 29 to those who were in Racal, to came again to him; for he had eaten no bread, and those who were in the cities of the Jerahmeelites, to drank no water for three days and three nights. 13 David those who were in the cities of the Kenites. 30 to those asked him, "To whom do you belong? Where are you who were in Hormah, to those who were in Borashan, to from?" He said. "I am a young man of Egypt, servant to those who were in Athach. 31 to those who were in an Amalekite; and my master left me, because three Hebron, and to all the places where David himself and days ago I got sick. 14 We made a raid on the South of his men used to stay. the Cherethites, and on that which belongs to Judah, and on the South of Caleb; and we burned Ziklag with fire." 15 David said to him, "Will you bring me down to this troop?" He said. "Swear to me by God that you will not kill me and not deliver me up into the hands of my master, and I will bring you down to this troop." 16 When he had brought him down, behold, they were spread around over all the ground, eating, drinking, and dancing, because of all the great plunder that they had taken out of the land of the Philistines, and out of the land of Judah. 17 David struck them from the twilight even to the evening of the next day. Not a man of them escaped from there, except four hundred young men who rode on camels and fled. 18 David recovered all that the Amalekites had taken, and David rescued his two wives. 19 There was nothing lacking to them, neither small nor great, neither sons nor daughters, neither plunder, nor anything that they had taken. David brought them all back. 20 David took all the flocks and the herds, which they drove before those other livestock, and said, "This is David's plunder." 21 David came to the two hundred men, who were so faint that they could not follow David, whom also they had made to stay at the brook Besor: and they went out to meet David, and to meet the people who were with him. When David came near to the people, he greeted them. 22 Then all the wicked men and worthless fellows of those who went with David answered and said, "Because they didn't go with us, we will not give them anything of the plunder that we have recovered, except to every man his wife and his children, that he may lead them away and depart." 23 Then David said, "Do not do so, my brothers, with that which Yahweh has given to us, who

the ephod here to me." Abiathar brought the ephod to has preserved us, and delivered the troop that came

31 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 overtook Saul and his sons; and the Philistines killed Jonathan, Abinadab, and Malchishua, the sons of Saul. 3 The battle went hard against Saul, and the archers overtook him; and he was greatly distressed by reason of the archers. 4 Then Saul said to his armor bearer, "Draw your sword, and thrust me through with it, lest these uncircumcised come and thrust me through and abuse me!" But his armor bearer would not, for he was terrified. Therefore Saul took his sword and fell on it. 5 When his armor bearer saw that Saul was dead, he likewise fell on his sword, and died with him. 6 So Saul died with his three sons, his armor bearer, and all his men that same day together. 7 When the men of Israel who were on the other side of the valley, and those who were beyond the Jordan, saw that the men of Israel fled and that Saul and his sons were dead, they abandoned the cities and fled: and the Philistines came and lived in them. 8 On the next day, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, they found Saul and his three sons fallen on Mount Gilboa. 9 They cut off his head, stripped off his armor, and sent into the land of the Philistines all around, to carry the news to the house of their idols and to the people. 10 They put his armor in the house of the Ashtaroth, and they fastened his body to the wall of Beth Shan. 11 When the inhabitants of Jabesh Gilead heard what the Philistines had done to Saul. 12 all the valiant men arose, went all night, and took the body of Saul and the bodies of his sons from the wall of Beth Shan; and they came to Jabesh and burned them there.

13 They took their bones and buried them under the tamarisk tree in Jabesh, and fasted seven days.

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1 After the death of Saul, when David had returned from the slaughter of the Amalekites, and David had stayed two days in Ziklag, 2 on the third day, behold, a man came out of the camp from Saul, with his clothes torn and earth on his head. When he came to David, he fell to the earth and showed respect. 3 David said to him. "Where do vou 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. Saul and Jonathan his son are dead also." 5 David said to the young man who told him, "How do you know that Saul and Jonathan his son are dead?" 6 The young man who told him said, "As I happened by chance on Mount Gilboa, behold, Saul was leaning on his spear; and behold, the chariots and the horsemen followed close behind him. 7 When he looked behind him, he saw me and called to me. I answered, 'Here I am.' 8 He said to me, 'Who are you?' I answered him, 'I am an Amalekite.' 9 He said to me, 'Please stand beside me, and kill me, for anguish has taken hold of me because my life lingers in me.' 10 So I stood beside him and killed him, because I was sure that he could not live after he had fallen. I took the crown that was on his head and the bracelet that was on his arm, and have brought them here to my lord." 11 Then David took hold on his clothes and tore them; and all the men who were with him did likewise. 12 They mourned, wept, and fasted until evening for Saul and for Jonathan his son, and for the people of Yahweh, and for the house of Israel, because they had fallen by the sword. 13 David said to the young man who told him, "Where are you from?" He answered, "I am the son of a foreigner, an Amalekite." 14 David said to him, "Why were you not afraid to stretch out your hand to destroy Yahweh's anointed?" 15 David called one of the young men and said, "Go near, and cut him down!" He struck him so that he died. 16 David said to him, "Your blood be on your head, for your mouth has testified against you, saying, 'I have slain Yahweh's anointed." 17 David lamented with this lamentation over Saul and over Jonathan his son 18 (and he commanded them to teach the children of Judah the song of the bow; behold, it is written in the book of Jashar): 19 "Your glory, Israel, was slain on your high places! How the mighty have fallen! 20 Don't tell it in Gath. Don't publish it in the streets of Ashkelon, lest the daughters of the Philistines rejoice, lest the daughters of the uncircumcised triumph. 21 You mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew or rain on you, and no fields of offerings; for there the shield of the mighty was defiled and cast away, the shield of

Saul was not anointed with oil. 22 From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty, Jonathan's bow didn't turn back. Saul's sword didn't return empty. 23 Saul and Jonathan were lovely and pleasant in their lives. In their death, they were not divided. They were swifter than eagles. They were stronger than lions. 24 You daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, who clothed you delicately in scarlet, who put ornaments of gold on your clothing. 25 How the mighty have fallen in the middle of the battle! Jonathan was slain on your high places. 26 I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan. You have been very pleasant to me. Your love to me was wonderful, surpassing the love of women. 27 How the mighty have fallen, and the weapons of war have perished!"

2 After this, David inquired of Yahweh, saying, "Shall I go up into any of the cities of Judah?" Yahweh said to him, "Go up." David said, "Where shall I go up?" He said, "To Hebron." 2 So David went up there with his two wives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite. 3 David brought up his men who were with him, every man with his household. They lived in the cities of Hebron. 4 The men of Judah came, and there they anointed David king over the house of Judah. They told David, "The men of Jabesh Gilead were those who buried Saul." 5 David sent messengers to the men of Jabesh Gilead, and said to them, "Blessed are you by Yahweh, that you have shown this kindness to your lord, even to Saul, and have buried him. 6 Now may Yahweh show loving kindness and truth to you. I also will reward you for this kindness, because you have done this thing. 7 Now therefore let your hands be strong, and be valiant; for Saul your lord is dead, and also the house of Judah have anointed me king over them." 8 Now Abner the son of Ner. captain of Saul's army, had taken Ishbosheth the son of Saul and brought him over to Mahanaim. 9 He made him king over Gilead, over the Ashurites, over Jezreel, over Ephraim, over Benjamin, and over all Israel. 10 Ishbosheth, Saul's son, was forty years old when he began to reign over Israel, and he reigned two years. But the house of Judah followed David. 11 The time that David was king in Hebron over the house of Judah was seven years and six months. 12 Abner the son of Ner, and the servants of Ishbosheth the son of Saul, went out from Mahanaim to Gibeon. 13 Joab the son of Zeruiah and David's servants went out, and met them by the pool of Gibeon; and they sat down, the one on the one side of the pool and the other on the other side of the pool. 14 Abner said to Joab, "Please let the young men arise and compete before us!" Joab said, "Let them arise!" 15 Then they arose and went over by number: twelve for Benjamin and

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the day broke on them at Hebron.

Now there was long war between Saul's house and David's house. David grew stronger and stronger, but Saul's house grew weaker and weaker. 2 Sons were born to David in Hebron. His firstborn was Amnon, of

for Ishbosheth the son of Saul, and twelve of David's Ahinoam the Jezreelitess: 3 and his second, Chileab, of servants. 16 They each caught his opponent by the Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite; and the third, head and thrust his sword in his fellow's side; so they Absalom the son of Maacah the daughter of Talmai fell down together. Therefore that place in Gibeon was king of Geshur; 4 and the fourth, Adonijah the son of called Helkath Hazzurim. 17 The battle was very severe Haggith; and the fifth, Shephatiah the son of Abital; 5 that day; and Abner was beaten, and the men of Israel, and the sixth, Ithream, of Eglah, David's wife. These before David's servants. 18 The three sons of Zerujah were born to David in Hebron. 6 While there was war were there: Joab, Abishai, and Asahel. Asahel was between Saul's house and David's house, Abner made as light of foot as a wild gazelle. 19 Asahel pursued himself strong in Saul's house. 7 Now Saul had a Abner. He didn't turn to the right hand or to the left from concubine, whose name was Rizpah, the daughter of following Abner. 20 Then Abner looked behind him and Aiah; and Ishbosheth said to Abner, "Why have you said, "Is that you, Asahel?" He answered, "It is." 21 gone in to my father's concubine?" 8 Then Abner was Abner said to him, "Turn away to your right hand or to very angry about Ishbosheth's words, and said, "Am your left, and grab one of the young men, and take his I a dog's head that belongs to Judah? Today I show armor." But Asahel would not turn away from following kindness to your father Saul's house, to his brothers, him. 22 Abner said again to Asahel, "Turn away from and to his friends, and have not delivered you into the following me. Why should I strike you to the ground? hand of David; and yet you charge me today with a fault How then could I look Joab your brother in the face?" 23 concerning this woman! 9 God do so to Abner, and However, he refused to turn away. Therefore Abner with more also, if, as Yahweh has sworn to David, I don't do the back end of the spear struck him in the body, so that even so to him: 10 to transfer the kingdom from Saul's the spear came out behind him; and he fell down there house, and to set up David's throne over Israel and over and died in the same place. As many as came to the Judah, from Dan even to Beersheba." 11 He could not place where Asahel fell down and died stood still. 24 But answer Abner another word, because he was afraid of Joab and Abishai pursued Abner. The sun went down him. 12 Abner sent messengers to David on his behalf, when they had come to the hill of Ammah, that lies saying, "Whose is the land?" and saying, "Make your before Giah by the way of the wilderness of Gibeon. 25 alliance with me, and behold, my hand will be with you The children of Benjamin gathered themselves together to bring all Israel around to you." 13 David said, "Good. I after Abner and became one band, and stood on the will make a treaty with you, but one thing I require of top of a hill. 26 Then Abner called to Joab, and said, you. That is, you will not see my face unless you first "Shall the sword devour forever? Don't you know that bring Michal, Saul's daughter, when you come to see it will be bitterness in the latter end? How long will my face." 14 David sent messengers to Ishbosheth, it be then, before you ask the people to return from Saul's son, saying, "Deliver me my wife Michal, whom I following their brothers?" 27 Joab said, "As God lives, was given to marry for one hundred foreskins of the if you had not spoken, surely then in the morning the Philistines." 15 Ishbosheth sent and took her from her people would have gone away, and not each followed husband, Paltiel the son of Laish. 16 Her husband his brother." 28 So Joab blew the trumpet; and all the went with her, weeping as he went, and followed her to people stood still and pursued Israel no more, and Bahurim. Then Abner said to him, "Go! Return!" and he they fought no more. 29 Abner and his men went all returned. 17 Abner had communication with the elders that night through the Arabah; and they passed over of Israel, saying, "In times past, you sought for David to the Jordan, and went through all Bithron, and came be king over you. 18 Now then do it! For Yahweh has to Mahanaim. 30 Joab returned from following Abner; spoken of David, saying, 'By the hand of my servant and when he had gathered all the people together. David, I will save my people Israel out of the hand of the nineteen men of David's and Asahel were missing. 31 Philistines, and out of the hand of all their enemies." 19 But David's servants had struck Benjamin Abner's men Abner also spoke in the ears of Benjamin; and Abner so that three hundred sixty men died. 32 They took up went also to speak in the ears of David in Hebron all Asahel and buried him in the tomb of his father, which that seemed good to Israel and to the whole house of was in Bethlehem. Joab and his men went all night, and Benjamin. 20 So Abner came to David to Hebron, and twenty men with 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 went in peace. 22 Behold,

and said, "What have you done? Behold, Abner came to out of Jezreel; and his nurse picked him up and fled. there in the body, so that he died for the blood of Asahel struck him, killed him, beheaded him, and took his head, his brother. 28 Afterward, when David heard it, he said, and went by the way of the Arabah all night. 8 They by the sword, or who lacks bread." 30 So Joab and his brother, the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, and their brother Asahel at Gibeon in the battle. 31 David soul out of all adversity. 10 when someone told me. and mourn in front of Abner." King David followed the the reward I gave him for his news. 11 How much more, said, "Should Abner die as a fool dies? 34 Your hands David commanded his young men, and they killed them, All the people wept again over him. 35 All the people Ishbosheth and buried it in Abner's grave in Hebron. came to urge David to eat bread while it was yet day; but David swore, saying, "God do so to me, and more also, if I taste bread or anything else, until the sun goes down." 36 All the people took notice of it, and it pleased them, as whatever the king did pleased all the people 37 So all the people and all Israel understood that day that it was not of the king to kill Abner the son of Ner. 38 The king said to his servants, "Don't you know that a prince and a great man has fallen today in Israel? 39 I am weak today, though anointed king. These men, the sons of Zeruiah are too hard for me. May Yahweh reward the evildoer according to his wickedness."

Israelites were troubled. 2 Saul's son had two men who the land, who spoke to David, saying, "The blind and

David's servants and Joab came from a raid and brought Baanah and the name of the other Rechab, the sons of in a great plunder with them; but Abner was not with Rimmon the Beerothite, of the children of Benjamin (for David in Hebron, for he had sent him away, and he had Beeroth also is considered a part of Benjamin; 3 and the gone in peace. 23 When Joab and all the army who was Beerothites fled to Gittaim, and have lived as foreigners with him had come, they told Joab, "Abner the son of there until today). 4 Now Jonathan, Saul's son, had Ner came to the king, and he has sent him away, and a son who was lame in his feet. He was five years he has gone in peace." 24 Then Joab came to the king old when the news came about Saul and Jonathan you. Why is it that you have sent him away, and he is As she hurried to flee, he fell and became lame. His already gone? 25 You know Abner the son of Ner. He name was Mephibosheth. 5 The sons of Rimmon the came to deceive you, and to know your going out and Beerothite, Rechab and Baanah, went out and came at your coming in, and to know all that you do." 26 When about the heat of the day to the house of Ishbosheth as Joab had come out from David, he sent messengers he took his rest at noon. 6 They came there into the after Abner, and they brought him back from the well of middle of the house as though they would have fetched Sirah; but David didn't know it. 27 When Abner had wheat, and they struck him in the body; and Rechab and returned to Hebron, Joab took him aside into the middle Baanah his brother escaped. 7 Now when they came of the gate to speak with him quietly, and struck him into the house as he lay on his bed in his bedroom, they "I and my kingdom are guiltless before Yahweh forever brought the head of Ishbosheth to David to Hebron, and of the blood of Abner the son of Ner. 29 Let it fall on the said to the king, "Behold, the head of Ishbosheth, the head of Joab and on all his father's house. Let there not son of Saul, your enemy, who sought your life! Yahweh fail from the house of Joab one who has a discharge, has avenged my lord the king today of Saul and of or who is a leper, or who leans on a staff, or who falls his offspring." 9 David answered Rechab and Baanah Abishai his brother killed Abner, because he had killed said to them, "As Yahweh lives, who has redeemed my said to Joab and to all the people who were with him, 'Behold, Saul is dead,' thinking that he brought good "Tear your clothes, and clothe yourselves with sackcloth, news, I seized him and killed him in Ziklag, which was bier. 32 They buried Abner in Hebron; and the king when wicked men have slain a righteous person in his lifted up his voice and wept at Abner's grave; and all own house on his bed, should I not now require his the people wept. 33 The king lamented for Abner, and blood from your hand, and rid the earth of you?" 12 weren't bound, and your feet weren't put into fetters. As cut off their hands and their feet, and hanged them up a man falls before the children of iniquity, so you fell." beside the pool in Hebron. But they took the head of

5 Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and spoke, saying, "Behold, we are your bone and your flesh. 2 In times past, when Saul was king over us, it was you who led Israel out and in. Yahweh said to you, 'You will be shepherd of my people Israel, and you will be prince over Israel." 3 So all the elders of Israel came to the king to Hebron, and King David made a covenant with them in Hebron before Yahweh; and they anointed David king over Israel. 4 David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. 5 In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months, and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty-three years ⚠ When Saul's son heard that Abner was dead in over all Israel and Judah. 6 The king and his men went Hebron, his hands became feeble, and all the to Jerusalem against the Jebusites, the inhabitants of were captains of raiding bands. The name of one was the lame will keep you out of here," thinking, "David

can't come in here." 7 Nevertheless David took the of Abinadab's house which was in the hill, with God's from Geba to Gezer.

6 David again gathered together all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. 2 David arose and went with all the people who were with him from Baale Judah, to bring up from there God's ark, which is called by the Name, even the name of Yahweh of Armies who sits above the cherubim. 3 They set God's ark on a new cart, and brought it out of Abinadab's house that was on the hill; and Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, drove the new cart. 4 They brought it out

stronghold of Zion. This is David's city. 8 David said ark; and Ahio went before the ark. 5 David and all the on that day, "Whoever strikes the Jebusites, let him go house of Israel played before Yahweh with all kinds of up to the watercourse and strike those lame and blind, instruments made of cypress wood, with harps, with who are hated by David's soul." Therefore they say, stringed instruments, with tambourines, with castanets, "The blind and the lame can't come into the house." 9 and with cymbals. 6 When they came to the threshing David lived in the stronghold, and called it David's city. floor of Nacon, Uzzah reached for God's ark and took David built around from Millo and inward. 10 David grew hold of it, for the cattle stumbled. 7 Yahweh's anger greater and greater, for Yahweh, the God of Armies, burned against Uzzah, and God struck him there for was with him. 11 Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers his error; and he died there by God's ark. 8 David was to David, with cedar trees, carpenters, and masons; displeased because Yahweh had broken out against and they built David a house. 12 David perceived that Uzzah; and he called that place Perez Uzzah to this Yahweh had established him king over Israel, and that day, 9 David was afraid of Yahweh that day; and he he had exalted his kingdom for his people Israel's sake. said, "How could Yahweh's ark come to me?" 10 So 13 David took more concubines and wives for himself David would not move Yahweh's ark to be with him in out of Jerusalem, after he had come from Hebron; David's city; but David carried it aside into Obed-Edom and more sons and daughters were born to David. 14 the Gittite's house. 11 Yahweh's ark remained in Obed-These are the names of those who were born to him in Edom the Gittite's house three months; and Yahweh Jerusalem: Shammua, Shobab, Nathan, Solomon, 15 blessed Obed-Edom and all his house. 12 King David Ibhar, Elishua, Nepheg, Japhia, 16 Elishama, Eliada, was told, "Yahweh has blessed the house of Obedand Eliphelet. 17 When the Philistines heard that they Edom, and all that belongs to him, because of God's had anointed David king over Israel, all the Philistines ark." So David went and brought up God's ark from the went up to seek David, but David heard about it and house of Obed-Edom into David's city with joy. 13 When went down to the stronghold. 18 Now the Philistines had those who bore Yahweh's ark had gone six paces, he come and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim. sacrificed an ox and a fattened calf. 14 David danced 19 David inquired of Yahweh, saying, "Shall I go up before Yahweh with all his might; and David was clothed against the Philistines? Will you deliver them into my in a linen ephod. 15 So David and all the house of Israel hand?" Yahweh said to David, "Go up; for I will certainly brought up Yahweh's ark with shouting and with the deliver the Philistines into your hand." 20 David came to sound of the trumpet. 16 As Yahweh's ark came into Baal Perazim, and David struck them there. Then he David's city, Michal the daughter of Saul looked out said, "Yahweh has broken my enemies before me, like through the window and saw King David leaping and the breach of waters." Therefore he called the name dancing before Yahweh; and she despised him in her of that place Baal Perazim. 21 They left their images heart. 17 They brought in Yahweh's ark, and set it in its there, and David and his men took them away. 22 The place in the middle of the tent that David had pitched for Philistines came up yet again and spread themselves it; and David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings in the valley of Rephaim. 23 When David inquired of before Yahweh. 18 When David had finished offering Yahweh, he said, "You shall not go up. Circle around the burnt offering and the peace offerings, he blessed behind them, and attack them in front of the mulberry the people in the name of Yahweh of Armies. 19 He trees. 24 When you hear the sound of marching in the gave to all the people, even among the whole multitude tops of the mulberry trees, then stir yourself up; for of Israel, both to men and women, to everyone a portion then Yahweh has gone out before you to strike the of bread, dates, and raisins. So all the people departed, army of the Philistines." 25 David did so, as Yahweh each to his own house. 20 Then David returned to commanded him, and struck the Philistines all the way bless his household. Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, "How glorious the king of Israel was today, who uncovered himself today in the eyes of his servants' maids, as one of the vain fellows shamelessly uncovers himself!" 21 David said to Michal, "It was before Yahweh, who chose me above your father, and above all his house, to appoint me prince over the people of Yahweh, over Israel. Therefore I will celebrate before Yahweh. 22 I will be yet more undignified than this, and will be worthless in my own sight. But the maids of whom you have spoken will

to the day of her death.

7 When the king lived in his house, and Yahweh had given him rest from all his enemies all around, 2 the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but God's ark dwells within curtains." 3 Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that is in your heart, for Yahweh is with you." 4 That same night, Yahweh's word came to Nathan, saying, 5 "Go and tell my servant David, 'Yahweh says, "Should 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 the children of Israel up 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 with all the children of Israel, did I say a word to anyone from the tribes 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 tell my servant David this: 'Yahweh of Armies says, "I took you from the sheep pen, from following the sheep, to be prince over my people, over Israel. 9 I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you. I will make you a great name, like the name of the great ones who are in 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. The children of wickedness will not afflict them any more, as at the first, 11 and as from the day that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel. I will cause you to rest from all your enemies. Moreover Yahweh tells you that Yahweh will make you a house. 12 When your days are fulfilled and you sleep with your fathers, I will set up your offspring after you, who will proceed out of your body, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He will build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. 14 I will be his father, and he will be my son. If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men and with the stripes of the children of men; 15 but my loving kindness will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before you. 16 Your house and your kingdom will be made sure forever before you. Your throne will be established forever."" 17 Nathan spoke to David all these words, and according to all this vision. 18 Then David the king went in and sat before Yahweh; and he said, "Who am I, Lord Yahweh, and what is my house, that you have brought me this far? 19 This was yet a small thing in your eyes, Lord Yahweh, but you have spoken also of your servant's house for a great while to come; and this among men, Lord Yahweh! 20 What more can David say to you? For you know your servant, Lord Yahweh. 21 For your word's sake, and according to your own heart, you have worked all this

honor me." 23 Michal the daughter of Saul had no child greatness, to make your servant know it. 22 Therefore you are great, Yahweh God. For there is no one like you, neither is there any God besides you, according to all that we have heard with our ears. 23 What one nation in the earth is like your people, even like Israel, whom God went to redeem to himself for a people, and to make himself a name, and to do great things for you. and awesome things for your land, before your people, whom you redeemed to yourself out of Egypt, from the nations and their gods? 24 You established for yourself your people Israel to be your people forever; and you, Yahweh, became their God. 25 "Now, Yahweh God, 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, saving, 'Yahweh of Armies is God over Israel: and the house of your servant David will be established before you.' 27 For you, Yahweh of Armies, the God of Israel, 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 Yahweh, 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 Yahweh, have spoken it. Let the house of your servant be blessed forever with your blessing."

> After this, David struck the Philistines and subdued them; and David took the bridle of the mother city out of the hand of the Philistines. 2 He defeated 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. 3 David also struck Hadadezer the son of Rehob, king of Zobah, as he went to recover his dominion at the River. 4 David took from him one thousand seven hundred horsemen and twenty thousand footmen. David hamstrung the chariot horses, but reserved enough of them for one hundred chariots. 5 When the Syrians of Damascus came to help Hadadezer king of Zobah, David struck twenty two thousand men of the Syrians. 6 Then David put garrisons in Syria of Damascus; and the Syrians became servants to David, and brought tribute. Yahweh gave victory to David wherever he went. 7 David took the shields of gold that were on the servants of Hadadezer, and brought them to Jerusalem. 8 From Betah and from Berothai, cities of Hadadezer, King David took a great quantity of bronze. 9 When Toi king of Hamath heard that David had struck all the army of Hadadezer, 10 then Toi sent Joram his son to King David to greet him and to bless him, because he had fought against Hadadezer and struck him; for Hadadezer had wars with Toi. Joram

brought with him vessels of silver, vessels of gold, and name was Mica. All who lived in Ziba's house were vessels of bronze. 11 King David also dedicated these servants to Mephibosheth. 13 So Mephibosheth lived in to Yahweh, with the silver and gold that he dedicated Jerusalem, for he ate continually at the king's table. He of all the nations which he subdued— 12 of Syria, of was lame in both his feet. Moab, of the children of Ammon, of the Philistines, of Amalek, and of the plunder of Hadadezer, son of Rehob. king of Zobah. 13 David earned a reputation when he returned from striking down eighteen thousand men of the Syrians in the Valley of Salt. 14 He put garrisons in Edom. Throughout all Edom, he put garrisons, and all the Edomites became servants to David. Yahweh gave victory to David wherever he went. 15 David reigned over all Israel; and David executed justice and righteousness for all his people. 16 Joab the son of Zeruiah was over the army, Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was recorder. 17 Zadok the son of Ahitub and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar were priests, Seraiah was scribe, 18 Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and David's sons were chief ministers.

Q David said, "Is there yet any who is left of Saul's house, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake?" 2 There was of Saul's house a servant whose name was Ziba, and they called him to David; and the king said to him, "Are you Ziba?" He said, "I am your servant." 3 The king said, "Is there not yet any son, who is lame in his feet." 4 The king said to him, "Where is he?" Ziba said to the king, "Behold, he is in the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, in Lo Debar." house of Machir the son of Ammiel, from Lo Debar. 6 Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, came to David, fell on his face, and showed respect. David said, "Mephibosheth?" He answered, "Behold, king's sons. 12 Mephibosheth had a young son, whose told that; and he gathered all Israel together, passed

After this, the king of the children 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 children of Ammon. 3 But the princes of the children 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, to spy it out, and to overthrow it?" 4 So Hanun took David's servants, shaved off one half of their beards, and cut off their garments in the middle, even to their buttocks, and sent them away. 5 When they told David this, 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 children of Ammon saw that they had become odious to David, the children of Ammon sent and hired the Syrians of Beth Rehob and the Syrians of Zobah, twenty thousand footmen, and the king of Maacah with one thousand men, and the men of Tob twelve thousand men. 7 When David heard of it, of Saul's house, that I may show the kindness of God he sent Joab and all the army of the mighty men. 8 to him?" Ziba said to the king, "Jonathan still has a The children of Ammon came out, and put the battle in array at the entrance of the gate. The Syrians of Zobah and of Rehob and the men of Tob and Maacah were by themselves in the field. 9 Now when Joab saw that 5 Then King David sent and brought him out of the the battle was set against him before and behind, he chose of all the choice men of Israel and put them in array against the Syrians. 10 The rest of the people he committed into the hand of Abishai his brother; and he put them in array against the children of Ammon. 11 He your servant!" 7 David said to him, "Don't be afraid, for I said, "If the Syrians are too strong for me, then you shall will surely show you kindness for Jonathan your father's help me; but if the children of Ammon are too strong for sake, and will restore to you all the land of Saul your you, then I will come and help you. 12 Be courageous, father. You will eat bread at my table continually." 8 He and let's be strong for our people and for the cities of bowed down, and said, "What is your servant, that you our God; and may Yahweh do what seems good to him." should look at such a dead dog as I am?" 9 Then the 13 So Joab and the people who were with him came king called to Ziba, Saul's servant, and said to him, "All near to the battle against the Syrians, and they fled that belonged to Saul and to all his house I have given before him. 14 When the children of Ammon saw that to your master's son. 10 Till the land for him—you, your the Syrians had fled, they likewise fled before Abishai, sons, and your servants. Bring in the harvest, that your and entered into the city. Then Joab returned from the master's son may have bread to eat; but Mephibosheth children of Ammon and came to Jerusalem. 15 When your master's son will always eat bread at my table." the Syrians saw that they were defeated by Israel, they Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants. 11 Then gathered themselves together. 16 Hadadezer sent and Ziba said to the king, "According to all that my lord the brought out the Syrians who were beyond the River; king commands his servant, so your servant will do." and they came to Helam, with Shobach the captain of So Mephibosheth ate at the king's table like one of the the army of Hadadezer at their head. 17 David was

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Ammon any more.

11 At the return of the year, at the time when kings go out, David sent Joab and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the children of Ammon and besieged Rabbah. But David stayed at Jerusalem. 2 At evening, David arose from his bed and walked on the roof of the king's house. From the roof, he saw a woman bathing, and the woman was very beautiful to look at. 3 David sent and inquired after the woman. One said. "Isn't this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam. Uriah the Hittite's wife?" 4 David sent messengers, and took her; and she came in to him, and he lay with her (for she was purified from her uncleanness); and she returned to her house. 5 The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, and said, "I am with child," David sent to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." Joab sent Uriah to David. 7 When Uriah had come to him, David asked him how Joab did, and how the people fared, and how the war prospered. 8 David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house and wash your feet." Uriah departed out of the king's house, and a gift from the king was sent after him. 9 But Uriah slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and didn't go down to his house. 10 When they had told David, saying, "Uriah didn't go down to his house." David said to Uriah, "Haven't you come from a journey? Why didn't you go down to your house?" 11 Uriah said to David, "The ark, Israel, and Judah, are staying in tents; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are encamped in the open field. Shall I then go into my house to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do this thing!" 12 David said to Uriah, "Stay here today also, and tomorrow I will let you depart." So Uriah stayed in Jerusalem that day and the next day. 13 When David had called him, he ate and drank before him; and he made him drunk. At evening, he went out to lie on his bed with the servants of his lord, but didn't go down to his house. 14 In the morning, David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it by the hand of Uriah. 15 He wrote in the letter, saying, "Send Uriah to the forefront of the hottest battle, and retreat from him, that he may be struck and die." 16 When Joab kept watch on the city, he assigned

over the Jordan, and came to Helam. The Syrians set Uriah to the place where he knew that valiant men themselves in array against David and fought with him. were. 17 The men of the city went out and fought with 18 The Syrians fled before Israel; and David killed seven Joab. Some of the people fell, even of David's servants; hundred charioteers of the Syrians and forty thousand and Uriah the Hittite died also. 18 Then Joab sent and horsemen, and struck Shobach the captain of their army, told David all the things concerning the war; 19 and he so that he died there. 19 When all the kings who were commanded the messenger, saying, "When you have servants to Hadadezer saw that they were defeated finished telling all the things concerning the war to the before Israel, they made peace with Israel and served king, 20 it shall be that, if the king's wrath arise, and he them. So the Syrians were afraid to help the children of asks you, 'Why did you go so near to the city to fight? Didn't you know that they would shoot from the wall? 21 Who struck Abimelech the son of Jerubbesheth? 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 the wall?' then you shall say, 'Your servant Uriah the Hittite is also dead." 22 So the messenger went, and came and showed David all that Joab had sent him for. 23 The messenger said to David, "The men prevailed against us, and came out to us into the field; and we were on them even to the entrance of the gate. 24 The shooters shot at your servants from off the wall; and some of the king's servants are dead, and your servant Uriah the Hittite is also dead." 25 Then David said to the messenger, "Tell Joab, 'Don't let this thing displease you, for the sword devours one as well as another. Make your battle stronger against the city, and overthrow it.' Encourage him." 26 When Uriah's wife heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she mourned for her husband. 27 When the mourning was past, David sent and took her home to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased Yahweh.

> 12 Yahweh sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, "There were two men in one city: the one rich, and the other poor. 2 The rich man had very many flocks and herds, 3 but the poor man had nothing, except one little ewe lamb, which he had bought and raised. It grew up together with him and with his children. It ate of his own food, drank of his own cup, and lay in his bosom, and was like a daughter to him. 4 A traveler came to the rich man, and he didn't want to take of his own flock and of his own herd to prepare for the wayfaring man who had come to him, but took the poor man's lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him." 5 David's anger burned hot against the man, and he said to Nathan, "As Yahweh lives, the man who has done this deserves to die! 6 He must restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing and because he had no pity!" 7 Nathan said to David, "You are the man! This is what Yahweh, 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 bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of

have added to you many more such things. 9 Why David, and said, "I have fought against Rabbah. Yes, I have you despised Yahweh's word, to do that which have taken the city of waters. 28 Now therefore gather is evil in his sight? You have struck Uriah the Hittite the rest of the people together, and encamp against the with the sword, have taken his wife to be your wife, city and take it; lest I take the city, and it be called by and have slain him with the sword of the children of my name." 29 David gathered all the people together Ammon. 10 Now therefore the sword will never depart and went to Rabbah, and fought against it and took it. from your house, because you have despised me and 30 He took the crown of their king from off his head; and have taken Uriah the Hittite's wife to be your wife.' 11 its weight was a talent of gold, and in it were precious "This is what Yahweh says: 'Behold, I will raise up evil stones; and it was set on David's head. He brought a against you out of your own house; and I will take your great quantity of plunder out of the city. 31 He brought wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, out the people who were in it, and put them to work and he will lie with your wives in the sight of this sun. 12 under saws, under iron picks, under axes of iron, and For you did this secretly, but I will do this thing before all made them go to the brick kiln; and he did so to all the Israel, and before the sun." 13 David said to Nathan, "I cities of the children of Ammon. Then David and all the have sinned against Yahweh." Nathan said to David, people returned to Jerusalem. "Yahweh also has put away your sin. You will not die. 14 However, because by this deed you have given great occasion to Yahweh's enemies to blaspheme, the child also who is born to you will surely die." 15 Then Nathan departed to his house. Yahweh struck the child that Uriah's wife bore to David, and he was very sick. 16 David therefore begged God for the child; and David fasted, and went in and lay all night on the ground. 17 The elders of his house arose beside him, to raise him up from the earth; but he would not, and he didn't eat bread with them. 18 On the seventh day, the child died. David's servants were afraid to tell him that the child was dead, for they said, "Behold, while the child was yet alive, we spoke to him and he didn't listen to our voice. How will he then harm himself if we tell him that the child is dead?" 19 But when David saw that his servants 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 earth, and washed and anointed himself, and changed his clothing; and he came into Yahweh's house, and worshiped. Then he came to his own house; and when he requested, 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 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 vet alive. I fasted and wept: for I said, 'Who knows whether Yahweh 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 again? I will 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. Yahweh loved him; 25 and he sent by the hand of Nathan the prophet, and he named him Jedidiah, for Yahweh's sake. 26 Now Joab fought against Rabbah of the children of Ammon,

Judah; and if that would have been too little. I would and took the royal city. 27 Joab sent messengers to

13 After this, 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 became sick because of his sister Tamar, for she was a virgin, and it seemed hard to Amnon to do anything to her. 3 But Amnon had a friend whose name was Jonadab the son of Shimeah, David's brother; and Jonadab was a very subtle man. 4 He said to him, "Why, son of the king, are you so sad from day to day? Won't you tell me?" Amnon said to him, "I love Tamar, my brother Absalom's sister." 5 Jonadab said to him, "Lay down on your bed and pretend to be sick. When your father comes to see you, tell him, 'Please let my sister Tamar come and give me bread to eat, and prepare the food in my sight, that I may see it and eat it from her hand." 6 So Amnon lay down and faked being sick. When the king came to see him, Amnon said to the king, "Please let my sister Tamar come and make me a couple of cakes in my sight, that I may eat from her hand." 7 Then David sent home to Tamar, saying, "Go now to your brother Amnon's house, and prepare food for him." 8 So Tamar went to her brother Amnon's house; and he was lying down. She took dough, kneaded it, made cakes in his sight, and baked the cakes. 9 She took the pan and poured them out before him, but he refused to eat. Amnon said, "Have all men leave me." Then every man went out from him. 10 Amnon said to Tamar, "Bring the food into the room, that I may eat from your hand." Tamar took the cakes which she had made, and brought them into the room to Amnon her brother. 11 When she had brought them near to him to eat, he took hold of her and said to her, "Come, lie with me, my sister!" 12 She answered him, "No, my brother, do not force me! For no such thing ought to be done in Israel. Don't you do this folly! 13 As for me, where would I carry my shame? And as for you, you will be as one of the fools in Israel. Now therefore, please speak

However, he would not listen to her voice; but being sister Tamar. 33 Now therefore don't let my lord the stronger than she, he forced her and lay with her. 15 king take the thing to his heart, to think that all the Then Amnon hated her with exceedingly great hatred; king's sons are dead; for only Amnon is dead." 34 But for the hatred with which he hated her was greater than Absalom fled. The young man who kept the watch lifted the love with which he had loved her. Amnon said to her, up his eyes and looked, and behold, many people were "Arise, be gone!" 16 She said to him, "Not so, because coming by way of the hillside behind him. 35 Jonadab this great wrong in sending me away is worse than the said to the king, "Behold, the king's sons are coming! It other that you did to me!" But he would not listen to her. is as your servant said." 36 As soon as he had finished 17 Then he called his servant who ministered to him, speaking, behold, the king's sons came, and lifted up and said, "Now put this woman out from me, and bolt their voices and wept. The king also and all his servants the door after her." 18 She had a garment of various wept bitterly. 37 But Absalom fled and went to Talmai colors on her, for the king's daughters who were virgins the son of Ammihur, king of Geshur. David mourned dressed in such robes. Then his servant brought her out for his son every day. 38 So Absalom fled and went and bolted the door after her. 19 Tamar put ashes on to Geshur, and was there three years. 39 King David her head, and tore her garment of various colors that longed to go out to Absalom, for he was comforted was on her; and she laid her hand on her head and concerning Amnon, since he was dead. went her way, crying aloud as she went. 20 Absalom her brother said to her, "Has Amnon your brother been with you? But now hold your peace, my sister. He is your brother. Don't take this thing to heart." So Tamar remained desolate in her brother Absalom's house. 21 But when King David heard of all these things, he was very angry. 22 Absalom spoke to Amnon neither good nor bad; for Absalom hated Amnon, because he had forced his sister Tamar. 23 After two full years, Absalom had sheep shearers in Baal Hazor, which is beside Ephraim; and Absalom invited all the king's sons. 24 Absalom came to the king and said, "See now, your servant has sheep shearers. Please let the king and his servants go with your servant." 25 The king said to Absalom, "No, my son, let's not all go, lest we be burdensome to you." He pressed him; however he would not go, but blessed him. 26 Then Absalom said, "If not, please let my brother Amnon go with us." The king said to him, "Why should he go with you?" 27 But Absalom pressed him, and he let Amnon and all the king's sons go with him. 28 Absalom commanded his servants, saying, "Mark now, when Amnon's heart is merry with wine; and when I tell you, 'Strike Amnon,' then kill him. Don't be afraid. Haven't I commanded you? Be courageous, and be valiant!" 29 The servants of Absalom did to Amnon as Absalom had commanded. Then all the king's sons arose, and every man got up on his mule and fled. 30 While they were on the way, the news came to David, saying, "Absalom has slain all the king's sons, and there is not one of them left!" 31 Then the king arose, and tore his garments, and lay on the earth; and all his servants stood by with their clothes torn. 32 Jonadab the son of Shimeah. David's brother. answered, "Don't let my lord suppose that they have killed all the young men, the king's sons, for Amnon only is dead; for by the appointment of Absalom this

to the king; for he will not withhold me from you." 14 has been determined from the day that he forced his

1 1 Now Joab the son of Zeruiah perceived that the king's heart was toward Absalom. 2 Joab sent to Tekoa and brought a wise woman from there, and said to her, "Please act like a mourner, and put on mourning clothing, please, and don't anoint yourself with oil; but be as a woman who has mourned a long time for the dead. 3 Go in to the king and speak like this to him." So Joab put the words in her mouth. 4 When the woman of Tekoa spoke to the king, she fell on her face to the ground, showed respect, and said, "Help, O king!" 5 The king said to her, "What ails you?" She answered, "Truly I am a widow, and my husband is dead. 6 Your servant had two sons; and they both fought together in the field, and there was no one to part them, but the one struck the other and killed him. 7 Behold, the whole family has risen against your servant, and they say, 'Deliver him who struck his brother, that we may kill him for the life of his brother whom he killed, and so destroy the heir also.' Thus they would guench my coal which is left, and would leave to my husband neither name nor remainder on the surface of the earth." 8 The king said to the woman, "Go to your house, and I will give a command concerning you." 9 The woman of Tekoa said to the king, "My lord, O king, may the iniquity be on me, and on my father's house; and may the king and his throne be guiltless." 10 The king said, "Whoever says anything to you, bring him to me, and he will not bother you any more." 11 Then she said, "Please let the king remember Yahweh your God, that the avenger of blood destroy not any more, lest they destroy my son." He said, "As Yahweh lives, not one hair of your son shall fall to the earth." 12 Then the woman said, "Please let your servant speak a word to my lord the king." He said, "Say on." 13 The woman said, "Why then have you devised such a thing against the people of God? For in speaking

does not bring home again his banished one. 14 For we on fire." So Absalom's servants set the field on fire. 31 must die, and are like water spilled on the ground, which Then Joab arose and came to Absalom to his house, can't be gathered up again; neither does God take away and said to him, "Why have your servants set my field life, but devises means, that he who is banished not on fire?" 32 Absalom answered Joab, "Behold, I sent to be an outcast from him. 15 Now therefore, seeing that you, saying, 'Come here, that I may send you to the I have come to speak this word to my lord the king, king, to say, "Why have I come from Geshur? It would it is because the people have made me afraid. Your be better for me to be there still. Now therefore, let me servant said, 'I will now speak to the king; it may be see the king's face; and if there is iniquity in me, let that the king will perform the request of his servant.' 16 him kill me."" 33 So Joab came to the king and told For the king will hear, to deliver his servant out of the him; and when he had called for Absalom, he came to hand of the man who would destroy me and my son the king and bowed himself on his face to the ground together out of the inheritance of God. 17 Then your before the king; and the king kissed Absalom. 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 Yahweh, your God, be with you." 18 Then the king answered the woman, "Please don't hide anything from me that I ask you." The woman said, "Let my lord the king now speak." 19 The king said, "Is the hand of Joab with you in 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 spoken; for your servant Joab urged me, and he put all these words in the mouth of your servant. 20 Your servant Joab has done this thing to change the face of the matter. My lord is wise, according to the wisdom of an angel of God. to know all things that are in the earth." 21 The king said to Joab, "Behold now, I have granted this thing. Go therefore, and bring the young man Absalom back." 22 Joab fell to the ground on his face, showed respect, and blessed the king. Joab said, "Today your servant knows that I have found favor in your sight, my lord, O king, in that the king has performed the request of his servant." 23 So Joab arose and went to Geshur, and brought Absalom to Jerusalem. 24 The king said, "Let him return to his own house, but let him not see my face." So Absalom returned to his own house, and didn't see the king's face. 25 Now in all Israel there was no one to be so much praised as Absalom for his beauty. From the sole of his foot even to the crown of his head there was no defect in him. 26 When he cut the hair of his head (now it was at every year's end that he cut it; because it was heavy on him, therefore he cut it), he weighed the hair of his head at two hundred shekels, after the king's weight. 27 Three sons were born to Absalom, and one daughter, whose name was Tamar. She was a woman with a beautiful face. 28 Absalom lived two full years in Jerusalem, and he didn't see the king's face. 29 Then Absalom sent for Joab, to send him to the king, but he would not come to him. Then he sent again a second time, but he would not come. 30 Therefore he said to his servants, "Behold, Joab's field

this word the king is as one who is guilty, in that the king is near mine, and he has barley there. Go and set it

15 After this, Absalom prepared a chariot and horses for himself, and fifty men to run before him. 2 Absalom rose up early, and stood beside the way of the gate. When any man had a suit which should come to the king for judgment, then Absalom called to him, and said, "What city are you from?" He said, "Your servant is of one of the tribes of Israel." 3 Absalom said to him. "Behold, your matters are good and right; but there is no man deputized by the king to hear you." 4 Absalom said moreover, "Oh that I were made judge in the land, that every man who has any suit or cause might come to me, and I would do him justice!" 5 It was so, that when any man came near to bow down to him, he stretched out his hand, took hold of him, and kissed 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 At the end of forty years, Absalom said to the king, "Please let me go and pay my vow, which I have vowed to Yahweh, in Hebron. 8 For your servant vowed a vow while I stayed at Geshur in Syria, saying, 'If Yahweh shall indeed bring me again to Jerusalem, then I will serve Yahweh." 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 didn't know anything. 12 Absalom sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, David's counselor, from his city, even from Giloh, while he was offering the sacrifices. 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 David said to all his servants who were with him at Jerusalem, "Arise! Let's flee, or else none of us will escape from Absalom. Hurry to depart, lest he overtake us quickly and bring down evil on us, and strike the city with the edge of the sword." 15 The king's servants said to the king, "Behold, your servants

The king went out, and all his household after him. The Ahithophel.' 35 Don't you have Zadok and Abiathar the king left ten women, who were concubines, to keep the priests there with you? Therefore whatever you hear out house. 17 The king went out, and all the people after of the king's house, tell it to Zadok and Abiathar the him; and they stayed in Beth Merhak. 18 All his servants priests. 36 Behold, they have there with them their two passed on beside him; and all the Cherethites, and all sons, Ahimaaz, Zadok's son, and Jonathan, Abiathar's the Pelethites, and all the Gittites, six hundred men who son, Send to me everything that you shall hear by them." came after him from Gath, passed on before the king. 19 37 So Hushai, David's friend, came into the city; and Then the king said to Ittai the Gittite, "Why do you also Absalom came into Jerusalem. go with us? Return, and stay with the king; for you are a foreigner and also an exile. Return to your own place. 20 Whereas you came but yesterday, should I today make you go up and down with us, since I go where I may? Return, and take back your brothers. Mercy and truth be with you." 21 Ittai answered the king and said, "As Yahweh lives, and as my lord the king lives, surely in what place my lord the king is, whether for death or for life, your servant will be there also." 22 David said to Ittai, "Go and pass over." Ittai the Gittite passed over, and all his men, and all the little ones who were with him. 23 All the country wept with a loud voice, and all the people passed over. The king also himself passed over the brook Kidron, and all the people passed over toward the way of the wilderness. 24 Behold, Zadok also came, and all the Levites with him, bearing the ark of the covenant of God; and they set down God's ark; and Abiathar went up until all the people finished passing out of the city. 25 The king said to Zadok, "Carry God's ark back into the city. If I find favor in Yahweh's eves. he will bring me again, and show me both it and his habitation; 26 but if he says, 'I have no delight in you,' behold, here I am. Let him do to me as seems good to him." 27 The king said also to Zadok the priest, "Aren't you a seer? Return into the city in peace, and your two sons with you, Ahimaaz your son and Jonathan the son of Abiathar. 28 Behold, I will stay at the fords of the wilderness until word comes from you to inform me." 29 Zadok therefore and Abiathar carried God's ark to Jerusalem again; and they stayed there. 30 David went up by the ascent of the Mount of Olives, and wept as he went up; and he had his head covered and went barefoot. All the people who were with him each covered his head, and they went up, weeping as they went up. 31 Someone told David, saying, "Ahithophel is among the conspirators with Absalom." David said, "Yahweh, please turn the counsel of Ahithophel into foolishness." 32 When David had come to the top, where God was worshiped, behold, Hushai the Archite came to meet him with his tunic 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, 'I will be your servant, O king. As I have been your father's servant in time past, so I will now be

are ready to do whatever my lord the king chooses." 16 your servant; then will you defeat for me the counsel of

16 When David was a little past the top, behold, Ziba the servant of Mephibosheth met him with a couple of donkeys saddled, and on them two hundred loaves of bread, and one hundred clusters of raisins, and one hundred summer fruits, and a container of wine. 2 The king said to Ziba, "What do you mean by these?" Ziba said, "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, that those who are faint in the wilderness may drink." 3 The king said, "Where is your master's son?" Ziba said to the king, "Behold, he is staying in Jerusalem; for he said, 'Today the house of Israel will restore me the kingdom of my father." 4 Then the king said to Ziba, "Behold, all that belongs to Mephibosheth is yours." Ziba said, "I bow down. Let me find favor in your sight, my lord, O king." 5 When King David came to Bahurim, behold, a man of the family of Saul's house came out, whose name was Shimei, the son of Gera. He came out and cursed as he came. 6 He cast stones at David and at all the servants of King David, and all the people and all the mighty men were on his right hand and on his left. 7 Shimei said when he cursed, "Be gone, be gone, you man of blood, and wicked fellow! 8 Yahweh has returned on you all the blood of Saul's house, in whose place you have reigned! Yahweh has delivered the kingdom into the hand of Absalom your son! Behold, you are caught by your own mischief, because you are a man of blood!" 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 Yahweh has said to him, 'Curse David,' who then shall say, 'Why have you done so?'" 11 David said to Abishai and to all his servants. "Behold. my son, who came out of my bowels, seeks my life. How much more this Benjamite, now? Leave him alone, and let him curse; for Yahweh has invited him. 12 It may be that Yahweh will look on the wrong done to me, and that Yahweh will repay me good for the cursing of me 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 him, and threw dust. 14 The king and all the people who were with him arrived

weary; and he refreshed himself there. 15 Absalom and as the sand that is by the sea for multitude; and that was like this both with David and with Absalom.

Moreover Ahithophel said to Absalom, "Let me now choose twelve thousand men, and I will arise and pursue after David tonight. 2 I will come on him while he is weary and exhausted, and will make him afraid. All the people who are with him will flee. I will strike the king only, 3 and I will bring back all the people to you. The man whom you seek is as if all returned. All the people shall be in peace." 4 The saying pleased Absalom well, and all the elders of Israel. 5 Then Absalom said, "Now call Hushai the Archite also, and let's hear likewise what he says." 6 When Hushai had come to Absalom, Absalom spoke to him, saying, "Ahithophel has spoken like this. Shall we do what he says? If not, speak up." 7 Hushai said to Absalom, "The counsel that Ahithophel has given this time is not good." 8 Hushai said moreover, "You know your father and his men, that they are mighty men, and they are fierce in their minds, like a bear robbed of her cubs in the field. Your father is a man of war, and will not lodge with the people. 9 Behold, he is now hidden in some pit, or in some other place. It will happen, when some of them have fallen at the first, that whoever hears it will say, 'There is a slaughter among the people who follow Absalom!' 10 Even he who is valiant, whose heart is as the heart of a lion, will utterly melt; for all Israel knows that your father is a mighty man, and those who are with him are valiant men. 11 But I counsel that all Israel be gathered together to you, from Dan even to Beersheba,

all the people, the men of Israel, came to Jerusalem, you go to battle in your own person. 12 So we will come and Ahithophel with him. 16 When Hushai the Archite, on him in some place where he will be found, and we David's friend, had come to Absalom, Hushai said to will light on him as the dew falls on the ground, then we Absalom, "Long live the king! Long live the king!" 17 will not leave so much as one of him and of all the men Absalom said to Hushai, "Is this your kindness to your who are with him. 13 Moreover, if he has gone into a friend? Why didn't you go with your friend?" 18 Hushai city, then all Israel will bring ropes to that city, and we said to Absalom, "No; but whomever Yahweh and this will draw it into the river, until there isn't one small stone people and all the men of Israel have chosen, I will be found there." 14 Absalom and all the men of Israel said, his, and I will stay with him. 19 Again, whom should I "The counsel of Hushai the Archite is better than the serve? Shouldn't I serve in the presence of his son? As counsel of Ahithophel." For Yahweh had ordained to I have served in your father's presence, so I will be in defeat the good counsel of Ahithophel, to the intent that your presence." 20 Then Absalom said to Ahithophel, Yahweh might bring evil on Absalom. 15 Then Hushai "Give your counsel what we shall do." 21 Ahithophel said to Zadok and to Abiathar the priests, "Ahithophel said to Absalom, "Go in to your father's concubines counseled Absalom and the elders of Israel that way; that he has left to keep the house. Then all Israel will and I have counseled this way. 16 Now therefore send hear that you are abhorred by your father. Then the quickly, and tell David, saying, 'Don't lodge tonight at hands of all who are with you will be strong." 22 So the fords of the wilderness, but by all means pass over, they spread a tent for Absalom on the top of the house, lest the king be swallowed up, and all the people who and Absalom went in to his father's concubines in the are with him." 17 Now Jonathan and Ahimaaz were sight of all Israel. 23 The counsel of Ahithophel, which staying by En Rogel; and a female servant used to go he gave in those days, was as if a man inquired at the and report to them, and they went and told King David; inner sanctuary of God. All the counsel of Ahithophel for they couldn't risk being seen coming into the city. 18 But a boy saw them, and told Absalom. Then they both went away quickly 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 crushed 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 After they had departed, they came up out of the well and went and told King David; and they said to David, "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, arose, and went home to his city, 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 Ithra the Israelite, who went in to Abigail the daughter of Nahash, sister to Zeruiah, Joab's mother. 26 Israel and Absalom encamped in the land of Gilead. 27 When David had come to Mahanaim. Shobi the son of Nahash of Rabbah of the children of

Ammon, and Machir the son of Ammiel of Lodebar, of the oak, 15 Ten young men who bore Joab's armor basins, earthen vessels, wheat, barley, meal, parched blew the trumpet, and the people returned from pursuing grain, beans, lentils, roasted grain, 29 honey, butter. sheep, and cheese of the herd, for David and for the people who were with him to eat; for they said, "The people are hungry, weary, and thirsty in the wilderness."

1 2 David counted the people who were with him. and set captains of thousands and captains of hundreds over them. 2 David sent the people out, 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 also surely go out with you myself." 3 But the people said, "You shall not go out, for if we flee away, they will not care for us, neither if half of us die, will they care for us. But you are worth ten thousand of us. Therefore now it is better that you are ready to help us out of 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, saving, "Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom." All the people heard 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 David's servants, and there was a great slaughter there that day of twenty thousand men. 8 For the battle was there spread over the surface of all the country, and the forest devoured more people that day than the sword devoured. 9 Absalom happened to meet David's servants. Absalom 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 hanging between the sky and earth; and the mule that was under him went on. 10 A certain man saw it, and told Joab, and said, "Behold, I saw Absalom hanging in an oak." 11 Joab said to the man who told him. "Behold." you saw it, and why didn't you strike him there to the ground? I would have given you ten pieces of silver and a sash." 12 The man said to Joab, "Though I should receive a thousand pieces of silver in my hand. I still wouldn't stretch out my hand against the king's son; for in our hearing the king commanded you and Abishai and Ittai, saying, 'Beware that no one touch the young man Absalom.' 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 Absalom's heart while he was still alive in the middle

and Barzillai the Gileadite of Rogelim, 28 brought beds, surrounded and struck Absalom, and killed him. 16 Joab after Israel; for Joab held the people back. 17 They took Absalom and cast him into a great pit in the forest, and raised over him a very great heap of stones. Then all Israel fled, each to his own 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. It is called Absalom's monument, to this day. 19 Then Ahimaaz the son of Zadok said. "Let me now run and carry the king news, how Yahweh has avenged him of his enemies." 20 Joab said to him, "You must not be the bearer of news today, but you must carry news another day. But today you must carry 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 you will have no reward for the news?" 23 "But come what may," he said, "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 eyes and looked, and, behold, a man running alone. 25 The watchman shouted and told the king. The king said, "If he is alone, there is news in his mouth." He came closer and closer. 26 The watchman saw another man running; and the watchman called to the gatekeeper and said, "Behold, a man running alone!" The king said, "He also brings 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 Ahimaaz called, and said to the king, "All is well." He bowed himself before the king with his face to the earth, and said, "Blessed is Yahweh 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?" Ahimaaz answered, "When Joab sent the king's servant, even me your servant, I saw a great tumult, but I don't know what it was." 30 The king said, "Come and stand here." He came and stood still. 31 Behold, the Cushite came. The Cushite said, "Good news for my lord the king, for Yahweh has avenged you today 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 young man

is." 33 The king was much moved, and went up to the of Benjamin with him, and Ziba the servant of Saul's died instead of you, Absalom, my son, my son!"

1 Q Joab was told, "Behold, the king weeps and mourns for Absalom." 2 The victory that day was turned into mourning among all the people, for the people heard it said that day, "The king grieves for his son." 3 The people sneaked into the city that day, as people who are ashamed steal away when they flee in battle. 4 The king covered his face, and the king cried with a loud voice, "My son Absalom, Absalom, my son, my son!" 5 Joab came into the house to the king, and said, "Today you have shamed the faces of all your servants who today have saved your life, and the lives of your sons and of your daughters, and the lives of your wives, and the lives of your concubines; 6 in that you love those who hate you and hate those who love you. For you have declared today that princes and servants are nothing to you. For today I perceive that if Absalom had lived and we had all died today, then it would have pleased you well. 7 Now therefore arise, go out and speak to comfort your servants; for I swear by Yahweh, if you don't 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. The people were all told, "Behold, 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; and now he has fled out of the land from Absalom. 10 Absalom, whom we anointed over us, is dead in battle. Now therefore why don't you speak a word of bringing the king back?" 11 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, since the speech of all Israel has come to the king, to return him 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 Say to Amasa, 'Aren't you my bone and my flesh? God do so to me, and more also, if you aren't captain of the army before me continually instead of Joab." 14 He bowed the heart of all the men of Judah, even as one man, so that they sent to the king, saying, "Return, you and all your servants." 15 So the king returned, and came to the Jordan. Judah came to Gilgal, to go to meet the king, to bring the king over the Jordan. 16 Shimei the son of Gera, the Benjamite, who was of Bahurim, hurried and came down with the men of Judah to meet King David. 17 There were a thousand men

room over the gate and wept. As he went, he said, "My house, and his fifteen sons and his twenty servants with son Absalom! My son, my son Absalom! I wish I had him; and they went through the Jordan in the presence of the king. 18 A ferry boat went to bring over the king's household, and to do what he thought good. Shimei the son of Gera fell down before the king when he had come over the Jordan. 19 He said to the king, "Don't let my lord impute iniquity to me, or remember that which your servant did perversely the day that my lord the king went out of Jerusalem, that the king should take it to his heart. 20 For your servant knows that I have sinned. Therefore behold, I have come today as the first of all the house of Joseph to go down to meet my lord the king." 21 But Abishai the son of Zeruiah answered, "Shouldn't Shimei be put to death for this, because he cursed Yahweh's anointed?" 22 David said, "What have I to do with you, you sons of Zeruiah, that you should be adversaries to me today? Shall any man be put to death today in Israel? For don't I know that I am king over Israel today?" 23 The king said to Shimei, "You will not die." The king swore to him. 24 Mephibosheth the son of Saul came down to meet the king; and he had neither groomed his feet, nor trimmed his beard, nor washed his clothes, from the day the king departed until the day he came home in peace. 25 When he had come to Jerusalem to meet the king, the king said to him, "Why didn't you go with me, Mephibosheth?" 26 He answered, "My lord, O king, my servant deceived me. For your servant said, 'I will saddle a donkey for myself, that I may ride on it and go with the king,' because 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. Therefore do 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 appeal 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 Mephibosheth 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 over the Jordan. 32 Now Barzillai was a very aged man, even eighty years old. He had provided the king with sustenance while he stayed at Mahanaim, for he was a very great 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 eighty years old, today. Can I discern between good and bad? Can your servant taste what I eat or what I drink? Can I hear the voice of singing men and singing women any him with the Cherethites, the Pelethites, and all the more? Why then should your servant be a burden to mighty men; and they went out of Jerusalem to pursue my lord the king? 36 Your servant will just go over the Sheba the son of Bichri. 8 When they were at the great Jordan with the king. Why should the king repay me stone which is in Gibeon, Amasa came to meet them. with such a reward? 37 Please let your servant turn Joab was clothed in his apparel of war that he had put back again, that I may die in my own city, by the grave on, and on it was a sash with a sword fastened on his of my father and my mother. But behold, your servant waist in its sheath; and as he went along it fell out. 9 Chimham; let him go over with my lord the king; and Joab said to Amasa, "Is it well with you, my brother?" do to him what shall seem good to you." 38 The king Joab took Amasa by the beard with his right hand to answered, "Chimham shall go over with me, and I will kiss him. 10 But Amasa took no heed to the sword that do to him that which shall seem good to you. Whatever was in Joab's hand. So he struck him with it in the body you request of me, that I will do for you." 39 All the and shed out his bowels to the ground, and didn't strike people went over the Jordan, and the king went over. him again; and he died. Joab and Abishai his brother Then the king kissed Barzillai and blessed him; and he pursued Sheba the son of Bichri. 11 One of Joab's returned to his own place. 40 So the king went over to young men stood by him, and said, "He who favors Gilgal, and Chimham went over with him. All the people Joab, and he who is for David, let him follow Joab!" of Judah brought the king over, and also half the people 12 Amasa lay wallowing in his blood in the middle of of Israel. 41 Behold, all the men of Israel came to the the highway. When the man saw that all the people king, and said to the king, "Why have our brothers the stood still, he carried Amasa out of the highway into the men of Judah stolen you away, and brought the king field, and cast a garment over him when he saw that and his household, over the Jordan, and all David's men everyone who came by him stood still. 13 When he was with him?" 42 All the men of Judah answered the men removed out of the highway, all the people went on after of Israel, "Because the king is a close relative to us. Joab to pursue Sheba the son of Bichri. 14 He went Why then are you angry about this matter? Have we through all the tribes of Israel to Abel, to Beth Maacah, eaten at all at the king's cost? Or has he given us any and all the Berites. They were gathered together, and gift?" 43 The men of Israel answered the men of Judah, went also after him. 15 They came and besieged him in and said, "We have ten parts in the king, and we have Abel of Beth Maacah, and they cast up a mound against also more claim to David than you. Why then did you the city, and it stood against the rampart; and all the despise us, that our advice should not be first had in people who were with Joab battered the wall to throw bringing back our king?" The words of the men of Judah it down. 16 Then a wise woman cried out of the city, were fiercer than the words of the men of Israel.

2 There happened to be there a wicked fellow. whose name was Sheba the son of Bichri, a Benjamite; and he blew the trumpet, and said, "We have no portion in David, neither have we inheritance in the son of Jesse. Every man to his tents, Israel!" So all the men of Israel went up from following David, and followed Sheba the son of Bichri; 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 concubines, whom he had left to keep the house, and put them in custody and provided them with sustenance, but didn't 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 had been appointed to him. 6 David said to Abishai, "Now Sheba the son of Bichri will do us more harm than Absalom did. Take your lord's servants and pursue after him, lest he get himself fortified cities, and escape out of our sight." 7 Joab's men went out after

"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'm listening." 18 Then she spoke, saying, "They used to say in old times, 'They shall surely ask counsel at Abel,' and so they settled a matter. 19 I am among those who are peaceable and faithful in Israel. You seek to destroy a city and a mother in Israel. Why will you swallow up Yahweh's inheritance?" 20 Joab answered, "Far be it, far be it from me, that I should swallow up or destroy. 21 The matter is not so. But a man of the hill country of Ephraim, Sheba the son of Bichri by name, has lifted up his hand against the king. even against David. Just deliver him, and I will depart from the city." The woman said to Joab, "Behold, his head will be thrown to you over the wall." 22 Then the woman went to all the people in her wisdom. They cut off the head of Sheba the son of Bichri, and threw it out to Joab. He blew the trumpet, and they were dispersed from the city, every man to his tent. Then Joab returned to Jerusalem to the king. 23 Now Joab was over all the army of Israel, Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over

was chief minister to David.

21 There was a famine in the days of David for three years, year after year; and David sought the face of Yahweh. Yahweh said, "It is for Saul, and for his bloody house, because he put the Gibeonites to death." 2 The king called the Gibeonites and said 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 should I do for you? And with what should I make atonement, that you may bless Yahweh's inheritance?" 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, "I will do for you whatever you say." 5 They said to the king, "The man who consumed us and who plotted against us, that we should be destroyed from remaining in any of the borders of Israel, 6 let seven men of his sons be delivered to us, and we will hang them up to Yahweh in Gibeah of Saul, the chosen of Yahweh." The king said, "I will give them." 7 But the king spared Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan the son of Saul, because of Yahweh's oath that was

the Cherethites and over the Pelethites. 24 Adoram was Zela, in the tomb of Kish his father; and they performed over the men subject to forced labor, Jehoshaphat the all that the king commanded. After that, God answered son of Ahilud was the recorder, 25 Sheva was scribe, prayer for the land. 15 The Philistines had war again Zadok and Abiathar were priests. 26 and Ira the Jairite with Israel; and David went down, and his servants with him, and fought against the Philistines. David grew faint; 16 and Ishbibenob, who was of the sons of the giant, the weight of whose spear was three hundred shekels of bronze in weight, he being armed with a new sword, thought he would kill David. 17 But Abishai the son of Zeruiah helped him, and struck the Philistine and killed him. Then the men of David swore to him, saying, "Don't go out with us to battle any more, so that you don't quench the lamp of Israel." 18 After this, there was again war with the Philistines at Gob. Then Sibbecai the Hushathite killed Saph, who was of the sons of the giant. 19 There was again war with the Philistines at Gob. and Elhanan the son of Jaare-Oregim the Bethlehemite killed Goliath the Gittite's brother, the staff of whose spear was like a weaver's beam. 20 There was again war at Gath, where there was a man of great stature, who had six fingers on every hand and six toes on every foot, twenty-four in number, and he also was born to the giant. 21 When he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimei, David's brother, killed him, 22 These four were born to the giant in Gath; and they fell by the hand of David and by the hand of his servants.

22 David spoke to Yahweh the words of this song in the day that Yahweh delivered him out of the between them, between David and Jonathan the son of hand of all his enemies, and out of the hand of Saul, Saul. 8 But the king took the two sons of Rizpah the 2 and he said: "Yahweh is my rock, my fortress, and daughter of Aiah, whom she bore to Saul, Armoni and my deliverer, even mine; 3 God is my rock in whom I Mephibosheth; and the five sons of Merab the daughter take refuge; my shield, and the horn of my salvation, of Saul, whom she bore to Adriel the son of Barzillai my high tower, and my refuge. My savior, you save the Meholathite. 9 He delivered them into the hands of me from violence. 4 I call on Yahweh, who is worthy the Gibeonites; and they hanged them on the mountain to be praised; So shall I be saved from my enemies. before Yahweh, and all seven of them fell together. They 5 For the waves of death surrounded me. The floods were put to death in the days of harvest, in the first of ungodliness made me afraid. 6 The cords of Sheol days, at the beginning of barley harvest. 10 Rizpah the were around me. The snares of death caught me. (Sheol daughter of Aiah took sackcloth and spread it for herself h7585) 7 In my distress, I called on Yahweh. Yes, I called on the rock, from the beginning of harvest until water to my God. He heard my voice out of his temple. My poured on them from the sky. She allowed neither the cry came into his ears. 8 Then the earth shook and birds of the sky to rest on them by day, nor the animals trembled. The foundations of heaven guaked and were of the field by night. 11 David was told what Rizpah shaken, because he was angry. 9 Smoke went up out the daughter of Aiah, the concubine of Saul, had done. of his nostrils. Consuming fire came out of his mouth. 12 So David went and took the bones of Saul and the Coals were kindled by it. 10 He bowed the heavens bones of Jonathan his son from the men of Jabesh also, and came down. Thick darkness was under his Gilead, who had stolen them from the street of Beth feet. 11 He rode on a cherub, and flew. Yes, he was Shan, where the Philistines had hanged them in the seen on the wings of the wind. 12 He made darkness a day that the Philistines killed Saul in Gilboa; 13 and he shelter around himself, gathering of waters, and thick brought up from there the bones of Saul and the bones clouds of the skies. 13 At the brightness before him, of Jonathan his son. They also gathered the bones of coals of fire were kindled. 14 Yahweh thundered from those who were hanged. 14 They buried the bones of heaven. The Most High uttered his voice. 15 He sent Saul and Jonathan his son in the country of Benjamin in out arrows and scattered them, lightning and confused

foundations of the world were laid bare by Yahweh's Yahweh lives! Blessed be my rock! Exalted be God, the rebuke, at the blast of the breath of his nostrils. 17 He rock of my salvation. 48 even the God who executes sent from on high and he took me. He drew me out vengeance for me, who brings down peoples under me. of many waters. 18 He delivered me from my strong 49 who brings me away from my enemies. Yes, you enemy, from those who hated me, for they were too lift me up above those who rise up against me. You mighty for me. 19 They came on me in the day of deliver me from the violent man, 50 Therefore I will give my calamity, but Yahweh was my support. 20 He also thanks to you, Yahweh, among the nations, and will sing brought me out into a large place. He delivered me, praises to your name. 51 He gives great deliverance to because he delighted in me. 21 Yahweh rewarded his king, and shows loving kindness to his anointed, to me according to my righteousness. He rewarded me David and to his offspring, forever more." according to the cleanness of my hands. 22 For I have kept Yahweh's ways, and have not wickedly departed from my God. 23 For all his ordinances were before me. As for his statutes, I didn't depart from them. 24 I was also perfect toward him. I kept myself from my iniquity. 25 Therefore Yahweh has rewarded me according to my righteousness. According to my cleanness in his eyesight. 26 With the merciful you will show yourself merciful. With the perfect man you will show yourself perfect. 27 With the pure you will show yourself pure. With the crooked you will show yourself shrewd. 28 You will save the afflicted people, but your eyes are on the arrogant, that you may bring them down. 29 For you are my lamp, Yahweh. Yahweh will light 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. Yahweh's word is tested. He is a shield to all those who take refuge in him. 32 For who is God, besides Yahweh? Who is a rock, besides our God? 33 God is my strong fortress. He makes my way perfect. 34 He makes his feet like hinds' feet, 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. Your gentleness has made me great. 37 You have enlarged my steps under me. My feet have not slipped. 38 I have pursued my enemies and destroyed them. I didn't turn again until they were consumed. 39 I have consumed them, and struck them through, so that they can't arise. Yes, they have fallen under my feet. 40 For you have armed 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 looked, but there was no one to save; even to Yahweh, but he didn't answer them. 43 Then I beat them as small as the dust of the earth. I crushed them as the mire of the streets, and spread them abroad. 44 You also have delivered me from the strivings of my people. You have kept me to be the head of the nations. A people whom I have not known will serve me. 45 The foreigners will submit themselves to me. As soon as they hear of me. they will obey me. 46 The foreigners will fade away,

them. 16 Then the channels of the sea appeared. The and will come trembling out of their close places. 47

23 Now these are the last words of David. David the son of Jesse says, the man who was raised on high says, the anointed of the God of Jacob, the sweet psalmist of Israel: 2 "Yahweh's Spirit 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 Isn't my house 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. Won't he make it grow? 6 But all the ungodly will be as thorns to be thrust away. because they can't be taken with the hand. 7 The man who touches them must be armed with iron and the staff of a spear. They will be utterly burned with fire in their place." 8 These are the names of the mighty men whom David had: Josheb Basshebeth a Tahchemonite, chief of the captains; he was called Adino the Eznite, who killed eight hundred at one time. 9 After him was Eleazar the son of Dodai the son of an Ahohite, one of the three mighty men with David when they defied the Philistines who were there gathered together to battle, and the men of Israel had gone away. 10 He arose and struck the Philistines until his hand was weary, and his hand froze to the sword: and Yahweh worked a great victory that day; and the people returned after him only to take plunder. 11 After him was Shammah the son of Agee a Hararite. The Philistines had gathered together into a troop where there was a plot of ground full of lentils: and the people fled from the Philistines. 12 But he stood in the middle of the plot and defended it, and killed the Philistines; and Yahweh worked a great victory. 13 Three of the thirty chief men went down, and came to David in the harvest time to the cave of Adullam; and the troop of the Philistines was encamped in the valley of Rephaim. 14 David was then in the stronghold; and the garrison of the Philistines was then in Bethlehem. 15 David said longingly, "Oh that someone would give me water to drink from the well of Bethlehem, which is by the gate!" 16 The three mighty men broke through the

army of the Philistines, and drew water out of the well of word prevailed against Joab and against the captains of Ithrite. 39 and Uriah the Hittite: thirty-seven in all.

24 Again Yahweh's anger burned against Israel, and he moved David against them, saying, "Go, count Israel and Judah." 2 The king said to Joab the captain of the army, who was with him, "Now go back and forth through all the tribes of Israel, from Dan even to Beersheba, and count the people, that I may know the sum of the people." 3 Joab said to the king, "Now may Yahweh your God add to the people, however many they may be, one hundred times; and may the eyes of my lord the king see it. But why does my lord the king delight in this thing?" 4 Notwithstanding, the king's

Bethlehem that was by the gate and took it and brought the army. Joab and the captains of the army went out it to David; but he would not drink of it, but poured it out from the presence of the king to count the people of to Yahweh. 17 He said, "Be it far from me, Yahweh, Israel. 5 They passed over the Jordan and encamped in that I should do this! Isn't this the blood of the men who Aroer, on the right side of the city that is in the middle of risked their lives to go?" Therefore he would not drink the valley of Gad, and to Jazer; 6 then they came to it. The three mighty men did these things. 18 Abishai, Gilead and to the land of Tahtim Hodshi; and they came the brother of Joab, the son of Zeruiah, was chief of to Dan Jaan and around to Sidon, 7 and came to the the three. He lifted up his spear against three hundred stronghold of Tyre, and to all the cities of the Hivites and killed them, and had a name among the three. 19 and of the Canaanites; and they went out to the south Wasn't he most honorable of the three? Therefore he of Judah, at Beersheba. 8 So when they had gone back was made their captain. However he wasn't included as and forth through all the land, they came to Jerusalem one of the three. 20 Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the at the end of nine months and twenty days. 9 Joab gave son of a valiant man of Kabzeel, who had done mighty up the sum of the counting of the people to the king; deeds, killed the two sons of Ariel of Moab. He also went and there were in Israel eight hundred thousand valiant down and killed a lion in the middle of a pit in a time of men who drew the sword, and the men of Judah were snow. 21 He killed a huge Egyptian, and the Egyptian five hundred thousand men. 10 David's heart struck him had a spear in his hand; but he went down to him with a after he had counted the people. David said to Yahweh, staff and plucked the spear out of the Egyptian's hand, "I have sinned greatly in that which I have done. But and killed him with his own spear. 22 Benaiah the son of now, Yahweh, put away, I beg you, the iniquity of your Jehoiada did these things, and had a name among the servant; for I have done very foolishly." 11 When David three mighty men. 23 He was more honorable than the rose up in the morning, Yahweh's word came to the thirty, but he didn't attain to the three. David set him prophet Gad, David's seer, saying, 12 "Go and speak to over his guard. 24 Asahel the brother of Joab was one David, 'Yahweh says, "I offer you three things. Choose of the thirty: Elhanan the son of Dodo of Bethlehem, 25 one of them, that I may do it to you."" 13 So Gad came Shammah the Harodite, Elika the Harodite, 26 Helez to David, and told him, saying, "Shall seven years of the Paltite, Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite, 27 Abiezer famine come to you in your land? Or will you flee three the Anathothite, Mebunnai the Hushathite, 28 Zalmon months before your foes while they pursue you? Or the Ahohite, Maharai the Netophathite, 29 Heleb the shall there be three days' pestilence in your land? Now son of Baanah the Netophathite, Ittai the son of Ribai answer, and consider what answer I shall return to him of Gibeah of the children of Benjamin, 30 Benaiah a who sent me." 14 David said to Gad, "I am in distress. Pirathonite, Hiddai of the brooks of Gaash. 31 Abialbon Let us fall now into Yahweh's hand, for his mercies are the Arbathite, Azmaveth the Barhumite, 32 Eliahba great. Let me not fall into man's hand." 15 So Yahweh the Shaalbonite, the sons of Jashen, Jonathan, 33 sent a pestilence on Israel from the morning even to the Shammah the Hararite, Ahiam the son of Sharar the appointed time; and seventy thousand men died of the Ararite, 34 Eliphelet the son of Ahasbai, the son of the people from Dan even to Beersheba. 16 When the angel Maacathite, Eliam the son of Ahithophel the Gilonite, stretched out his hand toward Jerusalem to destroy it, 35 Hezro the Carmelite, Paarai the Arbite, 36 Igal the Yahweh relented of the disaster, and said to the angel son of Nathan of Zobah, Bani the Gadite, 37 Zelek the who destroyed the people, "It is enough. Now withdraw Ammonite, Naharai the Beerothite, armor bearers to your hand." Yahweh's angel was by the threshing floor Joab the son of Zeruiah, 38 Ira the Ithrite, Gareb the of Araunah the Jebusite. 17 David spoke to Yahweh when he saw the angel who struck the people, and said. "Behold, I have sinned, and I have done perversely; but these sheep, what have they done? Please let your hand be against me, and against my father's house." 18 Gad came that day to David and said to him, "Go up, build an altar to Yahweh on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite." 19 David went up according to the saying of Gad, as Yahweh commanded. 20 Araunah looked out, and saw the king and his servants coming on toward him. Then Araunah went out and bowed himself before the king with his face to the ground. 21 Araunah said, "Why has my lord the king come to his servant?" David said, "To buy your threshing floor, to build an altar to Yahweh, that the plague may be stopped from afflicting the people." 22 Araunah said to David, "Let my lord the king take and offer up what seems good to him. Behold, the cattle for the burnt offering, and the threshing sledges and the yokes of the oxen for the wood. 23 All this, O king, does Araunah give to the king." Araunah said to the king, "May Yahweh your God accept you." 24 The king said to Araunah, "No, but I will most certainly buy it from you for a price. I will not offer burnt offerings to Yahweh my God which cost me nothing." So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver. 25 David built an altar to Yahweh there, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. So Yahweh was entreated for the land, and the plague was removed from Israel.

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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 a young virgin be sought for my lord the king. Let her stand before the king, and cherish him; and let her lie in your bosom, that my lord the king may keep warm." 3 So they sought for a beautiful young lady throughout all the borders of Israel, and found Abishag the Shunammite, and brought her to the king. 4 The young lady was very beautiful; and she cherished the king, and served him; but the king didn't know her intimately. 5 Then Adonijah the son of Haggith exalted himself, saying, "I will be king." Then he prepared him chariots and horsemen, and fifty men to run before him. 6 His father had not displeased him at any time in saying, "Why have you done so?" and he was also a very handsome man; and he was born after Absalom. 7 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, Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, Nathan the prophet, Shimei, Rei, and the mighty men who belonged to David, were not with Adonijah. 9 Adonijah killed sheep, cattle, and fatlings by the stone of Zoheleth, which is beside 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 didn't call Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah, and the mighty men, and Solomon his brother. 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 counsel, that you may save your own life and your son Solomon's life. 13 Go in to King David, and tell him, 'Didn't you, my lord the king, swear to your servant, saying, "Assuredly Solomon your son shall reign after me, and he shall sit on my throne"? Why then does Adonijah reign?' 14 Behold, while you are still talking there with the king, I will also come in after you and confirm your words." 15 Bathsheba went in to the king in his room. The king was very old; and Abishag the Shunammite was serving the king. 16 Bathsheba bowed and showed respect to the king. The king said, "What would you like?" 17 She said to him, "My lord, you swore by Yahweh your God to your servant, 'Assuredly Solomon your son shall reign after me, and he shall sit on my throne.' 18 Now, behold, Adonijah reigns; and you, my lord the king, don't know it. 19 He has slain cattle and fatlings and sheep in abundance, and has called all the sons of the king, Abiathar the priest, and Joab the captain of the army; but he hasn't called Solomon your servant. 20 You, my lord the king, the eyes of all Israel are on you, that you

should tell them who will sit on the throne of my lord the king after him. 21 Otherwise it will happen, when my lord the king sleeps with his fathers, that I and my son Solomon will be considered criminals." 22 Behold, while she was still talking with the king, Nathan the prophet came in. 23 They told the king, saying, "Behold, Nathan the prophet!" When he had come in before the king, he bowed himself before the king with his face to the ground. 24 Nathan said, "My lord, King, have you said, 'Adonijah shall reign after me, and he shall sit on my throne'? 25 For he has gone down today, and has slain cattle, fatlings, and sheep in abundance, and has called all the king's sons, the captains of the army, and Abiathar the priest. Behold, they are eating and drinking before him, and saying, 'Long live King Adonijah!' 26 But he hasn't called me, even me your servant, Zadok the priest, Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and your servant Solomon. 27 Was this thing done by my lord the king, and you haven't shown to your servants who should sit on the throne of my lord the king after him?" 28 Then King David answered, "Call Bathsheba in to me." She came into the king's presence and stood before the king. 29 The king vowed and said, "As Yahweh lives, who has redeemed my soul out of all adversity, 30 most certainly as I swore to you by Yahweh, the God of Israel, saying, 'Assuredly Solomon your son shall reign after me, and he shall sit on my throne in my place;' I will most certainly do this today." 31 Then Bathsheba bowed with her face to the earth and showed respect to the king, and said, "Let my lord King David live forever!" 32 King David said, "Call 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 cause Solomon my son to ride on my own mule, and bring him down to Gihon. 34 Let Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him there king over Israel. Blow the trumpet, and say, 'Long live King Solomon!' 35 Then 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 Jehojada answered the king, and said, "Amen. May Yahweh, the God of my lord the king, say so. 37 As Yahweh 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, Nathan the prophet, Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites and the Pelethites went down and had Solomon ride on King David's mule, and brought him to Gihon. 39 Zadok the priest took the horn of oil from the Tent, and anointed Solomon. They blew the trumpet; and all the people said, "Long live King Solomon!" 40 All the people came

rejoiced with great joy, so that the earth shook with their Abner the son of Ner and to Amasa the son of Jether, sound. 41 Adonijah and all the guests who were with whom he killed, and shed the blood of war in peace, him heard it as they had finished eating. When Joab and put the blood of war on his sash that was around came; and Adonijah said, "Come in; for you are a worthy But show kindness to the sons of Barzillai the Gileadite, man, and bring good news." 43 Jonathan answered and let them be among those who eat at your table; and the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and they have grievous curse in the day when I went to Mahanaim; in Gihon. They have come up from there rejoicing, death with the sword.' 9 Now therefore don't hold him so that the city rang again. This is the noise that you guiltless, for you are a wise man; and you will know the horns of the altar. 51 Solomon was told, "Behold, on." 15 He said, "You know that the kingdom was mine, Adonijah fears King Solomon; for, behold, he is hanging and that all Israel set their faces on me, that I should Solomon sent, and they brought him down from the Abishag the Shunammite as wife." 18 Bathsheba said, Solomon said to him, "Go to your house." 2 Now the days of David came 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 Yahweh 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 Then Yahweh may establish his word which he spoke concerning me, saying, 'If your children are careful of their way, to walk before me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul, there shall not fail you,' he said, 'a man on the throne of Israel.' 5 "Moreover you know also what Joab the son of Zeruiah did to me, even what

up after him, and the people piped with pipes, and he did to the two captains of the armies of Israel, to heard the sound of the trumpet, he said, "Why is this his waist and in his sandals that were on his feet. 6 Do noise of the city being in an uproar?" 42 While he yet therefore according to your wisdom, and don't let his spoke, behold, Jonathan the son of Abiathar the priest gray head go down to Sheol in peace. (Sheol h7585) 7 Adonijah, "Most certainly our lord King David has made for so they came to me when I fled from Absalom your Solomon king. 44 The king has sent with him Zadok the brother. 8 "Behold, there is with you Shimei the son of priest, Nathan the prophet, Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, Gera, the Benjamite of Bahurim, who cursed me with a caused him to ride on the king's mule. 45 Zadok the but he came down to meet me at the Jordan, and I priest and Nathan the prophet have anointed him king swore to him by Yahweh, saying, 'I will not put you to have heard. 46 Also, Solomon sits on the throne of the what you ought to do to him, and you shall bring his kingdom. 47 Moreover the king's servants came to bless gray head down to Sheol with blood." (Sheol h7585) 10 our lord King David, saying, 'May your God make the David slept with his fathers, and was buried in David's name of Solomon better than your name, and make his city. 11 The days that David reigned over Israel were throne greater than your throne;' and the king bowed forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and he himself on the bed. 48 Also thus said the king, 'Blessed' reigned thirty-three years in Jerusalem. 12 Solomon sat be Yahweh, the God of Israel, who has given one to sit on David his father's throne; and his kingdom was firmly on my throne today, my eyes even seeing it." 49 All the established. 13 Then Adonijah the son of Haggith came guests of Adonijah were afraid, and rose up, and each to Bathsheba the mother of Solomon. She said, "Do man went his way. 50 Adonijah was afraid because you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably. 14 He said of Solomon; and he arose, and went, and hung onto moreover, I have something to tell you." She said, "Say onto the horns of the altar, saying, 'Let King Solomon' reign. However, the kingdom is turned around, and has swear to me first that he will not kill his servant with become my brother's; for it was his from Yahweh. 16 the sword." 52 Solomon said, "If he shows himself a Now I ask one petition of you. Don't deny me." She said worthy man, not a hair of his shall fall to the earth; but if to him, "Say on." 17 He said, "Please speak to Solomon wickedness is found in him, he shall die." 53 So King the king (for he will not tell you 'no'), that he give me altar. He came and bowed down to King Solomon; and "All right. I will 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; don't 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; even for him, and for Abiathar the priest, and for Joab the son of Zeruiah." 23 Then King Solomon swore by Yahweh, saying, "God do so to me, and more also, if Adonijah has not spoken this word against his own life. 24 Now therefore as Yahweh lives, who has

and who has made me a house as he promised, surely come again. 42 The king sent and called for Shimei, Adonijah shall be put to death today." 25 King Solomon and said to him, "Didn't I adjure you by Yahweh and sent Benaiah the son of Jehoiada; and he fell on him, warn you, saying, 'Know for certain that on the day you so that he died. 26 To Abiathar the priest the king said, go out and walk anywhere else, you shall surely die? "Go to Anathoth, to your own fields, for you are worthy You said to me, 'The saying that I have heard is good.' of death. But I will not at this time put you to death, 43 Why then have you not kept the oath of Yahweh and because you bore the Lord Yahweh's ark before David the commandment that I have instructed you with?" my father, and because you were afflicted in all in which 44 The king said moreover to Shimei, "You know in my father was afflicted." 27 So Solomon thrust Abiathar your heart all the wickedness that you did to David my out from being priest to Yahweh, that he might fulfill father. Therefore Yahweh will return your wickedness on Yahweh's word which he spoke concerning the house of your own head. 45 But King Solomon will be blessed, Eli in Shiloh. 28 This news came to Joab; for Joab had and David's throne will be established before Yahweh followed Adonijah, although he didn't follow Absalom. forever." 46 So the king commanded Benaiah the son Joab fled to Yahweh's Tent, and held onto the horns of of Jehoiada; and he went out, and fell on him, so that the altar. 29 King Solomon was told. "Joab has fled to he died. The kingdom was established in the hand of Yahweh's Tent; and behold, he is by the altar." Then Solomon. Solomon sent Benaiah the son of Jehojada, saving, "Go, fall on him." 30 Benaiah came to Yahweh's Tent, and said to him, "The king says, 'Come out!" He said, "No; but I will die here." Benaiah brought the king word again, saying, "This is what Joab said, and this is how 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 the blood, which Joab shed without cause, from me and from my father's house. 32 Yahweh 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 didn't know it: Abner the son of Ner, captain of the army of Israel, and Amasa the son of Jether, captain of the army of Judah. 33 So their blood will return on the head of Joab and on the head of his offspring forever. But for David, for his offspring, for his house, and for his throne, there will be peace forever from Yahweh." 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 live there, and don't go anywhere else. 37 For on the day you go out and pass over the brook Kidron, know for certain that you will surely die. Your blood will be on your own head." 38 Shimei said to the king, "What you say is good. As my lord the king has said, so will your servant do." Shimei lived in Jerusalem many days. 39 At the end of three years, two of Shimei's slaves ran away to Achish, son of Maacah, king of Gath. They told Shimei, saying, "Behold, your slaves are in Gath." 40 Shimei arose, saddled his donkey, and went to Gath to Achish to seek his slaves; and Shimei went and brought his slaves from Gath. 41 Solomon was told

established me and set me on my father David's throne. that Shimei had gone from Jerusalem to Gath, and had

Solomon made a marriage alliance with Pharaoh king of Egypt. He took Pharaoh's daughter and brought her into David's city until he had finished building his own house, Yahweh's house, and the wall around Jerusalem. 2 However, the people sacrificed in the high places, because there was not yet a house built for Yahweh's name. 3 Solomon loved Yahweh, walking in the statutes of David his father, except that he sacrificed and burned 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, Yahweh appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask for what I should give you." 6 Solomon said, "You have shown to vour servant David my father great loving kindness, because he walked before you in truth, 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 today. 7 Now, Yahweh my God, you have made your servant king instead of David my father. I am just a little child. I don't know how to go out or come in. 8 Your servant is among your people which you have chosen, a great people, that can't be numbered or counted for multitude. 9 Give your servant therefore an understanding heart to judge your people, that I may discern between good and evil; for who is able to judge this great people of yours?" 10 This request 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, nor have you asked for riches for yourself, nor have you asked for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern justice, 12 behold, I have done according to your word. Behold, I have given you a wise and understanding heart, so that there has

been no one like you before you, and after you none will the men subject to forced labor. 7 Solomon had twelve arise like you. 13 I have also given you that which you officers over all Israel, who provided food for the king have not asked, both riches and honor, so that there and his household. Each man had to make provision for will not be any among the kings like you for all your a month in the year. 8 These are their names: Ben Hur, days. 14 If you will walk in my ways, to keep my statutes in the hill country of Ephraim; 9 Ben Deker, in Makaz, and my commandments, as your father David walked, in Shaalbim, Beth Shemesh, and Elon Beth Hanan; then I will lengthen your days." 15 Solomon awoke; and 10 Ben Hesed, in Arubboth (Socoh and all the land of behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem Hepher belonged to him); 11 Ben Abinadab, in all the and stood before the ark of Yahweh's covenant, and height of Dor (he had Taphath, Solomon's daughter, offered up burnt offerings, offered peace offerings, and as wife); 12 Baana the son of Ahilud, in Taanach and made a feast for all his servants. 16 Then two women Megiddo, and all Beth Shean which is beside Zarethan, who were prostitutes came to the king, and stood before beneath Jezreel, from Beth Shean to Abel Meholah, him. 17 The one woman said, "Oh, my lord, I and this as far as beyond Jokmeam; 13 Ben Geber, in Ramoth woman dwell in one house. I delivered a child with her Gilead (the towns of Jair the son of Manasseh, which in the house. 18 The third day after I delivered, this are in Gilead, belonged to him; and the region of Argob, woman delivered also. We were together. There was no which is in Bashan, sixty great cities with walls and stranger with us in the house, just us two in the house. bronze bars, belonged to him); 14 Ahinadab the son of 19 This woman's child died in the night, because she lay Iddo, in Mahanaim; 15 Ahimaaz, in Naphtali (he also on it. 20 She arose at midnight, and took my son from took Basemath the daughter of Solomon as wife); 16 beside me while your servant slept, and laid it in her Baana the son of Hushai, in Asher and Bealoth; 17 bosom, and laid her dead child in my bosom. 21 When I Jehoshaphat the son of Paruah, in Issachar; 18 Shimei rose in the morning to nurse my child, behold, he was the son of Ela, in Benjamin; 19 Geber the son of Uri, dead; but when I had looked at him in the morning, in the land of Gilead, the country of Sihon king of the behold, it was not my son whom I bore." 22 The other Amorites and of Og king of Bashan; and he was the woman said, "No! But the living one is my son, and the only officer who was in the land. 20 Judah and Israel dead one is your son." The first one said, "No! But the were numerous as the sand which is by the sea in dead one is your son, and the living one is my son." multitude, eating and drinking and making merry. 21 They argued like this before the king. 23 Then the king Solomon ruled over all the kingdoms from the River to said, "One says, 'This is my son who lives, and your the land of the Philistines, and to the border of Egypt. son is the dead one;' and the other says, 'No! But your They brought tribute and served Solomon all the days of son is the dead one, and my son is the living one." 24 his life. 22 Solomon's provision for one day was thirty The king said, "Get me a sword." So they brought a cors of fine flour, sixty measures of meal, 23 ten head sword before the king. 25 The king said, "Divide the of fat cattle, twenty head of cattle out of the pastures, living child in two, and give half to the one, and half to and one hundred sheep, in addition to deer, gazelles, the other." 26 Then the woman whose the living child roebucks, and fattened fowl. 24 For he had dominion was spoke to the king, for her heart yearned over her over all on this side the River, from Tiphsah even to son, and she said, "Oh, my lord, give her the living child, Gaza, over all the kings on this side the River; and and in no way kill him!" But the other said, "He shall be he had peace on all sides around him. 25 Judah and neither mine nor yours. Divide him." 27 Then the king Israel lived safely, every man under his vine and under answered, "Give the first woman the living child, and his fig tree, from Dan even to Beersheba, all the days definitely do not kill him. She is his mother." 28 All Israel of Solomon. 26 Solomon had forty thousand stalls of heard of the judgment which the king had judged; and horses for his charjots, and twelve thousand horsemen. they feared the king, for they saw that the wisdom of 27 Those officers provided food for King Solomon, and God was in him to do justice.

▲ King Solomon was king over all Israel. 2 These were the princes 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 Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the army; Zadok and Abiathar were priests; 5 Azariah the son of Nathan was over the officers; Zabud the son of Nathan was chief minister, the king's friend; 6 Ahishar was over the household; and Adoniram the son of Abda was over

for all who came to King Solomon's table, every man in his month. They let nothing be lacking. 28 They also brought barley and straw for the horses and swift steeds to the place where the officers were, each man according to his duty. 29 God gave Solomon abundant wisdom, understanding, and breadth of mind like the sand that is on the seashore. 30 Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the children of the east and all the wisdom of Egypt. 31 For he was wiser than all men-wiser than Ethan the Ezrahite, Heman, Calcol,

the nations all around. 32 He spoke three thousand were over the work; three thousand three hundred who proverbs, and his songs numbered one thousand five. ruled over the people who labored in the work. 17 The 33 He spoke of trees, from the cedar that is in Lebanon king commanded, and they cut out large stones, costly even to the hyssop that grows out of the wall; he also stones, to lay the foundation of the house with worked spoke of animals, of birds, of creeping things, and of stone. 18 Solomon's builders and Hiram's builders and fish. 34 People of all nations came to hear the wisdom the Gebalites cut them, and prepared the timber and the of Solomon, sent by all kings of the earth who had heard stones to build the house. of his wisdom.

5 Hiram king of Tyre sent his servants to Solomon. in the place of his father, and Hiram had always loved David. 2 Solomon sent to Hiram, saying, 3 "You know that David my father could not build a house for the name of Yahweh his God because of the wars which were around him on every side, until Yahweh put his enemies under the soles of his feet. 4 But now Yahweh my God has given me rest on every side. There is no enemy and no evil occurrence. 5 Behold, I intend to build a house for the name of Yahweh my God, as Yahweh spoke to David my father, saying, 'Your son, whom I will set on your throne in your place shall build the house for my name.' 6 Now therefore command that cedar trees be cut for me out of Lebanon. My servants will be with your servants; and I will give you wages for your servants according to all that you say. For you know that there is nobody among us who knows how to cut timber like the Sidonians." 7 When Hiram heard the words of Solomon, he rejoiced greatly, and said, "Blessed is Yahweh today, who has given to David a wise son to rule over this great people." 8 Hiram sent to Solomon, saying, "I have heard the message which you have sent to me. I will do all your desire concerning timber of cedar, and concerning cypress timber. 9 My servants will bring them down from Lebanon to the sea. I will make them into rafts to go by sea to the place that you specify to me, and will cause them to be broken up there, and you will receive them. You will accomplish my desire, in giving food for my household." 10 So Hiram gave Solomon cedar timber and cypress timber according to all his desire. 11 Solomon gave Hiram twenty thousand cors of wheat for food to his household, and twenty cors of pure oil. Solomon gave this to Hiram year by year. 12 Yahweh gave Solomon wisdom, as he promised him. There was peace between Hiram and Solomon, and the two of them made a treaty together. 13 King Solomon raised a levy out of all Israel; and the levy was thirty thousand men. 14 He sent them to Lebanon, ten thousand a month by courses: for a month they were in Lebanon, and two months at home; and Adoniram was over the men subject to forced labor. and eighty thousand who were stone cutters in the

and Darda, the sons of Mahol: and his fame was in all mountains. 16 besides Solomon's chief officers who

6 In the four hundred and eightieth year after the children of Israel had come out of the land of Egypt, for he had heard that they had anointed him king in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month Ziv, which is the second month, he began to build Yahweh's house. 2 The house which King Solomon built for Yahweh had a length of sixty cubits, and its width twenty, and its height thirty cubits. 3 The porch in front of the temple of the house had a length of twenty cubits, which was along the width of the house. Ten cubits was its width in front of the house. 4 He made windows of fixed lattice work for the house. 5 Against the wall of the house, he built floors all around, against the walls of the house all around, both of the temple and of the inner sanctuary; and he made side rooms all around. 6 The lowest floor was five cubits wide, and the middle was six cubits wide, and the third was seven cubits wide; for on the outside he made offsets in the wall of the house all around, that the beams should not be inserted into the walls of the house. 7 The house, when it was under construction, was built of stone prepared at the quarry; and no hammer or ax or any tool of iron was heard in the house while it was under construction. 8 The door for the middle side rooms was in the right side of the house. They went up by winding stairs into the middle floor, and out of the middle into the third. 9 So he built the house and finished it; and he covered the house with beams and planks of cedar. 10 He built the floors all along the house, each five cubits high; and they rested on the house with timbers of cedar. 11 Yahweh's word came to Solomon, saying, 12 "Concerning this house which you are building, if you will walk in my statutes, and execute my ordinances, and keep all my commandments to walk in them, then I will establish my word with you, which I spoke to David your father. 13 I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will not forsake my people Israel." 14 So Solomon built the house and finished it. 15 He built the walls of the house within with boards of cedar; from the floor of the house to the walls of the ceiling, he covered them on the inside with wood. He covered the floor of the house with cypress boards. 16 He built twenty cubits of the back part of the house with boards of cedar from the floor to the ceiling. He built this within. for an inner sanctuary, even for the most holy place. 17 15 Solomon had seventy thousand who bore burdens, In front of the temple sanctuary was forty cubits long.

buds and open flowers. All was cedar. No stone was the pillars. 3 It was covered with cedar above over the visible. 19 He prepared an inner sanctuary in the middle forty-five beams that were on the pillars, fifteen in a row. of the house within, to set the ark of Yahweh's covenant 4 There were beams in three rows, and window was there. 20 Within the inner sanctuary was twenty cubits facing window in three ranks. 5 All the doors and posts in length, and twenty cubits in width, and twenty cubits were made square with beams; and window was facing in its height. He overlaid it with pure gold. He covered window in three ranks. 6 He made the hall of pillars. the altar with cedar. 21 So Solomon overlaid the house Its length was fifty cubits and its width thirty cubits, within with pure gold. He drew chains of gold across with a porch before them, and pillars and a threshold before the inner sanctuary, and he overlaid it with gold. before them. 7 He made the porch of the throne where house was finished. He also overlaid the whole altar was covered with cedar from floor to floor. 8 His house that belonged to the inner sanctuary with gold. 23 In the where he was to dwell, the other court within the porch, inner sanctuary he made two cherubim of olive wood, was of the same construction. He made also a house each ten cubits high. 24 Five cubits was the length of for Pharaoh's daughter (whom Solomon had taken as one wing of the cherub, and five cubits was the length of wife), like this porch. 9 All these were of costly stones, the other wing of the cherub. From the tip of one wing to even of stone cut according to measure, sawed with the tip of the other was ten cubits. 25 The other cherub saws, inside and outside, even from the foundation to was ten cubits. Both the cherubim were of one measure the coping, and so on the outside to the great court. and one form. 26 One cherub was ten cubits high, 10 The foundation was of costly stones, even great and so was the other cherub. 27 He set the cherubim stones, stones of ten cubits and stones of eight cubits. within the inner house. The wings of the cherubim were 11 Above were costly stones, even cut stone, according stretched out, so that the wing of the one touched the to measure, and cedar wood. 12 The great court around one wall and the wing of the other cherub touched the had three courses of cut stone with a course of cedar other wall; and their wings touched one another in the beams, like the inner court of Yahweh's house and the middle of the house. 28 He overlaid the cherubim with porch of the house. 13 King Solomon sent and brought gold. 29 He carved all the walls of the house around Hiram out of Tyre. 14 He was the son of a widow of the with carved figures of cherubim, palm trees, and open tribe of Naphtali, and his father was a man of Tyre, a flowers, inside and outside. 30 He overlaid the floor worker in bronze; and he was filled with wisdom and of the house with gold, inside and outside. 31 For the understanding and skill to work all works in bronze. He entrance of the inner sanctuary, he made doors of olive came to King Solomon and performed all his work. 15 wood. The lintel and door posts were a fifth part of the For he fashioned the two pillars of bronze, eighteen wall. 32 So he made two doors of olive wood; and he cubits high apiece; and a line of twelve cubits encircled carved on them carvings of cherubim, palm trees, and either of them. 16 He made two capitals of molten open flowers, and overlaid them with gold. He spread bronze to set on the tops of the pillars. The height of the gold on the cherubim and on the palm trees. 33 the one capital was five cubits, and the height of the He also made the entrance of the temple door posts of other capital was five cubits. 17 There were nets of olive wood, out of a fourth part of the wall, 34 and two checker work and wreaths of chain work for the capitals doors of cypress wood. The two leaves of the one door which were on the top of the pillars: seven for the one were folding, and the two leaves of the other door were capital, and seven for the other capital. 18 So he made folding. 35 He carved cherubim, palm trees, and open the pillars; and there were two rows of pomegranates flowers: and he overlaid them with gold fitted on the around the one network, to cover the capitals that were engraved work. 36 He built the inner court with three on the top of the pillars; and he did so for the other courses of cut stone and a course of cedar beams. 37 capital. 19 The capitals that were on the top of the pillars The foundation of Yahweh's house was laid in the fourth in the porch were of lily work, four cubits. 20 There were year, in the month Ziv. 38 In the eleventh year, in the capitals above also on the two pillars, close by the belly month Bul, which is the eighth month, the house was which was beside the network. There were two hundred finished throughout all its parts and according to all its pomegranates in rows around the other capital. 21 He specifications. So he spent seven years building it.

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 cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty

18 There was cedar on the house within, carved with cubits, on four rows of cedar pillars, with cedar beams on 22 He overlaid the whole house with gold, until all the he was to judge, even the porch of judgment; and it set up the pillars at the porch of the temple. He set up the right pillar and called its name Jachin; and he set up the left pillar and called its name Boaz. 22 On the tops of the pillars was lily work. So the work of the pillars was finished. 23 He made the molten sea ten cubits

cubits; and a line of thirty cubits encircled it. 24 Under 43 the ten bases; the ten basins on the bases; 44 the its brim around there were buds which encircled it for one sea; the twelve oxen under the sea; 45 the pots; ten cubits, encircling the sea. The buds were in two the shovels; and the basins. All of these vessels, which rows, cast when it was cast. 25 It stood on twelve oxen, Hiram made for King Solomon in Yahweh's house, were three looking toward the north, and three looking toward of burnished bronze. 46 The king cast them in the plain the west, and three looking toward the south, and three of the Jordan, in the clay ground between Succoth and looking toward the east; and the sea was set on them Zarethan. 47 Solomon left all the vessels unweighed, above, and all their hindquarters were inward. 26 It was because there were so many of them. The weight of the a hand width thick. Its brim was worked like the brim of bronze could not be determined. 48 Solomon made all a cup, like the flower of a lily. It held two thousand baths. the vessels that were in Yahweh's house: the golden 27 He made the ten bases of bronze. The length of one altar and the table that the show bread was on, of gold; base was four cubits, four cubits its width, and three 49 and the lamp stands, five on the right side and five on cubits its height. 28 The work of the bases was like the left, in front of the inner sanctuary, of pure gold; and this: they had panels; and there were panels between the flowers, the lamps, and the tongs, of gold; 50 the the ledges: 29 and on the panels that were between cups, the snuffers, the basins, the spoons, and the fire the ledges were lions, oxen, and cherubim; and on pans, of pure gold; and the hinges, both for the doors of the ledges there was a pedestal above; and beneath the inner house, the most holy place, and for the doors the lions and oxen were wreaths of hanging work. 30 of the house, of the temple, of gold. 51 Thus all the Every base had four bronze wheels and axles of bronze; work that King Solomon did in Yahweh's house was and its four feet had supports. The supports were cast finished. Solomon brought in the things which David beneath the basin, with wreaths at the side of each. 31 his father had dedicated—the silver, the gold, and the Its opening within the capital and above was a cubit. Its vessels—and put them in the treasuries of Yahweh's opening was round like the work of a pedestal, a cubit house. and a half; and also on its opening were engravings, and their panels were square, not round. 32 The four wheels were underneath the panels; and the axles of the wheels were in the base. The height of a wheel was a cubit and half a cubit. 33 The work of the wheels was like the work of a chariot wheel. Their axles, their rims, their spokes, and their hubs were all of cast metal. 34 There were four supports at the four corners of each base. Its supports were of the base itself. 35 In the top of the base there was a round band half a cubit high; and on the top of the base its supports and its panels were the same. 36 On the plates of its supports and on its panels, he engraved cherubim, lions, and palm trees, each in its space, with wreaths all around. 37 He made the ten bases in this way: all of them had one casting, one measure, and one form. 38 He made ten basins of bronze. One basin contained forty baths. Every basin measured four cubits. One basin was on every one of the ten bases. 39 He set the bases, five on the right side of the house and five on the left side of the house. He set the sea on the right side of the house eastward and toward the south. 40 Hiram made the pots, the shovels, and the basins. So Hiram finished doing all the work that he worked for King Solomon in Yahweh's house: 41 the two pillars; the two bowls of the capitals that were on the top of the pillars; the two networks to cover the two bowls of the capitals that were on the top of the pillars; 42 the four hundred pomegranates for the two networks; two rows of pomegranates for each network, to cover

from brim to brim, round in shape. Its height was five the two bowls of the capitals that were on the pillars:

8 Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel with all the heads of the tribes, the princes of the fathers' households of the children of Israel, to King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of Yahweh's covenant out of David's city, 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 picked up the ark. 4 They brought up Yahweh's ark, the Tent of Meeting, and all the holy vessels that were in the Tent. The priests and the Levites brought these 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 or numbered for multitude. 6 The priests brought in the ark of Yahweh's covenant to its place, into the inner sanctuary of the house, to the most holy place, even under the cherubim's wings. 7 For the cherubim spread their wings out 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. They are there to this day. 9 There was nothing in the ark except the two stone tablets which Moses put there at Horeb, when Yahweh 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 Yahweh's house. 11 so that you have said, 'My name shall be there;' to listen to the the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the prayer which your servant prays toward this place. 30 cloud; for Yahweh's glory filled Yahweh's house. 12 Listen to the supplication of your servant, and of your Then Solomon said, "Yahweh has said that he would people Israel, when they pray toward this place. Yes, dwell in the thick darkness. 13 I have surely built you a hear in heaven, your dwelling place; and when you house of habitation, a place for you to dwell in forever." hear, forgive. 31 "If a man sins against his neighbor, 14 The king turned his face around and blessed all the and an oath is laid on him to cause him to swear, assembly of Israel; and all the assembly of Israel stood. and he comes and swears before your altar in this 15 He said, "Blessed is Yahweh, the God of Israel, who house, 32 then hear in heaven, and act, and judge your spoke with his mouth to David your father, and has servants, condemning the wicked, to bring his way on with his hand fulfilled it, saying, 16 'Since the day that I his own head, and justifying the righteous, to give him brought my people Israel out of Egypt, I chose no city according to his righteousness. 33 "When your people out of all the tribes of Israel to build a house, that my Israel are struck down before the enemy because they name might be there; but I chose David to be over my have sinned against you, if they turn again to you and people Israel.' 17 "Now it was in the heart of David confess your name, and pray and make supplication to my father to build a house for the name of Yahweh, you in this house, 34 then hear in heaven, and forgive the God of Israel. 18 But Yahweh said to David my the sin of your people Israel, and bring them again to father, 'Whereas it was in your heart to build a house the land which you gave to their fathers. 35 "When the for my name, you did well that it was in your heart. 19 sky is shut up and there is no rain because they have Nevertheless, you shall not build the house; but your sinned against you, if they pray toward this place and son who shall come out of your body, he shall build the confess your name, and turn from their sin when you house for my name.' 20 Yahweh has established his afflict them, 36 then hear in heaven, and forgive the sin word that he spoke; for I have risen up in the place of of your servants, and of your people Israel, when you David my father, and I sit on the throne of Israel, as teach them the good way in which they should walk; Yahweh promised, and have built the house for the and send rain on your land which you have given to name of Yahweh, the God of Israel. 21 There I have your people for an inheritance. 37 "If there is famine in set a place for the ark, in which is Yahweh's covenant, the land, if there is pestilence, if there is blight, mildew, which he made with our fathers when he brought them locust or caterpillar; if their enemy besieges them in the out of the land of Egypt." 22 Solomon stood before land of their cities, whatever plaque, whatever sickness Yahweh's altar in the presence of all the assembly of there is, 38 whatever prayer and supplication is made Israel, and spread out his hands toward heaven; 23 and by any man, or by all your people Israel, who shall he said, "Yahweh, the God of Israel, there is no God like each know the plague of his own heart, and spread out you, in heaven above, or on earth beneath; who keeps his hands toward this house, 39 then hear in heaven, covenant and loving kindness with your servants who your dwelling place, and forgive, and act, and give to walk before you with all their heart; 24 who has kept with every man according to all his ways, whose heart you your servant David my father that which you promised know (for you, even you only, know the hearts of all him. Yes, you spoke with your mouth, and have fulfilled the children of men); 40 that they may fear you all the it with your hand, as it is today. 25 Now therefore, may days that they live in the land which you gave to our Yahweh, the God of Israel, keep with your servant David fathers. 41 "Moreover, concerning the foreigner, who is my father that which you have promised him, saying, not of your people Israel, when he comes out of a far 'There shall not fail from you a man in my sight to sit on country for your name's sake 42 (for they shall hear of the throne of Israel, if only your children take heed to your great name and of your mighty hand and of your their way, to walk before me as you have walked before outstretched arm), when he comes and prays toward me.' 26 "Now therefore, God of Israel, please let your this house, 43 hear in heaven, your dwelling place, and word be verified, which you spoke to your servant David do according to all that the foreigner calls to you for; that my father. 27 But will God in very deed dwell on the all the peoples of the earth may know your name, to fear earth? Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens can't you, as do your people Israel, and that they may know contain you; how much less this house that I have built! that this house which I have built is called by your name. 28 Yet have respect for the prayer of your servant and 44 "If your people go out to battle against their enemy, for his supplication, Yahweh my God, to listen to the by whatever way you shall send them, and they pray to cry and to the prayer which your servant prays before Yahweh toward the city which you have chosen, and you today; 29 that your eyes may be open toward this toward the house which I have built for your name, 45 house night and day, even toward the place of which then hear in heaven their prayer and their supplication,

there is no man who doesn't sin), and you are angry thousand sheep. So the king and all the children of with them and deliver them to the enemy, so that they Israel dedicated Yahweh's house. 64 The same day the carry them away captive to the land of the enemy, far off king made the middle of the court holy that was before or near; 47 yet if they repent in the land where they are Yahweh's house; for there he offered the burnt offering, carried captive, and turn again, and make supplication the meal offering, and the fat of the peace offerings, to you in the land of those who carried them captive, because the bronze altar that was before Yahweh was saying, 'We have sinned and have done perversely; we too little to receive the burnt offering, the meal offering, have dealt wickedly,' 48 if they return to you with all their and the fat of the peace offerings. 65 So Solomon held heart and with all their soul in the land of their enemies the feast at that time, and all Israel with him, a great who carried them captive, and pray to you toward their assembly, from the entrance of Hamath to the brook of land which you gave to their fathers, the city which you Egypt, before Yahweh our God, seven days and seven have chosen and the house which I have built for your more days, even fourteen days. 66 On the eighth day name, 49 then hear their prayer and their supplication in he sent the people away; and they blessed the king, heaven, your dwelling place, and maintain their cause; and went to their tents joyful and glad in their hearts for 50 and forgive your people who have sinned against all the goodness that Yahweh had shown to David his you, and all their transgressions in which they have servant, and to Israel his people. transgressed against you; and give them compassion before those who carried them captive, that they may have compassion on them 51 (for they are your people and your inheritance, which you brought out of Egypt, from the middle of the iron furnace); 52 that your eyes may be open to the supplication of your servant and to the supplication of your people Israel, to listen to them whenever they cry to you. 53 For you separated them from among all the peoples of the earth to be your inheritance, as you spoke by Moses your servant, when you brought our fathers out of Egypt, Lord Yahweh." 54 It was so, that when Solomon had finished praying all this prayer and supplication to Yahweh, he arose from before Yahweh's altar, from kneeling on his knees with his hands spread out toward heaven. 55 He stood and blessed all the assembly of Israel with a loud voice. saying, 56 "Blessed be Yahweh, who has given rest to his people Israel, according to all that he promised. There has not failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised by Moses his servant. 57 May Yahweh our God be with us as he was with our fathers. Let him not leave us or forsake us, 58 that he may incline our hearts to him, to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, his statutes, and his ordinances. which he commanded our fathers. 59 Let these my words, with which I have made supplication before Yahweh, be near to Yahweh our God day and night. that he may maintain the cause of his servant and the cause of his people Israel, as every day requires; 60 that all the peoples of the earth may know that Yahweh himself is God. There is no one else. 61 "Let your heart therefore be perfect with Yahweh our God, to walk in his statutes, and to keep his commandments, as it is today." 62 The king, and all Israel with him, offered sacrifice before Yahweh. 63 Solomon offered for the sacrifice of peace offerings, which he offered to Yahweh, twenty

and maintain their cause. 46 If they sin against you (for two thousand head of cattle and one hundred twenty

9 When Solomon had finished the building of Yahweh's house, the king's house, and all Solomon's desire which he was pleased to do, 2 Yahweh appeared to Solomon the second time, as he had appeared to him at Gibeon. 3 Yahweh said to him, "I have heard your prayer and your supplication that you have made before me. I have made this house holy, which you have built, to put my name there forever; and my eyes and my heart shall 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, as I promised to David your father, saying, 'There shall not fail from 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 go and serve other gods and worship them, 7 then I will cut off Israel out of the land which I have given them; and I will cast this house, which I have made holy for my name, out of my sight; and Israel will be a proverb and a byword among all peoples. 8 Though this house is so high, yet everyone who passes by it will be astonished and hiss; and they will say, 'Why has Yahweh done this to this land and to this house?' 9 and they will answer, 'Because they abandoned Yahweh their God, who brought their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and embraced other gods, and worshiped them, and served them. Therefore Yahweh has brought all this evil on them." 10 At the end of twenty years, in which Solomon had built the two houses, Yahweh's house and the king's house 11 (now Hiram the king of Tyre had furnished Solomon with cedar trees and cypress trees, and with gold, according to all his desire), King Solomon

gave Hiram twenty cities in the land of Galilee. 12 Hiram had seen all the wisdom of Solomon, the house that came out of Tyre to see the cities which Solomon had he had built, 5 the food of his table, the sitting of his given him; and they didn't please him. 13 He said, "What servants, the attendance of his officials, their clothing, cities are these which you have given me, my brother?" his cup bearers, and his ascent by which he went up to He called them the land of Cabul to this day. 14 Hiram Yahweh's house, there was no more spirit in her. 6 She sent to the king one hundred twenty talents of gold. said to the king, "It was a true report that I heard in my 15 This is the reason of the forced labor which King own land of your acts and of your wisdom. 7 However, I Solomon conscripted: to build Yahweh's house, his own didn't believe the words until I came and my eyes had house, Millo, Jerusalem's wall, Hazor, Megiddo, and seen it. Behold, not even half was told me! Your wisdom Gezer. 16 Pharaoh king of Egypt had gone up, taken and prosperity exceed the fame which I heard. 8 Happy Gezer, burned it with fire, killed the Canaanites who are your men, happy are these your servants who lived in the city, and given it for a wedding gift to his stand continually before you, who hear your wisdom. 9 daughter, Solomon's wife. 17 Solomon built in the land Blessed is Yahweh your God, who delighted in you, Gezer, Beth Horon the lower, 18 Baalath, Tamar in the to set you on the throne of Israel. Because Yahweh wilderness, 19 all the storage cities that Solomon had, loved Israel forever, therefore he made you king, to do the cities for his chariots, the cities for his horsemen, justice and righteousness." 10 She gave the king one and that which Solomon desired to build for his pleasure hundred twenty talents of gold, and a very great quantity in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and in all the land of his of spices, and precious stones. Never again was there dominion. 20 As for all the people who were left of the such an abundance of spices as these which the queen Amorites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the of Sheba gave to King Solomon. 11 The fleet of Hiram Jebusites, who were not of the children of Israel— 21 that brought gold from Ophir also brought in from Ophir their children who were left after them in the land, whom great quantities of almug trees and precious stones. 12 the children of Israel were not able utterly to destroy—of The king made of the almug trees pillars for Yahweh's them Solomon raised a levy of bondservants to this house and for the king's house, harps also and stringed day. 22 But of the children of Israel Solomon made instruments for the singers; no such almug trees came no bondservants; but they were the men of war, his or were seen to this day. 13 King Solomon gave to the servants, his princes, his captains, and rulers of his queen of Sheba all her desire, whatever she asked, in chariots and of his horsemen. 23 These were the five addition to that which Solomon gave her of his royal hundred fifty chief officers who were over Solomon's bounty. So she turned and went to her own land, she work, who ruled over the people who labored in the and her servants. 14 Now the weight of gold that came work. 24 But Pharaoh's daughter came up out of David's to Solomon in one year was six hundred sixty-six talents city to her house which Solomon had built for her. Then of gold, 15 in addition to that which the traders brought, he built Millo. 25 Solomon offered burnt offerings and and the traffic of the merchants, and of all the kings of peace offerings on the altar which he built to Yahweh the mixed people, and of the governors of the country. three times per year, burning incense with them on 16 King Solomon made two hundred bucklers of beaten the altar that was before Yahweh. So he finished the gold: six hundred shekels of gold went to one buckler. house. 26 King Solomon made a fleet of ships in Ezion 17 He made three hundred shields of beaten gold; three Geber, which is beside Eloth, on the shore of the Red minas of gold went to one shield; and the king put them Sea, in the land of Edom. 27 Hiram sent in the fleet in the House of the Forest of Lebanon. 18 Moreover the his servants, sailors who had knowledge of the sea, king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with with the servants of Solomon. 28 They came to Ophir, the finest gold. 19 There were six steps to the throne, and fetched from there gold, four hundred and twenty and the top of the throne was round behind; and there talents, and brought it to King Solomon.

1 When the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning Yahweh's name, she came to test him with hard questions. 2 She came to Jerusalem with a very great caravan, with camels that bore spices, very much gold, and precious stones; and when she had come to Solomon, she talked with him about all that was in her heart. 3 Solomon answered all her questions. There wasn't anything hidden from the king

were armrests on either side by the place of the seat, and two lions standing beside the armrests. 20 Twelve lions stood there on the one side and on the other on the six steps. Nothing like it was made in any kingdom. 21 All King Solomon's drinking vessels were of gold, and all the vessels of the House of the Forest of Lebanon were of pure gold. None were of silver, because it was considered of little value in the days of Solomon. 22 For the king had a fleet of ships of Tarshish at sea with Hiram's fleet. Once every three years the fleet of which he didn't tell her. 4 When the queen of Sheba Tarshish came bringing gold, silver, ivory, apes, and

peacocks. 23 So King Solomon exceeded all the kings and for Jerusalem's sake which I have chosen." 14 all the kings of the Hittites and to the kings of Syria.

11 Now King Solomon loved many foreign women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh: women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians, and Hittites, 2 of the nations concerning which Yahweh 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 joined to these in love. 3 He had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines. His wives turned his heart away. 4 When Solomon was old, his wives turned away his heart after other gods; and his heart was not perfect with Yahweh his God, as the heart of David his father was. 5 For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites. 6 Solomon did that which was evil in Yahweh's sight, and didn't go fully after Yahweh, as David his father did. 7 Then Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the abomination of Moab, on the mountain that is before Jerusalem, and for Molech the abomination of the children of Ammon. 8 So he did for all his foreign wives, who burned incense and sacrificed to their gods. 9 Yahweh was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned away from Yahweh, 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 didn't keep that which Yahweh commanded. 11 Therefore Yahweh 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 servant. 12 Nevertheless, I will not do it in your days, for David your father's sake; but I will tear it out of your son's hand. 13 However, I will not tear away all the kingdom; but I will give one tribe to your son, for David my servant's sake,

of the earth in riches and in wisdom. 24 All the earth Yahweh raised up an adversary to Solomon: Hadad the sought the presence of Solomon to hear his wisdom Edomite. He was one of the king's offspring in Edom. 15 which God had put in his heart. 25 Year after year, every For when David was in Edom, and Joab the captain man brought his tribute, vessels of silver, vessels of of the army had gone up to bury the slain, and had gold, clothing, armor, spices, horses, and mules. 26 struck every male in Edom 16 (for Joab and all Israel Solomon gathered together chariots and horsemen. He remained there six months, until he had cut off every had one thousand four hundred chariots and twelve male in Edom), 17 Hadad fled, he and certain Edomites thousand horsemen. He kept them in the chariot cities of his father's servants with him, to go into Egypt, when and with the king at Jerusalem. 27 The king made silver Hadad was still a little child. 18 They arose out of Midian as common as stones in Jerusalem, and cedars as and came to Paran; and they took men with them out common as the sycamore trees that are in the lowland. of Paran, and they came to Egypt, to Pharaoh king 28 The horses which Solomon had were brought out of fegypt, who gave him a house, and appointed him Egypt. The king's merchants received them in droves, food, and gave him land. 19 Hadad found great favor each drove at a price. 29 A chariot was imported from in the sight of Pharaoh, so that he gave him as wife Egypt for six hundred shekels of silver, and a horse for the sister of his own wife, the sister of Tahpenes the one hundred fifty shekels; and so they exported them to queen. 20 The sister of Tahpenes bore him Genubath his son, whom Tahpenes weaned in Pharaoh's house; and Genubath was in Pharaoh's house among the sons of Pharaoh. 21 When Hadad heard in Egypt that David slept with his fathers, and that Joab the captain of the army was dead, Hadad said to Pharaoh, "Let me depart, that I may go to my own country." 22 Then Pharaoh said to him, "But what have you lacked with me, that behold, you seek to go to your own country?" He answered, "Nothing, however only let me depart." 23 God raised up an adversary to him, Rezon the son of Eliada, who had fled from his lord, Hadadezer king of Zobah. 24 He gathered men to himself, and became captain over a troop, when David killed them of Zobah. They went to Damascus and lived there, and reigned in Damascus. 25 He was an adversary to Israel all the days of Solomon, in addition to the mischief of Hadad. He abhorred Israel, and reigned over Syria. 26 Jeroboam the son of Nebat, an Ephraimite of Zeredah, a servant of Solomon, whose mother's name was Zeruah, a widow, 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 his father David's city. 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 At that time, when Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem, the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite found him on the way. Now Ahijah had clad himself with a new garment; and the two of them were alone in the field. 30 Ahijah took the new garment that was on him, and tore it in twelve pieces. 31 He said to Jeroboam, "Take ten pieces; for Yahweh, the God of Israel, says, 'Behold, I will tear the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon and will give ten tribes to you 32 (but he shall have one tribe, for my servant David's sake and for Jerusalem's sake, the city which I have chosen out of all the tribes of

Israel). 33 because they have forsaken me, and have "What counsel do you give, that we may answer these worshiped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, people who have spoken to me, saying, 'Make the voke Chemosh the god of Moab, and Milcom the god of the that your father put on us lighter'?" 10 The young men children of Ammon. They have not walked in my ways, who had grown up with him said to him, "Tell these to do that which is right in my eyes, and to keep my people who spoke to you, saying, 'Your father made statutes and my ordinances, as David his father did. 34 our yoke heavy, but make it lighter to us'-tell them, "However, I will not take the whole kingdom out of his 'My little finger is thicker than my father's waist. 11 hand, but I will make him prince all the days of his life Now my father burdened you with a heavy yoke, but for David my servant's sake whom I chose, who kept I will add to your yoke. My father chastised you with my commandments and my statutes, 35 but I will take whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions." 12 So the kingdom out of his son's hand and will give it to you, Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the even ten tribes. 36 I will give one tribe to his son, that third day, as the king asked, saying, "Come to me again David my servant may have a lamp always before me in the third day." 13 The king answered the people roughly, Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen for myself to and abandoned the counsel of the old men which they put my name there. 37 I will take you, and you shall had given him, 14 and spoke to them according to the reign according to all that your soul desires, and shall counsel of the young men, saying, "My father made be king over Israel. 38 It shall be, if you will listen to all your yoke heavy, but I will add to your yoke. My father that I command you, and will walk in my ways, and do chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with that which is right in my eyes, to keep my statutes and scorpions." 15 So the king didn't listen to the people; my commandments, as David my servant did, that I will for it was a thing brought about from Yahweh, that he be with you, and will build you a sure house, as I built might establish his word, which Yahweh spoke by Ahijah for David, and will give Israel to you. 39 I will afflict the the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat. 16 When offspring of David for this, but not forever." 40 Therefore all Israel saw that the king didn't listen to them, the Solomon sought to kill Jeroboam, but Jeroboam arose people answered the king, saying, "What portion have and fled into Egypt, to Shishak king of Egypt, and was in we in David? We don't have an inheritance in the son Egypt until the death of Solomon. 41 Now the rest of the of Jesse. To your tents, Israel! Now see to your own acts of Solomon, and all that he did, and his wisdom, house, David." So Israel departed to their tents. 17 But aren't they written in the book of the acts of Solomon? as for the children of Israel who lived in the cities of 42 The time that Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them. 18 Then King all Israel was forty years. 43 Solomon slept with his Rehoboam sent Adoram, who was over the men subject fathers, and was buried in his father David's city; and to forced labor; and all Israel stoned him to death with Rehoboam his son reigned in his place.

12 Rehoboam went to Shechem, for all Israel had come to Shechem to make him king. 2 When Jeroboam the son of Nebat heard of it (for he was yet in Egypt, where he had fled from the presence of King Solomon, and Jeroboam lived in Egypt; 3 and they sent and called him), Jeroboam and all the assembly of Israel came, and spoke to Rehoboam, saying, 4 "Your father made our yoke difficult. Now therefore make the hard 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," So the people departed. 6 King Rehoboam took counsel with the old men who had stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, saying, "What counsel do you give me to answer these people?" 7 They replied, "If you will be a servant to this people today, and will serve them, and answer them with good words, then they will be your servants forever." 8 But he abandoned the counsel of the old men which they had given him, and took counsel with the young men who had grown up with him, who stood before him. 9 He said to them,

stones. King Rehoboam hurried to get himself up to his chariot, to flee to Jerusalem. 19 So Israel rebelled against David's house to this day. 20 When all Israel heard that Jeroboam had returned, they sent and called him to the congregation, and made him king over all Israel. There was no one who followed David's house, except for 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. 22 But the word of God came to Shemaiah the man of God, saving, 23 "Speak to Rehoboam the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and to all the house of Judah and Benjamin, and to the rest of the people, saying, 24 'Yahweh says, "You shall not go up or fight against your brothers, the children of Israel. Everyone return to his house; for this thing is from me."" So they listened to Yahweh's word, and returned and went their way, according to Yahweh's word. 25 Then Jeroboam built Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim, and lived in it; and he went out from

there and built Penuel. 26 Jeroboam said in his heart, this place; 9 for so was it commanded me by Yahweh's "Now the kingdom will return to David's house. 27 If this word, saying, 'You shall eat no bread, drink no water, people goes up to offer sacrifices in Yahweh's house at and don't return by the way that you came." 10 So he Jerusalem, then the heart of this people will turn again went another way, and didn't return by the way that he to their lord, even to Rehoboam king of Judah; and they came to Bethel. 11 Now an old prophet lived in Bethel, will kill me, and return to Rehoboam king of Judah." 28 and one of his sons came and told him all the works So the king took counsel, and made two calves of gold; that the man of God had done that day in Bethel. They and he said to them, "It is too much for you to go up to also told their father the words which he had spoken to Jerusalem. Look and behold your gods, Israel, which the king. 12 Their father said to them, "Which way did brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" 29 He set the he go?" Now his sons had seen which way the man of one in Bethel, and the other he put in Dan. 30 This thing God went, who came from Judah. 13 He said to his became a sin, for the people went even as far as Dan sons, "Saddle the donkey for me." So they saddled the to worship before the one there. 31 He made houses donkey for him; and he rode on it. 14 He went after of high places, and made priests from among all the the man of God, and found him sitting under an oak. people, who were not of the sons of Levi. 32 Jeroboam He said to him, "Are you the man of God who came ordained a feast in the eighth month, on the fifteenth from Judah?" He said, "I am." 15 Then he said to him, day of the month, like the feast that is in Judah, and he "Come home with me and eat bread." 16 He said, "I went up to the altar. He did so in Bethel, sacrificing to may not return with you, nor go in with you. I will not eat the calves that he had made, and he placed in Bethel bread or drink water with you in this place. 17 For it the priests of the high places that he had made. 33 He was said to me by Yahweh's word, 'You shall eat no went up to the altar which he had made in Bethel on the bread or drink water there, and don't turn again to go by fifteenth day in the eighth month, even in the month the way that you came." 18 He said to him, "I also am which he had devised of his own heart; and he ordained a prophet as you are; and an angel spoke to me by a feast for the children of Israel, and went up to the altar Yahweh's word, saying, 'Bring him back with you into to burn incense.

13 Behold, a man of God came out of Judah by Yahweh's word to Bethel; and Jeroboam was standing by the altar to burn incense. 2 He cried against the altar by Yahweh's word, and said, "Altar! Altar! Yahweh says: 'Behold, a son will be born to David's house, Josiah by name. On you he will 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 Yahweh has spoken: Behold, the altar will be split apart, and the ashes that are on it will be poured out." 4 When the king heard the saying of the man of God, which he cried against the altar in Bethel, 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 was also split apart, and the ashes poured out from the altar, according to the sign which the man of God had given by Yahweh's word. 6 The king answered the man of God, "Now intercede for the favor of Yahweh your God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored me again." The man of God interceded with Yahweh, and the king's hand was restored to him again, and became as it was before. 7 The king said to the man of God, "Come home with me and refresh yourself, and I will give you a reward." 8 The man of God said to the king, "Even if you gave me half of your house, I would not go in with you, neither would I eat bread nor drink water in

your house, that he may eat bread and drink water." He lied to him. 19 So he went back with him, ate bread in his house, and drank water. 20 As they sat at the table. Yahweh's word came to the prophet who brought him back; 21 and he cried out to the man of God who came from Judah, saying, "Yahweh says, 'Because you have been disobedient to Yahweh's word, and have not kept the commandment which Yahweh your God commanded you, 22 but came back, and have eaten bread and drank water in the place of which he said to you, "Eat no bread, and drink no water," your body will not come to the tomb of your fathers." 23 After he had eaten bread and after he drank, he saddled the donkey for the prophet whom he had brought back. 24 When he had gone, a lion met him by the way and killed him. His body was thrown on the path, and the donkey stood by it. The lion also stood by the body. 25 Behold, men passed by and saw the body thrown on the path, and the lion standing by the body; and they came and told it in the city where the old prophet lived. 26 When the prophet who brought him back from the way heard of it, he said, "It is the man of God who was disobedient to Yahweh's word. Therefore Yahweh has delivered him to the lion, which has mauled him and slain him, according to Yahweh's word which he spoke to him." 27 He said to his sons, saying, "Saddle the donkey for me," and they saddled it. 28 He went and found his body thrown on the path, and the donkey and the lion standing by the body. The lion had not eaten the body nor mauled the

donkey. 29 The prophet took up the body of the man of and the birds of the sky will eat he who dies in the field. surface of the earth.

1 1 At that time Abijah the son of Jeroboam became sick. 2 Jeroboam said to his wife, "Please get up and disguise yourself, so that you won't be recognized as Jeroboam's wife. Go to Shiloh. Behold, Ahijah the prophet is there, who said that I would be king over this people. 3 Take with you ten loaves of bread, some 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 Ahijah's house. Now Ahijah could not see, for his eyes were set by reason of his age. 5 Yahweh said to Ahijah, "Behold, Jeroboam's wife is coming to inquire of you concerning her son, for he is sick. Tell her such and such; for it will be, when she comes in, that she will pretend to be another woman." 6 So when Ahijah heard the sound of her feet as she came in at the door, he said, "Come in, Jeroboam's wife! Why do you pretend to be another? For I am sent to you with heavy news. 7 Go, tell Jeroboam, 'Yahweh, the God of Israel, says: "Because I exalted you from among the people, and made you prince over my people Israel, 8 and tore the kingdom away from David's house, and gave it to you; and yet you have not been as my servant David, who kept my commandments, and who followed me with all his heart, to do that only which was right in my eyes, 9 but have done evil above all who were before you, and have gone and made for yourself other gods. molten images, to provoke me to anger, and have cast me behind your back, 10 therefore, behold, I will bring evil on the house of Jeroboam, and will cut off from Jeroboam everyone who urinates on a wall, he who is shut up and he who is left at large in Israel, and will utterly sweep away the house of Jeroboam, as a man sweeps away dung until it is all gone. 11 The dogs will eat he who belongs to Jeroboam who dies in the city;

God, and laid it on the donkey, and brought it back. He for Yahweh has spoken it." 12 Arise therefore, and go came to the city of the old prophet to mourn, and to to your house. When your feet enter into the city, the bury him. 30 He laid his body in his own grave; and child will die. 13 All Israel will mourn for him and bury they mourned over him, saying, "Alas, my brother!" 31 him; for he only of Jeroboam will come to the grave, After he had buried him, he spoke to his sons, saying, because in him there is found some good thing toward "When I am dead, bury me in the tomb in which the Yahweh, the God of Israel, in the house of Jeroboam. man of God is buried. Lay my bones beside his bones. 14 Moreover Yahweh will raise up a king for himself over 32 For the saying which he cried by Yahweh's word Israel who will cut off the house of Jeroboam. This is against the altar in Bethel, and against all the houses of the day! What? Even now. 15 For Yahweh will strike the high places which are in the cities of Samaria, will Israel, as a reed is shaken in the water; and he will surely happen." 33 After this thing, Jeroboam didn't turn root up Israel out of this good land which he gave to from his evil way, but again made priests of the high their fathers, and will scatter them beyond the River, places from among all the people. Whoever wanted to, because they have made their Asherah poles, provoking he consecrated him, that there might be priests of the Yahweh to anger. 16 He will give Israel up because of high places. 34 This thing became sin to the house of the sins of Jeroboam, which he has sinned, and with Jeroboam, even to cut it off and to destroy it from off the 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 Yahweh's word, which he spoke by his servant Ahijah the prophet. 19 The rest of the acts of Jeroboam, how he fought and how he reigned, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel. 20 The days which Jeroboam reigned were twenty two years; then 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 Yahweh had chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, to put his name there. His mother's name was Naamah the Ammonitess. 22 Judah did that which was evil in Yahweh's sight, and they provoked him to jealousy with their sins which they committed, above all that their fathers had done. 23 For they also built for themselves high places, sacred pillars, and Asherah poles on every high hill and under every green tree. 24 There were also sodomites in the land. They did according to all the abominations of the nations which Yahweh drove out before the children of Israel. 25 In the fifth year of King Rehoboam, Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem: 26 and he took away the treasures of Yahweh's house and the treasures of the king's house. He even took away all of it, including all the gold shields which Solomon had made. 27 King Rehoboam made shields of bronze in their place, and committed them to the hands of the captains of the guard, who kept the door of the king's house. 28 It was so, that as often as the king went into Yahweh's house, the guard bore them, and brought them back into the guard room. 29 Now the rest of the acts of Rehoboam, and all that he did, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 30 There

with his fathers in David's city. His mother's name was place.

15 Now in the eighteenth year of King Jeroboam the son of Nebat, Abijam began to reign over Judah. 2 He reigned three years in Jerusalem. 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 Yahweh his God, as the heart of David his father. 4 Nevertheless for David's sake, Yahweh 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 Yahweh's eyes, and didn't turn away from anything that he commanded him all the days of his life, except only in the matter of Uriah the Hittite. 6 Now there was war between Rehoboam 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 David's city; and Asa his son reigned in his place. 9 In the twentieth year of Jeroboam king of Israel, Asa began to reign over Judah. 10 He reigned forty-one years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Maacah the daughter of Abishalom. 11 Asa did that which was right in Yahweh's eyes, as David his father did. 12 He put away the sodomites out of the land, and removed all the idols that his fathers had made. 13 He also removed Maacah his mother from being queen, because she had made an abominable image for an Asherah. Asa cut down her image and burned it at the brook Kidron. 14 But the high places were not taken away. Nevertheless the heart of Asa was perfect with Yahweh all his days. 15 He brought into Yahweh's house the things that his father had dedicated, and the things that he himself had dedicated: silver, gold, and utensils. 16 There was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days. 17 Baasha king of Israel went up against Judah, and built Ramah, that he might not allow anyone to go out or come in to Asa king of Judah. 18 Then Asa took all the silver and the gold that was left in the treasures of Yahweh's house, and the treasures of the king's house, and delivered it into the hand of his servants. Then King Asa sent them to Ben Hadad, the son of Tabrimmon, the son of Hezion, king of Syria, who lived at Damascus, saying, 19 "Let there be a treaty between me and you, like that between my father and your father. Behold, 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

was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam continually. Ben Hadad listened to King Asa, and sent the captains 31 Rehoboam slept with his fathers, and was buried of his armies against the cities of Israel, and struck Ijon, and Dan, and Abel Beth Maacah, and all Chinneroth, Naamah the Ammonitess. Abijam his son reigned in his with all the land of Naphtali. 21 When Baasha heard of it, he stopped building Ramah, and lived in Tirzah. 22 Then King Asa made a proclamation to all Judah. No one was exempted. They carried away the stones of Ramah, and its timber, with which Baasha had built; and King Asa used it to build 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 his father David's city: 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 Yahweh's sight, 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 besieging Gibbethon. 28 Even in the third year of Asa king of Judah, Baasha killed him and reigned in his place. 29 As soon as he was king, he struck all the house of Jeroboam. He didn't leave to Jeroboam any who breathed, until he had destroyed him, according to the saying of Yahweh, 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 Yahweh, the God of Israel, to anger. 31 Now the rest of the acts of Nadab, and all that he did, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? 32 There was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days. 33 In the third year of Asa king of Judah, Baasha the son of Ahijah began to reign over all Israel in Tirzah for twenty-four years. 34 He did that which was evil in Yahweh's sight, and walked in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin with which he made Israel to sin.

> **6** Yahweh's word came to Jehu the son of Hanani against Baasha, saying, 2 "Because I exalted you out of the dust and made you prince over my people Israel, and you have walked in the way of Jeroboam and have made my people Israel to sin, to provoke me to anger with their sins, 3 behold, I will utterly sweep away Baasha and his house; and I will make 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

eat." 5 Now the rest of the acts of Baasha, and what he in Tirzah. 24 He bought the hill Samaria of Shemer for did, and his might, aren't they written in the book of the two talents of silver; and he built on the hill, and called chronicles of the kings of Israel? 6 Baasha slept with the name of the city which he built, Samaria, after the his fathers, and was buried in Tirzah; and Elah his son name of Shemer, the owner of the hill. 25 Omri did that reigned in his place. 7 Moreover Yahweh's word came which was evil in Yahweh's sight, and dealt wickedly by the prophet Jehu the son of Hanani against Baasha above all who were before him. 26 For he walked in all and against his house, both because of all the evil the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and in his sins that he did in Yahweh's sight, to provoke him to anger with which he made Israel to sin, to provoke Yahweh, with the work of his hands, in being like the house of the God of Israel, to anger with their vanities. 27 Now Jeroboam, and because he struck him. 8 In the twenty- the rest of the acts of Omri which he did, and his might sixth year of Asa king of Judah, Elah the son of Baasha that he showed, aren't they written in the book of the began to reign over Israel in Tirzah for two years. 9 His chronicles of the kings of Israel? 28 So Omri slept with servant Zimri, captain of half his chariots, conspired his fathers, and was buried in Samaria; and Ahab his against him. Now he was in Tirzah, drinking himself son reigned in his place. 29 In the thirty-eighth year drunk in the house of Arza, who was over the household of Asa king of Judah. Ahab the son of Omri began to in Tirzah; 10 and Zimri went in and struck him and killed reign over Israel. Ahab the son of Omri reigned over him in the twenty-seventh year of Asa king of Judah, Israel in Samaria twenty-two years. 30 Ahab the son of and reigned in his place. 11 When he began to reign, Omri did that which was evil in Yahweh's sight above as soon as he sat on his throne, he attacked all the all that were before him. 31 As if it had been a light house of Baasha. He didn't leave him a single one who thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of urinates on a wall among his relatives or his friends. 12 Nebat, he took as wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal Thus Zimri destroyed all the house of Baasha, according king of the Sidonians, and went and served Baal and to Yahweh's word which he spoke against Baasha by worshiped him. 32 He raised up an altar for Baal in the Jehu the prophet, 13 for all the sins of Baasha, and the house of Baal, which he had built in Samaria. 33 Ahab sins of Elah his son, which they sinned and with which made the Asherah; and Ahab did more yet to provoke they made Israel to sin, to provoke Yahweh, the God of Yahweh, the God of Israel, to anger than all the kings Israel, to anger with their vanities. 14 Now the rest of of Israel who were before him. 34 In his days Hiel the the acts of Elah, and all that he did, aren't they written Bethelite built Jericho. He laid its foundation with the in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? 15 In loss of Abiram his firstborn, and set up its gates with the the twenty-seventh year of Asa king of Judah, Zimri loss of his youngest son Segub, according to Yahweh's reigned seven days in Tirzah. Now the people were word, which he spoke by Joshua the son of Nun. encamped against Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines. 16 The people who were encamped heard that Zimri had conspired, and had also killed 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 When Zimri saw that the city was taken, he went into the fortified part of the king's house and burned the king's house over him with fire, and died. 19 for his sins which he sinned in doing that which was evil in Yahweh's sight, 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 the people of Israel were divided into two parts: half of the people followed Tibni the son of Ginath, to make him king, and half followed Omri. 22 But the people who followed Omri prevailed against the people who followed Tibni the son of Ginath; so Tibni died, and Omri reigned. 23 In the thirty-first year of Asa king of Judah, Omri began to

he who dies of his in the field, the birds of the sky will reign over Israel for twelve years. He reigned six years

17 Elijah the Tishbite, who was one of the settlers of Gilead, said to Ahab, "As Yahweh, the God of Israel, lives, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word." 2 Then Yahweh's word came to him, saying, 3 "Go away from here, turn eastward, and hide yourself by the brook Cherith, that is before the Jordan. 4 You shall drink from the brook. I have commanded the ravens to feed you there." 5 So he went and did according to Yahweh's word, for he went and lived by the brook Cherith that is before the Jordan. 6 The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening; and he drank from the brook. 7 After a while, the brook dried up, because there was no rain in the land. 8 Yahweh's word came to him, saying, 9 "Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and stay there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to sustain you." 10 So he arose and went to Zarephath; and when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and said, "Please get me a little water in a jar, that I may

drink." 11 As she was going to get it, he called to her He recognized him, and fell on his face, and said, "Is it that Yahweh's word in your mouth is truth."

18 After many days, Yahweh's word came to Elijah, in the third year, saying, "Go, show yourself to Ahab; and I will send rain on the earth." 2 Elijah went to show himself to Ahab. The famine was severe in Samaria. 3 Ahab called Obadiah, who was over the household. (Now Obadiah feared Yahweh greatly: 4 for when Jezebel cut off Yahweh's prophets, Obadiah took one hundred prophets, and hid them fifty to a cave, and fed them with bread and water.) 5 Ahab said to Obadiah, "Go through the land, to all the springs of water, and to all the brooks. 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 pass throughout it. Ahab went one way by himself, and Obadiah went another way by himself. 7 As Obadiah was on the way, behold, Elijah met him.

and said, "Please bring me a morsel of bread in your you, my lord Elijah?" 8 He answered him, "It is I. Go, hand." 12 She said, "As Yahweh your God lives, I don't tell your lord, 'Behold, Elijah is here!" 9 He said, "How have anything baked, but only a handful of meal in a jar have I sinned, that you would deliver your servant into and a little oil in a jar. Behold, I am gathering two sticks, the hand of Ahab, to kill me? 10 As Yahweh your God that I may go in and bake it for me and my son, that lives, there is no nation or kingdom where my lord has we may eat it, and die." 13 Elijah said to her, "Don't not sent to seek you. When they said, 'He is not here,' be afraid. Go and do as you have said; but make me he took an oath of the kingdom and nation that they a little cake from it first, and bring it out to me, and didn't find you. 11 Now you say, 'Go, tell your lord, afterward make some for you and for your son. 14 For "Behold, Elijah is here." 12 It will happen, as soon as I Yahweh, the God of Israel, says, 'The jar of meal will leave you, that Yahweh's Spirit will carry you I don't not run out, and the jar of oil will not fail, until the day know where; and so when I come and tell Ahab, and he that Yahweh sends rain on the earth." 15 She went can't find you, he will kill me. But I, your servant, have and did according to the saying of Elijah; and she, he, feared Yahweh from my youth. 13 Wasn't it told my and her household ate many days. 16 The jar of meal lord what I did when Jezebel killed Yahweh's prophets, didn't run out and the jar of oil didn't fail, according to how I hid one hundred men of Yahweh's prophets with Yahweh's word, which he spoke by Elijah. 17 After these fifty to a cave, and fed them with bread and water? things, the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, 14 Now you say, 'Go, tell your lord, "Behold, Elijah is became sick; and his sickness was so severe that there here".' He will kill me." 15 Elijah said, "As Yahweh of was no breath left in him. 18 She said to Elijah, "What Armies lives, before whom I stand, I will surely show have I to do with you, you man of God? You have come myself to him today." 16 So Obadiah went to meet to me to bring my sin to memory, and to kill my son!" 19 Ahab, and told him; and Ahab went to meet Elijah. He said to her, "Give me your son." He took him out of 17 When Ahab saw Elijah, Ahab said to him, "Is that her bosom, and carried him up into the room where you, you troubler of Israel?" 18 He answered, "I have he stayed, and laid him on his own bed. 20 He cried not troubled Israel, but you and your father's house, in to Yahweh and said, "Yahweh my God, have you also that you have forsaken Yahweh's commandments and brought evil on the widow with whom I am staying, by you have followed the Baals. 19 Now therefore send, killing her son?" 21 He stretched himself on the child and gather to me all Israel to Mount Carmel, and four three times, and cried to Yahweh and said, "Yahweh my hundred fifty of the prophets of Baal, and four hundred God, please let this child's soul come into him again." of the prophets of the Asherah, who eat at Jezebel's 22 Yahweh listened to the voice of Elijah; and the soul of table." 20 So Ahab sent to all the children of Israel, the child came into him again, and he revived. 23 Elijah and gathered the prophets together to Mount Carmel. took the child and brought him down out of the room 21 Elijah came near to all the people, and said, "How into the house, and delivered him to his mother; and long will you waver between the two sides? If Yahweh Elijah said, "Behold, your son lives." 24 The woman said is God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him." The to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God, and people didn't say a word. 22 Then Elijah said to the people, "I, even I only, am left as a prophet of Yahweh; but Baal's prophets are four hundred fifty men. 23 Let them therefore give us two bulls; and let them choose one bull for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay it on the wood, and put no fire under; and I will dress the other bull, and lav it on the wood, and put no fire under it. 24 You call on the name of your god, and I will call on Yahweh's name. The God who answers by fire, let him be God." All the people answered, "What you say is good." 25 Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, "Choose one bull for yourselves, and dress it first, for you are many; and call on the name of your god, but put no fire under it." 26 They took the bull which was given them, and they dressed it, and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, "Baal, hear us!" But there was no voice, and nobody answered. They leaped about the altar which was made. 27 At

noon, Elijah mocked them, and said, "Cry aloud, for 19 Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and he is a god. Either he is deep in thought, or he has gone somewhere, or he is on a journey, or perhaps he 2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, sleeps and must be awakened." 28 They cried aloud, "So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I don't and cut themselves in their way with knives and lances make your life as the life of one of them by tomorrow until the blood gushed out on them. 29 When midday about this time!" 3 When he saw that, he arose and was past, they prophesied until the time of the evening ran for his life, and came to Beersheba, which belongs offering; but there was no voice, no answer, and nobody to Judah, and left his servant there. 4 But he himself paid attention. 30 Elijah said to all the people, "Come went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and near to me!"; and all the people came near to him. He sat down under a juniper tree. Then he requested for repaired Yahweh's altar that had been thrown down. 31 himself that he might die, and said, "It is enough. Now, Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of O Yahweh, take away my life; for I am not better than the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom Yahweh's word my fathers." 5 He lay down and slept under a juniper came, saying, "Israel shall be your name." 32 With the tree; and behold, an angel touched him, and said to him, stones he built an altar in Yahweh's name. He made "Arise and eat!" 6 He looked, and behold, there was at a trench around the altar large enough to contain two his head a cake baked on the coals, and a jar of water. seahs of seed. 33 He put the wood in order, and cut the He ate and drank, and lay down again. 7 Yahweh's bull in pieces and laid it on the wood. He said, "Fill four angel came again the second time, and touched him, jars with water, and pour it on the burnt offering and and said, "Arise and eat, because the journey is too on the wood." 34 He said, "Do it a second time;" and great for you." 8 He arose, and ate and drank, and they did it the second time. He said, "Do it a third time;" went in the strength of that food forty days and forty and they did it the third time. 35 The water ran around nights to Horeb, God's Mountain. 9 He came to a cave the altar; and he also filled the trench with water. 36 there, and camped there; and behold, Yahweh's word At the time of the evening offering, Elijah the prophet came to him, and he said to him, "What are you doing came near and said, "Yahweh, the God of Abraham, here, Elijah?" 10 He said, "I have been very jealous for of Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known today that you Yahweh, the God of Armies; for the children of Israel are God in Israel and that I am your servant, and that I have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, have done all these things at your word. 37 Hear me, and killed your prophets with the sword. I, even I only, Yahweh, hear me, that this people may know that you, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away." 11 Yahweh, are God, and that you have turned their heart He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before back again." 38 Then Yahweh's fire fell and consumed Yahweh." Behold, Yahweh passed by, and a great and the burnt offering, the wood, the stones, and the dust; strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the and it licked up the water that was in the trench. 39 rocks before Yahweh; but Yahweh was not in the wind. When all the people saw it, they fell on their faces. They After the wind there was an earthquake; but Yahweh said, "Yahweh, he is God! Yahweh, he is God!" 40 Elijah was not in the earthquake. 12 After the earthquake a said to them, "Seize the prophets of Baal! Don't let one fire passed; but Yahweh was not in the fire. After the of them escape!" They seized them; and Elijah brought fire, there was a still small voice. 13 When Elijah heard them down to the brook Kishon, and killed them there. it, he wrapped his face in his mantle, went out, and 41 Elijah said to Ahab, "Get up, eat and drink; for there is stood in the entrance of the cave. Behold, a voice came the sound of abundance of rain." 42 So Ahab went up to to him, and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" eat and to drink. Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and 14 He said, "I have been very jealous for Yahweh, the he bowed himself down on the earth, and put his face. God of Armies; for the children of Israel have forsaken between his knees. 43 He said to his servant, "Go up your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your now and look toward the sea." He went up and looked, prophets with the sword. I, even I only, am left; and they then said, "There is nothing." He said, "Go again" seven seek my life, to take it away." 15 Yahweh said to him, times. 44 On the seventh time, he said, "Behold, a small "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. cloud, like a man's hand, is rising out of the sea." He When you arrive, anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. said, "Go up, tell Ahab, 'Get ready and go down, so that 16 Anoint Jehu the son of Nimshi to be king over Israel; the rain doesn't stop you." 45 In a little while, the sky and anoint Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel Meholah grew black with clouds and wind, and there was a great to be prophet in your place. 17 He who escapes from rain. Ahab rode, and went to Jezreel. 46 Yahweh's hand the sword of Hazael, Jehu will kill; and he who escapes was on Elijah; and he tucked his cloak into his belt and from the sword of Jehu, Elisha will kill. 18 Yet I reserved ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. seven thousand in Israel, all the knees of which have not

bowed to Baal, and every mouth which has not kissed the provinces, and they were two hundred and thirty-Then he arose, and went after Elijah, and served him.

20 Ben Hadad the king of Syria gathered all his army together; and there were thirty-two kings with him, with horses and chariots. He went up and besieged Samaria, and fought against it. 2 He sent messengers into the city to Ahab king of Israel and said to him, "Ben Hadad says, 3 'Your silver and your gold are mine. Your wives also and your children, even the best, are mine." 4 The king of Israel answered, "It is according to your saying, my lord, O king. I am yours, and all that I have." 5 The messengers came again and said, "Ben Hadad says, 'I sent indeed to you, saying, "You shall deliver me your silver, your gold, your wives, and your children; 6 but I will send my servants to you tomorrow about this time, and they will search your house and the houses of your servants. Whatever is pleasant in your eyes, they will put it in their hand, and take it away."" 7 Then the king of Israel called all the elders of the land, and said, "Please notice how this man seeks mischief: for he sent to me for my wives, and for my children, and for my silver, and for my gold; and I didn't deny him." 8 All the elders and all the people said to him, "Don't listen, and don't consent." 9 Therefore he said to the messengers of Ben Hadad, "Tell my lord the king, 'All that you sent for to your servant at the first I will do, but this thing I cannot do." The messengers departed and brought him back the message. 10 Ben Hadad sent to him, and said, "The gods do so to me, and more also, if the dust of Samaria will be enough for handfuls for all the people who follow me." 11 The king of Israel answered, "Tell him, 'Don't let him who puts on his armor brag like he who takes it off." 12 When Ben Hadad heard this message as he was drinking, he and the kings in the pavilions, he said to his servants, "Prepare to attack!" So they prepared to attack the city. 13 Behold, a prophet came near to Ahab king of Israel, and said, "Yahweh says, 'Have you seen all this great multitude? Behold, I will deliver it into your hand today. Then you will know that I am Yahweh." 14 Ahab said, "By whom?" He said, "Yahweh says, 'By the young men of the princes of the provinces." Then he said, "Who shall begin the battle?" He answered, "You." 15 Then he mustered the young men of the princes of

him." 19 So he departed from there and found Elisha two. After them, he mustered all the people, even all the the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke children of Israel, being seven thousand. 16 They went of oxen before him, and he with the twelfth. Elijah went out at noon. But Ben Hadad was drinking himself drunk over to him and put his mantle on him. 20 Elisha left the in the pavilions, he and the kings, the thirty-two kings oxen and ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me please kiss who helped him. 17 The young men of the princes of my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." He the provinces went out first; and Ben Hadad sent out, said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to and they told him, saying, "Men are coming out from you?" 21 He returned from following him, and took the Samaria." 18 He said, "If they have come out for peace, yoke of oxen, killed them, and boiled their meat with the take them alive; or if they have come out for war, take oxen's equipment, and gave to the people; and they ate. them alive." 19 So these went out of the city, the young men of the princes of the provinces, and the army which followed them. 20 They each killed his man. The Syrians fled, and Israel pursued them. Ben Hadad the king of Syria escaped on a horse with horsemen. 21 The king of Israel went out and struck the horses and chariots. and killed the Syrians with a great slaughter. 22 The prophet came near to the king of Israel and said to him, "Go, strengthen yourself, and plan what you must do, for at the return of the year, the king of Syria will come up against you." 23 The servants of the king of Syria said to him, "Their god is a god of the hills; therefore they were stronger than we. But let's fight against them in the plain, and surely we will be stronger than they. 24 Do this thing: take the kings away, every man out of his place, and put captains in their place. 25 Muster an army like the army that you have lost, horse for horse and chariot for chariot. We will fight against them in the plain, and surely we will be stronger than they are." He listened to their voice and did so. 26 At the return of the year, Ben Hadad mustered the Syrians and went up to Aphek to fight against Israel. 27 The children of Israel were mustered and given provisions, and went against them. The children of Israel encamped before them like two little flocks of young goats, but the Syrians filled the country. 28 A man of God came near and spoke to the king of Israel, and said, "Yahweh says, 'Because the Syrians have said, "Yahweh is a god of the hills, but he is not a god of the valleys," therefore I will deliver all this great multitude into your hand, and you shall know that I am Yahweh." 29 They encamped opposite each other for seven days. Then on the seventh day the battle was joined; and the children of Israel killed one hundred thousand footmen of the Syrians in one day. 30 But the rest fled to Aphek, into the city; and the wall fell on twenty-seven thousand men who were left. Ben Hadad fled and came into the city, into an inner room. 31 His servants said to him, "See now, we have heard that the kings of the house of Israel are merciful kings. Please let us put sackcloth on our bodies and ropes on our heads, and go out to the king of Israel. Maybe he will save your life." 32 So they put sackcloth on their bodies and ropes on their heads, and came to the king of Israel, and said,

"Your servant Ben Hadad says, 'Please let me live," He spoke to Naboth the Jezreelite, and said to him, 'Give said, "Is he still alive? He is my brother." 33 Now the me your vineyard for money; or else, if it pleases you, I men observed diligently and hurried to take this phrase; will give you another vineyard for it.' He answered, 'I will and they said, "Your brother Ben Hadad." Then he said, not give you my vineyard." 7 Jezebel his wife said to "Go, bring him." Then Ben Hadad came out to him; and him, "Do you now govern the kingdom of Israel? Arise, he caused him to come up into the chariot. 34 Ben and eat bread, and let your heart be merry. I will give Hadad said to him, "The cities which my father took you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite." 8 So she from your father I will restore. You shall make streets for wrote letters in Ahab's name and sealed them with his yourself in Damascus, as my father made in Samaria." seal, and sent the letters to the elders and to the nobles "I", said Ahab, "will let you go with this covenant." So he who were in his city, who lived with Naboth. 9 She wrote made a covenant with him and let him go. 35 A certain in the letters, saying, "Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth man of the sons of the prophets said to his fellow by on high among the people. 10 Set two men, wicked Yahweh's word, "Please strike me!" The man refused to fellows, before him, and let them testify against him, strike him. 36 Then he said to him, "Because you have saying, 'You cursed God and the king!' Then carry him not obeyed Yahweh's voice, behold, as soon as you out, and stone him to death." 11 The men of his city, have departed from me, a lion will kill you." As soon as even the elders and the nobles who lived in his city, did he had departed from him, a lion found him and killed as Jezebel had instructed them in the letters which she him. 37 Then he found another man, and said, "Please had written and sent to them. 12 They proclaimed a fast, strike me." The man struck him and wounded him. 38 and set Naboth on high among the people. 13 The two So the prophet departed and waited for the king by the men, the wicked fellows, came in and sat before him. way, and disquised himself with his headband over his. The wicked fellows testified against him, even against eyes. 39 As the king passed by, he cried to the king, and Naboth, in the presence of the people, saying, "Naboth he said, "Your servant went out into the middle of the cursed God and the king!" Then they carried him out of battle: and behold, a man came over and brought a man the city and stoned him to death with stones. 14 Then to me, and said, 'Guard this man! If by any means he is they sent to Jezebel, saying, "Naboth has been stoned missing, then your life shall be for his life, or else you and is dead." 15 When Jezebel heard that Naboth had shall pay a talent of silver.' 40 As your servant was busy been stoned and was dead, Jezebel said to Ahab, here and there, he was gone." The king of Israel said "Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the to him, "So shall your judgment be. You yourself have Jezreelite, which he refused to give you for money; for decided it." 41 He hurried, and took the headband away Naboth is not alive, but dead." 16 When Ahab heard from his eyes; and the king of Israel recognized that he that Naboth was dead, Ahab rose up to go down to the was one of the prophets. 42 He said to him, "Yahweh vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, to take possession says, 'Because you have let go out of your hand the of it. 17 Yahweh's word came to Elijah the Tishbite, man whom I had devoted to destruction, therefore your saying, 18 "Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, life will take the place of his life, and your people take who dwells in Samaria. Behold, he is in the vineyard of the place of his people." 43 The king of Israel went to Naboth, where he has gone down to take possession of his house sullen and angry, and came to Samaria.

21 After these things, Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard which was in Jezreel, next to the palace of Ahab king of Samaria. 2 Ahab spoke to Naboth, saying, "Give me your vineyard, that I may have it for a garden of herbs, because it is near 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 Yahweh 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

it. 19 You shall speak to him, saying, 'Yahweh says, "Have you killed and also taken possession?" You shall speak to him, saying, 'Yahweh says, "In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth, dogs will lick your blood, even yours."" 20 Ahab said to Elijah, "Have you found me, my enemy?" He answered, "I have found you, because you have sold yourself to do that which is evil in Yahweh's sight. 21 Behold. I will bring evil on you, and will utterly sweep you away and will cut off from Ahab everyone who urinates against a wall, and him who is shut up and him who is left at large 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 Yahweh also spoke of Jezebel, saying, "The dogs will eat Jezebel by the rampart of Jezreel. 24 The dogs will eat he who

dies of Ahab in the city; and the birds of the sky will "Go up and prosper; and Yahweh will deliver it into the but I will bring the evil on his house in his son's day."

22 They continued three years without war between Syria and Israel. 2 In the third year, 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 do nothing, and don't take it out of the hand of the king of Syria?" 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 Yahweh's word." 6 Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, about four hundred men, and said to them, "Should I go against Ramoth Gilead to battle, or should 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 Yahweh, 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 Yahweh, Micaiah the son of Imlah; but I hate him, for he does not prophesy good concerning me, but evil." Jehoshaphat said, "Don't 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 prophesying before them. 11 Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah made himself horns of iron, and said, "Yahweh says, 'With these you will push the Syrians, until they are consumed." 12 All the prophets prophesied so, saying, "Go up to Ramoth Gilead and prosper; for Yahweh 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 Yahweh lives, what Yahweh 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,

eat he who dies in the field." 25 But there was no one hand of the king." 16 The king said to him, "How many like Ahab, who sold himself to do that which was evil in times do I have to adjure you that you speak to me Yahweh's sight, whom Jezebel his wife stirred up. 26 He nothing but the truth in Yahweh's name?" 17 He said, "I did very abominably in following idols, according to all saw all Israel scattered on the mountains, as sheep that the Amorites did, whom Yahweh cast out before the that have no shepherd. Yahweh said, 'These have no children of Israel. 27 When Ahab heard those words, he master. Let them each return to his house in peace." 18 tore his clothes, put sackcloth on his body, fasted, lay in The king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "Didn't I tell you sackcloth, and went about despondently. 28 Yahweh's that he would not prophesy good concerning me, but word came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, 29 "See how evil?" 19 Micaiah said, "Therefore hear Yahweh's word. Ahab humbles himself before me? Because he humbles I saw Yahweh sitting on his throne, and all the army of himself before me, I will not bring the evil in his days; heaven standing by him on his right hand and on his left. 20 Yahweh said, 'Who will 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 Yahweh, and said, 'I will entice him.' 22 Yahweh 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, behold, Yahweh has put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these your prophets; and Yahweh has spoken evil concerning you." 24 Then Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah came near and struck Micaiah on the cheek, and said, "Which way did Yahweh's Spirit go from me to speak to you?" 25 Micaiah said, "Behold, 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, 'The king says, "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, Yahweh 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 Syria had commanded the thirty-two captains of his chariots, saying, "Don't fight with small nor great, except only with the king of Israel." 32 When the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, they said. "Surely that is the king of Israel!" and they came over to fight against him. Jehoshaphat cried out. 33 When the captains of the chariots saw that it was not the king of Israel, 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 around, 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 Syrians, 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 Yahweh's word 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 didn't turn away from it, doing that which was right in Yahweh's eyes. However, the high places were not taken away. The people still sacrificed and burned incense on 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 fought, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 46 The remnant of the sodomites, 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 ruled, 48 Jehoshaphat made ships of Tarshish to go to Ophir for gold, but they didn't go, for the ships wrecked 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 his father David's city. 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 Yahweh's sight, 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 Yahweh, the God of Israel, to anger in all the ways that his father had done so.

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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 Yahweh's angel said to Elijah the Tishbite, "Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the

where you have gone up, but you will surely die." 17 So he died according to Yahweh's word which Elijah had spoken. 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?

? When Yahweh was about to take Elijah up by a whirlwind into heaven, Elijah went with Elisha from king of Samaria, and tell them, 'Is it because there is no Gilgal. 2 Elijah said to Elisha, "Please wait here, for God in Israel that you go to inquire of Baal Zebub, the Yahweh has sent me as far as Bethel." Elisha said, "As god of Ekron? 4 Now therefore Yahweh says, "You will Yahweh lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave not come down from the bed where you have gone up, you." So they went down to Bethel. 3 The sons of the but you will surely die."" Then Elijah departed. 5 The prophets who were at Bethel came out to Elisha, and messengers returned to him, and he said to them, "Why said to him, "Do you know that Yahweh will take away is it that you have returned?" 6 They said to him, "A your master from over you today?" He said, "Yes, I know man came up to meet us, and said to us, 'Go, return it. Hold your peace." 4 Elijah said to him, "Elisha, please to the king who sent you, and tell him, "Yahweh says, wait here, for Yahweh has sent me to Jericho." He said, 'Is it because there is no God in Israel that you send "As Yahweh lives, and as your soul lives, I will not to inquire of Baal Zebub, the god of Ekron? Therefore leave you." So they came to Jericho. 5 The sons of the you will not come down from the bed where you have prophets who were at Jericho came near to Elisha, and gone up, but you will surely die.""" 7 He said to them, said to him, "Do you know that Yahweh will take away "What kind of man was he who came up to meet you your master from over you today?" He answered, "Yes, I and told you these words?" 8 They answered him, "He know it. Hold your peace." 6 Elijah said to him, "Please was a hairy man, and wearing a leather belt around his wait here, for Yahweh has sent me to the Jordan." He waist." He said, "It's Elijah the Tishbite." 9 Then the king said, "As Yahweh lives, and as your soul lives, I will not sent a captain of fifty with his fifty to him. He went up to leave you." Then they both went on. 7 Fifty men of the him; and behold, he was sitting on the top of the hill. sons of the prophets went and stood opposite them at a He said to him, "Man of God, the king has said, 'Come distance; and they both stood by the Jordan. 8 Elijah down!" 10 Elijah answered to the captain of fifty, "If I took his mantle, and rolled it up, and struck the waters; am a man of God, then let fire come down from the and they were divided here and there, so that they both sky and consume you and your fifty!" Then fire came went over on dry ground. 9 When they had gone over, down from the sky, and consumed him and his fifty. 11 Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you, before Again he sent to him another captain of fifty with his I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let a double fifty. He answered him, "Man of God, the king has said, portion of your spirit be on me." 10 He said, "You have 'Come down quickly!" 12 Elijah answered them, "If I am asked a hard thing. If you see me when I am taken from a man of God, then let fire come down from the sky you, it will be so for you; but if not, it will not be so." 11 and consume you and your fifty!" Then God's fire came As they continued on and talked, behold, a chariot of down from the sky, and consumed him and his fifty. 13 fire and horses of fire separated them; and Elijah went Again he sent the captain of a third fifty with his fifty. up by a whirlwind into heaven. 12 Elisha saw it, and The third captain of fifty went up, and came and fell he cried, "My father, my father, the chariots of Israel on his knees before Elijah, and begged him, and said and its horsemen!" He saw him no more. Then he took to him, "Man of God, please let my life and the life of hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. 13 these fifty of your servants be precious in your sight. 14 He also took up Elijah's mantle that fell from him, and Behold, fire came down from the sky and consumed the went back and stood by the bank of the Jordan. 14 He last two captains of fifty with their fifties. But now let my took Elijah's mantle that fell from him, and struck the life be precious in your sight." 15 Yahweh's angel said to waters, and said, "Where is Yahweh, the God of Elijah?" Elijah, "Go down with him. Don't be afraid of him." Then When he also had struck the waters, they were divided he arose and went down with him to the king. 16 He apart, and Elisha went over. 15 When the sons of the said to him, "Yahweh says, 'Because you have sent prophets who were at Jericho facing him saw him, they messengers to inquire of Baal Zebub, the god of Ekron, said, "The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha." They came to is it because there is no God in Israel to inquire of his meet him, and bowed themselves to the ground before word? Therefore you will not come down from the bed him. 16 They said to him, "See now, there are with your

servants fifty strong men. Please let them go and seek said. "Isn't there a prophet of Yahweh here, that we your master. Perhaps Yahweh's Spirit has taken him up, may inquire of Yahweh by him?" One of the king of and put him on some mountain or into some valley." Israel's servants answered, "Elisha the son of Shaphat, He said, "Don't send them." 17 When they urged him who poured water on the hands of Elijah, is here." 12 until he was ashamed, he said, "Send them." Therefore Jehoshaphat said, "Yahweh's word is with him." So the they sent fifty men; and they searched for three days, king of Israel and Jehoshaphat and the king of Edom but didn't find him. 18 They came back to him while went down to him. 13 Elisha said to the king of Israel. he stayed at Jericho; and he said to them, "Didn't I tell "What have I to do with you? Go to the prophets of your you, 'Don't go'?" 19 The men of the city said to Elisha, father, and to the prophets of your mother." The king of "Behold, please, the situation of this city is pleasant, Israel said to him, "No, for Yahweh has called these as my lord sees; but the water is bad, and the land is three kings together to deliver them into the hand of barren." 20 He said, "Bring me a new jar, and put salt in Moab." 14 Elisha said, "As Yahweh of Armies lives, it." Then they brought it to him. 21 He went out to the before whom I stand, surely, were it not that I respect spring of the waters, and threw salt into it, and said, the presence of Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, I would "Yahweh says, 'I have healed these waters. There shall not look toward you, nor see you. 15 But now bring me not be from there any more death or barren wasteland." a musician." When the musician played, Yahweh's hand 22 So the waters were healed to this day, according came on him. 16 He said, "Yahweh says, 'Make this to Elisha's word which he spoke. 23 He went up from valley full of trenches.' 17 For Yahweh says, 'You will there to Bethel. As he was going up by the way, some not see wind, neither will you see rain, yet that valley youths came out of the city and mocked him, and said will be filled with water, and you will drink, both you to him, "Go up, you baldy! Go up, you baldy!" 24 He and your livestock and your other animals. 18 This is looked behind him and saw them, and cursed them in an easy thing in Yahweh's sight. He will also deliver Yahweh's name. Then two female bears came out of the Moabites into your hand. 19 You shall strike every the woods and mauled forty-two of those youths. 25 He fortified city and every choice city, and shall fell every went from there to Mount Carmel, and from there he good tree, and stop all springs of water, and mar every 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 Yahweh's sight, 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 didn't depart from them. 4 Now Mesha king of Moab was a sheep breeder; and he supplied the king of Israel with one hundred thousand lambs and the wool of one hundred thousand rams. 5 But when Ahab was dead, 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 Then he said, "Which way shall we go up?" Jehoram answered, "The way of the wilderness of Edom." 9 So the king of Israel went with the king of Judah and the king of Edom, and they marched for seven days along a circuitous route. There was no water for the army or for the animals that followed them. 10 The king of Israel said, "Alas! For Yahweh has called these three kings together to deliver them into the hand of Moab." 11 But Jehoshaphat

good piece of land with stones." 20 In the morning, about the time of offering the sacrifice, behold, 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, young and old, 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 opposite 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 plunder!" 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 attacking the Moabites. 25 They beat down the cities; and on every good piece of land each man cast his stone, and filled it. They also stopped all the springs of water and cut down all the good trees, until in Kir Hareseth all they left was its stones: however the men armed with slings went around it and attacked it. 26 When the king of Moab saw that the battle was too severe for him, he took with him seven hundred men who drew a sword, to break through to the king of Edom; but they could not. 27 Then he took his oldest son who would have reigned in his place, and offered him for a burnt offering on the wall. There was great wrath against Israel; and they departed from him, and returned to their own land.

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⚠ Now a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the again." 23 He said, "Why would you want to go to him my husband is dead. You know that your servant feared "It's all right." 24 Then she saddled a donkey, and said Yahweh. Now the creditor has come to take for himself to her servant, "Drive, and go forward! Don't slow down my two children to be slaves." 2 Elisha said to her, for me, unless I ask you to." 25 So she went, and came "What should I do for you? Tell me, what do you have in to the man of God to Mount Carmel. When the man of the house?" She said, "Your servant has nothing in the God saw her afar off, he said to Gehazi his servant, house, except a pot of oil." 3 Then he said, "Go, borrow "Behold, there is the Shunammite. 26 Please run now empty containers from all your neighbors. Don't borrow to meet her, and ask her, 'Is it well with you? Is it well just a few containers. 4 Go in and shut the door on you with your husband? Is it well with your child?" She and on your sons, and pour oil into all those containers; answered, "It is well." 27 When she came to the man and set aside those which are full." 5 So she went from of God to the hill, she caught hold of his feet. Gehazi him, and shut the door on herself and on her sons. came near to thrust her away; but the man of God said, They brought the containers to her, and she poured oil. "Leave her alone, for her soul is troubled within her; and 6 When the containers were full, she said to her son, Yahweh has hidden it from me, and has not told me." "Bring me another container." He said to her, "There isn't 28 Then she said, "Did I ask you for a son, my lord? another container." Then the oil stopped flowing. 7 Then Didn't I say, 'Do not deceive me'?" 29 Then he said to she came and told the man of God. He said, "Go, sell Gehazi, "Tuck your cloak into your belt, take my staff in the oil, and pay your debt; and you and your sons live your hand, and go your way. If you meet any man, don't on the rest." 8 One day Elisha went to Shunem, where greet him; and if anyone greets you, don't answer him there was a prominent woman; and she persuaded him again. Then lay my staff on the child's face." 30 The to eat bread. So it was, that as often as he passed child's mother said, "As Yahweh lives, and as your soul by, he turned in there to eat bread. 9 She said to her lives, I will not leave you." So he arose, and followed husband, "See now, I perceive that this is a holy man her. 31 Gehazi went ahead of them, and laid the staff on of God who passes by us continually. 10 Please, let's the child's face; but there was no voice and no hearing. make a little room on the roof. Let's set a bed, a table, a Therefore he returned to meet him, and told him, "The chair, and a lamp stand for him there. When he comes child has not awakened," 32 When Elisha had come into to us, he can stay there." 11 One day he came there, the house, behold, the child was dead, and lying on his and he went to the room and lay there. 12 He said to bed. 33 He went in therefore, and shut the door on them Gehazi his servant, "Call this Shunammite." When he both, and prayed to Yahweh. 34 He went up and lay on had called her, she stood before him. 13 He said to the child, and put his mouth on his mouth, and his eyes him, "Say now to her, 'Behold, you have cared for us on his eyes, and his hands on his hands. He stretched with all this care. What is to be done for you? Would himself on him; and the child's flesh grew warm. 35 you like to be spoken for to the king, or to the captain Then he returned, and walked in the house once back of the army?" She answered, "I dwell among my own and forth, then went up and stretched himself out on people." 14 He said, "What then is to be done for her?" him. Then the child sneezed seven times, and the child Gehazi answered, "Most certainly she has no son, and opened his eyes. 36 He called Gehazi, and said, "Call her husband is old." 15 He said, "Call her." When he this Shunammite!" So he called her. When she had had called her, she stood in the door. 16 He said, "At come in to him, he said, "Take up your son." 37 Then this season next year, you will embrace a son." She she went in, fell at his feet, and bowed herself to the said, "No, my lord, you man of God, do not lie to your ground; then she picked up her son, and went out. 38 servant." 17 The woman conceived, and bore a son Elisha came again to Gilgal. There was a famine in the at that season when the time came around, as Elisha land; and the sons of the prophets were sitting before had said to her. 18 When the child was grown, one day him; and he said to his servant, "Get the large pot, and he went out to his father to the reapers. 19 He said to boil stew for the sons of the prophets." 39 One went out his father, "My head!" He said to his servant, into the field to gather herbs, and found a wild vine, and "Carry him to his mother." 20 When he had taken him gathered a lap full of wild gourds from it, and came and and brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees cut them up into the pot of stew; for they didn't recognize until noon, and then died. 21 She went up and laid him them. 40 So they poured out for the men to eat. As they on the man of God's bed, and shut the door on him, were eating some of the stew, they cried out and said, and went out. 22 She called to her husband and said, "Man of God, there is death in the pot!" And they could "Please send me one of the servants, and one of the not eat it. 41 But he said, "Then bring meal." He threw it donkeys, that I may run to the man of God and come into the pot; and he said, "Serve it to the people, that

prophets cried out to Elisha, saying, "Your servant today? It is not a new moon or a Sabbath." She said,

they may eat." And there was nothing harmful in the pot. dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to some left over, according to Yahweh's word.

5 Now Naaman, captain of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master, and honorable, because by him Yahweh had given victory to Syria; he was also a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper. 2 The Syrians had gone out in bands, and had brought away captive out of the land of Israel a little girl, 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 girl who is from the land of Israel said this." 5 The king of Svria said, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel." He departed, and took with him ten talents of silver, 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, behold, I have sent Naaman my servant to you, that you may heal him of his leprosy." 7 When the king of Israel had read the letter, 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 guarrel 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 Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall come again to you, and you shall be clean." 11 But Naaman was angry, and went away and said, "Behold, I thought, 'He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of Yahweh his God, and wave his hand over the place, and heal the leper.' 12 Aren't Abanah and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Couldn't I wash in them and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage. 13 His servants came near and spoke to him, and said, "My father, if the prophet had asked you do some great thing, wouldn't you have done it? How much rather then, when he says to you, 'Wash, and be clean'?" 14 Then went he down and

42 A man from Baal Shalishah came, and brought the the saving of the man of God; and his flesh was restored man of God some bread of the first fruits: twenty loaves like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean. 15 He of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and "Give to the people, that they may eat." 43 His servant came, and stood before him; and he said, "See now, I said, "What, should I set this before a hundred men?" know that there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel. But he said, "Give it to the people, that they may eat; for Now therefore, please take a gift from your servant." 16 Yahweh says, 'They will eat, and will have some left But he said, "As Yahweh lives, before whom I stand, over." 44 So he set it before them and they ate and had I will receive none." He urged him to take it; but he refused. 17 Naaman said, "If not, then, please let two mules' load 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 Yahweh. 18 In this thing may Yahweh 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 Yahweh 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, "Behold, my master has spared this Naaman the Syrian, in not receiving at his hands that which he brought. As Yahweh 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, saying, 'Behold, 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, "Didn't my heart go with you when the man turned from his chariot to meet you? Is it a time to receive money, and to receive garments, and olive groves and vineyards, and sheep and cattle, and male servants and female servants? 27 Therefore the leprosy of Naaman will cling to you and to your offspring forever." He went out from his presence a leper, as white as snow.

6 The sons of the prophets said to Elisha, "See now. the place where we live and meet with you is too small for us. 2 Please let us go to the Jordan, and each man take a beam from there, and let's make us a place there, where we may live." He answered, "Go!" 3 One said, "Please be pleased to go with your servants." He

they came to the Jordan, they cut down wood. 5 But as Benhadad king of Syria gathered all his army, and went one was cutting down a tree, the ax head fell into the up and besieged Samaria. 25 There was a great famine water. Then he cried out and said, "Alas, my master! in Samaria. Behold, they besieged it until a donkey's For it was borrowed." 6 The man of God asked, "Where head was sold for eighty pieces of silver, and the fourth did it fall?" He showed him the place. He cut down a part of a kab of dove's dung for five pieces of silver. stick, threw it in there, and made the iron float. 7 He 26 As the king of Israel was passing by on the wall, a said, "Take it." So he put out his hand and took it. 8 woman cried to him, saying, "Help, my lord, O king!" Now the king of Syria was at war against Israel; and 27 He said, "If Yahweh doesn't help you, where could he took counsel with his servants, saying, "My camp I get help for you? From the threshing floor, or from will be in such and such a place." 9 The man of God the wine press?" 28 Then the king asked her, "What is sent to the king of Israel, saying, "Beware that you your problem?" She answered, "This woman said to not pass this place, for the Syrians are coming down me, 'Give your son, that we may eat him today, and there." 10 The king of Israel sent to the place which we will eat my son tomorrow.' 29 So we boiled my son the man of God told him and warned him of; and he and ate him; and I said to her on the next day, 'Give up saved himself there, not once or twice. 11 The king of your son, that we may eat him;' and she has hidden her Syria's heart was very troubled about this. He called son." 30 When the king heard the words of the woman, his servants, and said to them, "Won't you show me he tore his clothes. Now he was passing by on the wall, which of us is for the king of Israel?" 12 One of his and the people looked, and behold, he had sackcloth servants said, "No, my lord, O king; but Elisha, the underneath on his body. 31 Then he said, "God do so prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the words to me, and more also, if the head of Elisha the son of that you speak in your bedroom." 13 He said, "Go and Shaphat stays on him today." 32 But Elisha was sitting see where he is, that I may send and get him." He was in his house, and the elders were sitting with him. Then told, "Behold, he is in Dothan." 14 Therefore he sent the king sent a man from before him; but before the horses, chariots, and a great army there. They came by messenger came to him, he said to the elders, "Do you night and surrounded the city. 15 When the servant of see how this son of a murderer has sent to take away the man of God had risen early and gone out, behold, my head? Behold, when the messenger comes, shut an army with horses and chariots was around the city. the door, and hold the door shut against him. Isn't the His servant said to him, "Alas, my master! What shall we sound of his master's feet behind him?" 33 While he do?" 16 He answered, "Don't be afraid, for those who was still talking with them, behold, the messenger came are with us are more than those who are with them." down to him. Then he said, "Behold, this evil is from 17 Elisha prayed, and said, "Yahweh, please open his Yahweh. Why should I wait for Yahweh any longer?" eyes, that he may see." Yahweh opened the young man's eyes, and he saw; and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire around Elisha. 18 When they came down to him, Elisha prayed to Yahweh, and said, "Please strike this people with blindness." He struck them with blindness according to Elisha's word. 19 Elisha said to them, "This is not the way, neither is this the city. Follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom you seek." He led them to Samaria. 20 When they had come into Samaria. Elisha said. "Yahweh. open these men's eyes, that they may see." Yahweh opened their eyes, and they saw; and behold, they were in the middle 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, then go to their master." 23 He prepared a great feast for them. After they ate and drank, he sent them away and they went to their master. So the bands of

answered, "I will go." 4 So he went with them. When Syria stopped raiding the land of Israel. 24 After this,

Elisha said, "Hear Yahweh's word. Yahweh says, 'Tomorrow about this time a seah of fine flour will be sold for a shekel, and two seahs of barley for a shekel, in the gate of Samaria." 2 Then the captain on whose hand the king leaned answered the man of God, and said, "Behold, if Yahweh made windows in heaven, could this thing be?" He said, "Behold, you will see it with your eyes, but will not eat of it." 3 Now there were four leprous men at the entrance of the gate. They said to one another, "Why do we sit here until we die? 4 If we say, 'We will enter into the city,' then the famine is in the city, and we will die there. If we sit still here, we also die. Now therefore come, and let's surrender to the army of the Syrians. If they save us alive, we will live; and if they kill us, we will only die." 5 They rose up in the twilight to go to the camp of the Syrians. When they had come to the outermost part of the camp of the Syrians, behold, no man was there. 6 For the Lord had made the army of the Syrians to hear the sound of chariots and the sound of horses, even the noise of a great army; and they said to one another, "Behold,

the king of Israel has hired against us the kings of the 8 Now Elisha had spoken to the woman whose son he Hittites and the kings of the Egyptians to attack us." 7 Therefore they arose and fled in the twilight, and left your household, and stay for a while wherever you can; their tents, their horses, and their donkeys, even the for Yahweh has called for a famine. It will also come on camp as it was, and fled for their life. 8 When these the land for seven years." 2 The woman arose, and did lepers came to the outermost part of the camp, they according to the man of God's word. She went with her went into one tent, and ate and drank, then carried away household, and lived in the land of the Philistines for silver, gold, and clothing and went and hid it. Then they seven years. 3 At the end of seven years, the woman came back, and entered into another tent and carried returned from the land of the Philistines. Then she went things from there also, and went and hid them. 9 Then out to beg the king for her house and for her land. 4 they said to one another, "We aren't doing right. Today Now the king was talking with Gehazi the servant of the is a day of good news, and we keep silent. If we wait man of God, saying, "Please tell me all the great things until the morning light, punishment will overtake us. Now that Elisha has done." 5 As he was telling the king how therefore come, let's go and tell the king's household." he had restored to life him who was dead, behold, the 10 So they came and called to the city gatekeepers; and woman whose son he had restored to life begged the they told them, "We came to the camp of the Syrians, king for her house and for her land. Gehazi said, "My and, behold, there was no man there, not even a man's lord, O king, this is the woman, and this is her son, voice, but the horses tied, and the donkeys tied, and the whom Elisha restored to life." 6 When the king asked tents as they were." 11 Then the gatekeepers called the woman, she told him. So the king appointed to her a out and told it to the king's household within. 12 The certain officer, saying, "Restore all that was hers, and king arose in the night, and said to his servants, "I will all the fruits of the field since the day that she left the now show you what the Syrians have done to us. They land, even until now." 7 Elisha came to Damascus; and know that we are hungry. Therefore they have gone Benhadad the king of Syria was sick. He was told, "The out of the camp to hide themselves in the field, saying, man of God has come here." 8 The king said to Hazael, When they come out of the city, we shall take them "Take a present in your hand, and go meet the man alive, and get into the city." 13 One of his servants of God, and inquire of Yahweh by him, saying, 'Will I answered, "Please let some people take five of the recover from this sickness?" 9 So Hazael went to meet horses that remain, which are left in the city. Behold, him and took a present with him, even of every good they are like all the multitude of Israel who are left in it. thing of Damascus, forty camels' burden, and came and Behold, they are like all the multitude of Israel who are stood before him and said, "Your son Benhadad king of consumed. Let's send and see." 14 Therefore they took Syria has sent me to you, saying, 'Will I recover from two chariots with horses; and the king sent them out to this sickness?" 10 Elisha said to him, "Go, tell him, 'You the Syrian army, saying, "Go and see." 15 They went will surely recover; however Yahweh has shown me that after them to the Jordan; and behold, all the path was he will surely die." 11 He settled his gaze steadfastly full of garments and equipment which the Syrians had on him, until he was ashamed. Then the man of God cast away in their haste. The messengers returned and wept. 12 Hazael said, "Why do you weep, my lord?" He told the king. 16 The people went out and plundered the answered, "Because I know the evil that you will do to camp of the Syrians. So a seah of fine flour was sold the children of Israel. You will set their strongholds on for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, fire, and you will kill their young men with the sword, according to Yahweh's word. 17 The king had appointed and will dash their little ones in pieces, and rip up their the captain on whose hand he leaned to be in charge of pregnant women." 13 Hazael said, "But what is your the gate; and the people trampled over him in the gate, servant, who is but a dog, that he could do this great and he died as the man of God had said, who spoke thing?" Elisha answered, "Yahweh has shown me that when the king came down to him. 18 It happened as you will be king over Syria." 14 Then he departed from the man of God had spoken to the king, saying, "Two Elisha, and came to his master, who said to him, "What seahs of barley for a shekel, and a seah of fine flour did Elisha say to you?" He answered, "He told me that for a shekel, shall be tomorrow about this time in the you would surely recover." 15 On the next day, he took a gate of Samaria;" 19 and that captain answered the thick cloth, dipped it in water, and spread it on the king's man of God, and said, "Now, behold, if Yahweh made face, so that he died. Then Hazael reigned in his place. windows in heaven, might such a thing be?" and he 16 In the fifth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of said, "Behold, you will see it with your eyes, but will not Israel, Jehoshaphat being king of Judah then, Jehoram eat of it." 20 It happened like that to him, for the people the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah began to reign. 17 trampled over him in the gate, and he died.

had restored to life, saying, "Arise, and go, you and He was thirty-two years old when he began to reign. He

reigned eight years in Jerusalem. 18 He walked in the avenge the blood of my servants the prophets, and was sick.

• 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 rise up from among his brothers, and take him to an inner room. 3 Then take the vial of oil, and pour it on his head, and say, 'Yahweh says, "I have anointed you king over Israel." Then open the door, flee, and don't wait." 4 So the young man, the young prophet, went to Ramoth Gilead. 5 When he came, behold, the captains of the army were sitting. Then he said, "I have a message for you, captain." Jehu said, "To which one of us?" 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, "Yahweh, the God of Israel, says, 'I have anointed you king over the people of Yahweh, even over Israel. 7 You must strike your master Ahab's house, that I may

way of the kings of Israel, as did Ahab's house, for he the blood of all the servants of Yahweh, at the hand of married Ahab's daughter. He did that which was evil in Jezebel. 8 For the whole house of Ahab will perish. I Yahweh's sight. 19 However, Yahweh would not destroy will cut off from Ahab everyone who urinates against a Judah, for David his servant's sake, as he promised him wall, both him who is shut up and him who is left at to give to him a lamp for his children always. 20 In his large in Israel. 9 I will make Ahab's house like the house days Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah, and of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of made a king over themselves. 21 Then Joram crossed Baasha the son of Ahijah. 10 The dogs will eat Jezebel over to Zair, and all his chariots with him; and he rose on the plot of ground of Jezreel, and there shall be no up by night and struck the Edomites who surrounded one to bury her." Then he opened the door and fled. 11 him with the captains of the chariots; and the people fled When Jehu came out to the servants of his lord and one to their tents. 22 So Edom revolted from under the hand said to him, "Is all well? Why did this madman come to of Judah to this day. Then Libnah revolted at the same you?" He said to them, "You know the man and how he time. 23 The rest of the acts of Joram, and all that he talks." 12 They said, "That is a lie. Tell us now." He said, did, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of "He said to me, 'Yahweh says, I have anointed you king the kings of Judah? 24 Joram slept with his fathers, and over Israel." 13 Then they hurried, and each man took was buried with his fathers in David's city; and Ahaziah his cloak, and put it under him on the top of the stairs, his son reigned in his place. 25 In the twelfth year of and blew the trumpet, saying, "Jehu is king." 14 So Jehu Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel, Ahaziah the son the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi conspired of Jehoram king of Judah began to reign. 26 Ahaziah against Joram. (Now Joram was defending Ramoth was twenty-two years old when he began to reign; and Gilead, he and all Israel, because of Hazael king of he reigned one year in Jerusalem. His mother's name Syria; 15 but King Joram had returned to be healed was Athaliah the daughter of Omri king of Israel. 27 He in Jezreel of the wounds which the Syrians had given walked in the way of Ahab's house and did that which him when he fought with Hazael king of Syria.) Jehu was evil in Yahweh's sight, as did Ahab's house, for said, "If this is your thinking, then let no one escape he was the son-in-law of Ahab's house. 28 He went and go out of the city to go to tell it in Jezreel." 16 So with Joram the son of Ahab to war against Hazael king Jehu rode in a chariot and went to Jezreel, for Joram of Syria at Ramoth Gilead, and the Syrians wounded lay there. Ahaziah king of Judah had come down to see Joram. 29 King Joram returned to be healed in Jezreel Joram. 17 Now the watchman was standing on the tower from the wounds which the Syrians had given him at in Jezreel, and he spied the company of Jehu as he Ramah, when he fought against Hazael king of Syria. came, and said, "I see a company." Joram said, "Take a Ahaziah the son of Jehoram, king of Judah, went down horseman, and send to meet them, and let him say, 'Is it to see Joram the son of Ahab in Jezreel, because he peace?" 18 So one went on horseback to meet him, and said, "the king says, 'Is it peace?" Jehu said, "What do you have to do with peace? Fall in behind me!" The watchman said, "The messenger came to them, but he isn't coming back." 19 Then he sent out a second on horseback, who came to them and said, "The king says, 'Is it peace?" Jehu answered, "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. Then 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 on Naboth the Jezreelite's land. 22 When Joram saw Jehu, 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, "This is treason, Ahaziah!" 24 Jehu drew his bow with his full strength, and struck Joram between his arms; and the arrow went out at

his heart, and he sunk down in his chariot. 25 Then which is good in your eyes." 6 Then he wrote a letter Jehu said to Bidkar his captain, "Pick him up, and throw the second time to them, saying, "If you are on my side, him in the plot of the field of Naboth the Jezreelite; for and if you will listen to my voice, take the heads of the remember how, when you and I rode together after men who are your master's sons, and come to me to Ahab his father, Yahweh laid this burden on him: 26 Jezreel by tomorrow this time." Now the king's sons, 'Surely I have seen yesterday the blood of Naboth, and being seventy persons, were with the great men of the the blood of his sons,' says Yahweh; 'and I will repay city, who brought them up. 7 When the letter came to you in this plot of ground,' says Yahweh. Now therefore them, they took the king's sons and killed them, even take and cast him onto the plot of ground, according seventy people, and put their heads in baskets, and to Yahweh's word." 27 But when Ahaziah the king of sent them to him to Jezreel. 8 A messenger came and Judah saw this, he fled by the way of the garden house. told him, "They have brought the heads of the king's Jehu followed after him, and said, "Strike him also in the sons." He said, "Lay them in two heaps at the entrance chariot!" They struck him at the ascent of Gur, which of the gate until the morning." 9 In the morning, he is by Ibleam. He fled to Megiddo, and died there. 28 went out and stood, and said to all the people, "You are His servants carried him in a chariot to Jerusalem, and righteous. Behold, I conspired against my master and buried him in his tomb with his fathers in David's city. 29 killed him, but who killed all these? 10 Know now that In the eleventh year of Joram the son of Ahab, Ahaziah nothing will fall to the earth of Yahweh's word, which began to reign over Judah. 30 When Jehu had come to Yahweh spoke concerning Ahab's house. For Yahweh Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it; and she painted her eyes, has done that which he spoke by his servant Elijah." 11 and adorned her head, and looked out at the window. So Jehu struck all that remained of Ahab's house in 31 As Jehu entered in at the gate, she said, "Do you Jezreel, with all his great men, his familiar friends, and come in peace, Zimri, you murderer of your master?" 32 his priests, until he left him no one remaining. 12 He He lifted up his face to the window, and said, "Who is on arose and departed, and went to Samaria. As he was at my side? Who?" Two or three eunuchs looked out at the shearing house of the shepherds on the way. 13 him. 33 He said, "Throw her down!" So they threw her Jehu met with the brothers of Ahaziah king of Judah, down; and some of her blood was sprinkled on the wall, and said, "Who are you?" They answered, "We are the and on the horses. Then he trampled her under foot, brothers of Ahaziah. We are going down to greet the 34 When he had come in, he ate and drank. Then he children of the king and the children of the gueen." 14 said, "See now to this cursed woman, and bury her; for He said, "Take them alive!" They took them alive, and she is a king's daughter." 35 They went to bury her, but killed them at the pit of the shearing house, even fortythey found no more of her than the skull, the feet, and two men. He didn't leave any of them. 15 When he the palms of her hands. 36 Therefore they came back, had departed from there, he met Jehonadab the son and told him. He said, "This is Yahweh's word, which of Rechab coming to meet him. He greeted him, and he spoke by his servant Elijah the Tishbite, saying, said to him, "Is your heart right, as my heart is with your 'The dogs will eat the flesh of Jezebel on the plot of heart?" Jehonadab answered, "It is." "If it is, give me Jezreel, 37 and the body of Jezebel will be as dung on your hand." He gave him his hand; and he took him up the surface of the field on Jezreel's land, so that they to him into the chariot. 16 He said, "Come with me, and won't say, "This is Jezebel.""

1 Now Ahab had seventy sons in Samaria. Jehu wrote letters and sent them to Samaria, to the rulers of Jezreel, even the elders, and to those who brought up Ahab's sons, saying, 2 "Now as soon as this letter comes to you, since your master's sons are with you, and you have chariots and horses, a fortified city also, and armor, 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, "Behold, the two kings didn't 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

see my zeal for Yahweh." So they made him ride in his chariot. 17 When he came to Samaria, he struck all who remained to Ahab in Samaria, until he had destroyed them, according to Yahweh's word which he spoke to Elijah. 18 Jehu gathered all the people together, and said to them, "Ahab served Baal a little, but Jehu will serve him much. 19 Now therefore call to me all the prophets of Baal, all of his worshipers, and all of his priests. Let no one be absent, for I have a great sacrifice to Baal. Whoever is absent, he shall not live." But Jehu did deceptively, intending to destroy the worshipers of Baal. 20 Jehu said, "Sanctify a solemn assembly for Baal!" So they proclaimed it. 21 Jehu sent through all Israel; and all the worshipers of Baal came, so that there was not a man left that didn't come. They came into the house of Baal; and the house of Baal was filled

Samaria was twenty-eight years.

Now when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the royal offspring. 2 But Jehosheba, the daughter of King Joram, sister of Ahaziah, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him away from among the king's sons who were slain, even him and his nurse, and put them in the bedroom; and they hid him from Athaliah, so that he was not slain. 3 He was with her hidden in Yahweh's house six years while Athaliah reigned

from one end to another. 22 He said to him who kept over the land. 4 In the seventh year Jehoiada sent and the wardrobe, "Bring out robes for all the worshipers of fetched the captains over hundreds of the Carites and Baal!" So he brought robes out to them. 23 Jehu went of the guard, and brought them to him into Yahweh's with Jehonadab the son of Rechab into the house of house; and he made a covenant with them, and made a Baal. Then he said to the worshipers of Baal, "Search, covenant with them in Yahweh's house, and showed and see that none of the servants of Yahweh are here them the king's son. 5 He commanded them, saying, with you, but only the worshipers of Baal." 24 So they "This is what you must do: a third of you, who come went in to offer sacrifices and burnt offerings. Now in on the Sabbath, shall be keepers of the watch of Jehu had appointed for himself eighty men outside, and the king's house; 6 a third of you shall be at the gate said, "If any of the men whom I bring into your hands Sur; and a third of you at the gate behind the guard. escape, he who lets him go, his life shall be for the life So you shall keep the watch of the house, and be a of him." 25 As soon as he had finished offering the burnt barrier. 7 The two companies of you, even all who go offering, Jehu said to the guard and to the captains, "Go out on the Sabbath, shall keep the watch of Yahweh's in and kill them! Let no one escape." So they struck house around the king. 8 You shall surround the king, them with the edge of the sword. The guard and the every man with his weapons in his hand; and he who captains threw the bodies out, and went to the inner comes within the ranks, let him be slain. Be with the shrine of the house of Baal. 26 They brought out the king when he goes out, and when he comes in." 9 pillars that were in the house of Baal and burned them. The captains over hundreds did according to all that 27 They broke down the pillar of Baal, and broke down Jehoiada the priest commanded; and they each took his the house of Baal, and made it a latrine, to this day. 28 men, those who were to come in on the Sabbath with Thus Jehu destroyed Baal out of Israel. 29 However, those who were to go out on the Sabbath, and came Jehu didn't depart from the sins of Jeroboam the son of to Jehoiada the priest. 10 The priest delivered to the Nebat, with which he made Israel to sin—the golden captains over hundreds the spears and shields that had calves that were in Bethel and that were in Dan. 30 been King David's, which were in Yahweh's house. 11 Yahweh said to Jehu, "Because you have done well in The guard stood, every man with his weapons in his executing that which is right in my eyes, and have done hand, from the right side of the house to the left side of to Ahab's house according to all that was in my heart, the house, along by the altar and the house, around the your descendants shall sit on the throne of Israel to the king. 12 Then he brought out the king's son, and put the fourth generation." 31 But Jehu took no heed to walk in crown on him, and gave him the covenant; and they the law of Yahweh, the God of Israel, with all his heart. made him king and anointed him; and they clapped their He didn't depart from the sins of Jeroboam, with which hands, and said, "Long live the king!" 13 When Athaliah he made Israel to sin. 32 In those days Yahweh began heard the noise of the guard and of the people, she to cut away parts of Israel; and Hazael struck them in all came to the people into Yahweh's house; 14 and she the borders of Israel 33 from the Jordan eastward, all looked, and behold, the king stood by the pillar, as the the land of Gilead, the Gadites, and the Reubenites, tradition was, with the captains and the trumpets by and the Manassites, from Aroer, which is by the valley the king; and all the people of the land rejoiced, and of the Arnon, even Gilead and Bashan. 34 Now the rest blew trumpets. Then Athaliah tore her clothes and cried, of the acts of Jehu, and all that he did, and all his might, "Treason! Treason!" 15 Jehoiada the priest commanded aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the the captains of hundreds who were set over the army, kings of Israel? 35 Jehu slept with his fathers; and they and said to them, "Bring her out between the ranks. Kill buried him in Samaria. Jehoahaz his son reigned in anyone who follows her with the sword." For the priest his place. 36 The time that Jehu reigned over Israel in said. "Don't let her be slain in Yahweh's house." 16 So they seized her; and she went by the way of the horses' entry to the king's house, and she was slain there. 17 Jehoiada made a covenant between Yahweh and the king and the people, that they should be Yahweh's people; also between the king and the people. 18 All the people of the land went to the house of Baal, and broke it down. They broke his altars and his images in pieces thoroughly, and killed Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars. The priest appointed officers over Yahweh's house. 19 He took the captains over hundreds, and the Carites, and the guard, and all the people of the

began to reign.

1 2 Jehoash began to reign in the seventh year of Jehu, and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Zibiah of Beersheba. 2 Jehoash did that which was right in Yahweh's eyes all his days in which Jehoiada the priest instructed him. 3 However, the high places were not taken away. The people still sacrificed and burned incense in the high places. 4 Jehoash said to the priests, "All the money of the holy things that is brought into Yahweh's house, in current money, the money of the people for whom each man is evaluated, and all the money that it comes into any man's heart to bring into Yahweh's house. 5 let the priests take it to them, each man from his donor; and they shall repair the damage to the house, wherever any damage is found." 6 But it was so, that in the twentythird year of King Jehoash the priests had not repaired the damage to the house. 7 Then King Jehoash called for Jehoiada the priest, and for the other priests, and said to them, "Why aren't you repairing the damage to the house? Now therefore take no more money from your treasurers, but deliver it for repair of the damage to the house." 8 The priests consented that they should take no more money from the people, and not repair the damage to the house. 9 But Jehoiada the priest took a chest and bored a hole in its lid, and set it beside the altar, on the right side as one comes into Yahweh's house: and the priests who kept the threshold put all the money that was brought into Yahweh's house into it. 10 When they saw that there was much money in the chest, the king's scribe and the high priest came up, and they put it in bags and counted the money that was found in Yahweh's house. 11 They gave the money that was weighed out into the hands of those who did the work, who had the oversight of Yahweh's house; and they paid it out to the carpenters and the builders who worked on Yahweh's house, 12 and to the masons and the stone cutters, and for buying timber and cut stone to repair the damage to Yahweh's house, and for all that was laid out for the house to repair it. 13 But there were not made for Yahweh's house cups of silver, snuffers, basins, trumpets, any vessels of gold or vessels of silver, of the money that was brought into Yahweh's house; 14 for they gave that to those who did the work, and repaired Yahweh's house with it. 15 Moreover they didn't demand an accounting from the men into whose hand they delivered the money to give

land; and they brought down the king from Yahweh's to those who did the work; for they dealt faithfully, 16 house, and came by the way of the gate of the guard. The money for the trespass offerings and the money for to the king's house. He sat on the throne of the kings. the sin offerings was not brought into Yahweh's house. 20 So all the people of the land rejoiced, and the city It was the priests'. 17 Then Hazael king of Syria went up was quiet. They had slain Athaliah with the sword at the and fought against Gath, and took it; and Hazael set his king's house. 21 Jehoash was seven years old when he 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 Yahweh's house, and of the king's house, and sent it to Hazael king of Syria; and he went away from Jerusalem. 19 Now the rest of the acts of Joash, and all that he did, 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 Jozacar 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 David's city; and Amaziah his son reigned in his place.

> 13 In the twenty-third year of Joash the son of Ahaziah, king of Judah, Jehoahaz the son of Jehu began to reign over Israel in Samaria for seventeen years. 2 He did that which was evil in Yahweh's sight, and followed the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, with which he made Israel to sin. He didn't depart from it. 3 Yahweh's anger burned against Israel, and he delivered them into the hand of Hazael king of Syria, and into the hand of Benhadad the son of Hazael, continually. 4 Jehoahaz begged Yahweh, and Yahweh listened to him; for he saw the oppression of Israel, how the king of Syria oppressed them. 5 (Yahweh gave Israel a savior, so that they went out from under the hand of the Syrians; and the children of Israel lived in their tents as before. 6 Nevertheless they didn't depart from the sins of the house of Jeroboam, with which he made Israel to sin, but walked in them; and the Asherah also remained in Samaria.) 7 For he didn't leave to Jehoahaz of the people any more than fifty horsemen, and ten chariots, and ten thousand footmen; for the king of Syria destroyed them and made them like the dust in threshing. 8 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 thirtyseventh 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 Yahweh's sight. He didn't depart from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, with which he made Israel to sin; but he walked in them. 12 Now the rest of the acts of Joash, and all that he did, and his might with which he fought

cities of Israel.

11 In the second year of Joash, son of Joahaz, king of Israel, Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah began to reign. 2 He was twenty-five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jehoaddin of Jerusalem. 3 He did that which was right in Yahweh's eyes, 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 burned incense in the high places. 5 As soon as the kingdom was established in his hand, he killed his servants who had slain the king his father, 6 but the children of the murderers he didn't put to death,

against Amaziah king of Judah, aren't they written in the according to that which is written in the book of the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? 13 Joash law of Moses, as Yahweh commanded, saying, "The slept with his fathers; and Jeroboam sat on his throne. fathers shall not be put to death for the children, nor Joash was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel. the children be put to death for the fathers; but every 14 Now Elisha became sick with the illness of which man shall die for his own sin." 7 He killed ten thousand he died; and Joash the king of Israel came down to Edomites in the Valley of Salt, and took Sela by war, and him, and wept over him, and said, "My father, my father, called its name Joktheel, to this day. 8 Then Amaziah the chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" 15 Elisha said sent messengers to Jehoash, the son of Jehoahaz son to him, "Take bow and arrows;" and he took bow and of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, "Come, let's look one arrows for himself. 16 He said to the king of Israel, "Put another in the face." 9 Jehoash the king of Israel sent to your hand on the bow," and he put his hand on it. Elisha Amaziah king of Judah, saying, "The thistle that was in laid his hands on the king's hands. 17 He said, "Open Lebanon sent to the cedar that was in Lebanon, saying, the window eastward;" and he opened it. Then Elisha 'Give your daughter to my son as wife.' Then a wild said, "Shoot!" and he shot. He said, "Yahweh's arrow of animal that was in Lebanon passed by, and trampled victory, even the arrow of victory over Syria; for you will down the thistle. 10 You have indeed struck Edom, and strike the Syrians in Aphek until you have consumed your heart has lifted you up. Enjoy the glory of it, and them." 18 He said, "Take the arrows;" and he took them. stay at home; for why should you meddle to your harm, He said to the king of Israel, "Strike the ground;" and that you fall, even you, and Judah with you?" 11 But he struck three times, and stopped. 19 The man of Amaziah would not listen. So Jehoash king of Israel God was angry with him, and said, "You should have went up; and he and Amaziah king of Judah looked one struck five or six times. Then you would have struck another in the face at Beth Shemesh, which belongs Syria until you had consumed it, but now you will strike to Judah. 12 Judah was defeated by Israel; and each Syria just three times." 20 Elisha died, and they buried man fled to his tent. 13 Jehoash king of Israel took him. Now the bands of the Moabites invaded the land Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Jehoash the son of at the coming in of the year. 21 As they were burying Ahaziah, at Beth Shemesh and came to Jerusalem, a man, behold, they saw a band of raiders; and they then broke down the wall of Jerusalem from the gate threw the man into Elisha's tomb. As soon as the man of Ephraim to the corner gate, four hundred cubits. 14 touched Elisha's bones, he revived, and stood up on He took all the gold and silver and all the vessels that his feet. 22 Hazael king of Syria oppressed Israel all were found in Yahweh's house and in the treasures of the days of Jehoahaz. 23 But Yahweh was gracious the king's house, the hostages also, and returned to to them, and had compassion on them, and favored Samaria. 15 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoash which them because of his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, he did, and his might, and how he fought with Amaziah and Jacob, and would not destroy them and he didn't king of Judah, aren't they written in the book of the cast them from his presence as yet. 24 Hazael king of chronicles of the kings of Israel? 16 Jehoash slept with Syria died; and Benhadad his son reigned in his place. his fathers, and was buried in Samaria with the kings of 25 Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz took again out of the Israel; and Jeroboam his son reigned in his place. 17 hand of Benhadad the son of Hazael the cities which he Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah lived after the had taken out of the hand of Jehoahaz his father by death of Jehoahas, king of Israel, fifteen war. Joash struck him three times, and recovered the years. 18 Now the rest of the acts of Amaziah, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 19 They made a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem, and he fled to Lachish; but they sent after him to Lachish and killed him there. 20 They brought him on horses, and he was buried at Jerusalem with his fathers in David's city. 21 All the people of Judah took Azariah, who was sixteen years old, and made him king in the place of his father Amaziah. 22 He built Elath and restored it to Judah. After that the king slept with his fathers. 23 In the fifteenth year of Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah, Jeroboam the son of Joash king of Israel began to reign in Samaria for fortyone years. 24 He did that which was evil in Yahweh's sight. He didn't depart from all the sins of Jeroboam

the son of Nebat, with which he made Israel to sin. 25 his place. 15 Now the rest of the acts of Shallum, and his son reigned in his place.

15 In the twenty-seventh year of Jeroboam king of Israel, Azariah son of Amaziah king of Judah began to reign. 2 He was sixteen years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty-two years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jecoliah of Jerusalem. 3 He did that which was right in Yahweh's eyes, according to all that his father Amaziah had done. 4 However, the high places were not taken away. The people still sacrificed and burned incense in the high places. 5 Yahweh struck the king, so that he was a leper to the day of his death, and lived in a separate house. Jotham, the king's son, was over the household, judging the people of the land. 6 Now the rest of the acts of Azariah, and all that he did, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 7 Azariah slept with his fathers; and they buried him with his fathers in David's city; and Jotham his son reigned in his place. 8 In the thirty-eighth year of Azariah king of Judah, Zechariah the son of Jeroboam reigned over Israel in Samaria six months. 9 He did that which was evil in Yahweh's sight, as his fathers had done. He didn't depart from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, with which he made Israel to sin. 10 Shallum the son of Jabesh conspired against him, and struck him before the people and killed him, and reigned in his place. 11 Now the rest of the acts of Zechariah, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel. 12 This was Yahweh's word which he spoke to Jehu, saying, "Your sons to the fourth generation shall sit on the throne of Israel." So it came to pass. 13 Shallum the son of Jabesh began to reign in the thirtyninth year of Uzziah king of Judah, and he reigned for a month in Samaria. 14 Menahem the son of Gadi went up from Tirzah, came to Samaria, struck Shallum the son of Jabesh in Samaria, killed him, and reigned in

He restored the border of Israel from the entrance of his conspiracy which he made, behold, they are written Hamath to the sea of the Arabah, according to Yahweh, in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel. 16 the God of Israel's word, which he spoke by his servant. Then Menahem attacked Tiphsah and all who were Jonah the son of Amittai, the prophet, who was from in it and its border areas, from Tirzah. He attacked it Gath Hepher. 26 For Yahweh saw the affliction of Israel, because they didn't open their gates to him, and he that it was very bitter for all, slave and free; and there ripped up all their women who were with child. 17 In the was no helper for Israel. 27 Yahweh didn't say that he thirty ninth year of Azariah king of Judah, Menahem the would blot out the name of Israel from under the sky; son of Gadi began to reign over Israel for ten years in but he saved them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Samaria. 18 He did that which was evil in Yahweh's Joash. 28 Now the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, and all sight. He didn't depart all his days from the sins of that he did, and his might, how he fought, and how he Jeroboam the son of Nebat, with which he made Israel recovered Damascus, and Hamath, which had belonged to sin. 19 Pul the king of Assyria came against the to Judah, for Israel, aren't they written in the book of the land, and Menahem gave Pul one thousand talents of chronicles of the kings of Israel? 29 Jeroboam slept with silver, that his hand might be with him to confirm the his fathers, even with the kings of Israel; and Zechariah kingdom in his hand. 20 Menahem exacted the money from Israel, even from all the mighty men of wealth, from each man fifty shekels of silver, to give to the king of Assyria. So the king of Assyria turned back, and didn't 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 with his fathers, and Pekahiah his son reigned in his place. 23 In the fiftieth year of Azariah king of Judah, Pekahiah the son of Menahem began to reign over Israel in Samaria for two years. 24 He did that which was evil in Yahweh's sight. He didn't depart from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, with which he made Israel to sin. 25 Pekah the son of Remaliah, his captain, conspired against him and attacked him in Samaria, in the fortress of the king's house, with Argob and Arieh; and with him were fifty men of the Gileadites. He killed him, and reigned in his place. 26 Now the rest of the acts of Pekahiah, and all that he did, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel. 27 In the fifty-second year of Azariah king of Judah, Pekah the son of Remaliah began to reign over Israel in Samaria for twenty years. 28 He did that which was evil in Yahweh's sight. He didn't depart from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, with which he made Israel to sin. 29 In the days of Pekah king of Israel, Tiglath Pileser king of Assyria came and took Ijon, Abel Beth Maacah, Janoah, Kedesh, Hazor, Gilead, and Galilee, all the land of Naphtali; and he carried them captive to Assyria. 30 Hoshea the son of Elah made a conspiracy against Pekah the son of Remaliah, attacked him, killed him, and reigned in his place, in the twentieth year of Jotham the son of Uzziah. 31 Now the rest of the acts of Pekah, and all that he did, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel. 32 In the second year of Pekah the son of Remaliah king of Israel, Jotham the son of Uzziah king of Judah began to reign. 33 He was twenty-

sixteen years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was offerings on the altar. 14 The bronze altar, which was Jerusha the daughter of Zadok. 34 He did that which before Yahweh, he brought from the front of the house, was right in Yahweh's eyes. He did according to all that from between his altar and Yahweh's house, and put it his father Uzziah had done. 35 However the high places on the north side of his altar. 15 King Ahaz commanded were not taken away. The people still sacrificed and Urijah the priest, saying, "On the great altar burn the burned incense in the high places. He built the upper morning burnt offering, the evening meal offering, the gate of Yahweh's house. 36 Now the rest of the acts of king's burnt offering and his meal offering, with the burnt Jotham, and all that he did, aren't they written in the offering of all the people of the land, their meal offering, those days, Yahweh began to send Rezin the king of of the burnt offering, and all the blood of the sacrifice; 38 Jotham slept with his fathers, and was buried with Urijah the priest did so, according to all that King Ahaz his fathers in his father David's city; and Ahaz his son commanded. 17 King Ahaz cut off the panels of the reigned in his place.

16 In the seventeenth year of Pekah the son of Remaliah, Ahaz the son of Jotham king of Judah began to reign. 2 Ahaz was twenty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. He didn't do that which was right in Yahweh his God's eyes, like David his father. 3 But he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, and even made his son to pass through the fire, according to the abominations of the nations whom Yahweh cast out from before the children of Israel. 4 He sacrificed and burned incense in the high places, on the hills, and under every green tree. 5 Then Rezin king of Syria and Pekah son of Remaliah king of Israel came up to Jerusalem to wage war. They besieged Ahaz, but could not overcome him. 6 At that time Rezin king of Syria recovered Elath to Syria, and drove the Jews from Elath; and the Syrians came to Elath, and lived there to this day. 7 So Ahaz sent messengers to Tiglath Pileser king of Assyria.

five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned his drink offering, and sprinkled the blood of his peace book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 37 In and their drink offerings; and sprinkle on it all the blood Syria and Pekah the son of Remaliah against Judah. but the bronze altar will be for me to inquire by." 16 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 He removed the covered way for the Sabbath that they had built in the house, and the king's outer entrance to Yahweh's house, because of the king of Assyria. 19 Now the rest of the acts of Ahaz which he did, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 20 Ahaz slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in David's city; and Hezekiah his 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 Yahweh's sight, yet not as the kings of Israel who were before him. 3 Shalmaneser king of Assyria came up against him; and Hoshea became his servant, and brought him tribute. 4 The king of Assyria discovered a conspiracy in Hoshea; for he had sent messengers to saying, "I am your servant and your son. Come up and So king of Egypt, and offered no tribute to the king of save me out of the hand of the king of Syria and out Assyria, as he had done year by year. Therefore the of the hand of the king of Israel, who rise up against king of Assyria seized him, and bound him in prison. 5 me." 8 Ahaz took the silver and gold that was found Then the king of Assyria came up throughout all the in Yahweh's house, and in the treasures of the king's land, went up to Samaria, and besieged it three years. house, and sent it for a present to the king of Assyria. 6 In the ninth year of Hoshea the king of Assyria took 9 The king of Assyria listened to him; and the king of Samaria and carried Israel away to Assyria, and placed Assyria went up against Damascus and took it, and them in Halah, and on the Habor, the river of Gozan, carried its people captive to Kir, and killed Rezin. 10 and in the cities of the Medes. 7 It was so because King Ahaz went to Damascus to meet Tiglath Pileser the children of Israel had sinned against Yahweh their king of Assyria, and saw the altar that was at Damascus; God, who brought them up out of the land of Egypt and King Ahaz sent to Urijah the priest a drawing of from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and had the altar and plans to build it. 11 Urijah the priest built feared other gods, 8 and walked in the statutes of the an altar. According to all that King Ahaz had sent from nations whom Yahweh cast out from before the children Damascus, so Urijah the priest made it for the coming of Israel, and of the kings of Israel, which they made. of King Ahaz from Damascus. 12 When the king had 9 The children of Israel secretly did things that were come from Damascus, the king saw the altar; and the not right against Yahweh their God; and they built high king came near to the altar, and offered on it. 13 He places for themselves in all their cities, from the tower burned his burnt offering and his meal offering, poured of the watchmen to the fortified city; 10 and they set up for themselves pillars and Asherah poles on every

burned incense in all the high places, as the nations law of the god of the land." 27 Then the king of Assyria whom Yahweh carried away before them did; and they commanded, saying, "Carry there one of the priests did wicked things to provoke Yahweh to anger; 12 and whom you brought from there; and let him go and dwell they served idols, of which Yahweh had said to them, there, and let him teach them the law of the god of the "You shall not do this thing." 13 Yet Yahweh testified land." 28 So one of the priests whom they had carried to Israel and to Judah, by every prophet and every away from Samaria came and lived in Bethel, and taught seer, saying, "Turn from your evil ways, and keep my them how they should fear Yahweh. 29 However every commandments and my statutes, according to all the nation made gods of their own, and put them in the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to houses of the high places which the Samaritans had you by my servants the prophets." 14 Notwithstanding, made, every nation in their cities in which they lived. 30 they would not listen, but hardened their neck like the The men of Babylon made Succoth Benoth, and the neck of their fathers who didn't believe in Yahweh their men of Cuth made Nergal, and the men of Hamath God. 15 They rejected his statutes and his covenant that made Ashima, 31 and the Avvites made Nibhaz and he made with their fathers, and his testimonies which he Tartak; and the Sepharvites burned their children in testified to them; and they followed vanity, and became the fire to Adrammelech and Anammelech, the gods of vain, and followed the nations that were around them, Sepharvaim. 32 So they feared Yahweh, and also made concerning whom Yahweh had commanded them that from among themselves priests of the high places for they should not do like them. 16 They abandoned all the themselves, who sacrificed for them in the houses of the commandments of Yahweh their God, and made molten high places. 33 They feared Yahweh, and also served images for themselves, even two calves, and made their own gods, after the ways of the nations from among an Asherah, and worshiped all the army of the sky, whom they had been carried away. 34 To this day they and served Baal. 17 They caused their sons and their do what they did before. They don't fear Yahweh, and daughters to pass through the fire, used divination and they do not follow the statutes, or the ordinances, or the enchantments, and sold themselves to do that which law, or the commandment which Yahweh commanded was evil in Yahweh's sight, to provoke him to anger. the children of Jacob, whom he named Israel; 35 with 18 Therefore Yahweh was very angry with Israel, and whom Yahweh had made a covenant and commanded removed them out of his sight. There was none left them, saying, "You shall not fear other gods, nor bow but the tribe of Judah only. 19 Also Judah didn't keep yourselves to them, nor serve them, nor sacrifice to the commandments of Yahweh their God, but walked them; 36 but you shall fear Yahweh, who brought you in the statutes of Israel which they made. 20 Yahweh up out of the land of Egypt with great power and with an rejected all the offspring of Israel, afflicted them, and outstretched arm, and you shall bow yourselves to him, delivered them into the hands of raiders, until he had and you shall sacrifice to him. 37 The statutes and the cast them out of his sight. 21 For he tore Israel from ordinances, and the law and the commandment which David's house; and they made Jeroboam the son of he wrote for you, you shall observe to do forever more. Nebat king; and Jeroboam drove Israel from following You shall not fear other gods. 38 You shall not forget the Yahweh, and made them sin a great sin. 22 The children covenant that I have made with you. You shall not fear of Israel walked in all the sins of Jeroboam which other gods. 39 But you shall fear Yahweh your God, and he did; they didn't depart from them 23 until Yahweh he will deliver you out of the hand of all your enemies." removed Israel out of his sight, as he said by all his 40 However they didn't listen, but they did what they servants the prophets. So Israel was carried away out did before. 41 So these nations feared Yahweh, and of their own land to Assyria to this day. 24 The king of also served their engraved images. Their children did Assyria brought people from Babylon, from Cuthah, from likewise, and so did their children's children. They do as Avva, and from Hamath and Sepharvaim, and placed their fathers did to this day. them in the cities of Samaria instead of the children of Israel; and they possessed Samaria and lived in its cities. 25 So it was, at the beginning of their dwelling there, that they didn't fear Yahweh. Therefore Yahweh 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 don't know the law of the god of the land. Therefore he has sent lions among them;

high hill and under every green tree: 11 and there they and behold, they kill them, because they don't know the

18 Now in the third year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, Hezekiah the son of Ahaz king of Judah began to reign. 2 He was twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Abi the daughter of Zechariah. 3 He did that which was right in Yahweh's eyes, according to all that David his father had done. 4 He removed the high places, broke the pillars, and cut down the Asherah. He also broke in pieces the

bronze serpent that Moses had made, because in those of Egypt to all who trust on him. 22 But if you tell me, of the watchmen to the fortified city. 9 In the fourth against this place to destroy it? Yahweh said to me, of Israel, Samaria was taken. 11 The king of Assyria who are on the wall." 27 But Rabshakeh said to them, carried Israel away to Assyria, and put them in Halah, "Has my master sent me to your master and to you, of Assyria at Lachish, saying, "I have offended you. Yahweh, saying, "Yahweh will surely deliver us, and of gold. 15 Hezekiah gave him all the silver that was out to me; and everyone of you eat from his own vine, Rabshakeh said to them, "Say now to Hezekiah, 'The hand, that Yahweh should deliver Jerusalem out of my this bruised reed, even in Egypt. If a man leans on it, it with their clothes torn, and told him Rabshakeh's words. will go into his hand and pierce it. So is Pharaoh king

days the children of Israel burned incense to it; and he 'We trust in Yahweh our God,' isn't that he whose high called it Nehushtan. 5 He trusted in Yahweh, the God of places and whose altars Hezekiah has taken away, and Israel, so that after him was no one like him among all has said to Judah and to Jerusalem, 'You shall worship the kings of Judah, nor among them that were before before this altar in Jerusalem'? 23 Now therefore, please him. 6 For he joined with Yahweh. He didn't depart give pledges to my master the king of Assyria, and I will from following him, but kept his commandments, which give you two thousand horses if you are able on your Yahweh commanded Moses. 7 Yahweh was with him. part to set riders on them. 24 How then can you turn Wherever he went, he prospered. He rebelled against away the face of one captain of the least of my master's the king of Assyria, and didn't serve him. 8 He struck servants, and put your trust on Egypt for chariots and the Philistines to Gaza and its borders, from the tower for horsemen? 25 Have I now come up without Yahweh year of King Hezekiah, which was the seventh year of 'Go up against this land, and destroy it."" 26 Then Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, Shalmaneser king of Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, Shebnah, and Joah, said Assyria came up against Samaria and besieged it. 10 to Rabshakeh, "Please speak to your servants in the At the end of three years they took it. In the sixth year Syrian language, for we understand it. Don't speak with of Hezekiah, which was the ninth year of Hoshea king us in the Jews' language, in the hearing of the people and on the Habor, the river of Gozan, and in the cities of to speak these words? Hasn't he sent me to the men the Medes, 12 because they didn't obey Yahweh their who sit on the wall, to eat their own dung, and to drink God's voice, but transgressed his covenant, even all their own urine with you?" 28 Then Rabshakeh stood that Moses the servant of Yahweh commanded, and and cried with a loud voice in the Jews' language, and would not hear it or do it. 13 Now in the fourteenth spoke, saying, "Hear the word of the great king, the year of King Hezekiah, Sennacherib king of Assyria king of Assyria. 29 The king says, 'Don't let Hezekiah came up against all the fortified cities of Judah and deceive you, for he will not be able to deliver you out took them. 14 Hezekiah king of Judah sent to the king of his hand. 30 Don't let Hezekiah make you trust in Withdraw from me. That which you put on me, I will this city shall not be given into the hand of the king of bear." The king of Assyria appointed to Hezekiah king of Assyria." 31 Don't listen to Hezekiah.' For the king of Judah three hundred talents of silver and thirty talents Assyria says, 'Make your peace with me, and come found in Yahweh's house and in the treasures of the and everyone from his own fig tree, and everyone drink king's house. 16 At that time, Hezekiah cut off the gold water from his own cistern; 32 until I come and take from the doors of Yahweh's temple, and from the pillars you away to a land like your own land, a land of grain which Hezekiah king of Judah had overlaid, and gave and new wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land it to the king of Assyria. 17 The king of Assyria sent of olive trees and of honey, that you may live and not Tartan, Rabsaris, and Rabshakeh from Lachish to King die. Don't listen to Hezekiah when he persuades you, Hezekiah with a great army to Jerusalem. They went up saying, "Yahweh will deliver us." 33 Has any of the gods and came to Jerusalem. When they had come up, they of the nations ever delivered his land out of the hand of came and stood by the conduit of the upper pool, which the king of Assyria? 34 Where are the gods of Hamath is in the highway of the fuller's field. 18 When they had and of Arpad? Where are the gods of Sepharvaim, of called to the king, Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who was Hena, and Ivvah? Have they delivered Samaria out of over the household, and Shebnah the scribe, and Joah my hand? 35 Who are they among all the gods of the the son of Asaph the recorder came out to them. 19 countries, that have delivered their country out of my great king, the king of Assyria, says, "What confidence hand?" 36 But the people stayed quiet, and answered is this in which you trust? 20 You say (but they are but him not a word; for the king's commandment was, "Don't vain words), 'There is counsel and strength for war.' answer him." 37 Then Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who Now on whom do you trust, that you have rebelled was over the household, came with Shebna the scribe against me? 21 Now, behold, you trust in the staff of and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder to Hezekiah

1 Q When King Hezekiah heard it, he tore his clothes, Hezekiah, saying, "Yahweh, the God of Israel, says 'You Yahweh's house. 2 He sent Eliakim, who was over the and I have heard you. 21 This is the word that Yahweh household, Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the has spoken concerning him: 'The virgin daughter of priests, covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet Zion has despised you and ridiculed you. The daughter the son of Amoz. 3 They said to him, "Hezekiah says, of Jerusalem has shaken her head at you. 22 Whom 'Today is a day of trouble, of rebuke, and of rejection; have you defied and blasphemed? Against whom have for the children have come to the point of birth, and you exalted your voice and lifted up your eyes on high? there is no strength to deliver them. 4 It may be Yahweh Against the Holy One of Israel! 23 By your messengers, your God will hear all the words of Rabshakeh, whom you have defied the Lord, and have said, "With the the king of Assyria his master has sent to defy the living multitude of my chariots, I have come up to the height of God, and will rebuke the words which Yahweh your the mountains, to the innermost parts of Lebanon, and I God has heard. Therefore lift up your prayer for the will cut down its tall cedars and its choice cypress trees; remnant that is left." 5 So the servants of King Hezekiah and I will enter into his farthest lodging place, the forest came to Isaiah. 6 Isaiah said to them, "Tell your master of his fruitful field. 24 I have dug and drunk strange this: 'Yahweh says, "Don't be afraid of the words that waters, and I will dry up all the rivers of Egypt with the you have heard, with which the servants of the king of sole of my feet." 25 Haven't you heard how I have done Assyria have blasphemed me. 7 Behold, I will put a it long ago, and formed it of ancient times? Now I have spirit in him, and he will hear news, and will return to his brought it to pass, that it should be yours to lay waste own land. I will cause him to fall by the sword in his fortified cities into ruinous heaps. 26 Therefore their own land."" 8 So Rabshakeh returned and found the inhabitants had little power. They were dismayed and king of Assyria warring against Libnah; for he had heard confounded. They were like the grass of the field and that he had departed from Lachish. 9 When he heard it like the green herb, like the grass on the housetops said of Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, "Behold, he has come and like grain blasted before it has grown up. 27 But I out to fight against you," he sent messengers again know your sitting down, your going out, your coming in, to Hezekiah, saying, 10 "Tell Hezekiah king of Judah" and your raging against me. 28 Because of your raging this: 'Don't let your God in whom you trust deceive you, against me, and because your arrogance has come up saying, Jerusalem will not be given into the hand of the into my ears, therefore I will put my hook in your nose, king of Assyria. 11 Behold, you have heard what the and my bridle in your lips, and I will turn you back by the kings of Assyria have done to all lands, by destroying way by which you came.' 29 "This will be the sign to them utterly. Will you be delivered? 12 Have the gods you: This year, you will eat that which grows of itself, of the nations delivered them, which my fathers have and in the second year that which springs from that; and destroyed—Gozan, Haran, Rezeph, and the children in the third year sow and reap, and plant vineyards and of Eden who were in Telassar? 13 Where is the king eat their fruit. 30 The remnant that has escaped of the of Hamath, the king of Arpad, and the king of the city house of Judah will again take root downward, and bear of Sepharvaim, of Hena, and Ivvah?" 14 Hezekiah fruit upward. 31 For out of Jerusalem a remnant will received the letter from the hand of the messengers and go out, and out of Mount Zion those who shall escape. read it. Then Hezekiah went up to Yahweh's house, and Yahweh's zeal will perform this. 32 "Therefore Yahweh spread it before Yahweh. 15 Hezekiah prayed before says concerning the king of Assyria, 'He will not come Yahweh, and said, "Yahweh, the God of Israel, who are to this city, nor shoot an arrow there. He will not come enthroned above the cherubim, you are the God, even before it with shield, nor cast up a mound against it. you alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. You have 33 He will return the same way that he came, and he made heaven and earth. 16 Incline your ear, Yahweh, will not come to this city,' says Yahweh. 34 'For I will and hear. Open your eyes, Yahweh, and see. Hear the defend this city to save it, for my own sake and for my words of Sennacherib, which he has sent to defy the servant David's sake." 35 That night, Yahweh's angel living God. 17 Truly, Yahweh, the kings of Assyria have went out and struck one hundred eighty-five thousand in laid waste the nations and their lands, 18 and have cast the camp of the Assyrians. When men arose early in the their gods into the fire; for they were no gods, but the morning, behold, these were all dead bodies. 36 So work of men's hands, wood and stone. Therefore they Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, went home, and have destroyed them. 19 Now therefore, Yahweh our lived at Nineveh. 37 As he was worshiping in the house God, save us, I beg you, out of his hand, that all the of Nisroch his god, Adrammelech and Sharezer struck kingdoms of the earth may know that you, Yahweh, are him with the sword; and they escaped into the land of God alone." 20 Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Ararat. Esar Haddon his son reigned in his place.

covered himself with sackcloth, and went into have prayed to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria,

said to him, "Yahweh says, 'Set your house in order; for the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and all his might, and you will die, and not live." 2 Then he turned his face to how he made the pool, and the conduit, and brought the wall, and prayed to Yahweh, saying, 3 "Remember water into the city, aren't they written in the book of the now, Yahweh, I beg you, how I have walked before you chronicles of the kings of Judah? 21 Hezekiah slept with in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that his fathers, and Manasseh his son reigned in his place. which is good in your sight." And Hezekiah wept bitterly. 4 Before Isaiah had gone out into the middle part of the city, Yahweh's word came to him, saying, 5 "Turn back, and tell Hezekiah the prince of my people, 'Yahweh, the God of David your father, says, "I have heard your prayer. I have seen your tears. Behold, I will heal you. On the third day, you will go up to Yahweh's house. 6 I will add to your days fifteen years. I will deliver you and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria. I will defend this city for my own sake, and for my servant David's sake."" 7 Isaiah said, "Take a cake of figs." They took and laid it on the boil, and he recovered. 8 Hezekiah said to Isaiah, "What will be the sign that Yahweh will heal me, and that I will go up to Yahweh's house the third day?" 9 Isaiah said, "This will be the sign to you from Yahweh, that Yahweh will do the thing that he has spoken: should the shadow go forward ten steps, or go back ten steps?" 10 Hezekiah answered, "It is a light thing for the shadow to go forward ten steps. No, but let the shadow return backward ten steps." 11 Isaiah the prophet cried to Yahweh; and he brought the shadow ten steps backward, by which it had gone down on the sundial of Ahaz. 12 At that time Berodach Baladan the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hezekiah, for he had heard that Hezekiah had been sick. 13 Hezekiah listened to them, and showed them all the storehouse of his precious things—the silver, the gold, the spices, and the precious oil, and the house of his armor, and all that was found in his treasures. There was nothing in his house, or in all his dominion, that Hezekiah didn't show them. 14 Then Isaiah the prophet came to King Hezekiah, and said to him, "What did these men say? From where did they come to you?" Hezekiah said, "They have come from a far country, even from Babylon." 15 He said, "What have they seen in your house?" Hezekiah answered, "They have seen all that is in my house. There is nothing among my treasures that I have not shown them." 16 Isaiah said to Hezekiah, "Hear Yahweh's word. 17 'Behold, the days come that all that is in your house, and that which your fathers have laid up in store to this day, will be carried to Babylon. Nothing will be left,' says Yahweh. 18 'They will take away some of your sons who will issue from you, whom you will father; and they will be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon." 19 Then Hezekiah said to Isaiah, "Yahweh's word which

20 In those days Hezekiah was sick and dying. Isaiah you have spoken is good." He said moreover. "Isn't the prophet the son of Amoz came to him, and it so, if peace and truth will be in my days?" 20 Now

> Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Hephzibah. 2 He did that which was evil in Yahweh's sight, after the abominations of the nations whom Yahweh cast out before the children of Israel. 3 For he built again the high places which Hezekiah his father had destroyed; and he raised up altars for Baal, and made an Asherah, as Ahab king of Israel did, and worshiped all the army of the sky, and served them. 4 He built altars in Yahweh's house, of which Yahweh said, "I will put my name in Jerusalem." 5 He built altars for all the army of the sky in the two courts of Yahweh's house. 6 He made his son to pass through the fire, practiced sorcery, used enchantments, and dealt with those who had familiar spirits and with wizards. He did much evil in Yahweh's sight, to provoke him to anger. 7 He set the engraved image of Asherah that he had made in the house of which Yahweh 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, I will put my name forever; 8 I will not 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 didn't listen, and Manasseh seduced them to do that which is evil more than the nations did whom Yahweh destroyed before the children of Israel. 10 Yahweh 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 also made Judah to sin with his idols: 12 therefore Yahweh the God of Israel says, 'Behold, I will bring such evil on Jerusalem and Judah that whoever hears of it, both his ears will tingle. 13 I will stretch over Jerusalem the line of Samaria, and the plumb line of Ahab's house; 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 hands of their enemies. They will become a prey and a plunder 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 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; in addition to his sin with which he made Judah king, saving, "Hilkiah the priest has delivered a book to to sin, in doing that which was evil in Yahweh's sight, me." Then Shaphan read it before the king. 11 When 17 Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and all that the king had heard the words of the book of the law, he did, and his sin that he sinned, aren't they written he tore his clothes. 12 The king commanded Hilkiah in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? the priest, Ahikam the son of Shaphan, Achbor the son the garden of his own house, in the garden of Uzza; servant, saying, 13 "Go inquire of Yahweh for me, and and Amon his son reigned in his place. 19 Amon was for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words twenty-two years old when he began to reign; and he of this book that is found; for great is Yahweh's wrath Meshullemeth the daughter of Haruz of Jotbah. 20 He listened to the words of this book, to do according to all did that which was evil in Yahweh's sight, as Manasseh that which is written concerning us." 14 So Hilkiah the his father did. 21 He walked in all the ways that his priest, Ahikam, Achbor, Shaphan, and Asaiah went to father walked in, and served the idols that his father Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of served, and worshiped them; 22 and he abandoned Tikvah, the son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe (now Yahweh, the God of his fathers, and didn't walk in the she lived in Jerusalem in the second quarter); and they way of Yahweh. 23 The servants of Amon conspired talked with her. 15 She said to them, "Yahweh the God against him, and put the king to death in his own house. of Israel says, 'Tell the man who sent you to me, 16 24 But the people of the land killed all those who had "Yahweh says, 'Behold, I will bring evil on this place conspired against King Amon; and the people of the and on its inhabitants, even all the words of the book land made Josiah his son king in his place. 25 Now the which the king of Judah has read. 17 Because they rest of the acts of Amon which he did, aren't they written have forsaken me and have burned incense to other in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 26 gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the He was buried in his tomb in the garden of Uzza, and work of their hands, therefore my wrath shall be kindled 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. His mother's name was Jedidah the daughter of Adaiah of Bozkath. 2 He did that which was right in Yahweh's eyes, and walked in all the ways of David his father, and didn't turn away to the right hand or to the left. 3 In the eighteenth year of King Josiah, the king sent Shaphan, the son of Azaliah the son of Meshullam, the scribe, to Yahweh's house, saying, 4 "Go up to Hilkiah the high priest, that he may count the money which is brought into Yahweh's house, which the keepers of the threshold have gathered of the people. 5 Let them deliver it into the hand of the workers who have the oversight of Yahweh's house; and let them give it to the workers who are in Yahweh's house, to repair the damage to 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, no accounting shall be asked of them for the money delivered into their hand, for they deal faithfully." 8 Hilkiah the high priest said to Shaphan the scribe, "I have found the book of the law in Yahweh's house." 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 hands of the workmen who have the oversight of Yahweh's house." 10 Shaphan the scribe told the

18 Manasseh slept with his fathers, and was buried in of Micaiah, Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah the king's reigned two years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was that is kindled against us, because our fathers have not against this place, and it will not be guenched." 18 But to the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of Yahweh, tell him, "Yahweh the God of Israel says, 'Concerning the words which you have heard, 19 because your heart was tender, and you humbled yourself before Yahweh when you heard what I spoke against this place and against its inhabitants, that they should become a desolation and a curse, and have torn your clothes and wept before me, I also have heard you,' says Yahweh. 20 'Therefore behold, I will gather you to your fathers, and you will be gathered to your grave in peace. Your eyes will not see all the evil which I will bring on this place.""" So they brought this message back 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 Yahweh's house, and all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem with him-with the priests, the prophets, and all the people, both small and great; and he read in their hearing all the words of the book of the covenant which was found in Yahweh's house. 3 The king stood by the pillar and made a covenant before Yahweh to walk after Yahweh and to keep his commandments, 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 book; and all the people agreed to the covenant. 4 The king commanded Hilkiah the high priest, and the priests of the second order, and the keepers of the threshold, to

bring out of Yahweh's temple all the vessels that were proclaimed, who proclaimed these things. 17 Then he made for Baal, for the Asherah, and for all the army said, "What monument is that which I see?" The men of of the sky; and he burned them outside of Jerusalem the city told him, "It is the tomb of the man of God who kings of Judah had ordained to burn incense in the high him be! Let no one move his bones." So they let his places in the cities of Judah and in the places around bones alone, with the bones of the prophet who came Jerusalem; those also who burned incense to Baal, to out of Samaria. 19 All the houses also of the high places the sun, to the moon, to the planets, and to all the army that were in the cities of Samaria, which the kings of of the sky. 6 He brought out the Asherah from Yahweh's Israel had made to provoke Yahweh to anger, Josiah house, outside of Jerusalem, to the brook Kidron, and took away, and did to them according to all the acts that burned it at the brook Kidron, and beat it to dust, and he had done in Bethel. 20 He killed all the priests of the cast its dust on the graves of the common people. 7 He high places that were there, on the altars, and burned broke down the houses of the male shrine prostitutes men's bones on them; and he returned to Jerusalem. 21 that were in Yahweh's house, where the women wove The king commanded all the people, saving, "Keep the hangings for the Asherah. 8 He brought all the priests Passover to Yahweh your God, as it is written in this out of the cities of Judah, and defiled the high places book of the covenant." 22 Surely there was not kept where the priests had burned incense, from Geba to such a Passover from the days of the judges who judged Beersheba; and he broke down the high places of the Israel, nor in all the days of the kings of Israel, nor of gates that were at the entrance of the gate of Joshua the kings of Judah; 23 but in the eighteenth year of King the governor of the city, which were on a man's left Josiah, this Passover was kept to Yahweh in Jerusalem. hand at the gate of the city. 9 Nevertheless the priests 24 Moreover, Josiah removed those who had familiar of the high places didn't come up to Yahweh's altar in spirits, the wizards, and the teraphim, and the idols, and Jerusalem, but they ate unleavened bread among their all the abominations that were seen in the land of Judah brothers. 10 He defiled Topheth, which is in the valley of and in Jerusalem, that he might confirm the words of the the children of Hinnom, that no man might make his law which were written in the book that Hilkiah the priest son or his daughter to pass through the fire to Molech. found in Yahweh's house. 25 There was no king like him 11 He took away the horses that the kings of Judah before him, who turned to Yahweh with all his heart, had dedicated to the sun, at the entrance of Yahweh's and with all his soul, and with all his might, according house, by the room of Nathan Melech the officer who to all the law of Moses; and there was none like him was in the court; and he burned the chariots of the sun who arose after him. 26 Notwithstanding, Yahweh didn't with fire. 12 The king broke down the altars that were on turn from the fierceness of his great wrath, with which the roof of the upper room of Ahaz, which the kings his anger burned against Judah, because of all the of Judah had made, and the altars which Manasseh provocation with which Manasseh had provoked him. had made in the two courts of Yahweh's house, and 27 Yahweh said, "I will also remove Judah out of my beat them down from there, and cast their dust into sight, as I have removed Israel; and I will cast off this the brook Kidron. 13 The king defiled the high places city which I have chosen, even Jerusalem, and the that were before Jerusalem, which were on the right house of which I said, 'My name shall be there." 28 hand of the mountain of corruption, which Solomon the Now the rest of the acts of Josiah, and all that he did, the Sidonians, and for Chemosh the abomination of kings of Judah? 29 In his days Pharaoh Necoh king Moab, and for Milcom the abomination of the children of feavot went up against the king of Assyria to the Ammon. 14 He broke in pieces the pillars, cut down the river Euphrates; and King Josiah went against him, but Asherah poles, and filled their places with men's bones. Pharaoh Necoh killed him at Megiddo when he saw 15 Moreover the altar that was at Bethel and the high him. 30 His servants carried him dead in a chariot from place which Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Megiddo, brought him to Jerusalem, and buried him in place he broke down; and he burned the high place and the son of Josiah, and anointed him, and made him beat it to dust, and burned the Asherah. 16 As Josiah king in his father's place. 31 Jehoahaz was twentyturned himself, he spied the tombs that were there in three years old when he began to reign; and he reigned the mountain; and he sent, and took the bones out of three months in Jerusalem. His mother's name was the tombs, and burned them on the altar, and defiled Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah. 32 He did

in the fields of the Kidron, and carried their ashes to came from Judah and proclaimed these things that you Bethel. 5 He got rid of the idolatrous priests whom the have done against the altar of Bethel." 18 He said, "Let king of Israel had built for Ashtoreth the abomination of aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the Israel to sin, had made, even that altar and the high his own tomb. The people of the land took Jehoahaz it, according to Yahweh's word which the man of God that which was evil in Yahweh's sight, according to all

not reign in Jerusalem; and put the land to a tribute of away all Jerusalem, and all the princes, and all the one hundred talents of silver and a talent of gold. 34 mighty men of valor, even ten thousand captives, and Pharaoh Necoh made Eliakim the son of Josiah king in all the craftsmen and the smiths. No one remained Jehoiakim; but he took Jehoahaz away, and he came away Jehoiachin to Babylon, with the king's mother, the money according to the commandment of Pharaoh. Babylon. 16 All the men of might, even seven thousand, eleven years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was king in his place, and changed his name to Zedekiah. that his fathers had done.

71 In his days Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up, and Jehoiakim became his servant three years. Then he turned and rebelled against him. 2 Yahweh sent against him bands of the Chaldeans, bands of the Syrians, bands of the Moabites, and bands of the children of Ammon, and sent them against Judah to destroy it, according to Yahweh's word which he spoke by his servants the prophets. 3 Surely at the commandment of Yahweh 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 Yahweh 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 didn't come out of his land any more; for the king of Babylon had taken, from the brook of Egypt to the river Euphrates, all that belonged to the king of Egypt. 8 Jehoiachin was eighteen years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem three months. His mother's name was Nehushta the daughter of Elnathan of Jerusalem. 9 He did that which was evil in Yahweh's sight, 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, his mother, his servants, his princes, and his officers; and the king of Babylon captured him in the eighth year of his reign. 13 He carried out from there of the king's house, and cut in pieces all the vessels

that his fathers had done. 33 Pharaoh Necoh put him in of gold which Solomon king of Israel had made in bonds at Riblah in the land of Hamath, that he might Yahweh's temple, as Yahweh had said. 14 He carried the place of Josiah his father, and changed his name to except the poorest people of the land. 15 He carried to Egypt and died there. 35 Jehoiakim gave the silver the king's wives, his officers, and the chief men of the and the gold to Pharaoh; but he taxed the land to give land. He carried them into captivity from Jerusalem to He exacted the silver and the gold of the people of the and the craftsmen and the smiths one thousand, all land, from everyone according to his assessment, to of them strong and fit for war, even them the king of give it to Pharaoh Necoh. 36 Jehoiakim was twenty- Babylon brought captive to Babylon. 17 The king of five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned Babylon made Mattaniah, Jehoiachin's father's brother, Zebidah the daughter of Pedaiah of Rumah. 37 He did 18 Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he began that which was evil in Yahweh's sight, according to all to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah. 19 He did that which was evil in Yahweh's sight, according to all that Jehoiakim had done. 20 For through the anger of Yahweh, this happened in Jerusalem and Judah, until he had cast them out from his presence. Then Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

25 In the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, he and all his army, against Jerusalem, and encamped against it; and they built forts against it around it. 2 So the city was besieged until 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 the king went by the way of the Arabah. 5 But the Chaldean army pursued the king, and overtook him in the plains of Jericho; and all his army was scattered from him. 6 Then they captured the king and carried him up to the king of Babylon to Riblah; and they passed judgment on him. 7 They killed Zedekiah's sons before his eyes, then put out Zedekiah's eyes, 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, Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard, a servant of the king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem. 9 He burned Yahweh's house, the king's house, and all the houses of Jerusalem. He burned every great house with fire. 10 All the army of the Chaldeans, who were all the treasures of Yahweh's house and the treasures with the captain of the guard, broke down the walls

around Jerusalem. 11 Nebuzaradan the captain of the were afraid of the Chaldeans. 27 In the thirty-seventh guard carried away captive the rest of the people who year of the captivity of Jehojachin king of Judah, in the were left in the city and those who had deserted to the twelfth month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, king of Babylon—all the rest of the multitude. 12 But the Evilmerodach king of Babylon, in the year that he began captain of the guard left some of the poorest of the land to reign, released Jehoiachin king of Judah out of prison, to work the vineyards and fields. 13 The Chaldeans 28 and he spoke kindly to him and set his throne above broke up the pillars of bronze that were in Yahweh's the throne of the kings who were with him in Babylon, house and the bases and the bronze sea that were 29 and changed his prison garments. Jehoiachin ate in Yahweh's house, and carried the bronze pieces to bread before him continually all the days of his life; 30 Babylon. 14 They took away the pots, the shovels, the and for his allowance, there was a continual allowance snuffers, the spoons, and all the vessels of bronze with given him from the king, every day a portion, all the which they ministered. 15 The captain of the guard took days of his life. away the fire pans, the basins, that which was of gold, for gold, and that which was of silver, for silver. 16 The two pillars, the one sea, and the bases, which Solomon had made for Yahweh's house, the bronze of all these vessels was not weighed. 17 The height of the one pillar was eighteen cubits, and a capital of bronze was on it. The height of the capital was three cubits, with network and pomegranates on the capital around it, all of bronze; and the second pillar with its network was like these. 18 The captain of the guard took Seraiah the chief priest, 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 attacked 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, Johanan the son of Kareah, 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, "Don't be afraid because of the servants of the Chaldeans. Dwell in the land and serve the king of Babylon, and it will be well with you." 25 But in the seventh month, Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama, of the royal offspring came, and ten men with him, and struck Gedaliah so that he died, with 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

1 Chronicles

1 Adam, Seth, Enosh, 2 Kenan, Mahalalel, Jared, 3 Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech, 4 Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. 5 The sons of Japheth: Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, and Tiras. 6 The sons of Gomer: Ashkenaz, Diphath, and Togarmah. 7 The sons of Javan: Elishah, Tarshish, Kittim, and Rodanim. 8 The sons of Ham: Cush, Mizraim, Put, and Canaan. 9 The sons of Cush: Seba, Havilah, Sabta, Raama, Sabteca. The sons of Raamah: Sheba and Dedan. 10 Cush became the father of Nimrod. He began to be a mighty one in the earth. 11 Mizraim became the father of Ludim, Anamim, Lehabim, Naphtuhim, 12 Pathrusim, Casluhim (where the Philistines came from), and Caphtorim. 13 Canaan became the father of Sidon his firstborn, Heth, 14 the Jebusite, the Amorite, the Girgashite, 15 the Hivite, the Arkite, the Sinite, 16 the Arvadite, the Zemarite, and the Hamathite. 17 The sons of Shem: Elam, Asshur, Arpachshad, Lud, Aram, Uz, Hul, Gether, and Meshech. 18 Arpachshad became the father of Shelah, and Shelah became the father of Eber. was Peleg, for in his days the earth was divided; and his brother's name was Joktan. 20 Joktan became the father of Almodad, Sheleph, Hazarmaveth, Jerah, 21 Hadoram, Uzal, Diklah, 22 Ebal, Abimael, Sheba, 23 Ophir, Havilah, and Jobab. All these were the sons of Joktan. 24 Shem, Arpachshad, Shelah, 25 Eber, Peleg, Reu, 26 Serug, Nahor, Terah, 27 Abram (also called Abraham). 28 The sons of Abraham: Isaac and Ishmael. 29 These are their generations: the firstborn of Ishmael, Nebaioth; then Kedar, Adbeel, Mibsam, 30 Mishma, Dumah, Massa, Hadad, Tema, 31 Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah. These are the sons of Ishmael. 32 The sons of Keturah, Abraham's concubine: she bore Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak, and Shuah, The sons of Jokshan: Sheba and Dedan. 33 The sons of Midian: Ephah, Epher, Hanoch, Abida, and Eldaah. All these were the sons of Keturah. 34 Abraham became the father of Isaac. The sons of Isaac: Esau and Israel. 35 The sons of Esau: Eliphaz, Reuel, Jeush, Jalam, and Korah. 36 The sons of Eliphaz: Teman, Omar, Zephi, Gatam, Kenaz, Timna, and Amalek. 37 The sons of Reuel: Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah. 38 The sons of Seir: Lotan, Shobal, Zibeon, Anah, Dishon, Ezer, and Dishan. 39 The sons of Lotan: Hori and Homam; and Timna was Lotan's sister. 40 The sons of Shobal: Alian, Manahath, Ebal, Shephi, and Onam. The sons of Zibeon: Aiah and Anah. 41 The son of Anah: Dishon. The sons of Dishon: Hamran, Eshban, Ithran, and Cheran. 42 The sons of Ezer: Bilhan, Zaavan, and

these are the kings who reigned in the land of Edom. before any king reigned 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 by the River reigned in his place. 49 Shaul died, and Baal Hanan the son of Achbor reigned in his place. 50 Baal Hanan died, and Hadad reigned in his place; and the name of his city was Pai. His wife's name was Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred, the daughter of Mezahab. 51 Then Hadad died. The chiefs of Edom were: chief Timna, chief Aliah, chief Jetheth, 52 chief Oholibamah, chief Elah, chief Pinon, 53 chief Kenaz, chief Teman, chief Mibzar, 54 chief Magdiel, and chief Iram. These are the chiefs of Edom.

These are the sons of Israel: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, 2 Dan, Joseph, Benjamin, 19 To Eber were born two sons: the name of the one Naphtali, Gad, and Asher. 3 The sons of Judah: Er, Onan, and Shelah, which three were born to him of Shua's daughter the Canaanitess. Er, Judah's firstborn, was wicked in Yahweh's sight; and he killed him. 4 Tamar his daughter-in-law bore him Perez and Zerah. All the sons of Judah were five. 5 The sons of Perez: Hezron and Hamul. 6 The sons of Zerah: Zimri. Ethan. Heman, Calcol, and Dara—five of them in all. 7 The son of Carmi: Achar, the troubler of Israel, who committed a trespass in the devoted thing. 8 The son of Ethan: Azariah. 9 The sons also of Hezron, who were born to him: Jerahmeel, Ram, and Chelubai. 10 Ram became the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab became the father of Nahshon, prince of the children of Judah; 11 and Nahshon became the father of Salma, and Salma became the father of Boaz. 12 and Boaz became the father of Obed, and Obed became the father of Jesse; 13 and Jesse became the father of his firstborn Eliab. Abinadab the second, Shimea the third, 14 Nethanel the fourth, Raddai the fifth, 15 Ozem the sixth, and David the seventh; 16 and their sisters were Zeruiah and Abigail. The sons of Zeruiah: Abishai, Joab, and Asahel, three. 17 Abigail bore Amasa; and the father of Amasa was Jether the Ishmaelite. 18 Caleb the son of Hezron became the father of children by Azubah his wife, and by Jerioth; and these were her sons: Jesher, Shobab, and Ardon. 19 Azubah died, and Caleb married Ephrath, who bore him Hur. 20 Hur became the father of Uri, and Uri became the father of Bezalel. 21 Afterward Hezron went in to the daughter of Machir the father of Jaakan. The sons of Dishan: Uz and Aran. 43 Now Gilead, whom he took as wife when he was sixty years father of Jair, who had twenty-three cities in the land of Jearim: the Ithrites, the Puthites, the Shumathites, and Gilead. 23 Geshur and Aram took the towns of Jair from the Mishraites; from them came the Zorathites and them, with Kenath, and its villages, even sixty cities. All the Eshtaolites. 54 The sons of Salma: Bethlehem, these were the sons of Machir the father of Gilead. 24 the Netophathites, Atroth Beth Joab, and half of the After Hezron died in Caleb Ephrathah, Abijah, Hezron's Manahathites, the Zorites. 55 The families of scribes wife, bore him Ashhur the father of Tekoa. 25 The sons who lived at Jabez: the Tirathites, the Shimeathites, and of Jerahmeel the firstborn of Hezron were Ram the Sucathites. These are the Kenites who came from firstborn, Bunah, Oren, Ozem, and Ahijah. 26 Jerahmeel Hammath, the father of the house of Rechab. had another wife, whose name was Atarah. She was the mother of Onam. 27 The sons of Ram the firstborn of Jerahmeel were Maaz, 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 son of Appaim: Ishi. The son of Ishi: Sheshan. The son 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 sons of Jerahmeel. 34 Now Sheshan had no sons, but only 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 were Mesha his firstborn, who was the father of Ziph, and the sons of Mareshah the father of Hebron. 43 The sons of Hebron: Korah, Tappuah, 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 concubine, bore Haran, Moza, and Gazez; and Haran became the father of Gazez. 47 The sons of Jahdai: Regem, Jothan, Geshan, Pelet, Ephah, and Shaaph. 48 Maacah, Caleb's concubine, bore Sheber and Tirhanah. 49 She bore also Shaaph the father of Madmannah, Sheva the father of Machbena and the father of Gibea; and the daughter of Caleb was Achsah. 50 These were the sons of Caleb, the son of Hur, the firstborn of Ephrathah: Shobal the father of Kiriath Jearim, 51 Salma the father of Bethlehem, and Hareph the father of Beth Gader. 52 Shobal the father of Kiriath Jearim had sons:

old; and she bore him Segub. 22 Segub became the Haroeh, half of the Menuhoth. 53 The families of Kiriath

3 Now these were the sons of David, who were born to him in Hebron: the firstborn, Amnon, of Ahinoam the Jezreelitess; the second, Daniel, of Abigail the Carmelitess; 2 the third, Absalom the son of 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 he reigned there seven years and six months. He reigned thirty-three years in Jerusalem; 5 and these were born to him in Jerusalem: Shimea, Shobab, Nathan, and Solomon, four, by Bathshua the daughter of Ammiel; 6 and Ibhar, Elishama, Eliphelet, 7 Nogah, Nepheg, Japhia, 8 Elishama, Eliada, and Eliphelet, nine. 9 All these were the sons of David, in addition to the sons of the concubines; 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, and Josiah his son. 15 The sons of Josiah: the firstborn Johanan, the second Jehoiakim, the third Zedekiah, and the fourth Shallum. 16 The sons of Jehoiakim: Jeconiah his son, and Zedekiah his son. 17 The sons of Jeconiah, the captive: Shealtiel his son, 18 Malchiram, Pedaiah, 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, Ohel, Berechiah, Hasadiah, and Jushab Hesed, five. 21 The sons of Hananiah: Pelatiah and Jeshaiah; the sons of Rephaiah, the sons of Arnan, the sons of Obadiah, the sons of Shecaniah. 22 The son of Shecaniah: Shemaiah. The sons of Shemaiah: Hattush, Igal, Bariah, Neariah, and Shaphat, six. 23 The sons of Neariah: Elioenai, Hizkiah, and Azrikam, three. 24 The sons of Elioenai: Hodaviah, Eliashib, Pelaiah, Akkub, Johanan, Delaiah, and Anani, seven.

⚠ The sons of Judah: Perez, Hezron, Carmi, 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 the father of Etam: Jezreel, Ishma, and Idbash. The name of their sister Bethuel, at Hormah, at Ziklag, 31 at Beth Marcaboth. was Hazzelelponi. 4 Penuel was the father of Gedor Hazar Susim, at Beth Biri, and at Shaaraim. These were and Ezer the father of Hushah. These are the sons of their cities until David's reign. 32 Their villages were Hur, the firstborn of Ephrathah, the father of Bethlehem. Etam, Ain, Rimmon, Tochen, and Ashan, five cities; 5 Ashhur the father of Tekoa had two wives, Helah and 33 and all their villages that were around the same Naarah. 6 Naarah bore him Ahuzzam, Hepher, Temeni, cities, as far as Baal. These were their settlements, and Haahashtari. These were the sons of Naarah. 7 and they kept their genealogy. 34 Meshobab, Jamlech, The sons of Helah were Zereth, Izhar, and Ethnan. 8 Joshah the son of Amaziah, 35 Joel, Jehu the son Hakkoz became the father of Anub, Zobebah, and the of Joshibiah, the son of Seraiah, the son of Asiel, 36 families of Aharhel the son of Harum. 9 Jabez was more Elioenai, Jaakobah, Jeshohaiah, Asaiah, Adiel, Jesimiel, honorable than his brothers. His mother named him Benaiah, 37 and Ziza the son of Shiphi, the son of Jabez, saying, "Because I bore him with sorrow." 10 Allon, the son of Jedaiah, the son of Shimri, the son of Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, "Oh that you Shemaiah— 38 these mentioned by name were princes would bless me indeed, and enlarge my border! May in their families. Their fathers' houses increased greatly. your hand be with me, and may you keep me from evil, 39 They went to the entrance of Gedor, even to the that I may not cause pain!" God granted him that which east side of the valley, to seek pasture for their flocks. he requested. 11 Chelub the brother of Shuhah became 40 They found rich, good pasture, and the land was the father of Mehir, who was the father of Eshton. 12 wide, and quiet, and peaceful, for those who lived there Eshton became the father of Beth Rapha, Paseah, and before were descended from Ham. 41 These written Tehinnah the father of Ir Nahash. These are the men of by name came in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, Recah. 13 The sons of Kenaz: Othniel and Seraiah. The and struck their tents and the Meunim who were found sons of Othniel: Hathath. 14 Meonothai became the there; and they destroyed them utterly to this day, and father of Ophrah: and Seraiah became the father of Joab lived in their place, because there was pasture there the father of Ge Harashim, for they were craftsmen, for their flocks, 42 Some of them, even of the sons of 15 The sons of Caleb the son of Jephunneh: Iru, Elah, Simeon, five hundred men, went to Mount Seir, having and Naam. The son of Elah: Kenaz. 16 The sons of for their captains Pelatiah, Neariah, Rephaiah, and Jehallelel: Ziph, Ziphah, Tiria, and Asarel. 17 The sons Uzziel, the sons of Ishi. 43 They struck the remnant of of Ezrah: Jether, Mered, Epher, and Jalon; and Mered's the Amalekites who escaped, and have lived there to wife bore Miriam, Shammai, and Ishbah the father of this day. Eshtemoa. 18 His wife the Jewess bore Jered the father of Gedor, 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 the wife of Hodiah, the sister of Naham, were the fathers of Keilah the Garmite and Eshtemoa the Maacathite. 20 The sons of Shimon: Amnon, Rinnah, Ben Hanan, and Tilon. The sons of Ishi: Zoheth, and Ben Zoheth. 21 The sons of Shelah the son of Judah: Er the father of Lecah, Laadah the father of Mareshah, and the families of the house of those who worked fine linen, of the house of Ashbea; 22 and Jokim, and the men of Cozeba, and Joash, and Saraph, who had dominion in Moab, and Jashubilehem. These records are ancient. 23 These were the potters, and the inhabitants of Netaim and Gederah; they lived there with the king for his work. 24 The sons of Simeon: Nemuel, Jamin, Jarib, Zerah, Shaul; 25 Shallum his son, Mibsam his son, and Mishma his son. 26 The sons of Mishma: Hammuel his son. Zaccur his son, Shimei his son. 27 Shimei had sixteen sons and six daughters; but his brothers didn't have many children, and all their family didn't multiply like the children of Judah. 28 They lived at Beersheba, Moladah, Hazarshual, 29 at Bilhah, at Ezem, at Tolad, 30 at

The sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel (for he was the firstborn, but because he defiled his father's couch, his birthright was given to the sons of Joseph the son of Israel; and the genealogy is not to be listed according to the birthright. 2 For Judah prevailed above his brothers, and from him came the prince; but the birthright was Joseph's)— 3 the sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel: Hanoch, Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi. 4 The sons of Joel: Shemaiah his son, Gog his son, Shimei his son, 5 Micah his son, Reaiah his son, Baal his son, 6 and Beerah his son, whom Tilgath Pilneser king of Assyria carried away captive. He was prince of the Reubenites. 7 His brothers by their families, when the genealogy of their generations was listed: 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 he lived eastward even to the entrance of the wilderness from the river Euphrates, 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 sons of Gad lived beside them in the

land of Bashan to Salecah: 12 Joel the chief, Shapham became the father of Ahimaaz, 9 Ahimaaz became and to the river of Gozan, to this day.

6 The sons of Levi: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. 2 The sons of Kohath: Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel. 3 The children of Amram: Aaron, Moses, and Miriam. The sons of Aaron: Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. 4 Eleazar became the father of Phinehas, Phinehas became the father of Abishua, 5 Abishua became the father of Bukki. Bukki became the father of Uzzi. 6 Uzzi became the father of Zerahiah. Zerahiah became the father of Merajoth. 7 Merajoth became the father of Amariah. Amariah became the father of Ahitub. 8 Ahitub became the father of Zadok. Zadok

the second, Janai, and Shaphat in Bashan. 13 Their the father of Azariah. Azariah became the father of brothers of their fathers' houses: Michael, Meshullam, Johanan. 10 Johanan became the father of Azariah, who Sheba, Jorai, Jacan, Zia, and Eber, seven. 14 These executed the priest's office in the house that Solomon were the sons of Abihail, the son of Huri, the son of built in Jerusalem. 11 Azariah became the father of Jaroah, the son of Gilead, the son of Michael, the son of Amariah. Amariah became the father of Ahitub. 12 Jeshishai, the son of Jahdo, the son of Buz; 15 Ahi the Ahitub became the father of Zadok. Zadok became the son of Abdiel, the son of Guni, chief of their fathers' father of Shallum. 13 Shallum became the father of houses. 16 They lived in Gilead in Bashan and in its Hilkiah. Hilkiah became the father of Azariah. 14 Azariah towns, and in all the pasture lands of Sharon as far as became the father of Seraiah. Seraiah became the their borders. 17 All these were listed by genealogies father of Jehozadak. 15 Jehozadak went into captivity in the days of Jotham king of Judah, and in the days when Yahweh carried Judah and Jerusalem away by of Jeroboam king of Israel. 18 The sons of Reuben, the hand of Nebuchadnezzar. 16 The sons of Levi: the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, of valiant Gershom, Kohath, and Merari. 17 These are the names men, men able to bear buckler and sword, able to shoot of the sons of Gershom: Libni and Shimei. 18 The with bow, and skillful in war, were forty-four thousand sons of Kohath were Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel. seven hundred sixty that were able to go out to war. 19 The sons of Merari: Mahli and Mushi. These are 19 They made war with the Hagrites, with Jetur, and the families of the Levites according to their fathers' Naphish, and Nodab. 20 They were helped against households. 20 Of Gershom: Libni his son, Jahath his them, and the Hagrites were delivered into their hand, son, Zimmah his son, 21 Joah his son, Iddo his son, and all who were with them; for they cried to God in the Zerah his son, and Jeatherai his son. 22 The sons of battle, and he answered them because they put their Kohath: Amminadab his son, Korah his son, Assir his trust in him. 21 They took away their livestock: of their son, 23 Elkanah his son, Ebiasaph his son, Assir his camels fifty thousand, and of sheep two hundred fifty son, 24 Tahath his son, Uriel his son, Uzziah his son, thousand, and of donkeys two thousand, and of men and Shaul his son. 25 The sons of Elkanah: Amasai and one hundred thousand. 22 For many fell slain, because Ahimoth. 26 As for Elkanah, the sons of Elkanah: Zophai the war was of God. They lived in their place until the his son, Nahath his son, 27 Eliab his son, Jeroham his captivity. 23 The children of the half-tribe of Manasseh son, and Elkanah his son. 28 The sons of Samuel: the lived in the land. They increased from Bashan to Baal firstborn, Joel, and the second, Abijah. 29 The sons Hermon, Senir, and Mount Hermon. 24 These were the of Merari: Mahli, Libni his son, Shimei his son, Uzzah heads of their fathers' houses: Epher, Ishi, Eliel, Azriel, his son, 30 Shimea his son, Haggiah his son, Asaiah Jeremiah, Hodaviah, and Jahdiel-mighty men of valor, his son. 31 These are they whom David set over the famous men, heads of their fathers' houses. 25 They service of song in Yahweh's house after the ark came trespassed against the God of their fathers, and played to rest there. 32 They ministered with song before the the prostitute after the gods of the peoples of the land tabernacle of the Tent of Meeting until Solomon had whom God destroyed before them. 26 So the God of built Yahweh's house in Jerusalem. They performed Israel stirred up the spirit of Pul king of Assyria, and the the duties of their office according to their order. 33 spirit of Tilgath Pilneser king of Assyria, and he carried These are those who served, and their sons. Of the away the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of sons of the Kohathites: Heman the singer, the son of Manasseh, and brought them to Halah, Habor, Hara, Joel, the son of Samuel, 34 the son of Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Eliel, the son of Toah, 35 the son of Zuph, the son of Elkanah, the son of Mahath, the son of Amasai, 36 the son of Elkanah, the son of Joel, the son of Azariah, the son of Zephaniah, 37 the son of Tahath, the son of Assir, the son of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah, 38 the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, the son of Israel. 39 His brother Asaph, who stood on his right hand, even Asaph the son of Berechiah, the son of Shimea, 40 the son of Michael, the son of Baaseiah, the son of Malchiiah. 41 the son of Ethni, the son of Zerah, the son of Adaiah, 42 the son of Ethan, the son of Zimmah, the son of Shimei, 43 the son of Jahath, the son of Gershom, the son of Levi. 44 On the son of Kishi, the son of Abdi, the son of Malluch, 45 71 To the sons of Gershom were given, out of the family the son of Hashabiah, the son of Amaziah, the son of of the half-tribe of Manasseh, Golan in Bashan with its Hilkiah, 46 the son of Amzi, the son of Bani, the son of pasture lands, and Ashtaroth with its pasture lands; 72 Shemer, 47 the son of Mahli, the son of Mushi, the son and out of the tribe of Issachar, Kedesh with its pasture of Merari, the son of Levi. 48 Their brothers the Levites lands, Daberath with its pasture lands, 73 Ramoth with were appointed for all the service of the tabernacle of its pasture lands, and Anem with its pasture lands; 74 God's house. 49 But Aaron and his sons offered on the and out of the tribe of Asher, Mashal with its pasture altar of burnt offering, and on the altar of incense, for all lands, Abdon with its pasture lands, 75 Hukok with its the work of the most holy place, and to make atonement pasture lands, and Rehob with its pasture lands; 76 for Israel, according to all that Moses the servant of and out of the tribe of Naphtali, Kedesh in Galilee with God had commanded. 50 These are the sons of Aaron: its pasture lands, Hammon with its pasture lands, and Eleazar his son, Phinehas his son, Abishua his son, Kiriathaim with its pasture lands. 77 To the rest of the 51 Bukki his son, Uzzi his son, Zerahiah his son, 52 Levites, the sons of Merari, were given, out of the tribe Meraioth his son, Amariah his son, Ahitub his son, 53 of Zebulun, Rimmono with its pasture lands, and Tabor Zadok his son, and Ahimaaz his son. 54 Now these are with its pasture lands; 78 and beyond the Jordan at their dwelling places according to their encampments in Jericho, on the east side of the Jordan, were given their borders: to the sons of Aaron, of the families of the them out of the tribe of Reuben: Bezer in the wilderness Kohathites (for theirs was the first lot), 55 to them they with its pasture lands, Jahzah with its pasture lands, 79 gave Hebron in the land of Judah, and its pasture lands Kedemoth with its pasture lands, and Mephaath with its around it; 56 but the fields of the city and its villages, pasture lands; 80 and out of the tribe of Gad, Ramoth in they gave to Caleb the son of Jephunneh. 57 To the Gilead with its pasture lands, Mahanaim with its pasture sons of Aaron they gave the cities of refuge, Hebron, lands, 81 Heshbon with its pasture lands, and Jazer Libnah also with its pasture lands, Jattir, Eshtemoa with with its pasture lands. its pasture lands, 58 Hilen with its pasture lands, Debir with its pasture lands, 59 Ashan with its pasture lands, and Beth Shemesh with its pasture lands; 60 and out of the tribe of Benjamin, Geba with its pasture lands, Allemeth with its pasture lands, and Anathoth with its pasture lands. All their cities throughout their families were thirteen cities. 61 To the rest of the sons of Kohath were given by lot, out of the family of the tribe, out of the half-tribe, the half of Manasseh, ten cities, 62 To the sons of Gershom, according to their families, out of the tribe of Issachar, and out of the tribe of Asher, and out of the tribe of Naphtali, and out of the tribe of Manasseh in Bashan, thirteen cities. 63 To the sons of Merari were given by lot, according to their families, out of the tribe of Reuben, and out of the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe of Zebulun, twelve cities. 64 The children of Israel gave to the Levites the cities with their pasture lands. 65 They gave by lot out of the tribe of the children of Judah. and out of the tribe of the children of Simeon, and out of the tribe of the children of Benjamin, these cities which are mentioned by name. 66 Some of the families of the sons of Kohath had cities of their borders out of the tribe of Ephraim. 67 They gave to them the cities of refuge, Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim with its pasture lands and Gezer with its pasture lands, 68 Jokmeam with its pasture lands, Beth Horon with its pasture lands, 69 Aijalon with its pasture lands, Gath Rimmon with its pasture lands; 70 and out of the half-tribe of Manasseh, Aner with its pasture lands, and Bileam with its pasture

left hand their brothers the sons of Merari: Ethan the lands, for the rest of the family of the sons of Kohath,

Of the sons of Issachar: Tola, Puah, Jashub, and Shimron, four. 2 The sons of Tola: Uzzi, Rephaiah, Jeriel, Jahmai, 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 son of Uzzi: Izrahiah. The sons of Izrahiah: Michael, Obadiah, Joel, and Isshiah, five; all of them chief men. 4 With them, by their generations, after their fathers' houses, were bands of the army for war, thirty-six thousand; for they had many wives and sons. 5 Their brothers among all the families of Issachar, mighty men of valor, listed in all by genealogy, were eighty-seven thousand. 6 The sons of Benjamin: Bela, Becher, and Jediael, three. 7 The sons of Bela: Ezbon, Uzzi, Uzziel, Jerimoth, and Iri, five: heads of fathers' houses, mighty men of valor: and they were listed by genealogy twenty-two thousand thirty-four. 8 The sons of Becher: Zemirah, Joash, Eliezer, Elioenai, Omri, Jeremoth, Abijah, Anathoth, and Alemeth. All these were the sons of Becher. 9 They were listed by genealogy, after their generations, heads of their fathers' houses, mighty men of valor, twenty thousand two hundred. 10 The son of Jediael: Bilhan. The sons of Bilhan: Jeush, Benjamin, Ehud, Chenaanah, Zethan, Tarshish, and Ahishahar. 11 All these were sons of Jediael, according to the heads of their fathers' households, mighty men of valor, seventeen thousand two hundred, who were able to go out in the army for war. 12 So were Shuppim, Huppim, the sons of Ir, 8 Benjamin became the father of Bela his firstborn, Hushim, and the sons of Aher. 13 The sons of Naphtali: thousand men.

Ashbel the second, Aharah the third, 2 Nohah the Jahziel, Guni, Jezer, Shallum, and the sons of Bilhah. 14 fourth, and Rapha the fifth. 3 Bela had sons: Addar, The sons of Manasseh: Asriel, whom his concubine the Gera, Abihud, 4 Abishua, Naaman, Ahoah, 5 Gera, Aramitess bore. She bore Machir the father of Gilead. Shephuphan, and Huram. 6 These are the sons of 15 Machir took a wife of Huppim and Shuppim, whose Ehud. These are the heads of fathers' households of sister's name was Maacah. The name of the second the inhabitants of Geba, who were carried captive to was Zelophehad; and Zelophehad had daughters. 16 Manahath: 7 Naaman, Ahijah, and Gera, who carried Maacah the wife of Machir bore a son, and she named them captive; and he became the father of Uzza and him Peresh. The name of his brother was Sheresh; Ahihud. 8 Shaharaim became the father of children and his sons were Ulam and Rakem. 17 The sons in the field of Moab, after he had sent them away. of Ulam: Bedan. These were the sons of Gilead the Hushim and Baara were his wives. 9 By Hodesh his son of Machir, the son of Manasseh. 18 His sister wife, he became the father of Jobab, Zibia, Mesha, Hammolecheth bore Ishhod, Abiezer, and Mahlah. 19 Malcam, 10 Jeuz, Shachia, and Mirmah. These were his The sons of Shemida were Ahian, Shechem, Likhi, sons, heads of fathers' households. 11 By Hushim, he and Aniam. 20 The sons of Ephraim: Shuthelah, Bered became the father of Abitub and Elpaal. 12 The sons of his son, Tahath his son, Eleadah his son, Tahath his Elpaal: Eber, Misham, and Shemed, who built Ono and son, 21 Zabad his son, Shuthelah his son, Ezer, and Lod, with its towns; 13 and Beriah and Shema, who Elead, whom the men of Gath who were born in the were heads of fathers' households of the inhabitants land killed, because they came down to take away their of Aijalon, who put to flight the inhabitants of Gath; livestock. 22 Ephraim their father mourned many days, 14 and Ahio, Shashak, Jeremoth, 15 Zebadiah, Arad, and his brothers came to comfort him. 23 He went in to Eder, 16 Michael, Ishpah, Joha, the sons of Beriah, 17 his wife, and she conceived and bore a son, and he Zebadiah, Meshullam, Hizki, Heber, 18 Ishmerai, Izliah, named him Beriah, because there was trouble with his Jobab, the sons of Elpaal, 19 Jakim, Zichri, Zabdi, 20 house. 24 His daughter was Sheerah, who built Beth Elienai, Zillethai, Eliel, 21 Adaiah, Beraiah, Shimrath, Horon the lower and the upper, and Uzzen Sheerah. 25 the sons of Shimei, 22 Ishpan, Eber, Eliel, 23 Abdon, Rephah was his son, Resheph his son, Telah his son, Zichri, Hanan, 24 Hananiah, Elam, Anthothijah, 25 Tahan his son, 26 Ladan his son, Ammihud his son, Iphdeiah, Penuel, the sons of Shashak, 26 Shamsherai, Elishama his son, 27 Nun his son, and Joshua his son. Shehariah, Athaliah, 27 Jaareshiah, Elijah, Zichri, and 28 Their possessions and settlements were Bethel and the sons of Jeroham. 28 These were heads of fathers' its towns, and eastward Naaran, and westward Gezer households throughout their generations, chief men. with its towns; Shechem also and its towns, to Azzah These lived in Jerusalem. 29 The father of Gibeon, and its towns; 29 and by the borders of the children of whose wife's name was Maacah, lived in Gibeon 30 Manasseh, Beth Shean and its towns, Taanach and its with his firstborn son Abdon, Zur, Kish, Baal, Nadab, 31 towns, Megiddo and its towns, and Dor and its towns. Gedor, Ahio, Zecher, 32 and Mikloth, who became the The children of Joseph the son of Israel lived in these. father of Shimeah. They also lived with their families 30 The sons of Asher: Imnah, Ishvah, Ishvi, and Beriah. in Jerusalem, near their relatives. 33 Ner became the Serah was their sister. 31 The sons of Beriah: Heber father of Kish. Kish became the father of Saul. Saul and Malchiel, who was the father of Birzaith. 32 Heber became the father of Jonathan, Malchishua, Abinadab, became the father of Japhlet, Shomer, Hotham, and and Eshbaal. 34 The son of Jonathan was Merib-Shua their sister. 33 The sons of Japhlet: Pasach, baal. Merib-baal became the father of Micah. 35 The Bimhal, and Ashvath, These are the children of Japhlet, sons of Micah; Pithon, Melech, Tarea, and Ahaz, 36 34 The sons of Shemer: Ahi, Rohgah, Jehubbah, and Ahaz became the father of Jehoaddah. Jehoaddah Aram. 35 The sons of Helem his brother: Zophah, Imna, became the father of Alemeth, Azmaveth, and Zimri. Shelesh, and Amal. 36 The sons of Zophah: Suah, Zimri became the father of Moza. 37 Moza became Harnepher, Shual, Beri, Imrah, 37 Bezer, Hod, Shamma, the father of Binea. Raphah was his son, Eleasah his Shilshah, Ithran, and Beera. 38 The sons of Jether: son, and Azel his son. 38 Azel had six sons, whose Jephunneh, Pispa, and Ara. 39 The sons of Ulla: Arah, names are these: Azrikam, Bocheru, Ishmael, Sheariah, Hanniel, and Rizia. 40 All these were the children of Obadiah, and Hanan. All these were the sons of Azel. Asher, heads of the fathers' houses, choice and mighty 39 The sons of Eshek his brother: Ulam his firstborn, men of valor, chief of the princes. The number of them Jeush the second, and Eliphelet the third. 40 The sons listed by genealogy for service in war was twenty-six of Ulam were mighty men of valor, archers, and had

many sons, and grandsons, one hundred fifty. All these by genealogy in their villages, whom David and Samuel were of the sons of Benjamin.

O So all Israel were listed by genealogies; and behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel. 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 temple servants. 3 In Jerusalem, there lived of the children of Judah, of the children of Benjamin, and of the children of Ephraim and Manasseh: 4 Uthai the son of Ammihud, the son of Omri, the son of Imri, the son of Bani, of the children of Perez the son of Judah. 5 Of the Shilonites: 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 Hodaviah, the son of Hassenuah: 8 and Ibneiah the son of Jeroham, and Elah the son of Uzzi, the son of Michri; and Meshullam the son of Shephatiah, the son of Reuel, the son of Ibnijah; 9 and their brothers, according to their generations, nine hundred fifty-six. All these men were heads of fathers' households by their fathers' houses. 10 Of the priests: Jedaiah, Jehoiarib, Jachin, 11 and Azariah the son of Hilkiah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, the ruler of God's house; 12 and Adaiah the son of Jeroham, the son of Pashhur, the son of Malchijah; and Maasai the son of Adiel, the son of Jahzerah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Meshillemith, the son of Immer: 13 and their brothers. heads of their fathers' houses, one thousand seven hundred sixty; they were very able men for the work of the service of God's house. 14 Of the Levites: Shemaiah the son of Hasshub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, of the sons of Merari; 15 and Bakbakkar, Heresh, Galal, and Mattaniah the son of Mica, the son of Zichri, the son of Asaph, 16 and Obadiah the son of Shemaiah, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun; and Berechiah the son of Asa, the son of Elkanah, who lived in the villages of the Netophathites. 17 The gatekeepers: Shallum, Akkub, Talmon, Ahiman, and their brothers (Shallum was the chief), 18 who previously served in the king's gate eastward. They were the gatekeepers for the camp of the children of Levi. 19 Shallum was the son of Kore, the son of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah, and his brothers, of his father's house, the Korahites, were over the work of the service, keepers of the thresholds of the tent. Their fathers had been over Yahweh's camp, keepers of the entry. 20 Phinehas the son of Eleazar was ruler over them in time past, and Yahweh was gatekeeper of the door of the Tent of Meeting. 22 All these who were chosen to be gatekeepers in the Philistines killed Jonathan, Abinadab, and Malchishua,

the seer ordained in their office of trust. 23 So they and their children had the oversight of the gates of Yahweh's house, even the house of the tent, as guards. 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 rooms and over the treasuries in God's house. 27 They stayed around God's house, because that was their duty; and it was their duty to open it morning by morning. 28 Certain of them were in charge of the vessels of service, for these were brought in by count, and these were taken out by count. 29 Some of them also were appointed over the furniture, and over all the vessels of the sanctuary, over the fine flour, the wine, the oil, the frankincense, and the spices. 30 Some of the sons of the priests prepared the mixing of the spices. 31 Mattithiah, one of the Levites, who was the firstborn of Shallum the Korahite, had the office of trust over the things that were baked in pans. 32 Some of their brothers, of the sons of the Kohathites, were over the show bread, to prepare it every Sabbath, 33 These are the singers, heads of fathers' households of the Levites, who lived in the rooms and were free from other service. for they were employed in their work day and night. 34 These were heads of fathers' households of the Levites, throughout their generations, chief men. They lived at Jerusalem. 35 Jeiel the father of Gibeon, whose wife's name was Maacah, lived in Gibeon. 36 His firstborn son was Abdon, then Zur, Kish, Baal, Ner, Nadab, 37 Gedor, Ahio, Zechariah, and Mikloth, 38 Mikloth became the father of Shimeam. They also lived with their relatives in Jerusalem, near their relatives. 39 Ner became the father of Kish. Kish became the father of Saul. Saul became the father of Jonathan, Malchishua, Abinadab, and Eshbaal. 40 The son of Jonathan was Merib-baal. Merib-baal became the father of Micah. 41 The sons of Micah: Pithon, Melech, Tahrea, and Ahaz. 42 Ahaz became the father of Jarah, Jarah became the father of Alemeth, Azmaveth, and Zimri, Zimri became the father of Moza. 43 Moza became the father of Binea, Rephaiah his son, Eleasah his son, and Azel his son, 44 Azel had six sons, whose names are Azrikam, Bocheru, Ishmael, Sheariah, Obadiah, and Hanan. These were the sons of Azel.

1 Now the Philistines fought against Israel; and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, with him. 21 Zechariah the son of Meshelemiah was and fell down slain on Mount Gilboa. 2 The Philistines followed hard after Saul and after his sons; and the thresholds were two hundred twelve. These were listed the sons of Saul. 3 The battle went hard against Saul,

and the archers overtook him; and he was distressed by themselves strong with him in his kingdom, together kingdom over to David the son of Jesse.

11 Then all Israel gathered themselves to David to Hebron, saying, "Behold, 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. Yahweh your God said to you, 'You shall be shepherd of my people Israel, and you shall be prince over my people Israel." 3 So all the elders of Israel came to the king to Hebron; and David made a covenant with them in Hebron before Yahweh. They anointed David king over Israel, according to Yahweh's word by Samuel. 4 David and all Israel went to Jerusalem (also called Jebus); and the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land, were there. 5 The inhabitants of Jebus said to David, "You will not come in here!" Nevertheless David took the stronghold of Zion. The same is David's city. 6 David had 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 David's city. 8 He built the city all around, from Millo even around; and Joab repaired the rest of the city. 9 David grew greater and greater, for Yahweh of Armies was with him. 10 Now these are the chief of the mighty men whom David had, who showed

reason of the archers. 4 Then Saul said to his armor with all Israel, to make him king, according to Yahweh's bearer, "Draw your sword, and thrust me through with it, word concerning Israel. 11 This is the number of the lest these uncircumcised come and abuse me." But his mighty men whom David had: Jashobeam, the son of a armor bearer would not, for he was terrified. Therefore Hachmonite, the chief of the thirty; he lifted up his spear Saul took his sword and fell on it. 5 When his armor against three hundred and killed them at one time. 12 bearer saw that Saul was dead, he likewise fell on his After him was Eleazar the son of Dodo, the Ahohite, who sword and died. 6 So Saul died with his three sons; was one of the three mighty men. 13 He was with David and all his house died together. 7 When all the men of at Pasdammim, and there the Philistines were gathered Israel who were in the valley saw that they fled, and that together to battle, where there was a plot of ground full Saul and his sons were dead, they abandoned their of barley; and the people fled from before the Philistines. cities, and fled; and the Philistines came and lived in 14 They stood in the middle of the plot, defended it, and them. 8 On the next day, when the Philistines came to killed the Philistines; and Yahweh saved them by a great strip the slain, they found Saul and his sons fallen on victory. 15 Three of the thirty chief men went down to Mount Gilboa. 9 They stripped him and took his head the rock to David, into the cave of Adullam; and the and his armor, then sent into the land of the Philistines army of the Philistines were encamped in the valley of all around to carry the news to their idols and to the Rephaim. 16 David was then in the stronghold, and the people. 10 They put his armor in the house of their garrison of the Philistines was in Bethlehem at that time. gods, and fastened his head in the house of Dagon. 11 17 David longed, and said, "Oh, that someone would When all Jabesh Gilead heard all that the Philistines give me water to drink from the well of Bethlehem, had done to Saul, 12 all the valiant men arose and which is by the gate!" 18 The three broke through the took away the body of Saul and the bodies of his sons, army of the Philistines, and drew water out of the well of and brought them to Jabesh, and buried their bones Bethlehem that was by the gate, took it, and brought it under the oak in Jabesh, and fasted seven days. 13 So to David; but David would not drink any of it, but poured Saul died for his trespass which he committed against it out to Yahweh, 19 and said, "My God forbid me, that Yahweh, because of Yahweh's word, which he didn't I should do this! Shall I drink the blood of these men keep, and also because he asked counsel of one who who have put their lives in jeopardy?" For they risked had a familiar spirit, to inquire, 14 and didn't inquire their lives to bring it. Therefore he would not drink it. of Yahweh. Therefore he killed him, and turned the The three mighty men did these things. 20 Abishai, the brother of Joab, was chief of the three; for he lifted up his spear against three hundred and killed them, and had a name among the three. 21 Of the three, he was more honorable than the two, and was made their captain; however he wasn't included in the three. 22 Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man of Kabzeel, who had done mighty deeds, killed the two sons of Ariel of Moab. He also went down and killed a lion in the middle of a pit on a snowy day. 23 He killed an Egyptian, a man of great stature, five cubits high. In the Egyptian's hand was a spear like a weaver's beam; and he went down to him with a staff, plucked 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 mighty men. 25 Behold, he was more honorable than the thirty, but he didn't attain to the three; and David set him over his guard. 26 The mighty men of the armies also include Asahel the brother of Joab, Elhanan the son of Dodo of Bethlehem, 27 Shammoth the Harorite, Helez the Pelonite, 28 Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite, Abiezer the Anathothite, 29 Sibbecai the Hushathite, Ilai the Ahohite, 30 Maharai the Netophathite, Heled the son of Baanah the Netophathite, 31 Ithai the son of

Ribai of Gibeah of the children of Benjamin, Benajah my heart will be united with you; but if you have come to the Pirathonite, 32 Hurai of the brooks of Gaash, Abiel betray me to my adversaries, since there is no wrong Jonathan the son of Shagee the Hararite, 35 Ahiam chief of the thirty, and he said, "We are yours, David, 36 Hepher the Mecherathite, Ahijah the Pelonite, 37 to you, and peace be to your helpers; for your God Hezro the Carmelite, Naarai the son of Ezbai, 38 Joel helps you." Then David received them and made them Ahlai, 42 Adina the son of Shiza the Reubenite (a chief will desert to his master Saul to the jeopardy of our son of Maacah, Joshaphat the Mithnite, 44 Uzzia the joined him: Adnah, Jozabad, Jediael, Michael, Jozabad, and Joshaviah, the sons of Elnaam, and Ithmah the captains in the army. 22 For from day to day men came Moabite, 47 Eliel, Obed, and Jaasiel the Mezobaite.

12 Now these are those who came to David to Ziklag while he was a fugitive from Saul the son of Kish. 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 relatives of the tribe of Benjamin. 3 The chief was Ahiezer, then Joash, the sons of Shemaah the Gibeathite; Jeziel and Pelet, the sons of Azmaveth; Beracah; Jehu the Anathothite; 4 Ishmaiah the Gibeonite, a mighty man among the thirty and a leader of the thirty; Jeremiah; Jahaziel; Johanan; Jozabad the Gederathite; 5 Eluzai; Jerimoth; Bealiah; Shemariah; Shephatiah the Haruphite; 6 Elkanah, Isshiah, Azarel, Joezer, and Jashobeam, the Korahites; 7 and Joelah and Zebadiah, the sons of Jeroham of Gedor. 8 Some Gadites joined David in the stronghold in the wilderness, mighty men of valor, men trained for war, who could handle shield and spear: whose faces were like the faces of lions, and they were as swift as the gazelles 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, and 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 who lived in the valleys, both toward the east and toward the west. 16 Some of the children of Benjamin and Judah came 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,

the Arbathite, 33 Azmaveth the Baharumite, Eliahba in my hands, may the God of our fathers see this and the Shaalbonite, 34 the sons of Hashem the Gizonite, rebuke it." 18 Then the Spirit came on Amasai, who was the son of Sacar the Hararite, Eliphal the son of Ur, and on your side, you son of Jesse. Peace, peace be the brother of Nathan, Mibhar the son of Hagri, 39 captains of the band. 19 Some of Manasseh also joined Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the Berothite (the armor David when he came with the Philistines against Saul bearer of Joab the son of Zeruiah), 40 Ira the Ithrite, to battle, but they didn't help them, for the lords of the Gareb the Ithrite, 41 Uriah the Hittite, Zabad the son of Philistines sent him away after consultation, saying, "He of the Reubenites), and thirty with him, 43 Hanan the heads." 20 As he went to Ziklag, some from Manasseh Ashterathite. Shama and Jeiel the sons of Hotham the Elihu, and Zillethai, captains of thousands who were of Aroerite, 45 Jediael the son of Shimri, and Joha his Manasseh. 21 They helped David against the band of brother, the Tizite, 46 Eliel the Mahavite, and Jeribai, raiders, for they were all mighty men of valor and were to David to help him, until there was a great army, like God's army. 23 These are the numbers of the heads of those who were armed for war, who came to David to Hebron to turn the kingdom of Saul to him, according to Yahweh's word. 24 The children of Judah who bore shield and spear were six thousand eight hundred, armed for war. 25 Of the children of Simeon, mighty men of valor for the war: seven thousand one hundred. 26 Of the children of Levi: four thousand six hundred. 27 Jehoiada was the leader of the household of Aaron; and with him were three thousand seven hundred, 28 and Zadok, a young man mighty of valor, and of his father's house twenty-two captains. 29 Of the children of Benjamin, Saul's relatives: three thousand, for until then, the greatest part of them had kept their allegiance to Saul's house. 30 Of the children of Ephraim: twenty thousand eight hundred, mighty men of valor, famous men in their fathers' houses. 31 Of the half-tribe of Manasseh: eighteen thousand, who were mentioned by name, to come and make David king. 32 Of the children of Issachar, men who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do, their heads were two hundred; and all their brothers were at their command. 33 Of Zebulun, such as were able to go out in the army, who could set the battle in array with all kinds of instruments of war: fifty thousand who could command and were not of double heart. 34 Of Naphtali: one thousand captains, and with them with shield and spear thirty-seven thousand. 35 Of the Danites who could set the battle in array: twenty-eight thousand six hundred. 36 Of Asher, such as were able to go out in the army, who could set the battle in array: forty thousand. 37 On the other side of the Jordan, of the Reubenites, the Gadites, and of the half-tribe of Manasseh, with all kinds

and sheep in abundance; for there was joy in Israel.

13 David consulted with the captains of thousands and of hundreds, even with every leader. 2 David said to all the assembly of Israel, "If it seems good to you, and if it is of Yahweh our God, let's send word everywhere to our brothers who are left in all the land of Israel, with whom the priests and Levites are in their cities that have pasture lands, that they may gather themselves to us. 3 Also, let's bring the ark of our God back to us again, for we didn't seek it in the days of Saul." 4 All the assembly said that they would do so, for the thing was right in the eyes of all the people. 5 So David assembled all Israel together, from the Shihor River of Egypt even to the entrance of Hamath, to bring God's ark from Kiriath Jearim. 6 David went up with all Israel to Baalah, that is, to Kiriath Jearim, which belonged to Judah, to bring up from there God Yahweh's ark that sits above the cherubim, that is called by the Name. 7 They carried God's ark on a new cart, and brought it out of Abinadab's house; and Uzza and Ahio drove the cart. 8 David and all Israel played before God with all their might, even with songs, with harps, with and all that he had.

1 ▲ Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David with cedar trees, masons, and carpenters, to build him a house. 2 David perceived that Yahweh had established him king over Israel, for his kingdom was

of instruments of war for the battle: one hundred twenty highly exalted, for his people Israel's sake. 3 David took thousand. 38 All these were men of war who could more wives in Jerusalem, and David became the father order the battle array, and came with a perfect heart to of more sons and daughters. 4 These are the names of Hebron to make David king over all Israel; and all the the children whom he had in Jerusalem: Shammua, rest also of Israel were of one heart to make David king. Shobab, Nathan, Solomon, 5 Ibhar, Elishua, Elpelet, 39 They were there with David three days, eating and 6 Nogah, Nepheg, Japhia, 7 Elishama, Beeliada, and drinking; for their brothers had supplied provisions for Eliphelet. 8 When the Philistines heard that David was them. 40 Moreover those who were near to them, as far anointed king over all Israel, all the Philistines went as Issachar, Zebulun, and Naphtali, brought bread on up to seek David; and David heard of it, and went out donkeys, on camels, on mules, and on oxen: supplies of against them. 9 Now the Philistines had come and flour, cakes of figs, clusters of raisins, wine, oil, cattle, made a raid in the valley of Rephaim. 10 David inquired of God, saying, "Shall I go up against the Philistines? Will you deliver them into my hand?" Yahweh said to him, "Go up; for I will deliver them into your hand." 11 So they came up to Baal Perazim, and David defeated them there. David said, God has broken my enemies by my hand, like waters breaking out. Therefore they called the name of that place Baal Perazim. 12 They left their gods there; and David gave a command, and they were burned with fire. 13 The Philistines made another raid in the valley. 14 David inquired again of God; and God said to him, "You shall not go up after them. Turn away from them, and come on them opposite the mulberry trees. 15 When you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry trees, then go out to battle; for God has gone out before you to strike the army of the Philistines." 16 David did as God commanded him; and they attacked the army of the Philistines from Gibeon even to Gezer. 17 The fame of David went out into all lands; and Yahweh brought the fear of him on all nations.

1 5 David made himself houses in David's city; and he prepared a place for God's ark, and pitched a stringed instruments, with tambourines, with cymbals, tent for it. 2 Then David said, "No one ought to carry and with trumpets. 9 When they came to Chidon's God's ark but the Levites. For Yahweh has chosen threshing floor, Uzza put out his hand to hold the ark, for them to carry God's ark, and to minister to him forever." the oxen stumbled. 10 Yahweh's anger burned against 3 David assembled all Israel at Jerusalem, to bring Uzza, and he struck him because he put his hand on up Yahweh's ark to its place, which he had prepared the ark; and he died there before God. 11 David was for it. 4 David gathered together the sons of Aaron displeased, because Yahweh had broken out against and the Levites: 5 of the sons of Kohath, Uriel the Uzza. He called that place Perez Uzza, to this day. 12 chief, and his brothers one hundred twenty; 6 of the David was afraid of God that day, saying, "How can sons of Merari, Asaiah the chief, and his brothers two I bring God's ark home to me?" 13 So David didn't hundred twenty; 7 of the sons of Gershom, Joel the move the ark with him into David's city, but carried it chief, and his brothers one hundred thirty; 8 of the sons aside into Obed-Edom the Gittite's house. 14 God's ark of Elizaphan. Shemaiah the chief, and his brothers two remained with the family of Obed-Edom in his house hundred; 9 of the sons of Hebron, Eliel the chief, and his three months; and Yahweh blessed Obed-Edom's house 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, Joel, Shemaiah, Eliel, and Amminadab, 12 and said to them, "You are the heads of the fathers' households of the Levites. Sanctify yourselves, both you and your brothers, that you may place that I have prepared for it. 13 For because you Yahweh's name. 3 He gave to everyone of Israel, both didn't carry it at first, Yahweh our God broke out in anger man and woman, to everyone a loaf of bread, a portion against us, because we didn't seek him according to the of meat, and a cake of raisins. 4 He appointed some ordinance." 14 So the priests and the Levites sanctified of the Levites to minister before Yahweh's ark, and to themselves to bring up the ark of Yahweh, the God of commemorate, to thank, and to praise Yahweh, the Israel. 15 The children of the Levites bore God's ark on God of Israel: 5 Asaph the chief, and second to him their shoulders with its poles, as Moses commanded Zechariah, then Jeiel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Mattithiah, according to Yahweh's word. 16 David spoke to the chief Eliab, Benaiah, Obed-Edom, and Jeiel, with stringed of the Levites to appoint their brothers as singers with instruments and with harps; and Asaph with cymbals, instruments of music, stringed instruments, harps, and sounding aloud; 6 with Benaiah and Jahaziel the priests cymbals, sounding aloud and lifting up their voices with with trumpets continually, before the ark of the covenant joy. 17 So the Levites appointed Heman the son of Joel; of God. 7 Then on that day David first ordained giving and of his brothers, Asaph the son of Berechiah; and of thanks to Yahweh by the hand of Asaph and his of the sons of Merari their brothers, Ethan the son of brothers. 8 Oh give thanks to Yahweh. Call on his name. Kushaiah; 18 and with them their brothers of the second Make what he has done known among the peoples. 9 rank: Zechariah, Ben, Jaaziel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Sing to him. Sing praises to him. Tell of all his marvelous Unni, Eliab, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattithiah, Eliphelehu, works. 10 Glory in his holy name. Let the heart of those Mikneiah, Obed-Edom, and Jeiel, the doorkeepers. 19 who seek Yahweh rejoice. 11 Seek Yahweh and his So the singers, Heman, Asaph, and Ethan, were given strength. Seek his face forever more. 12 Remember his cymbals of bronze to sound aloud; 20 and Zechariah, marvelous works that he has done, his wonders, and Aziel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Unni, Eliab, Maaseiah, and the judgments of his mouth, 13 you offspring of Israel Benaiah, with stringed instruments set to Alamoth; 21 his servant, you children of Jacob, his chosen ones. 14 and Mattithiah, Eliphelehu, Mikneiah, Obed-Edom, Jeiel, He is Yahweh our God, His judgments are in all the and Azaziah, with harps tuned to the eight-stringed lyre, earth. 15 Remember his covenant forever, the word to lead. 22 Chenaniah, chief of the Levites, was over which he commanded to a thousand generations, 16 the singing. He taught the singers, because he was the covenant which he made with Abraham, his oath to skillful. 23 Berechiah and Elkanah were doorkeepers for Isaac. 17 He confirmed it to Jacob for a statute, and to the ark. 24 Shebaniah, Joshaphat, Nethanel, Amasai, Israel for an everlasting covenant, 18 saying, "I will give Zechariah, Benaiah, and Eliezer, the priests, blew the you the land of Canaan, The lot of your inheritance." 19 trumpets before God's ark; and Obed-Edom and Jehiah when you were but a few men in number, yes, very few, were doorkeepers for the ark. 25 So David, the elders of and foreigners in it. 20 They went about from nation Israel, and the captains over thousands went to bring to nation, from one kingdom to another people. 21 He the ark of Yahweh's covenant up out of the house of allowed no man to do them wrong. Yes, he reproved Obed-Edom with joy. 26 When God helped the Levites kings for their sakes, 22 "Don't touch my anointed ones! who bore the ark of Yahweh's covenant, they sacrificed Do my prophets no harm!" 23 Sing to Yahweh, all the seven bulls and seven rams. 27 David was clothed earth! Display his salvation from day to day. 24 Declare with a robe of fine linen, as were all the Levites who his glory among the nations, and his marvelous works bore the ark, the singers, and Chenaniah the choir among all the peoples. 25 For great is Yahweh, and master with the singers; and David had an ephod of greatly to be praised. He also is to be feared above all linen on him. 28 Thus all Israel brought the ark of gods. 26 For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but Yahweh's covenant up with shouting, with sound of the Yahweh made the heavens. 27 Honor and majesty are cornet, with trumpets, and with cymbals, sounding aloud before him. Strength and gladness are in his place. 28 with stringed instruments and harps. 29 As the ark of Ascribe to Yahweh, you families of the peoples, ascribe Yahweh's covenant came to David's city, Michal the to Yahweh glory and strength! 29 Ascribe to Yahweh daughter of Saul looked out at the window, and saw the glory due to his name. Bring an offering, and come king David dancing and playing; and she despised him before him. Worship Yahweh in holy array. 30 Tremble in her heart.

16 They brought in God's ark, and set it in the middle of the tent that David had pitched for it; and they offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before God. 2 When David had finished offering the burnt offering

bring the ark of Yahweh, the God of Israel, up to the and the peace offerings, he blessed the people in 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, "Yahweh 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 Yahweh, for he comes

house: and David returned to bless his house.

When David was living in his house, David said to Nathan the prophet, "Behold, I live in a cedar house, but the ark of Yahweh's covenant is in a tent." 2 Nathan said to David, "Do all that is in your heart; for God is with you." 3 That same night, the word of God came to Nathan, saying, 4 "Go and tell David my servant, 'Yahweh says, "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 from tent to tent, and from one tent to another. 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, 'Yahweh of Armies says, "I took you from the sheep pen, from following the sheep, to 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. The children of wickedness will not waste them any more, as at the first, 10 and from the day that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel. I will subdue all your enemies.

to judge the earth. 34 Oh give thanks to Yahweh, for 11 It will happen, when your days are fulfilled that you he is good, for his loving kindness endures forever. 35 must go to be with your fathers, that I will set up your Say, "Save us, God of our salvation! Gather us together offspring after you, who will be of your sons; and I will and deliver us from the nations, to give thanks to your establish his kingdom. 12 He will build me a house, and holy name, to triumph in your praise." 36 Blessed be I will establish his throne forever. 13 I will be his father, Yahweh, the God of Israel, from everlasting even to and he will be my son. I will not take my loving kindness everlasting. All the people said, "Amen," and praised away from him, as I took it from him who was before Yahweh. 37 So he left Asaph and his brothers there you; 14 but I will settle him in my house and in my before the ark of Yahweh's covenant, to minister before kingdom forever. His throne will be established forever."" the ark continually, as every day's work required; 38 and 15 According to all these words, and according to all Obed-Edom with their sixty-eight relatives; Obed-Edom this vision, so Nathan spoke to David. 16 Then David also the son of Jeduthun and Hosah to be doorkeepers; the king went in and sat before Yahweh; and he said, 39 and Zadok the priest and his brothers the priests, "Who am I, Yahweh God, and what is my house, that before Yahweh's tabernacle in the high place that was at you have brought me this far? 17 This was a small Gibeon, 40 to offer burnt offerings to Yahweh on the altar thing in your eyes, O God, but you have spoken of your of burnt offering continually morning and evening, even servant's house for a great while to come, and have according to all that is written in Yahweh's law, which he respected me according to the standard of a man of commanded to Israel; 41 and with them Heman and high degree, Yahweh God. 18 What can David say yet Jeduthun and the rest who were chosen, who were more to you concerning the honor which is done to your mentioned by name, to give thanks to Yahweh, because servant? For you know your servant. 19 Yahweh, for his loving kindness endures forever; 42 and with them your servant's sake, and according to your own heart, Heman and Jeduthun with trumpets and cymbals for you have done all this greatness, to make known all those that should sound aloud, and with instruments for these great things. 20 Yahweh, there is no one like you, the songs of God, and the sons of Jeduthun to be at neither is there any God besides you, according to all the gate. 43 All the people departed, each man to his that we have heard with our ears. 21 What one nation in the earth is like your people Israel, whom God went to redeem to himself for a people, to make you a name by great and awesome things, in driving out nations from before your people whom you redeemed out of Egypt? 22 For you made your people Israel your own people forever; and you, Yahweh, became their God. 23 Now, Yahweh, let the word that you have spoken concerning your servant, and concerning his house, be established forever, and do as you have spoken. 24 Let your name be established and magnified forever, saying, 'Yahweh of Armies is the God of Israel, even a God to Israel. The house of David your servant is established before you.' 25 For you, my God, have revealed to your servant that you will build him a house. Therefore your servant has found courage to pray before you. 26 Now, Yahweh, 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, Yahweh, have blessed, and it is blessed forever."

18 After this, David defeated the Philistines and subdued them, and took Gath and its towns out of the hand of the Philistines. 2 He defeated Moab: and the Moabites became servants to David and brought tribute. 3 David defeated Hadadezer king of Zobah, toward Hamath, as he went to establish his dominion by the river Euphrates. 4 David took from him one thousand chariots, seven thousand horsemen, and Moreover I tell you that Yahweh will build you a house. twenty thousand footmen; and David hamstrung all the hundred chariots. 5 When the Syrians of Damascus children of Ammon sent one thousand talents of silver came to help Hadadezer king of Zobah, David struck to hire chariots and horsemen out of Mesopotamia, out twenty-two thousand men of the Syrians. 6 Then David of Aram-maacah, and out of Zobah. 7 So they hired for put garrisons in Syria of Damascus; and the Syrians themselves thirty-two thousand chariots, and the king of became servants to David and brought tribute. Yahweh Maacah with his people, who came and encamped near gave victory to David wherever he went. 7 David took the Medeba. The children of Ammon gathered themselves shields of gold that were on the servants of Hadadezer, together from their cities, and came to battle. 8 When and brought them to Jerusalem. 8 From Tibhath and David heard of it, he sent Joab with all the army of from Cun, cities of Hadadezer, David took very much the mighty men. 9 The children of Ammon came out, bronze, with which Solomon made the bronze sea, the and put the battle in array at the gate of the city; and pillars, and the vessels of bronze. 9 When Tou king the kings who had come were by themselves in the of Hamath heard that David had struck all the army of field. 10 Now when Joab saw that the battle was set Hadadezer king of Zobah, 10 he sent Hadoram his son against him before and behind, he chose some of all the to King David to greet him and to bless him, because choice men of Israel, and put them in array against the he had fought against Hadadezer and struck him (for Syrians. 11 The rest of the people he committed into the Hadadezer had wars with Tou); and he had with him all hand of Abishai his brother; and they put themselves kinds of vessels of gold and silver and bronze. 11 King in array against the children of Ammon. 12 He said, David also dedicated these to Yahweh, with the silver "If the Syrians are too strong for me, then you are to and the gold that he carried away from all the nations: help me; but if the children of Ammon are too strong for from Edom, from Moab, from the children of Ammon, you, then I will help you. 13 Be courageous, and let's from the Philistines, and from Amalek. 12 Moreover be strong for our people and for the cities of our God. Abishai the son of Zeruiah struck eighteen thousand of May Yahweh do that which seems good to him." 14 the Edomites in the Valley of Salt. 13 He put garrisons in So Joab and the people who were with him came near Edom; and all the Edomites became servants to David. to the front of the Syrians to the battle; and they fled Yahweh gave victory to David wherever he went. 14 before him. 15 When the children of Ammon saw that David reigned over all Israel; and he executed justice the Syrians had fled, they likewise fled before Abishai and righteousness for all his people. 15 Joab the son of his brother, and entered into the city. Then Joab came Zeruiah was over the army; Jehoshaphat the son of to Jerusalem. 16 When the Syrians saw that they were Ahilud was recorder; 16 Zadok the son of Ahitub and defeated by Israel, they sent messengers and called out Abimelech the son of Abiathar were priests; Shavsha the Syrians who were beyond the River, with Shophach was scribe; 17 and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was the captain of the army of Hadadezer leading them. 17 over the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and the sons of David was told that, so he gathered all Israel together, David were chief officials serving the king.

19 After this, Nahash the king of the children of Ammon died, and his son 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 children of Ammon to Hanun to comfort him. 3 But the princes of the children 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

charjot horses, but reserved of them enough for one had made themselves odious to David. Hanun and the passed over the Jordan, came to them, and set the battle in array against them. So when David had put the battle in array against the Syrians, they fought with him. 18 The Syrians fled before Israel; and David killed of the Syrian men seven thousand charioteers and forty thousand footmen, and also killed Shophach 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. The Syrians would not help the children of Ammon any more.

20 At the time of the return of the year, at the time when kings go out, Joab led out the army and So Hanun took David's servants, shaved them, and cut wasted the country of the children of Ammon, and came off their garments in the middle at their buttocks, and and besieged Rabbah. But David stayed at Jerusalem. sent them away. 5 Then some people went and told Joab struck Rabbah, and overthrew it. 2 David took David how the men were treated. He sent to meet them; the crown of their king from off his head, and found for the men were greatly humiliated. The king said, it to weigh a talent of gold, and there were precious "Stay at Jericho until your beards have grown, and then stones in it. It was set on David's head, and he brought return." 6 When the children of Ammon saw that they very much plunder out of the city. 3 He brought out the

people who were in it, and had them cut with saws, with about to destroy, Yahweh saw, and he relented of the also was born to the giant. 7 When he defied Israel, 8 These were born to the giant in Gath; and they fell by the hand of David and by the hand of his servants.

21 Satan stood up against Israel, and moved David to take a census of Israel. 2 David said to Joab and to the princes of the people, "Go, count Israel from Beersheba even to Dan; and bring me word, that I may know how many there are." 3 Joab said, "May Yahweh 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, then came to Jerusalem. 5 Joab gave the sum of the census of the people to David. All those of Israel were one million one hundred thousand men who drew a sword; and in Judah were four hundred seventy thousand men who drew a sword. 6 But he didn't 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 Yahweh spoke to Gad, David's seer, saying, 10 "Go and speak to David, saying, 'Yahweh says, "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, "Yahweh says, 'Take your choice: 12 either three years of famine; or three months to be consumed before your foes, while the sword of your enemies overtakes you; or else three days of the sword of Yahweh, even pestilence in the land, and Yahweh's angel destroying throughout all the borders of Israel. Now therefore consider what answer I shall return to him who sent me." 13 David said to Gad, "I am in distress. Let me fall, I pray, into Yahweh's hand, for his mercies are very great. Don't let me fall into man's hand." 14 So Yahweh sent a pestilence on

iron picks, and with axes. David did so to all the cities of disaster, and said to the destroying angel, "It is enough. the children of Ammon. Then David and all the people Now withdraw your hand." Yahweh's angel was standing returned to Jerusalem. 4 After this, war arose at Gezer by the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite. 16 David with the Philistines. Then Sibbecai the Hushathite killed lifted up his eyes, and saw Yahweh's angel standing Sippai, of the sons of the giant; and they were subdued. between earth and the sky, having a drawn sword in 5 Again there was war with the Philistines; and Elhanan his hand stretched out over Jerusalem. Then David the son of Jair killed Lahmi the brother of Goliath the and the elders, clothed in sackcloth, fell on their faces. Gittite, the staff of whose spear was like a weaver's 17 David said to God, "Isn't it I who commanded the beam. 6 There was again war at Gath, where there was people to be counted? It is even I who have sinned a man of great stature, who had twenty-four fingers and and done very wickedly; but these sheep, what have toes, six on each hand and six on each foot; and he they done? Please let your hand, O Yahweh my God, be against me and against my father's house; but not Jonathan the son of Shimea, David's brother, killed him. against your people, that they should be plaqued." 18 Then Yahweh's angel commanded Gad to tell David that David should go up and raise an altar to Yahweh on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite. 19 David went up at the saying of Gad, which he spoke in Yahweh's name. 20 Ornan turned back and saw the angel; and his four sons who were with him hid 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, "Sell me the place of this threshing floor, that I may build an altar to Yahweh on it. 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. Behold, 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 Yahweh, nor offer a burnt offering that costs me nothing." 25 So David gave to Ornan six hundred shekels of gold by weight for the place. 26 David built an altar to Yahweh there, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings, and called on Yahweh; and he answered him from the sky by fire on the altar of burnt offering. 27 Then Yahweh commanded the angel, and he put his sword back into its sheath. 28 At that time, when David saw that Yahweh had answered him in the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite, then he sacrificed there. 29 For Yahweh's tabernacle, 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 couldn't go before it to inquire of God, for he was afraid because of the sword of Yahweh's angel.

77 Then David said, "This is the house of Yahweh God, and this is the altar of burnt offering for Israel, and seventy thousand men of Israel fell. 15 God Israel." 2 David gave orders to gather together the sent an angel to Jerusalem to destroy it. As he was foreigners who were in the land of Israel; and he set 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 the people 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 Yahweh 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 Yahweh, the God of Israel. 7 David said to Solomon his son, "As for me, it was in my heart to build a house to the name of Yahweh my God. 8 But Yahweh's word came to me, saving, '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 Behold, a son shall be born to you, who shall be a man of peace. I will give him rest from all his enemies all around; for his name shall be Solomon, and I will give peace and quietness to Israel in his days. 10 He shall build a house for my name: and he will be my son, and I will be his father; and I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel forever.' 11 Now, my son, may Yahweh be with you and prosper you, and build the house of Yahweh your God, as he has spoken concerning you. 12 May Yahweh give you discretion and understanding, and put you in charge of Israel, so that you may keep the law of Yahweh your God. 13 Then you will prosper, if you observe to do the statutes and the ordinances which Yahweh gave Moses concerning Israel, Be strong and courageous. Don't be afraid and don't be dismayed. 14 Now, behold, in my affliction I have prepared for Yahweh's house 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, the bronze, and the iron, there is no number. Arise and be doing, and may Yahweh be with you," 17 David also commanded all the princes of Israel to help Solomon his son, saying, 18 "Isn't Yahweh 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 the land is subdued before Yahweh and before his people. 19 Now set your heart and your soul to follow Yahweh your God. Arise therefore, and build the sanctuary of Yahweh God, to bring the ark of

masons to cut dressed stones to build God's house. Yahweh's covenant and the holy vessels of God into the 3 David prepared iron in abundance for the nails for house that is to be built for Yahweh's name."

23 Now David was old and full of days; and he made Solomon his son king over Israel. 2 He gathered together all the princes of Israel, with the priests and the Levites. 3 The Levites were counted 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 Yahweh's house, six thousand were officers and judges, 5 four thousand were doorkeepers, and four thousand praised Yahweh 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, Zetham, and Joel, three. 9 The sons of Shimei: Shelomoth, Haziel, and Haran, three. These were the heads of the fathers' households of Ladan. 10 The sons of Shimei: Jahath. Zina, Jeush, and Beriah. These four were the sons of Shimei. 11 Jahath was the chief, and Zizah the second; but Jeush and Beriah didn't 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 Yahweh, 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: Shebuel the chief. 17 The son of Eliezer was Rehabiah the chief; and Eliezer had no other sons, but the sons of Rehabiah were very many. 18 The son of Izhar: Shelomith the chief. 19 The sons of Hebron: Jeriah the chief, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, and Jekameam the fourth. 20 The sons of Uzziel: Micah the chief, and 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 relatives, the sons of Kish, took them as wives. 23 The sons of Mushi: Mahli, Eder. and Jeremoth, three, 24 These were the sons of Levi after their fathers' houses, even the heads of the fathers' houses of those who were counted individually, in the number of names by their polls, who did the work for the service of Yahweh's house, from twenty years old and upward. 25 For David said, "Yahweh, the God of Israel, has given rest to his people; and he dwells in Jerusalem forever. 26 Also the Levites will no longer need to carry the tabernacle and all its vessels for its service." 27 For by the last words of David the sons of Levi were counted, from twenty years old and upward. 28 For their

of Yahweh's house.

24 These were the divisions of the sons of Aaron. The sons of Aaron: Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar, 2 But Nadab and Abihu died before their father. and had no children; therefore Eleazar and Ithamar served as priests. 3 David, with Zadok of the sons of were more chief men found of the sons of Eleazar than of the sons of Ithamar; and they were divided like this: of the sons of Eleazar there were sixteen, heads of fathers' houses; and of the sons of Ithamar, according to their fathers' houses, eight. 5 Thus they were divided impartially by drawing lots; for there were princes of the sanctuary and princes of God, both of the sons of Eleazar, and of the sons of Ithamar. 6 Shemaiah the son of Nethanel the scribe, who was of the Levites. wrote them in the presence of the king, the princes, Zadok the priest, Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, and the heads of the fathers' households of the priests and of the Levites; one fathers' house being taken for Eleazar, Harim, the fourth to Seorim, 9 the fifth to Malchijah, eighth to Abijah, 11 the ninth to Jeshua, the tenth to Jakim, 13 the thirteenth to Huppah, the fourteenth to Jeshebeab, 14 the fifteenth to Bilgah, the sixteenth to Of the rest of the sons of Levi: of the sons of Amram, 14 the seventh to Jesharelah, his sons and his brothers,

duty was to wait on the sons of Aaron for the service of Shubael: of the sons of Shubael, Jehdeiah. 21 Of Yahweh's house—in the courts, in the rooms, and in the Rehabiah: of the sons of Rehabiah, Isshiah the chief. 22 purifying of all holy things, even the work of the service Of the Izharites, Shelomoth; of the sons of Shelomoth, of God's house; 29 for the show bread also, and for the Jahath. 23 The sons of Hebron: Jeriah, Amariah the fine flour for a meal offering, whether of unleavened second, Jahaziel the third, and Jekameam the fourth. wafers, or of that which is baked in the pan, or of that 24 The sons of Uzziel: Micah; of the sons of Micah, which is soaked, and for all measurements of quantity Shamir. 25 The brother of Micah: Isshiah; of the sons and size; 30 and to stand every morning to thank and of Isshiah, Zechariah. 26 The sons of Merari: Mahli praise Yahweh, and likewise in the evening; 31 and to and Mushi. The son of Jaaziah: Beno. 27 The sons of offer all burnt offerings to Yahweh on the Sabbaths, Merari by Jaaziah: Beno, Shoham, Zaccur, and Ibri. 28 on the new moons, and on the set feasts, in number Of Mahli: Eleazar, who had no sons. 29 Of Kish, the son according to the ordinance concerning them, continually of Kish: Jerahmeel. 30 The sons of Mushi: Mahli, Eder, before Yahweh; 32 and that they should keep the duty of and Jerimoth. These were the sons of the Levites after the Tent of Meeting, the duty of the holy place, and the their fathers' houses. 31 These likewise cast lots even duty of the sons of Aaron their brothers for the service as their brothers the sons of Aaron in the presence of David the king, Zadok, Ahimelech, and the heads of the fathers' households of the priests and of the Levites, the fathers' households of the chief even as those of his younger brother.

25 Moreover, David and the captains of the army set apart for the service certain of the sons of Asaph, Eleazar and Ahimelech of the sons of Ithamar, divided of Heman, and of Jeduthun, who were to prophesy with them according to their ordering in their service. 4 There harps, with stringed instruments, and with cymbals. The number of those who did the work according to their service was: 2 of the sons of Asaph: Zaccur, Joseph, Nethaniah, and Asharelah. The sons of Asaph were under the hand of Asaph, who prophesied at the order of the king. 3 Of Jeduthun, the sons of Jeduthun: Gedaliah, Zeri, Jeshaiah, Shimei, Hashabiah, and Mattithiah, six, under the hands of their father Jeduthun, who prophesied in giving thanks and praising Yahweh with the harp. 4 Of Heman, the sons of Heman: Bukkiah, Mattaniah, Uzziel, Shebuel, Jerimoth, Hananiah, Hanani, Eliathah, Giddalti, Romamti-Ezer, Joshbekashah, Mallothi, Hothir, and Mahazioth. 5 All these were the sons of Heman the king's seer in the words of God, to lift up the horn. God and one taken for Ithamar. 7 Now the first lot came gave to Heman fourteen sons and three daughters. 6 out to Jehoiarib, the second to Jedaiah, 8 the third to All these were under the hands of their father for song in Yahweh's house, with cymbals, stringed instruments, the sixth to Mijamin, 10 the seventh to Hakkoz, the and harps, for the service of God's house: Asaph, Jeduthun, and Heman being under the order of the Shecaniah, 12 the eleventh to Eliashib, the twelfth to king. 7 The number of them, with their brothers who were instructed in singing to Yahweh, even all who were skillful, was two hundred eighty-eight. 8 They cast lots Immer, 15 the seventeenth to Hezir, the eighteenth to for their offices, all alike, the small as well as the great, Happizzez, 16 the nineteenth to Pethahiah, the twentieth the teacher as well as the student. 9 Now the first lot to Jehezkel, 17 the twenty-first to Jachin, the twenty-came out for Asaph to Joseph; the second to Gedaliah, second to Gamul, 18 the twenty-third to Delaiah, and he and his brothers and sons were twelve; 10 the third the twenty-fourth to Maaziah. 19 This was their ordering to Zaccur, his sons and his brothers, twelve: 11 the in their service, to come into Yahweh's house according fourth to Izri, his sons and his brothers, twelve; 12 the to the ordinance given to them by Aaron their father, as fifth to Nethaniah, his sons and his brothers, twelve; 13 Yahweh, the God of Israel, had commanded him. 20 the sixth to Bukkiah, his sons and his brothers, twelve; twelve: 15 the eighth to Jeshajah, his sons and his causeway that goes up, watchman opposite watchman. brothers, twelve; 16 the ninth to Mattaniah, his sons 17 Eastward were six Levites, northward four a day, and his brothers, twelve; 17 the tenth to Shimei, his southward four a day, and for the storehouse two and sons and his brothers, twelve; 18 the eleventh to Azarel, two. 18 For Parbar westward, four at the causeway, his sons and his brothers, twelve; 19 the twelfth to and two at Parbar. 19 These were the divisions of the Hashabiah, his sons and his brothers, twelve; 20 for the doorkeepers; of the sons of the Korahites, and of the thirteenth, Shubael, his sons and his brothers, twelve; 21 sons of Merari. 20 Of the Levites, Ahijah was over the for the fourteenth, Mattithiah, his sons and his brothers, treasures of God's house and over the treasures of the twelve; 22 for the fifteenth to Jeremoth, his sons and his dedicated things. 21 The sons of Ladan, the sons of brothers, twelve: 23 for the sixteenth to Hananiah, his the Gershonites belonging to Ladan, the heads of the sons and his brothers, twelve; 24 for the seventeenth to fathers' households belonging to Ladan the Gershonite: Joshbekashah, his sons and his brothers, twelve; 25 for Jehieli. 22 The sons of Jehieli: Zetham, and Joel his the eighteenth to Hanani, his sons and his brothers, brother, over the treasures of Yahweh's house. 23 Of twelve; 26 for the nineteenth to Mallothi, his sons and the Amramites, of the Izharites, of the Hebronites, of the his brothers, twelve; 27 for the twentieth to Eliathah, his Uzzielites: 24 Shebuel the son of Gershom, the son of sons and his brothers, twelve: 28 for the twenty-first Moses, was ruler over the treasuries. 25 His brothers: of to Hothir, his sons and his brothers, twelve; 29 for the Eliezer, Rehabiah his son, and Jeshaiah his son, and twenty-second to Giddalti, his sons and his brothers. Joram his son, and Zichri his son, and Shelomoth his twelve; 30 for the twenty-third to Mahazioth, his sons son. 26 This Shelomoth and his brothers were over and his brothers, twelve; 31 for the twenty-fourth to all the treasuries of the dedicated things, which David 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 Asaph. 2 Meshelemiah had sons: Zechariah the firstborn, Jediael the second, Zebadiah the third, Jathniel the fourth, 3 Elam the fifth, Jehohanan the sixth, and Eliehoenai the seventh. 4 Obed-Edom had sons: Shemaiah the firstborn, Jehozabad the second, Joah the third, Sacar the fourth, Nethanel the fifth, 5 Ammiel the sixth, Issachar the seventh, and Peullethai the eighth; for God blessed him. 6 Sons were also born to Shemaiah his son, who ruled over the house of their father; for they were mighty men of valor. 7 The sons of Shemaiah: Othni, Rephael, Obed, and Elzabad, whose relatives were valiant men. Elihu, and Semachiah. 8 All these were of the sons of Obed-Edom with their sons and their brothers, able men in strength for the service: sixty-two of Obed-Edom. 9 Meshelemiah had sons and brothers, eighteen valiant men. 10 Also Hosah, of the children of Merari, had sons: Shimri the chief (for though he was not the firstborn, yet his father made him chief), 11 Hilkiah the second, Tebaliah the third, and Zechariah the fourth. All the sons and brothers of Hosah were thirteen. 12 Of these were the divisions of the doorkeepers, even of the chief men, having offices like their brothers, to minister in Yahweh's house. 13 They cast lots, the small as well as the great, according to their fathers' houses, for every gate. 14 The lot eastward fell to Shelemiah. Then for Zechariah his son, a wise counselor, they cast lots; and his lot came out northward. 15 To Obed-Edom southward:

the king, and the heads of the fathers' households, the captains over thousands and hundreds, and the captains of the army, had dedicated. 27 They dedicated some of the plunder won in battles to repair Yahweh's house. 28 All that Samuel the seer, Saul the son of Kish, Abner the son of Ner, and Joab the son of Zeruiah had dedicated. whoever had dedicated anything, it was under the hand of Shelomoth and of his brothers. 29 Of the Izharites, Chenaniah and his sons were appointed to the outward business over Israel, for officers and judges. 30 Of the Hebronites, Hashabiah and his brothers, one thousand seven hundred men of valor, had the oversight of Israel beyond the Jordan westward, for all the business of Yahweh and for the service of the king. 31 Of the Hebronites, Jerijah was the chief of the Hebronites, according to their generations by fathers' households. They were sought for in the fortieth year of the reign of David, and mighty men of valor were found among them at Jazer of Gilead. 32 His relatives, men of valor, were two thousand seven hundred, heads of fathers' households, whom King David made overseers over the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of the Manassites, for every matter pertaining to God and for the affairs of the king.

27 Now the children of Israel after their number, the having offices like their brothers, to minister in Yahweh's house. 13 They cast lots, the small as well as the great, according to their fathers' houses, for every gate. 14 The lot eastward fell to Shelemiah. Then for Zechariah his son, a wise counselor, they cast lots; and his lot came out northward. 15 To Obed-Edom southward; and to his sons the storehouse. 16 To Shuppim and Hosah westward, by the gate of Shallecheth, at the

4 Over the division of the second month was Dodai the son of Chelub. 27 Over the vineyards was Shimei the Ahohite and his division, and Mikloth the ruler; and the Ramathite. Over the increase of the vineyards for in his division were twenty-four thousand. 5 The third the wine cellars was Zabdi the Shiphmite. 28 Over the captain of the army for the third month was Benaiah, the olive trees and the sycamore trees that were in the son of Jehoiada the chief priest. In his division were lowland was Baal Hanan the Gederite. Over the cellars twenty-four thousand. 6 This is that Benaiah who was of oil was Joash. 29 Over the herds that fed in Sharon the mighty man of the thirty and over the thirty. Of his was Shitrai the Sharonite. Over the herds that were in division was Ammizabad his son. 7 The fourth captain the valleys was Shaphat the son of Adlai. 30 Over the for the fourth month was Asahel the brother of Joab, and camels was Obil the Ishmaelite. Over the donkeys was Zebadiah his son after him. In his division were twenty- Jehdeiah the Meronothite. Over the flocks was Jaziz the four thousand. 8 The fifth captain for the fifth month Hagrite. 31 All these were the rulers of the property was Shamhuth the Izrahite. In his division were twenty- which was King David's. 32 Also Jonathan, David's four thousand. 9 The sixth captain for the sixth month uncle, was a counselor, a man of understanding, and a was Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite. In his division scribe. Jehiel the son of Hachmoni was with the king's were twenty-four thousand. 10 The seventh captain sons. 33 Ahithophel was the king's counselor. Hushai for the seventh month was Helez the Pelonite, of the the Archite was the king's friend. 34 After Ahithophel children of Ephraim. In his division were twenty-four was Jehoiada the son of Benaiah, and Abiathar. Joab thousand. 11 The eighth captain for the eighth month was the captain of the king's army. was Sibbecai the Hushathite, of the Zerahites. In his division were twenty-four thousand. 12 The ninth captain for the ninth month was Abiezer the Anathothite, of the Benjamites. In his division were twenty-four thousand. 13 The tenth captain for the tenth month was Maharai the Netophathite, of the Zerahites. In his division were twenty-four thousand. 14 The eleventh captain for the eleventh month was Benaiah the Pirathonite, of the children of Ephraim. In his division were twenty-four thousand. 15 The twelfth captain for the twelfth month was Heldai the Netophathite, of Othniel. In his division were twenty-four thousand. 16 Furthermore over the tribes of Israel: of the Reubenites, Eliezer the son of Zichri was 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 children of Ephraim, Hoshea the son of Azaziah; of the half-tribe of Manasseh, Joel the son of Pedaiah; 21 of the halftribe 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 tribes of Israel. 23 But David didn't take the number of them from twenty years old and under, because Yahweh had said he would increase Israel like the stars of the sky. 24 Joab the son of Zeruiah began to take a census, but didn't finish; and wrath came on Israel for this. The number wasn't put into the account in the chronicles of King David. 25 Over the king's treasures was Azmaveth the son of Adiel. Over the treasures in the fields, in the cities, in the villages, and in the towers was Jonathan the son of Uzziah; 26 Over those who did

the chief of all the captains of the army for the first month. the work of the field for tillage of the ground was Ezri

28 David assembled all the princes of Israel, the princes of the tribes, the captains of the companies who served the king by division, the captains of thousands, the captains of hundreds, and the rulers over all the substance and possessions of the king and of his sons, with the officers and the mighty men, even all the mighty men of valor, 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 Yahweh's covenant, 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 Yahweh, 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 Yahweh has given me many sons), he has chosen Solomon my son to sit on the throne of Yahweh's kingdom over Israel. 6 He said to me, 'Solomon, your son, shall build my house and my courts; for I have chosen him to be my son, and I will be his father. 7 I will establish his kingdom forever if he continues to do my commandments and my ordinances, as it is today.' 8 Now therefore, in the sight of all Israel, Yahweh's assembly, and in the audience of our God, observe and seek out all the commandments of Yahweh your God, that you may possess this good land, and leave it for an inheritance to your children after you forever. 9 You, Solomon my son, know the God of your father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind; for Yahweh searches all hearts, and understands all the imaginations of the thoughts. If have set my affection on the house of my God, since I the people will be entirely at your command."

20 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 Yahweh God. 2 Now I have prepared with all my might for the house of my God the gold for the things of gold, the silver for the things of silver, the bronze for the things of bronze, iron for the things of iron, and wood for the things of wood, also onyx stones, stones to be set, stones for inlaid work of various colors, all kinds of precious stones, and marble stones in abundance. 3 In addition, because I

you seek him, he will be found by you; but if you forsake have a treasure of my own of gold and silver, I give it to him, he will cast you off forever. 10 Take heed now, the house of my God, over and above all that I have for Yahweh has chosen you to build a house for the prepared for the holy house: 4 even three thousand sanctuary. Be strong, and do it." 11 Then David gave to talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir, and seven thousand Solomon his son the plans for the porch of the temple, talents of refined silver, with which to overlay the walls of for its houses, for its treasuries, for its upper rooms, for the houses; 5 of gold for the things of gold, and of silver its inner rooms, for the place of the mercy seat; 12 and for the things of silver, and for all kinds of work to be the plans of all that he had by the Spirit, for the courts made by the hands of artisans. Who then offers willingly of Yahweh's house, for all the surrounding rooms, for to consecrate himself today to Yahweh?" 6 Then the the treasuries of God's house, and for the treasuries of princes of the fathers' households, and the princes of the dedicated things; 13 also for the divisions of the tribes of Israel, and the captains of thousands and priests and the Levites, for all the work of the service of of hundreds, with the rulers over the king's work, offered Yahweh's house, and for all the vessels of service in willingly; 7 and they gave for the service of God's Yahweh's house— 14 of gold by weight for the gold for house of gold five thousand talents and ten thousand all vessels of every kind of service, for all the vessels of darics, of silver ten thousand talents, of bronze eighteen silver by weight, for all vessels of every kind of service; thousand talents, and of iron one hundred thousand 15 by weight also for the lamp stands of gold, and for its talents. 8 People with whom precious stones were found lamps, of gold, by weight for every lamp stand and for gave them to the treasure of Yahweh's house, under its lamps; and for the lamp stands of silver, by weight the hand of Jehiel the Gershonite. 9 Then the people for every lamp stand and for its lamps, according to the rejoiced, because they offered willingly, because with use of every lamp stand; 16 and the gold by weight for a perfect heart they offered willingly to Yahweh; and the tables of show bread, for every table; and silver for David the king also rejoiced with great joy. 10 Therefore the tables of silver; 17 and the forks, the basins, and the David blessed Yahweh before all the assembly; and cups, of pure gold; and for the golden bowls by weight David said, "You are blessed, Yahweh, the God of Israel for every bowl; and for the silver bowls by weight for our father, forever and ever. 11 Yours, Yahweh, is the every bowl; 18 and for the altar of incense, refined gold greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the by weight; and gold for the plans for the chariot, and the majesty! For all that is in the heavens and in the earth cherubim that spread out and cover the ark of Yahweh's is yours. Yours is the kingdom, Yahweh, and you are covenant. 19 "All this", David said, "I have been made exalted as head above all. 12 Both riches and honor to understand in writing from Yahweh's hand, even all come from you, and you rule over all! In your hand is the works of this pattern." 20 David said to Solomon power and might! It is in your hand to make great, and his son, "Be strong and courageous, and do it. Don't to give strength to all! 13 Now therefore, our God, we be afraid, nor be dismayed, for Yahweh God, even my thank you and praise your glorious name. 14 But who God, is with you. He will not fail you nor forsake you, am I, and what is my people, that we should be able until all the work for the service of Yahweh's house is to offer so willingly as this? For all things come from finished. 21 Behold, there are the divisions of the priests you, and we have given you of your own. 15 For we are and the Levites for all the service of God's house. Every strangers before you and foreigners, as all our fathers willing man who has skill for any kind of service shall be were. Our days on the earth are as a shadow, and there with you in all kinds of work. Also the captains and all is no remaining. 16 Yahweh 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 l 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 I have seen with joy your people, who are present here, offer willingly to you. 18 Yahweh, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Israel, our fathers, keep this desire forever in 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 Then David said to all the assembly. "Now bless Yahweh your God!" All the assembly blessed Yahweh, the God of their fathers, and bowed down their heads and prostrated themselves before Yahweh and the king. 21 They sacrificed sacrifices to Yahweh and offered burnt offerings to Yahweh 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 drank before Yahweh on that day with great gladness. They made Solomon the son of David king the second time, and anointed him before Yahweh to be prince, and Zadok to be priest. 23 Then Solomon sat on the throne of Yahweh as king instead of David his father, and prospered; and all Israel obeyed him. 24 All the princes, the mighty men, and also all of the sons of King David submitted themselves to Solomon the king. 25 Yahweh magnified Solomon exceedingly in the sight of all Israel, and gave to 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 thirty-three years in Jerusalem. 28 He died at 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, behold, they are written in the history of Samuel the seer, and in the history of Nathan the prophet, and in the history of Gad the seer, 30 with all his reign and his might, and the events that involved him, Israel, and all the kingdoms of the lands.

2 Chronicles

his kingdom, and Yahweh his God was with him, and

also exported them to the Hittite kings and the Syrian kings.

1 Solomon the son of David was firmly established in **2** Now Solomon decided to build a house for Yahweh's his kingdom, and Yahweh his God was with him, and name, and a house for his kingdom. 2 Solomon name, and a house for his kingdom. 2 Solomon made him exceedingly great. 2 Solomon spoke to all counted out seventy thousand men to bear burdens, Israel, to the captains of thousands and of hundreds, to eighty thousand men who were stone cutters in the the judges, and to every prince in all Israel, the heads mountains, and three thousand six hundred to oversee of the fathers' households. 3 Then Solomon, and all them. 3 Solomon sent to Huram the king of Tyre, saying, the assembly with him, went to the high place that was "As you dealt with David my father, and sent him cedars at Gibeon; for God's Tent of Meeting was there, which to build him a house in which to dwell, so deal with me. Yahweh's servant Moses had made in the wilderness. 4 Behold, I am about to build a house for the name of 4 But David had brought God's ark up from Kiriath Yahweh my God, to dedicate it to him, to burn before Jearim to the place that David had prepared for it; for him incense of sweet spices, for the continual show he had pitched a tent for it at Jerusalem. 5 Moreover bread, and for the burnt offerings morning and evening, the bronze altar that Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of on the Sabbaths, on the new moons, and on the set Hur, had made was there before Yahweh's tabernacle; feasts of Yahweh our God. This is an ordinance forever and Solomon and the assembly were seeking counsel to Israel. 5 "The house which I am building will be great, there. 6 Solomon went up there to the bronze altar for our God is greater than all gods. 6 But who is able before Yahweh, which was at the Tent of Meeting, and to build him a house, since heaven and the heaven of offered one thousand burnt offerings on it. 7 That night, heavens can't contain him? Who am I then, that I should God appeared to Solomon and said to him, "Ask for build him a house, except just to burn incense before what you want me to give you." 8 Solomon said to God, him? 7 "Now therefore send me a man skillful to work in "You have shown great loving kindness to David my gold, in silver, in bronze, in iron, and in purple, crimson, father, and have made me king in his place. 9 Now, and blue, and who knows how to engrave engravings, Yahweh God, let your promise to David my father be to be with the skillful men who are with me in Judah and established; for you have made me king over a people in Jerusalem, whom David my father provided. 8 "Send like the dust of the earth in multitude. 10 Now give me me also cedar trees, cypress trees, and algum trees wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in out of Lebanon, for I know that your servants know before this people; for who can judge this great people how to cut timber in Lebanon. Behold, my servants will of yours?" 11 God said to Solomon, "Because this was be with your servants, 9 even to prepare me timber in in your heart, and you have not asked riches, wealth, abundance; for the house which I am about to build will honor, or the life of those who hate you, nor yet have be great and wonderful. 10 Behold, I will give to your you asked for long life; but have asked for wisdom servants, the cutters who cut timber, twenty thousand and knowledge for yourself, that you may judge my cors of beaten wheat, twenty thousand baths of barley, people, over whom I have made you king, 12 therefore twenty thousand baths of wine, and twenty thousand wisdom and knowledge is granted to you. I will give baths of oil." 11 Then Huram the king of Tyre answered you riches, wealth, and honor, such as none of the in writing, which he sent to Solomon, "Because Yahweh kings have had who have been before you, and none loves his people, he has made you king over them." after you will have." 13 So Solomon came from the 12 Huram continued, "Blessed be Yahweh, the God of high place that was at Gibeon, from before the Tent of Israel, who made heaven and earth, who has given to Meeting, to Jerusalem; and he reigned over Israel. 14 David the king a wise son, endowed with discretion and Solomon gathered chariots and horsemen. He had one understanding, who would build a house for Yahweh thousand four hundred chariots and twelve thousand and a house for his kingdom. 13 Now I have sent a horsemen that he placed in the chariot cities, and with skillful man, endowed with understanding, Huram-abi, the king at Jerusalem. 15 The king made silver and gold 14 the son of a woman of the daughters of Dan; and his to be as common as stones in Jerusalem, and he made father was a man of Tyre. He is skillful to work in gold, cedars to be as common as the sycamore trees that in silver, in bronze, in iron, in stone, in timber, in purple, are in the lowland. 16 The horses which Solomon had in blue, in fine linen, and in crimson, also to engrave were brought out of Egypt and from Kue. The king's any kind of engraving and to devise any device, that merchants purchased them from Kue. 17 They imported there may be a place appointed to him with your skillful from Egypt then exported a chariot for six hundred men, and with the skillful men of my lord David your pieces of silver and a horse for one hundred fifty. They father. 15 "Now therefore, the wheat, the barley, the oil, and the wine which my lord has spoken of, let him send

to his servants: 16 and we will cut wood out of Lebanon. the chains. 17 He set up the pillars before the temple. as much as you need. We will bring it to you in rafts by one on the right hand and the other on the left; and sea to Joppa; then you shall carry it up to Jerusalem." called the name of that on the right hand Jachin, and 17 Solomon counted all the foreigners who were in the the name of that on the left Boaz. land of Israel, after the census with which David his father had counted them; and they found one hundred fifty-three thousand six hundred. 18 He set seventy thousand of them to bear burdens, eighty thousand who were stone cutters in the mountains, and three thousand six hundred overseers to assign the people their work.

Then Solomon began to build Yahweh's house at Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where Yahweh appeared to David his father, which he prepared in the place that David had appointed, on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite. 2 He began to build in the second day of the second month, in the fourth year of his reign. 3 Now these are the foundations which Solomon laid for the building of God's house: the length by cubits after the first measure was sixty cubits, and the width twenty cubits. 4 The porch that was in front, its length, across the width of the house, was twenty cubits, and the height one hundred twenty; and he overlaid it within with pure gold. 5 He made the larger room with a ceiling of cypress wood, which he overlaid with fine gold, and ornamented it with palm trees and chains. 6 He decorated the house with precious stones for beauty. The gold was gold from Parvaim. 7 He also overlaid the house, the beams, the thresholds, its walls, and its doors with gold, and engraved cherubim on the walls. 8 He made the most holy place. Its length, according to the width of the house, was twenty cubits, and its width twenty cubits; and he overlaid it with fine gold, amounting to six hundred talents. 9 The weight of the nails was fifty shekels of gold. He overlaid the upper rooms with gold. 10 In the most holy place he made two cherubim by carving, and they overlaid them with gold. 11 The wings of the cherubim were twenty cubits long: the wing of the one was five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house; and the other wing was five cubits, reaching to the wing of the other cherub. 12 The wing of the other cherub was five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house; and the other wing was five cubits, joining to the wing of the other cherub. 13 The wings of these cherubim spread themselves out twenty cubits. They stood on their feet, and their faces were toward the house. 14 He made the veil of blue, purple, crimson, and fine linen, and ornamented it with cherubim. 15 Also he made before the house two pillars thirty-five cubits high, and the capital that was on the top of each of them was five cubits. 16 He made chains in the inner sanctuary, and put them on the tops of the pillars; and he made one hundred pomegranates, and put them on

4 Then he made an altar of bronze, twenty cubits long, twenty cubits wide, and ten cubits high. 2 Also he made the molten sea of ten cubits from brim to brim. It was round, five cubits high, and thirty cubits in circumference. 3 Under it was the likeness of oxen, which encircled it, for ten cubits, encircling the sea. The oxen were in two rows, cast when it was cast. 4 It stood on twelve oxen, three looking toward the north, three looking toward the west, three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east; and the sea was set on them above, and all their hindquarters were inward. 5 It was a handbreadth thick. Its brim was made like the brim of a cup, like the flower of a lily. It received and held three thousand baths. 6 He also made ten basins, and put five on the right hand and five on the left, to wash in them. The things that belonged to the burnt offering were washed in them, but the sea was for the priests to wash in. 7 He made the ten lamp stands of gold according to the ordinance concerning them; and he set them in the temple, five on the right hand and five on the left. 8 He made also ten tables, and placed them in the temple, five on the right side and five on the left. He made one hundred basins of gold. 9 Furthermore he made the court of the priests, the great court, and doors for the court, and overlaid their doors with bronze. 10 He set the sea on the right side of the house eastward, toward the south. 11 Huram made the pots, the shovels, and the basins. So Huram finished doing the work that he did for King Solomon in God's house: 12 the two pillars, the bowls, the two capitals which were on the top of the pillars, the two networks to cover the two bowls of the capitals that were on the top of the pillars, 13 and the four hundred pomegranates for the two networks—two rows of pomegranates for each network, to cover the two bowls of the capitals that were on the pillars. 14 He also made the bases, and he made the basins on the bases— 15 one sea, and the twelve oxen under it. 16 Huram-abi also made the pots, the shovels, the forks, and all its vessels for King Solomon, for Yahweh's house, of bright bronze. 17 The king cast them in the plain of the Jordan, in the clay ground between Succoth and Zeredah. 18 Thus Solomon made all these vessels in great abundance, so that the weight of the bronze could not be determined. 19 Solomon made all the vessels that were in God's house: the golden altar, the tables with the show bread on them, 20 and the lamp stands with their lamps to burn according to the ordinance before the inner sanctuary, of pure gold; 21 and the flowers, the lamps, and the tongs of gold that was purest gold; 22 and the snuffers, the basins, the house and home, a place for you to dwell in forever." 3 spoons, and the fire pans of pure gold. As for the entry The king turned his face, and blessed all the assembly of the house, its inner doors for the most holy place and the doors of the main hall of the temple were of gold. Said. "Blessed be Yahweh, the God of Israel, who spoke

Thus all the work that Solomon did for Yahweh's house was finished. Solomon brought in the things that David his father had dedicated, even the silver, the gold, and all the vessels, and put them in the treasuries of God's house. 2 Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the princes of the fathers' households of the children of Israel, to Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of Yahweh's covenant out of David's city, which is Zion. 3 So 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. The Levites took up the ark. 5 They brought up the ark, the Tent of Meeting, and all the holy vessels that were in the Tent. The Levitical priests brought these up. 6 King Solomon and all the congregation of Israel who were assembled to him were before the ark, sacrificing sheep and cattle that could not be counted or numbered for multitude. 7 The priests brought in the ark of Yahweh's covenant to its place, into the inner sanctuary of the house, to the most holy place, even under the wings of the cherubim. 8 For the cherubim spread out their wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubim covered the ark and its poles above. 9 The poles were so long that the ends of the poles were seen from the ark in front of the inner sanctuary, but they were not seen outside; and it is there to this day. 10 There was nothing in the ark except the two tablets which Moses put there at Horeb, when Yahweh made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of Egypt. 11 When the priests had come out of the holy place (for all the priests who were present had sanctified themselves, and didn't keep their 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, with cymbals and stringed instruments and harps, stood at the east end of the altar, and with them one hundred twenty priests sounding with trumpets); 13 when the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking Yahweh; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised Yahweh, saying, "For he is good, for his loving kindness endures forever!" then the house was filled with a cloud, even Yahweh's house. 14 so that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for Yahweh's glory filled God's house.

6 Then Solomon said, "Yahweh has said that he would dwell in the thick darkness. 2 But I have built you a

The king turned his face, and blessed all the assembly of Israel; and all the assembly of Israel stood. 4 He said, "Blessed be Yahweh, 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 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, and I chose no man to be prince over my people Israel; 6 but now I have chosen Jerusalem, that my name might be there; and I have chosen David to be over my people Israel.' 7 Now it was in the heart of David my father to build a house for the name of Yahweh, the God of Israel. 8 But Yahweh 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 will come out of your body, he shall build the house for my name.' 10 "Yahweh 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 Yahweh promised, and have built the house for the name of Yahweh, the God of Israel. 11 There I have set the ark, in which is Yahweh's covenant, which he made with the children of Israel." 12 He stood before Yahweh's altar in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands 13 (for Solomon had made a bronze platform, five cubits long, five cubits wide, and three cubits high, and had set it in the middle of the court; and he stood on it, and knelt down on his knees before all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands toward heaven). 14 Then he said, "Yahweh, the 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. Yes, you spoke with your mouth, and have fulfilled it with your hand, as it is today. 16 "Now therefore, Yahweh, 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 in my law as you have walked before me.' 17 Now therefore, Yahweh, the God of Israel, let your word be verified, which you spoke to your servant David. 18 "But will God indeed dwell with men on the earth? Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens can't contain you; how much less this house which I have built! 19 Yet have respect for the prayer of your servant and to his supplication, Yahweh my God, to listen to the cry and to the prayer which your servant prays before you; 20 that your eyes may be open toward this house day and

you would put your name, to listen to the prayer which their cause. 36 "If they sin against you (for there is no your servant will pray toward this place. 21 Listen to man who doesn't sin), and you are angry with them and the petitions of your servant and of your people Israel, deliver them to the enemy, so that they carry them away when they pray toward this place. Yes, hear from your captive to a land far off or near; 37 yet if they come to dwelling place, even from heaven; and when you hear, their senses in the land where they are carried captive, forgive. 22 "If a man sins against his neighbor, and and turn again, and make supplication to you in the land an oath is laid on him to cause him to swear, and he of their captivity, saying, 'We have sinned, we have comes and swears before your altar in this house, 23 done perversely, and have dealt wickedly;' 38 if they then hear from heaven, act, and judge your servants, return to you with all their heart and with all their soul in bringing retribution to the wicked, to bring his way on the land of their captivity, where they have been taken his own head; and justifying the righteous, to give him captive, and pray toward their land which you gave to according to his righteousness. 24 "If your people Israel their fathers, and the city which you have chosen, and are struck down before the enemy because they have toward the house which I have built for your name; 39 sinned against you, and they turn again and confess then hear from heaven, even from your dwelling place, your name, and pray and make supplication before you their prayer and their petitions, and maintain their cause. sin of your people Israel, and bring them again to the 40 "Now, my God, let, I beg you, your eyes be open, and land which you gave to them and to their fathers. 26 let your ears be attentive to the prayer that is made in "When the sky is shut up and there is no rain because this place. 41 "Now therefore arise, Yahweh God, into they have sinned against you, if they pray toward this your resting place, you, and the ark of your strength. Let place and confess your name, and turn from their sin your priests, Yahweh God, be clothed with salvation, and when you afflict them, 27 then hear in heaven, and let your saints rejoice in goodness. 42 "Yahweh God, forgive the sin of your servants, your people Israel, when don't turn away the face of your anointed. Remember you teach them the good way in which they should walk, your loving kindnesses to David your servant." and send rain on your land, which you have given to your people for an inheritance. 28 "If 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 cities; whatever plague or whatever sickness there is— 29 whatever prayer and supplication is made by any man, or by all your people Israel, who will each know his own plague and his own sorrow, and shall spread out 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 men), 31 that they may fear you, to walk in your ways as long as they live in the land which you gave to our fathers. 32 "Moreover, concerning the foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, when he comes from a far country for your great name's sake and your mighty hand and your outstretched arm, when they come and pray toward this house. 33 then hear from heaven, even from your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you for; that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and that they may know that this house which I have built is called by your name. 34 "If your people go out to battle against their enemies, by whatever way you send them, and they pray to you toward this city which you have chosen, and the house which I have built for your name; 35 then hear from

night, even toward the place where you have said that heaven their prayer and their supplication, and maintain in this house, 25 then hear from heaven, and forgive the and forgive your people who have sinned against you.

> Now when Solomon had finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and Yahweh's glory filled the house. 2 The priests could not enter into Yahweh's house, because Yahweh's glory filled Yahweh's house. 3 All the children of Israel looked on, when the fire came down, and Yahweh's glory was on the house. They bowed themselves with their faces to the ground on the pavement, worshiped, and gave thanks to Yahweh, saying, "For he is good, for his loving kindness endures forever!" 4 Then the king and all the people offered sacrifices before Yahweh. 5 King Solomon offered a sacrifice of twenty-two thousand head of cattle and a hundred twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the people dedicated God's house. 6 The priests stood, according to their positions; the Levites also with instruments of music of Yahweh, which David the king had made to give thanks to Yahweh, when David praised by their ministry, saying "For his loving kindness endures forever." The priests sounded trumpets before them; and all Israel stood. 7 Moreover Solomon made the middle of the court that was before Yahweh's house holy; 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, the meal offering, and the fat. 8 So Solomon held the feast at that time for seven days, and all Israel with him, a very great assembly, from the entrance of

Hamath to the brook of Egypt, 9 On the eighth day, they the storage cities that Solomon had, and all the cities held a solemn assembly; for they kept the dedication for his chariots, the cities for his horsemen, and all that of the altar seven days, and the feast seven days. 10 Solomon desired to build for his pleasure in Jerusalem, the people away to their tents, joyful and glad of heart all the people who were left of the Hittites, the Amorites, land which I have given them; and this house, which concerning any matter or concerning the treasures. on them."

built Yahweh's house and his own house, 2 Solomon

On the twenty-third day of the seventh month, he sent in Lebanon, and in all the land of his dominion. 7 As for for the goodness that Yahweh had shown to David, to the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, who were Solomon, and to Israel his people. 11 Thus Solomon not of Israel— 8 of their children who were left after finished Yahweh's house and the king's house; and he them in the land, whom the children of Israel didn't successfully completed all that came into Solomon's consume—of them Solomon conscripted forced labor to heart to make in Yahweh's house and in his own house. this day. 9 But of the children of Israel, Solomon made 12 Then Yahweh appeared to Solomon by night, and no servants for his work, but they were men of war, said to him, "I have heard your prayer, and have chosen chief of his captains, and rulers of his chariots and of this place for myself for a house of sacrifice. 13 "If I his horsemen. 10 These were the chief officers of King shut up the sky so that there is no rain, or if I command Solomon, even two-hundred fifty, who ruled over the the locust to devour the land, or if I send pestilence people. 11 Solomon brought up Pharaoh's daughter out among my people, 14 if my people who are called by of David's city to the house that he had built for her; for my name will humble themselves, pray, seek my face, he said, "My wife shall not dwell in the house of David and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from king of Israel, because the places where Yahweh's ark heaven, will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. has come are holy." 12 Then Solomon offered burnt 15 Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to offerings to Yahweh on Yahweh's altar which he had prayer that is made in this place. 16 For now I have built before the porch, 13 even as the duty of every day chosen and made this house holy, that my name may required, offering according to the commandment of be there forever; and my eyes and my heart will be Moses on the Sabbaths, on the new moons, and on there perpetually. 17 "As for you, if you will walk before the set feasts, three times per year, during the feast me as David your father walked, and do according to all of unleavened bread, during the feast of weeks, and that I have commanded you, and will keep my statutes during the feast of booths. 14 He appointed, according and my ordinances. 18 then I will establish the throne of to the ordinance of David his father, the divisions of your kingdom, according as I covenanted with David the priests to their service, and the Levites to their your father, saying, 'There shall not fail you a man to offices, to praise and to minister before the priests, as be ruler in Israel.' 19 But if you turn away and forsake the duty of every day required, the doorkeepers also my statutes and my commandments which I have set by their divisions at every gate, for David the man of before you, and go and serve other gods and worship God had so commanded. 15 They didn't depart from the them, 20 then I will pluck them up by the roots out of my commandment of the king to the priests and Levites I have made holy for my name, I will cast out of my 16 Now all the work of Solomon was accomplished sight, and I will make it a proverb and a byword among from the day of the foundation of Yahweh's house until all peoples. 21 This house, which is so high, everyone it was finished. So Yahweh's house was completed. who passes by it will be astonished and say, 'Why has 17 Then Solomon went to Ezion Geber and to Eloth, Yahweh done this to this land and to this house?' 22 on the seashore in the land of Edom. 18 Huram sent They shall answer, 'Because they abandoned Yahweh, him ships and servants who had knowledge of the sea the God of their fathers, who brought them out of the by the hands of his servants; and they came with the land of Egypt, and took other gods, worshiped them, servants of Solomon to Ophir, and brought from there and served them. Therefore he has brought all this evil four hundred fifty talents of gold, and brought them to King Solomon. Solomon, she came to test Solomon with hard

At the end of twenty years, in which Solomon had Q When the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of built the cities which Huram had given to Solomon, and questions at Jerusalem, with a very great caravan, caused the children of Israel to dwell there. 3 Solomon including camels that bore spices, gold in abundance, went to Hamath Zobah, and prevailed against it. 4 and precious stones. When she had come to Solomon, He built Tadmor in the wilderness, and all the storage she talked with him about all that was in her heart. cities, which he built in Hamath. 5 Also he built Beth 2 Solomon answered all her questions. There wasn't Horon the upper and Beth Horon the lower, fortified anything hidden from Solomon which he didn't tell her. cities with walls, gates, and bars; 6 and Baalath, and all 3 When the queen of Sheba had seen the wisdom of

The king used algum tree wood to make terraces for city; and Rehoboam his son reigned in his place. Yahweh's house and for the king's house, and harps and stringed instruments for the singers. There were none like these seen before in the land of Judah. 12 King Solomon gave to the gueen of Sheba all her desire, whatever she asked, more than that which she had brought to the king. So she turned and went to her own land, she and her servants. 13 Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred sixty-six talents of gold, 14 in addition to that which the traders and merchants brought. All the kings of Arabia and the governors of the country brought gold and silver to Solomon. 15 King Solomon made two hundred large shields of beaten gold. Six hundred shekels of beaten gold went to one large shield. 16 He made three hundred shields of beaten gold. Three hundred shekels of gold went to one shield. The king put them in the House of the Forest of Lebanon. 17 Moreover the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with pure gold. 18 There were six steps to the throne, with a footstool of gold, which were fastened to the throne. and armrests on either side by the place of the seat, and two lions standing beside the armrests. 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 other 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 not considered valuable in the days of Solomon. 21 For the king had ships that went to Tarshish with Huram's make it lighter on us;' thus you shall say to them, 'My

Solomon, the house that he had built. 4 the food of servants. Once every three years, the ships of Tarshish his table, the seating of his servants, the attendance came bringing gold, silver, ivory, apes, and peacocks. of his ministers, their clothing, his cup bearers and 22 So King Solomon exceeded all the kings of the earth their clothing, and his ascent by which he went up to in riches and wisdom. 23 All the kings of the earth Yahweh's house, there was no more spirit in her. 5 She sought the presence of Solomon to hear his wisdom, said to the king, "It was a true report that I heard in my which God had put in his heart. 24 They each brought own land of your acts and of your wisdom. 6 However tribute: vessels of silver, vessels of gold, clothing, armor, I didn't believe their words until I came, and my eyes spices, horses, and mules every year. 25 Solomon had had seen it; and behold half of the greatness of your four thousand stalls for horses and chariots, and twelve wisdom wasn't told me. You exceed the fame that I thousand horsemen that he stationed in the chariot cities heard! 7 Happy are your men, and happy are these and with the king at Jerusalem. 26 He ruled over all the your servants, who stand continually before you and kings from the River even to the land of the Philistines, hear your wisdom. 8 Blessed be Yahweh your God, and to the border of Egypt. 27 The king made silver as who delighted in you and set you on his throne to be common in Jerusalem as stones, and he made cedars king for Yahweh your God, because your God loved to be as abundant as the sycamore trees that are in the Israel, to establish them forever. Therefore he made lowland. 28 They brought horses for Solomon out of you king over them, to do justice and righteousness." 9 Egypt and out of all lands. 29 Now the rest of the acts of She gave the king one hundred and twenty talents of Solomon, first and last, aren't they written in the history gold, spices in great abundance, and precious stones. of Nathan the prophet, and in the prophecy of Ahijah the There was never before such spice as the queen of Shilonite, and in the visions of Iddo the seer concerning Sheba gave to King Solomon. 10 The servants of Huram Jeroboam the son of Nebat? 30 Solomon reigned in and the servants of Solomon, who brought gold from Jerusalem over all Israel forty years. 31 Solomon slept Ophir, also brought algum trees and precious stones. 11 with his fathers, and he was buried in his father David's

> 1 Rehoboam went to Shechem, for all Israel had come to Shechem to make him king. 2 When Jeroboam the son of Nebat heard of it (for he was in Egypt, where he had fled from the presence of King Solomon), Jeroboam returned out of Egypt. 3 They sent and called him; and Jeroboam and all Israel came, and they spoke to Rehoboam, saying, 4 "Your father made our yoke grievous. Now therefore make 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, "Come again to me after three days." So the people departed. 6 King Rehoboam took counsel with the old men, who had stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, saying, "What counsel do you give me about how to answer these people?" 7 They spoke to him, saying, "If you are kind to these people, please them, and speak good words to them, then they will be your servants forever." 8 But he abandoned the counsel of the old men which they had given him, and took counsel with the young men who had grown up with him, who stood before him. 9 He said to them, "What counsel do you give, that we may give an answer to these people, who have spoken to me, saying, 'Make the yoke that your father put on us lighter'?" 10 The young men who had grown up with him spoke to him, saying, "Thus you shall tell the people who spoke to you, saying, 'Your father made our yoke heavy, but

King Rehoboam sent Hadoram, who was over the men the lands of Judah and Benjamin, to every fortified city. him to death with stones. King Rehoboam hurried to get wives for them. himself up to his chariot, to flee to Jerusalem. 19 So Israel rebelled against David's house to this day.

they should not execute the priest's office to Yahweh. He also took away the shields of gold which Solomon

little finger is thicker than my father's waist. 11 Now 15 He himself appointed priests for the high places, for whereas my father burdened you with a heavy yoke, the male goat and calf idols which he had made. 16 I will add to your yoke. My father chastised you with After them, out of all the tribes of Israel, those who whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions." 12 So set their hearts to seek Yahweh, the God of Israel, Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the came to Jerusalem to sacrifice to Yahweh, the God third day, as the king asked, saying, "Come to me again of their fathers. 17 So they strengthened the kingdom the third day." 13 The king answered them roughly; and of Judah and made Rehoboam the son of Solomon King Rehoboam abandoned the counsel of the old men, strong for three years, for they walked three years in 14 and spoke to them after the counsel of the young the way of David and Solomon. 18 Rehoboam took men, saying, "My father made your yoke heavy, but I a wife for himself, Mahalath the daughter of Jerimoth will add to it. My father chastised you with whips, but I the son of David and of Abihail the daughter of Eliab will chastise you with scorpions." 15 So the king didn't the son of Jesse. 19 She bore him sons: Jeush, listen to the people; for it was brought about by God, Shemariah, and Zaham. 20 After her, he took Maacah that Yahweh might establish his word, which he spoke the granddaughter of Absalom; and she bore him Abijah, by Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat. Attai, Ziza, and Shelomith. 21 Rehoboam loved Maacah 16 When all Israel saw that the king didn't listen to them, the granddaughter of Absalom above all his wives and the people answered the king, saying, "What portion do his concubines; for he took eighteen wives and sixty we have in David? We don't have an inheritance in the concubines, and became the father of twenty-eight sons son of Jesse! Every man to your tents, Israel! Now see and sixty daughters. 22 Rehoboam appointed Abijah to your own house, David." So all Israel departed to their the son of Maacah to be chief, the prince among his tents. 17 But as for the children of Israel who lived in the brothers, for he intended to make him king. 23 He dealt cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them. 18 Then wisely, and dispersed some of his sons throughout all subject to forced labor; and the children of Israel stoned. He gave them food in abundance; and he sought many

f 12 When the kingdom of Rehoboam was established and he was strong, he abandoned Yahweh's 11 When Rehoboam had come to Jerusalem, he law, and all Israel with him. 2 In the fifth year of assembled the house of Judah and Benjamin, King Rehoboam, Shishak king of Egypt came up one hundred eighty thousand chosen men who were against Jerusalem, because they had trespassed against warriors, to fight against Israel, to bring the kingdom Yahweh, 3 with twelve hundred chariots and sixty again to Rehoboam. 2 But Yahweh's word came thousand horsemen. The people were without number to Shemaiah the man of God, saying, 3 "Speak to who came with him out of Egypt: the Lubim, the Sukkiim, Rehoboam the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and to all and the Ethiopians. 4 He took the fortified cities which Israel in Judah and Benjamin, saving, 4 'Yahweh says, belonged to Judah, and came to Jerusalem. 5 Now "You shall not go up, nor fight against your brothers! Shemaiah the prophet came to Rehoboam and to Every man return to his house; for this thing is of the princes of Judah, who were gathered together me,"" So they listened to Yahweh's words, and returned to Jerusalem because of Shishak, and said to them, from going against Jeroboam. 5 Rehoboam lived in "Yahweh says, 'You have forsaken me, therefore I have Jerusalem, and built cities for defense in Judah. 6 also left you in the hand of Shishak." 6 Then the princes He built Bethlehem, Etam, Tekoa, 7 Beth Zur, Soco, of Israel and the king humbled themselves; and thev Adullam, 8 Gath, Mareshah, Ziph, 9 Adoraim, Lachish, said, "Yahweh is righteous." 7 When Yahweh saw that Azekah, 10 Zorah, Aijalon, and Hebron, which are they humbled themselves, Yahweh's word came to fortified cities in Judah and in Benjamin. 11 He fortified Shemaiah, saying, "They have humbled themselves. the strongholds and put captains in them with stores I will not destroy them, but I will grant them some of food, oil and wine. 12 He put shields and spears in deliverance, and my wrath won't be poured out on every city, and made them exceedingly strong. Judah Jerusalem by the hand of Shishak. 8 Nevertheless they and Benjamin belonged to him. 13 The priests and the will be his servants, that they may know my service, Levites who were in all Israel stood with him out of and the service of the kingdoms of the countries." 9 all their territory. 14 For the Levites left their pasture So Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem lands and their possessions, and came to Judah and and took away the treasures of Yahweh's house and Jerusalem; for Jeroboam and his sons cast them off, that the treasures of the king's house. He took it all away.

and Abijah his son reigned in his place.

13 In the eighteenth year of King Jeroboam, Abijah began to reign over Judah. 2 He reigned three years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Micaiah the daughter of Uriel of Gibeah. There was war between Abijah and Jeroboam. 3 Abijah joined battle with an army of valiant men of war, even four hundred thousand chosen men; and Jeroboam set the battle in array against him with eight hundred thousand chosen men, who were mighty men of valor. 4 Abijah stood up on Mount Zemaraim, which is in the hill country of Ephraim, and said, "Hear me, Jeroboam and all Israel: 5 Ought you not to know that Yahweh, the God of Israel, gave the kingdom over Israel to David forever, even to him and to his sons by a covenant of salt? 6 Yet Jeroboam

had made. 10 King Rehoboam made shields of bronze have priests serving Yahweh, the sons of Aaron, and in their place, and committed them to the hands of the Levites in their work. 11 They burn to Yahweh every the captains of the guard, who kept the door of the morning and every evening burnt offerings and sweet king's house. 11 As often as the king entered into incense. They also set the show bread in order on the Yahweh's house, the guard came and bore them, then pure table, and care for the gold lamp stand with its brought them back into the guard room. 12 When he lamps, to burn every evening; for we keep the instruction humbled himself, Yahweh's wrath turned from him, so of Yahweh our God, but you have forsaken him. 12 as not to destroy him altogether. Moreover, there were Behold, God is with us at our head, and his priests with good things found in Judah. 13 So King Rehoboam the trumpets of alarm to sound an alarm against you. strengthened himself in Jerusalem and reigned; for Children of Israel, don't fight against Yahweh, the God of Rehoboam was forty-one years old when he began to your fathers; for you will not prosper." 13 But Jeroboam reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, caused an ambush to come about behind them; so they the city which Yahweh had chosen out of all the tribes of were before Judah, and the ambush was behind them. Israel to put his name there. His mother's name was 14 When Judah looked back, behold, the battle was Naamah the Ammonitess. 14 He did that which was evil, before and behind them; and they cried to Yahweh, and because he didn't set his heart to seek Yahweh. 15 Now the priests sounded with the trumpets. 15 Then the men the acts of Rehoboam, first and last, aren't they written of Judah gave a shout. As the men of Judah shouted, in the histories of Shemaiah the prophet and of Iddo the God struck Jeroboam and all Israel before Abijah and seer, in the genealogies? There were wars between Judah. 16 The children of Israel fled before Judah, Rehoboam and Jeroboam continually. 16 Rehoboam and God delivered them into their hand. 17 Abijah and slept with his fathers, and was buried in David's city; his people killed them with a great slaughter, so five hundred thousand chosen men of Israel fell down slain. 18 Thus the children of Israel were brought under at that time, and the children of Judah prevailed, because they relied on Yahweh, the God of their fathers. 19 Abijah pursued Jeroboam, and took cities from him: Bethel with its villages, Jeshanah with its villages, and Ephron with its villages. 20 Jeroboam didn't recover strength again in the days of Abijah. Yahweh struck him, and he died. 21 But Abijah grew mighty and took for himself fourteen wives, and became the father of twenty-two sons and sixteen daughters. 22 The rest of the acts of Abijah, his ways, and his sayings are written in the commentary of the prophet Iddo.

1 1 So Abijah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in David's city; and Asa his son reigned in his the son of Nebat, the servant of Solomon the son place. In his days, the land was quiet ten years. 2 Asa of David, rose up, and rebelled against his lord. 7 did that which was good and right in Yahweh his God's Worthless men were gathered to him, wicked fellows eyes, 3 for he took away the foreign altars and the high who strengthened themselves against Rehoboam the places, broke down the pillars, cut down the Asherah son of Solomon, when Rehoboam was young and poles, 4 and commanded Judah to seek Yahweh, the tender hearted, and could not withstand them. 8 "Now God of their fathers, and to obey his law and command. you intend to withstand the kingdom of Yahweh in the 5 Also he took away out of all the cities of Judah the hand of the sons of David. You are a great multitude, high places and the sun images; and the kingdom was and the golden calves which Jeroboam made you for guiet before him. 6 He built fortified cities in Judah; gods are with you. 9 Haven't you driven out the priests for the land was quiet, and he had no war in those of Yahweh, the sons of Aaron, and the Levites, and years, because Yahweh had given him rest. 7 For he made priests for yourselves according to the ways of the said to Judah, "Let's build these cities and make walls peoples of other lands? Whoever comes to consecrate around them, with towers, gates, and bars. The land is himself with a young bull and seven rams may be a yet before us, because we have sought Yahweh our priest of those who are no gods. 10 "But as for us, God. We have sought him, and he has given us rest on Yahweh is our God, and we have not forsaken him. We every side." So they built and prospered. 8 Asa had an army of three hundred thousand out of Judah who bore which they had brought, seven hundred head of cattle bucklers and spears, and two hundred eighty thousand and seven thousand sheep. 12 They entered into the out of Benjamin who bore shields and drew bows. All covenant to seek Yahweh, the God of their fathers, with these were mighty men of valor. 9 Zerah the Ethiopian all their heart and with all their soul; 13 and that whoever came out against them with an army of a million troops would not seek Yahweh, the God of Israel, should be and three hundred chariots, and he came to Mareshah. put to death, whether small or great, whether man or 10 Then Asa went out to meet him, and they set the woman. 14 They swore to Yahweh with a loud voice, battle in array in the valley of Zephathah at Mareshah. with shouting, with trumpets, and with cornets. 15 All 11 Asa cried to Yahweh his God, and said, "Yahweh, Judah rejoiced at the oath, for they had sworn with all there is no one besides you to help, between the mighty their heart and sought him with their whole desire; and and him who has no strength. Help us, Yahweh our he was found by them. Then Yahweh gave them rest all God; for we rely on you, and in your name are we around. 16 Also Maacah, the mother of Asa the king, he come against this multitude. Yahweh, you are our God. removed from being gueen mother, because she had the Ethiopians before Asa and before Judah; and the down her image, ground it into dust, and burned it at the Ethiopians fled. 13 Asa and the people who were with brook Kidron. 17 But the high places were not taken him pursued them to Gerar. So many of the Ethiopians away out of Israel; nevertheless the heart of Asa was fell that they could not recover themselves, for they perfect all his days. 18 He brought the things that his were destroyed before Yahweh and before his army. father had dedicated and that he himself had dedicated, Judah's army carried away very much booty. 14 They silver, gold, and vessels into God's house. 19 There struck all the cities around Gerar, for the fear of Yahweh was no more war to the thirty-fifth year of Asa's reign. came on them. They plundered all the cities, for there was much plunder in them. 15 They also struck the tents of those who had livestock, and carried away sheep and camels in abundance, then returned to Jerusalem.

Oded. 2 He went out to meet Asa, and said to him, "Hear me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin! Yahweh is with you while you are with him; and if you seek him, he will be found by you; but if you forsake him, he will forsake you. 3 Now for a long time Israel was without the true God, without a teaching priest, and without law. 4 But when in their distress they turned to Yahweh, 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! Don't let your hands be slack, for your work will be rewarded." 8 When Asa heard these words and the prophecy of Oded the prophet, he took courage, and put away the abominations out of all the land of Judah and Benjamin, and out of the cities which he had They sacrificed to Yahweh in that day, of the plunder prison; for he was in a rage with him because of this

Don't let man prevail against you." 12 So Yahweh struck made an abominable image for an Asherah; so Asa cut

16 In the thirty-sixth year of Asa's reign, Baasha king of Israel went up against Judah, and built Ramah, that he might not allow anyone to go out or come in to Asa king of Judah. 2 Then Asa brought out silver 15 The Spirit of God came on Azariah the son of and gold out of the treasures of Yahweh's house and of the king's house, and sent to Ben Hadad king of Syria, who lived at Damascus, saying, 3 "Let there be a treaty between me and you, as there was between my father and your father. Behold, I have sent you silver and gold. Go, break your treaty with Baasha king of Israel, that he may depart from me." 4 Ben Hadad listened to King Asa, and sent the captains of his armies against the cities of Israel; and they struck Ijon, Dan, Abel Maim, and all the storage cities of Naphtali. 5 When Baasha heard of it, he stopped building Ramah, and let his work cease. 6 Then Asa the king took all Judah, and they carried away the stones and timber of Ramah, with which Baasha had built; and he built Geba and Mizpah with them. 7 At that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah, and said to him, "Because you have relied on the king of Syria, and have not relied on Yahweh your God, therefore the army of the king of Syria has escaped out of your hand. 8 Weren't the taken from the hill country of Ephraim; and he renewed Ethiopians and the Lubim a huge army, with chariots Yahweh's altar that was before Yahweh's porch. 9 He and exceedingly many horsemen? Yet, because you gathered all Judah and Benjamin, and those who lived relied on Yahweh, he delivered them into your hand. 9 with them out of Ephraim, Manasseh, and Simeon; For Yahweh's eyes run back and forth throughout the for they came to him out of Israel in abundance when whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of they saw that Yahweh his God was with him. 10 So them whose heart is perfect toward him. You have done they gathered themselves together at Jerusalem in the foolishly in this; for from now on you will have wars." 10 third month, in the fifteenth year of Asa's reign. 11 Then Asa was angry with the seer, and put him in the thing. As a oppressed some of the people at the same man of valor, and with him two hundred thousand armed time. 11 Behold, the acts of Asa, first and last, behold, with bow and shield; 18 and next to him Jehozabad, they are written in the book of the kings of Judah and and with him one hundred eighty thousand ready and Israel. 12 In the thirty-ninth year of his reign, Asa was diseased in his feet. His disease was exceedingly great; the king, in addition to those whom the king put in the yet in his disease he didn't seek Yahweh, but just the fortified cities throughout all Judah. physicians. 13 Asa slept with his fathers, and died in the forty-first year of his reign. 14 They buried him in his own tomb, which he had dug out for himself in David's city, and laid him in the bed which was filled with sweet odors and various kinds of spices prepared by the perfumers' art; and they made a very great fire for him.

1 7 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 Yahweh was with Jehoshaphat, because he walked in the first ways of his father David, and didn't seek the Baals, 4 but sought the God of his father, and walked in his commandments, and not in the ways of Israel. 5 Therefore Yahweh established the kingdom in his hand. All Judah brought tribute to Jehoshaphat, and he had riches and honor in abundance. 6 His heart was lifted up in the ways of Yahweh. Furthermore, he took away the high places and the Asherah poles out of Judah. 7 Also in the third year of his reign he sent his princes, even Ben Hail, Obadiah, Zechariah, Nethanel, and Micaiah, to teach in the cities of Judah; 8 and with them Levites, even Shemaiah, Nethaniah, Zebadiah, Asahel, Shemiramoth, Jehonathan, Adonijah, Tobijah, and Tobadonijah, the Levites; and with them Elishama and Jehoram, the priests. 9 They taught in Judah, having the book of Yahweh's law with them. They went about throughout all the cities of Judah and taught among the people. 10 The fear of Yahweh fell on all the kingdoms of the lands that were around Judah, so that they made no war against Jehoshaphat. 11 Some of the Philistines brought Jehoshaphat presents and silver for tribute. The Arabians also brought him flocks: seven thousand seven hundred rams and seven thousand seven hundred male goats. 12 Jehoshaphat grew great exceedingly; and he built fortresses and store cities in Judah. 13 He had many works in the cities of Judah; and men of war, mighty men of valor, in Jerusalem. 14 This was the numbering of them according to their fathers' houses: From Judah, the captains of thousands: Adnah the captain, and with him three hundred thousand mighty men of valor; 15 and next to him Jehohanan the captain, and with him two hundred eighty thousand; 16 and next to him Amasiah the son of Zichri, who willingly offered himself to Yahweh, and with him two hundred thousand

prepared for war. 19 These were those who waited on

R Now Jehoshaphat had riches and honor in abundance; and he allied himself with Ahab. 2 After some 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 Yahweh's word." 5 Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, four hundred men, and said to them, "Shall we go to Ramoth Gilead to battle, or shall I forbear?" They said, "Go up, for God will deliver it into the hand of the king." 6 But Jehoshaphat said, "Isn't there here a prophet of Yahweh besides, that we may inquire of him?" 7 The king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "There is yet one man by whom we may inquire of Yahweh; but I hate him, for he never prophesies good concerning me, but always evil. He is Micaiah the son of Imla." Jehoshaphat said, "Don't let the king say so." 8 Then the king of Israel called an officer, and said, "Get Micaiah the son of Imla guickly." 9 Now the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah each sat on his throne, arrayed in their robes, and they were sitting in an open place at the entrance of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets were prophesying before them. 10 Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah made himself horns of iron and said, "Yahweh says, 'With these you shall push the Syrians, until they are consumed." 11 All the prophets prophesied so, saying, "Go up to Ramoth Gilead, and prosper; for Yahweh will deliver it into the hand of the king." 12 The messenger who went to call Micaiah spoke to him, saying, "Behold, the words of the prophets declare good to the king with one mouth. Let your word therefore, please be like one of theirs, and speak good." 13 Micaiah said, "As Yahweh lives, I will say what my God says." 14 When he had come to the king, the king said to him, "Micaiah, shall we go to Ramoth Gilead to battle, or shall I forbear?" He said, "Go up, and prosper. They shall be delivered into your hand." 15 The king said to him, "How many times shall I adjure you that you speak to me nothing but the truth in Yahweh's name?" 16 He said, "I saw all Israel scattered on the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd. Yahweh said, 'These have no master. Let them each mighty men of valor. 17 From Benjamin: Eliada, a mighty return to his house in peace." 17 The king of Israel and they went into the battle. 30 Now the king of Syria good." had commanded the captains of his chariots, saving. "Don't fight with small nor great, except only with the king of Israel." 31 When the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, they said, "It is the king of Israel!" Therefore they turned around to fight against him. But Jehoshaphat cried out, and Yahweh helped him; and God moved them to depart from him. 32 When the captains of the chariots saw that it was not the king of Israel, they turned back from pursuing him. 33 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 the chariot, "Turn around and carry me out of the battle, for I am severely wounded." 34 The battle increased that day. However, the king of Israel propped himself up in his chariot against the Syrians until the evening; and at about sunset, he died.

house in peace to Jerusalem. 2 Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him, and said to

said to Jehoshaphat, "Didn't I tell you that he would not love those who hate Yahweh? Because of this, wrath is prophesy good concerning me, but evil?" 18 Micaiah on you from before Yahweh. 3 Nevertheless there are said, "Therefore hear Yahweh's word: I saw Yahweh good things found in you, in that you have put away sitting on his throne, and all the army of heaven standing the Asheroth out of the land, and have set your heart on his right hand and on his left. 19 Yahweh said, 'Who to seek God." 4 Jehoshaphat lived at Jerusalem; and will entice Ahab king of Israel, that he may go up and fall he went out again among the people from Beersheba at Ramoth Gilead?' One spoke saying in this way, and to the hill country of Ephraim, and brought them back another saying in that way. 20 A spirit came out, stood to Yahweh, the God of their fathers. 5 He set judges before Yahweh, and said, 'I will entice him.' "Yahweh in the land throughout all the fortified cities of Judah, said to him, 'How?' 21 "He said, 'I will go, and will be a city by city, 6 and said to the judges, "Consider what lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.' "He said, you do, for you don't judge for man, but for Yahweh; 'You will entice him, and will prevail also. Go and do so.' and he is with you in the judgment. 7 Now therefore 22 "Now therefore, behold, Yahweh has put a lying spirit let the fear of Yahweh be on you. Take heed and do in the mouth of these your prophets; and Yahweh has it; for there is no iniquity with Yahweh our God, nor spoken evil concerning you." 23 Then Zedekiah the son respect of persons, nor taking of bribes." 8 Moreover of Chenaanah came near, and struck Micaiah on the in Jerusalem Jehoshaphat appointed certain Levites. cheek, and said, "Which way did Yahweh's Spirit go priests, and heads of the fathers' households of Israel to from me to speak to you?" 24 Micaiah said, "Behold, give judgment for Yahweh and for controversies. They you shall see on that day, when you go into an inner returned to Jerusalem. 9 He commanded them, saying, room to hide yourself." 25 The king of Israel said, "Take "You shall do this in the fear of Yahweh, faithfully, and Micaiah, and carry him back to Amon the governor of with a perfect heart. 10 Whenever any controversy the city, and to Joash the king's son; 26 and say, 'The comes to you from your brothers who dwell in their king says, "Put this fellow in the prison, and feed him cities, between blood and blood, between law and with bread of affliction and with water of affliction, until commandment, statutes and ordinances, you must warn I return in peace."" 27 Micaiah said, "If you return at them, that they not be quilty toward Yahweh, and so all in peace, Yahweh has not spoken by me." He said, wrath come on you and on your brothers. Do this, and "Listen, you people, all of you!" 28 So the king of Israel you will not be guilty. 11 Behold, Amariah the chief priest and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramoth is over you in all matters of Yahweh; and Zebadiah the Gilead. 29 The king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "I son of Ishmael, the ruler of the house of Judah, in all the will disquise myself, and go into the battle; but you put king's matters. Also the Levites shall be officers before on your robes." So the king of Israel disguised himself; you. Deal courageously, and may Yahweh be with the

20 After this, the children of Moab, the children of Ammon, and with them some of the Ammonites, 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 Syria. Behold, they are in Hazazon Tamar" (that is, En Gedi). 3 Jehoshaphat was alarmed, and set himself to seek Yahweh. He proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. 4 Judah gathered themselves together to seek help from Yahweh. They came out of all the cities of Judah to seek Yahweh. 5 Jehoshaphat stood in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem, in Yahweh's house, before the new court; 6 and he said, "Yahweh, the God of our fathers, aren't vou God in heaven? Aren't vou 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 19 Jehoshaphat the king of Judah returned to his Didn't you, our God, drive out the inhabitants of this land before your people Israel, and give it to the offspring of Abraham your friend forever? 8 They lived in it, and King Jehoshaphat, "Should you help the wicked, and have built you a sanctuary in it for your name, saying, 9 'If evil comes on us—the sword, judgment, pestilence,

in Yahweh your God, so you will be established! Believe able to go to Tarshish. his prophets, so you will prosper." 21 When he had taken counsel with the people, he appointed those who were to sing to Yahweh and give praise in holy array as they go out before the army, and say, "Give thanks to Yahweh, for his loving kindness endures forever." 22 When they began to sing and to praise, Yahweh set ambushers against the children of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were struck. 23 For the children of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of Mount Seir to utterly kill and destroy them. When they had finished the inhabitants of Seir, everyone helped to destroy each other. 24 When Judah came to the place overlooking the wilderness, they looked at the multitude; and behold, they were dead bodies fallen to the earth, and there

or famine—we will stand before this house, and before were none who escaped. 25 When Jehoshaphat and his you (for your name is in this house), and cry to you people came to take their plunder, they found among in our affliction, and you will hear and save.' 10 Now, them in abundance both riches and dead bodies with behold, the children of Ammon and Moab and Mount precious jewels, which they stripped off for themselves, Seir, whom you would not let Israel invade when they more than they could carry away. They took plunder came out of the land of Egypt, but they turned away for three days, it was so much. 26 On the fourth day, from them, and didn't destroy them; 11 behold, how they they assembled themselves in Beracah Valley, for there reward us, to come to cast us out of your possession, they blessed Yahweh. Therefore the name of that place which you have given us to inherit. 12 Our God, will you was called "Beracah Valley" to this day. 27 Then they not judge them? For we have no might against this great returned, every man of Judah and Jerusalem, with company that comes against us. We don't know what to Jehoshaphat in front of them, to go again to Jerusalem do, but our eyes are on you." 13 All Judah stood before with joy; for Yahweh had made them to rejoice over Yahweh, with their little ones, their wives, and their their enemies. 28 They came to Jerusalem with stringed children. 14 Then Yahweh's Spirit came on Jahaziel the instruments, harps, and trumpets to Yahweh's house. son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, 29 The fear of God was on all the kingdoms of the the son of Mattaniah, the Levite, of the sons of Asaph, countries when they heard that Yahweh fought against in the middle of the assembly; 15 and he said, "Listen, the enemies of Israel. 30 So the realm of Jehoshaphat all Judah, and you inhabitants of Jerusalem, and you, was guiet, for his God gave him rest all around. 31 So King Jehoshaphat. Yahweh says to you, 'Don't be afraid, Jehoshaphat reigned over Judah. He was thirty-five and don't be dismayed because of this great multitude; years old when he began to reign. He reigned twentyfor the battle is not yours, but God's. 16 Tomorrow, go five years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Azubah down against them. Behold, they are coming up by the the daughter of Shilhi. 32 He walked in the way of Asa ascent of Ziz. You will find them at the end of the valley, his father, and didn't turn away from it, doing that which before the wilderness of Jeruel. 17 You will not need to was right in Yahweh's eyes. 33 However the high places fight this battle. Set yourselves, stand still, and see the were not taken away, and the people had still not set salvation of Yahweh with you, O Judah and Jerusalem. their hearts on the God of their fathers. 34 Now the rest Don't be afraid, nor be dismayed. Go out against them of the acts of Jehoshaphat, first and last, behold, they tomorrow, for Yahweh is with you." 18 Jehoshaphat are written in the history of Jehu the son of Hanani, bowed his head with his face to the ground; and all which is included in the book of the kings of Israel. 35 Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell down before After this, Jehoshaphat king of Judah joined himself Yahweh, worshiping Yahweh. 19 The Levites, of the with Ahaziah king of Israel. The same did very wickedly. children of the Kohathites and of the children of the 36 He joined himself with him to make ships to go to Korahites, stood up to praise Yahweh, the God of Israel, Tarshish. They made the ships in Ezion Geber. 37 Then with an exceedingly loud voice. 20 They rose early in Eliezer the son of Dodavahu of Mareshah prophesied the morning and went out into the wilderness of Tekoa. against Jehoshaphat, saying, "Because you have joined As they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Listen yourself with Ahaziah, Yahweh has destroyed your to me, Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem! Believe works." The ships were wrecked, so that they were not

> **21** Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in David's city; and Jehoram his son reigned in his place. 2 He had brothers, the sons of Jehoshaphat: Azariah, Jehiel, Zechariah, Azariah, Michael, and Shephatiah. All these were the sons of Jehoshaphat king of Israel. 3 Their father gave them great gifts of silver, of gold, and of precious things, with fortified cities in Judah; but he gave the kingdom to Jehoram, because he was the firstborn. 4 Now when Jehoram had risen up over the kingdom of his father, and had strengthened himself, he killed all his brothers with the sword, and also some of the princes of Israel. 5 Jehoram was thirty-two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem. 6 He walked in the way of the kings of Israel, as did Ahab's

including his sons and his wives, so that there was no over the land. son left to him except Jehoahaz, the youngest of his sons. 18 After all this Yahweh struck him in his bowels with an incurable disease. 19 In process of time, at the end of two years, 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 He was thirty-two years old when he began to reign. and he reigned in Jerusalem eight years. He departed with no one's regret. They buried him in David's city, but not in the tombs of the kings.

The inhabitants of Jerusalem made Ahaziah his youngest son king in his place, because the band of men who came with the Arabians to the camp had slain all the oldest. So Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah reigned. 2 Ahaziah was forty-two years

house, for he had Ahab's daughter as his wife. He Ahab's house, because his mother was his counselor in did that which was evil in Yahweh's sight. 7 However acting wickedly. 4 He did that which was evil in Yahweh's Yahweh would not destroy David's house, because of sight, as did Ahab's house, for they were his counselors the covenant that he had made with David, and as he after the death of his father, to his destruction. 5 He also promised to give a lamp to him and to his children followed their counsel, and went with Jehoram the son always. 8 In his days Edom revolted from under the of Ahab king of Israel to war against Hazael king of Syria hand of Judah, and made a king over themselves. 9 at Ramoth Gilead; and the Syrians wounded Joram. 6 Then Jehoram went there with his captains and all his He returned to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which chariots with him. He rose up by night and struck the they had given him at Ramah, when he fought against Edomites who surrounded him, along with the captains Hazael king of Syria. Azariah the son of Jehoram, king of the chariots. 10 So Edom has been in revolt from of Judah, went down to see Jehoram the son of Ahab in under the hand of Judah to this day. Then Libnah Jezreel, because he was sick. 7 Now the destruction of revolted at the same time from under his hand, because Ahaziah was of God, in that he went to Joram; for when he had forsaken Yahweh, the God of his fathers. 11 he had come, he went out with Jehoram against Jehu Moreover he made high places in the mountains of the son of Nimshi, whom Yahweh had anointed to cut off Judah, and made the inhabitants of Jerusalem play Ahab's house. 8 When Jehu was executing judgment the prostitute, and led Judah astray. 12 A letter came on Ahab's house, he found the princes of Judah and to him from Elijah the prophet, saying, "Yahweh, the the sons of the brothers of Ahaziah serving Ahaziah, God of David your father, says, 'Because you have not and killed them. 9 He sought Ahaziah, and they caught walked in the ways of Jehoshaphat your father, nor in him (now he was hiding in Samaria), and they brought the ways of Asa king of Judah, 13 but have walked in him to Jehu and killed him; and they buried him, for the way of the kings of Israel, and have made Judah they said, "He is the son of Jehoshaphat, who sought and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to play the prostitute Yahweh with all his heart." The house of Ahaziah had like Ahab's house did, and also have slain your brothers no power to hold the kingdom. 10 Now when Athaliah of your father's house, who were better than yourself, the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she 14 behold, Yahweh will strike your people with a great arose and destroyed all the royal offspring of the house plaque, including your children, your wives, and all your of Judah. 11 But Jehoshabeath, the king's daughter, possessions: 15 and you will have great sickness with a took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stealthily rescued disease of your bowels, until your bowels fall out by him from among the king's sons who were slain, and put reason of the sickness, day by day." 16 Yahweh stirred him and his nurse in the bedroom. So Jehoshabeath, up against Jehoram the spirit of the Philistines and of the daughter of King Jehoram, the wife of Jehoiada the the Arabians who are beside the Ethiopians; 17 and they priest (for she was the sister of Ahaziah), hid him from came up against Judah, broke into it, and carried away Athaliah, so that she didn't kill him. 12 He was with them all the possessions that were found in the king's house, hidden in God's house six years while Athaliah reigned

23 In the seventh year, Jehoiada strengthened took the hundreds—Azariah the son of Jeroham. Ishmael the son of Jehohanan, Azariah the son of Obed, Maaseiah the son of Adaiah, and Elishaphat the son of Zichri-into a covenant with him. 2 They went around in Judah and gathered the Levites out of all the cities of Judah, and the heads of fathers' households of Israel, and they came to Jerusalem. 3 All the assembly made a covenant with the king in God's house. Jehoiada said to them, "Behold, the king's son must reign, as Yahweh has spoken concerning the sons of David. 4 This is the thing that you must 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 old when he began to reign, and he reigned one year be at the king's house; and a third part at the gate of in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Athaliah the the foundation. All the people will be in the courts of daughter of Omri. 3 He also walked in the ways of Yahweh's house. 6 But let no one come into Yahweh's Levites. They shall come in, for they are holy, but all was guiet. They had slain Athaliah with the sword. the people shall follow Yahweh'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 the priest commanded. They each took his men, those who were to come in on the Sabbath, with those who were to go out on the Sabbath, for Jehoiada the priest didn't dismiss the shift. 9 Jehoiada the priest delivered to the captains of hundreds the spears, bucklers, and shields that had been king David's, which were in God's house. 10 He set all the people, every man with his weapon in his hand, from the right side of the house to the left side of the house, near the altar and the house, around the king. 11 Then they brought out the king's son, put the crown on him, gave him the covenant, and made him king. Jehoiada and his sons anointed him, and they said, "Long live the king!" 12 When Athaliah heard the noise of the people running and praising the king, she came to the people into Yahweh's house. 13 Then she looked, and behold, the king stood by his pillar at the entrance, with the captains and the trumpeters by the king. All the people of the land rejoiced and blew trumpets. The singers also played musical instruments, and led the singing of praise. Then Athaliah tore her clothes, and said, "Treason! treason!" 14 Jehoiada the priest brought out the captains of hundreds who were set over the army, and said to them, "Bring her out between the ranks; and whoever follows her, let him be slain with the sword." For the priest said, "Don't kill her in Yahweh'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, all the people, and the king, that they should be Yahweh's people. 17 All the people went to the house of Baal, broke it down, broke his altars and his images in pieces, and killed Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars. 18 Jehojada appointed the officers of Yahweh's house under the hand of the Levitical priests, whom David had distributed in Yahweh's house, to offer the burnt offerings of Yahweh, as it is written in the law of Moses, with rejoicing and with singing, as David had ordered. 19 He set the gatekeepers at the gates of Yahweh's house, that no one who was unclean in anything should enter in. 20 He took the captains of hundreds, the nobles, the governors of the people, and all the people of the land, and brought the king down from Yahweh's house. They came through the upper gate to the king's house, and set the king on the throne of the kingdom.

house except the priests and those who minister of the 21 So all the people of the land rejoiced, and the city

24 Joash was seven years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Zibiah, of Beersheba. 2 Joash did that which was right in Yahweh's eyes all the days of Jehoiada the priest. 3 Jehoiada took for him two wives, and he became the father of sons and daughters. 4 After this, Joash intended to restore Yahweh's house. 5 He gathered together the priests and the Levites, and said to them, "Go out to the cities of Judah, and gather money to repair the house of your God from all Israel from year to year. See that you expedite this matter." However the Levites didn't do it right away. 6 The king called for Jehoiada the chief, and said to him, "Why haven't you required of the Levites to bring in the tax of Moses the servant of Yahweh, and of the assembly of Israel, out of Judah and out of Jerusalem, for the Tent of the Testimony?" 7 For the sons of Athaliah, that wicked woman, had broken up God's house; and they also gave all the dedicated things of Yahweh's house to the Baals. 8 So the king commanded, and they made a chest, and set it outside at the gate of Yahweh's house. 9 They made a proclamation through Judah and Jerusalem, to bring in for Yahweh the tax that Moses the servant of God laid on Israel in the wilderness. 10 All the princes and all the people rejoiced, and brought in, and cast into the chest, until they had filled it. 11 Whenever the chest was brought to the king's officers by the hand of the Levites, and when they saw that there was much money, the king's scribe and the chief priest's officer came and emptied the chest, and took it, and carried it to its place again. Thus they did day by day, and gathered money in abundance. 12 The king and Jehoiada gave it to those who did the work of the service of Yahweh's house. They hired masons and carpenters to restore Yahweh's house, and also those who worked iron and bronze to repair Yahweh's house. 13 So the workmen worked, and the work of repairing went forward in their hands. They set up God's house as it was designed, and strengthened it. 14 When they had finished, they brought the rest of the money before the king and Jehoiada, from which were made vessels for Yahweh's house, even vessels with which to minister and to offer, including spoons and vessels of gold and silver. They offered burnt offerings in Yahweh's house continually all the days of Jehoiada. 15 But Jehoiada grew old and was full of days, and he died. He was one hundred thirty years old when he died. 16 They buried him in David's city among the kings, because he had done good in Israel, and toward God and his house. 17 Now after the death of Jehoiada, the princes of Judah came and bowed down to the king. Then the king listened to them. 18 They abandoned the house and upward, and found that there were three hundred prophets to them to bring them again to Yahweh, and hundred talents of silver. 7 A man of God came to him, their fathers. So they executed judgment on Joash. 25 sent back, that they should not go with him to battle, Jehozabad the son of Shimrith the Moabitess. 27 Now Amaziah, and he sent to him a prophet who said to him, concerning his sons, the greatness of the burdens laid "Why have you sought after the gods of the people, are written in the commentary of the book of the kings. hand?" 16 As he talked with him, the king said to him, Amaziah his son reigned in his place.

25 Amaziah was twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jehoaddan, of Jerusalem. 2 He did that which was right in Yahweh's eyes, but not with a perfect heart. 3 Now when the kingdom was established to him, he killed his servants who had killed his father the king. 4 But he didn't put their children to death, but did according to that which is written in the law in the book of Moses, as Yahweh 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. He counted them from twenty years old

of Yahweh, the God of their fathers, and served the thousand chosen men, able to go out to war, who could Asherah poles and the idols, so wrath came on Judah handle spear and shield. 6 He also hired one hundred and Jerusalem for this their quiltiness. 19 Yet he sent thousand mighty men of valor out of Israel for one they testified against them; but they would not listen. saying, "O king, don't let the army of Israel go with 20 The Spirit of God came on Zechariah the son of you, for Yahweh is not with Israel, with all the children Jehoiada the priest; and he stood above the people, and of Ephraim. 8 But if you will go, take action, and be said to them, "God says, 'Why do you disobey Yahweh's strong for the battle. God will overthrow you before the commandments, so that you can't prosper? Because enemy; for God has power to help, and to overthrow." 9 you have forsaken Yahweh, he has also forsaken you." Amaziah said to the man of God, "But what shall we do 21 They conspired against him, and stoned him with for the hundred talents which I have given to the army stones at the commandment of the king in the court of Israel?" The man of God answered, "Yahweh is able of Yahweh's house. 22 Thus Joash the king didn't to give you much more than this." 10 Then Amaziah remember the kindness which Jehoiada his father had separated them, the army that had come to him out of done to him, but killed his son. When he died, he said, Ephraim, to go home again. Therefore their anger was "May Yahweh look at it, and repay it." 23 At the end of greatly kindled against Judah, and they returned home the year, the army of the Syrians came up against him. in fierce anger. 11 Amaziah took courage, and led his They came to Judah and Jerusalem, and destroyed all people out and went to the Valley of Salt, and struck the princes of the people from among the people, and ten thousand of the children of Seir. 12 The children of sent all their plunder to the king of Damascus. 24 For Judah carried away ten thousand alive, and brought the army of the Syrians came with a small company of them to the top of the rock, and threw them down from men; and Yahweh delivered a very great army into their the top of the rock, so that they all were broken in hand, because they had forsaken Yahweh, the God of pieces. 13 But the men of the army whom Amaziah When they had departed from him (for they left him fell on the cities of Judah from Samaria even to Beth seriously wounded), his own servants conspired against. Horon, and struck of them three thousand, and took him for the blood of the sons of Jehoiada the priest, and much plunder. 14 Now after Amaziah had come from killed him on his bed, and he died. They buried him in the slaughter of the Edomites, he brought the gods of David's city, but they didn't bury him in the tombs of the children of Seir, and set them up to be his gods, and the kings. 26 These are those who conspired against bowed down himself before them and burned incense him: Zabad the son of Shimeath the Ammonitess and to them. 15 Therefore Yahweh's anger burned against on him, and the rebuilding of God's house, behold, they which have not delivered their own people out of your "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, saying, "Come! Let's 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 you should fall, even you and Judah with you?" 20 But Amaziah would not listen; for it

was of God, that he might deliver them into the hand, their reckoning made by Jeiel the scribe and Maaseiah of their enemies, because they had sought after the the officer, under the hand of Hananiah, one of the gods of Edom. 21 So Joash king of Israel went up, and king's captains. 12 The whole number of the heads of the face at Beth Shemesh, which belongs to Judah. two thousand six hundred. 13 Under their hand was an 22 Judah was defeated by Israel; so every man fled to army, three hundred seven thousand five hundred, who his tent. 23 Joash king of Israel took Amaziah king of made war with mighty power, to help the king against Shemesh and brought him to Jerusalem, and broke army, shields, spears, helmets, coats of mail, bows, and to the corner gate, four hundred cubits. 24 He took all invented by skillful men, to be on the towers and on the gold and silver, and all the vessels that were found the battlements, with which to shoot arrows and great the king's house, and the hostages, and returned to marvelously helped until he was strong. 16 But when Jehoahaz, king of Israel. 26 Now the rest of the acts of for he went into Yahweh's temple to burn incense on the Amaziah, first and last, behold, aren't they written in the altar of incense. 17 Azariah the priest went in after him, book of the kings of Judah and Israel? 27 Now from the and with him eighty priests of Yahweh, who were valiant time that Amaziah turned away from following Yahweh, men. 18 They resisted Uzziah the king, and said to him, they made a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem. He "It isn't for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to Yahweh, but fled to Lachish, but they sent after him to Lachish and for the priests the sons of Aaron, who are consecrated killed him there. 28 They brought him on horses and to burn incense. Go out of the sanctuary, for you have buried him with his fathers in the City of Judah.

sixteen years old, and made him king in the place of his father Amaziah. 2 He built Eloth and restored it to Judah. After that the king slept with his fathers. 3 Uzziah was sixteen years old when he began to reign; and he reigned fifty-two years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jechiliah, of Jerusalem. 4 He did that which was right in Yahweh's eyes, 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 vision of God; and as long as he sought Yahweh, God made him prosper. 6 He went out and fought against the Philistines, and broke down the wall of Gath, 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 Meunim. 8 The Ammonites gave tribute to Uzziah. His name spread abroad even to the entrance of Egypt, for he grew exceedingly strong. 9 Moreover Uzziah built towers in Jerusalem at the corner gate, 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 much livestock, both in the lowlands and in the plains. He had farmers and vineyard keepers in the mountains and in the fruitful fields, for he loved farming. 11 Moreover Uzziah had an army of fighting men who went out to war by bands, according to the number of

he and Amaziah king of Judah looked one another in fathers' households, even the mighty men of valor, was Judah, the son of Joash the son of Jehoahaz, at Beth the enemy. 14 Uzziah prepared for them, even for all the down the wall of Jerusalem from the gate of Ephraim stones for slinging. 15 In Jerusalem, he made devices, in God's house with Obed-Edom, and the treasures of stones. His name spread far abroad, because he was Samaria. 25 Amaziah the son of Joash, king of Judah, he was strong, his heart was lifted up, so that he did lived for fifteen years after the death of Joash, son of corruptly and he trespassed against Yahweh his God, trespassed. It will not be for your honor from Yahweh God." 19 Then Uzziah was angry. He had a censer in his 26 All the people of Judah took Uzziah, who was hand to burn incense, and while he was angry with the priests, the leprosy broke out on his forehead before the priests in Yahweh's house, beside the altar of incense. 20 Azariah the chief priest and all the priests looked at him, and behold, he was leprous in his forehead; and they thrust him out quickly from there. Indeed, he himself also hurried to go out, because Yahweh 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 Yahweh's house. 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.

> $\mathbf{27}$ Jotham was twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jerushah the daughter of Zadok. 2 He did that which was right in Yahweh's eyes, according to all that his father Uzziah had done. However he didn't enter into Yahweh's temple. The people still acted corruptly. 3 He built the upper gate of Yahweh's house, and he built much on the wall of Ophel. 4 Moreover he built cities in the hill country of Judah, and in the forests he built fortresses and towers. 5 He also fought with the king of the children of

Ammon, and prevailed against them. The children of up against those who came from the war. 13 and said to Jotham, and all his wars and his ways, behold, they are been mentioned by name rose up and took the captives, Ahaz his son reigned in his place.

28 Ahaz was twenty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. He didn't do that which was right in Yahweh's eyes, like David his father, 2 but he walked in the ways of the kings of Israel, and also made molten images for the Baals. 3 Moreover he burned incense in the valley of the son of Hinnom, and burned his children in the fire, according to the abominations of the nations whom Yahweh cast out before the children of Israel. 4 He sacrificed and burned incense in the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree. 5 Therefore Yahweh his God delivered him into the hand of the king of Syria. They struck him, and carried away from him 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 Yahweh, the God of their fathers. 7 Zichri, a mighty man of Ephraim, killed Maaseiah the king's son, 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 also took away much plunder from them, and brought the plunder to Samaria. 9 But a prophet of Yahweh was there, whose name was Oded; and he went out to meet the army that came to Samaria, and said to them, "Behold, because Yahweh, 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 intend to degrade the children of Judah and Jerusalem as male and female slaves for yourselves. Aren't there even with you trespasses of your own against Yahweh your God? 11 Now hear me therefore, and send back the captives that you have taken captive from your brothers, for the fierce wrath of Yahweh is on you." 12 Then some of the heads of the children of Ephraim, Azariah the son of Johanan, Berechiah the son of Meshillemoth, Jehizkiah

Ammon gave him the same year one hundred talents of them, "You must not bring in the captives here, for you silver, ten thousand cors of wheat, and ten thousand intend that which will bring on us a trespass against cors of barley. The children of Ammon also gave that Yahweh, to add to our sins and to our guilt; for our guilt much to him in the second year, and in the third. 6 So is great, and there is fierce wrath against Israel." 14 So Jotham became mighty, because he ordered his ways the armed men left the captives and the plunder before before Yahweh his God. 7 Now the rest of the acts of the princes and all the assembly. 15 The men who have written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah. 8 and with the plunder clothed all who were naked among He was twenty-five years old when he began to reign, them, dressed them, gave them sandals, gave them and reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. 9 Jotham slept something to eat and to drink, anointed them, carried all with his fathers, and they buried him in David's city; and the feeble of them on donkeys, and brought them to Jericho, the city of palm trees, to their brothers. Then they returned to Samaria. 16 At that time King Ahaz sent to the kings of Assyria to help him. 17 For again the Edomites had come and struck Judah, and carried away captives. 18 The Philistines also had invaded the cities of the lowland and of the South of Judah, and had taken Beth Shemesh, Aijalon, Gederoth, Soco with its villages, Timnah with its villages, and also Gimzo and its villages; and they lived there. 19 For Yahweh brought Judah low because of Ahaz king of Israel, because he acted without restraint in Judah and trespassed severely against Yahweh. 20 Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria came to him and gave him trouble, but didn't strengthen him. 21 For Ahaz took away a portion out of Yahweh's house, and out of the house of the king and of the princes, and gave it to the king of Assyria; but it didn't help him. 22 In the time of his distress, he trespassed yet more against Yahweh, this same King Ahaz. 23 For he sacrificed to the gods of Damascus which had defeated him. He said, "Because the gods of the kings of Syria helped them, I will sacrifice to them, that they may help me." But they were the ruin of him and of all Israel. 24 Ahaz gathered together the vessels of God's house, cut the vessels of God's house in pieces, and shut up the doors of Yahweh's house; and he made himself altars in every corner of Jerusalem. 25 In every city of Judah he made high places to burn incense to other gods, and provoked Yahweh, the God of his fathers, to anger. 26 Now the rest of his acts, and all his ways, first and last, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel. 27 Ahaz slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city, even in Jerusalem, because they didn't bring him into the tombs of the kings of Israel; and Hezekiah his son reigned in his place.

29 Hezekiah began to reign when he was twenty-five years old, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Abijah, the daughter of Zechariah. 2 He did that which was right in Yahweh's eyes, according to all that David his father had done. 3 the son of Shallum, and Amasa the son of Hadlai, stood In the first year of his reign, in the first month, he opened

the doors of Yahweh's house and repaired them. 4 He went up to Yahweh's house. 21 They brought seven brought in the priests and the Levites and gathered bulls, seven rams, seven lambs, and seven male goats, them together into the wide place on the east, 5 and for a sin offering for the kingdom, for the sanctuary, said to them, "Listen to me, you Levites! Now sanctify and for Judah. He commanded the priests the sons yourselves, and sanctify the house of Yahweh, the God of Aaron to offer them on Yahweh's altar. 22 So they of your fathers, and carry the filthiness out of the holy killed the bulls, and the priests received the blood place. 6 For our fathers were unfaithful, and have done and sprinkled it on the altar. They killed the rams and that which was evil in Yahweh our God's sight, and sprinkled the blood on the altar. They also killed the have forsaken him, and have turned away their faces lambs and sprinkled the blood on the altar. 23 They from the habitation of Yahweh, and turned their backs. brought near the male goats for the sin offering before 7 Also they have shut up the doors of the porch, and the king and the assembly; and they laid their hands put out the lamps, and have not burned incense nor on them. 24 Then the priests killed them, and they offered burnt offerings in the holy place to the God of made a sin offering with their blood on the altar, to Israel. 8 Therefore Yahweh's wrath was on Judah and make atonement for all Israel; for the king commanded Jerusalem, and he has delivered them to be tossed that the burnt offering and the sin offering should be back and forth, to be an astonishment and a hissing, as made for all Israel. 25 He set the Levites in Yahweh's you see with your eyes. 9 For behold, our fathers have house with cymbals, with stringed instruments, and with fallen by the sword, and our sons and our daughters harps, according to the commandment of David, of and our wives are in captivity for this. 10 Now it is in Gad the king's seer, and Nathan the prophet; for the my heart to make a covenant with Yahweh, the God commandment was from Yahweh by his prophets. 26 of Israel, that his fierce anger may turn away from us. The Levites stood with David's instruments, and the 11 My sons, don't be negligent now; for Yahweh has priests with the trumpets. 27 Hezekiah commanded chosen you to stand before him, to minister to him, and them to offer the burnt offering on the altar. When that you should be his ministers and burn incense." 12 the burnt offering began, Yahweh's song also began, Then the Levites arose: Mahath, the son of Amasai, and along with the trumpets and instruments of David king Joel the son of Azariah, of the sons of the Kohathites; of Israel. 28 All the assembly worshiped, the singers and of the sons of Merari, Kish the son of Abdi, and sang, and the trumpeters sounded. All this continued Azariah the son of Jehallelel; and of the Gershonites, until the burnt offering was finished. 29 When they had Joah the son of Zimmah, and Eden the son of Joah; 13 finished offering, the king and all who were present with and of the sons of Elizaphan, Shimri and Jeuel; and him bowed themselves and worshiped. 30 Moreover of the sons of Asaph, Zechariah and Mattaniah; 14 Hezekiah the king and the princes commanded the and of the sons of Heman, Jehuel and Shimei; and Levites to sing praises to Yahweh with the words of of the sons of Jeduthun, Shemaiah and Uzziel. 15 David, and of Asaph the seer. They sang praises with They gathered their brothers, sanctified themselves, gladness, and they bowed their heads and worshiped. 31 and went in, according to the commandment of the king Then Hezekiah answered, "Now you have consecrated by Yahweh's words, to cleanse Yahweh's house. 16 The yourselves to Yahweh. Come near and bring sacrifices priests went into the inner part of Yahweh's house to and thank offerings into Yahweh's house." The assembly cleanse it, and brought out all the uncleanness that they brought in sacrifices and thank offerings, and as many found in Yahweh's temple into the court of Yahweh's as were of a willing heart brought burnt offerings. 32 house. The Levites took it from there to carry it out to The number of the burnt offerings which the assembly the brook Kidron. 17 Now they began on the first day of brought was seventy bulls, one hundred rams, and two the first month to sanctify, and on the eighth day of the hundred lambs. All these were for a burnt offering to month they came to Yahweh's porch. They sanctified Yahweh. 33 The consecrated things were six hundred Yahweh's house in eight days, and on the sixteenth day head of cattle and three thousand sheep. 34 But the of the first month they finished. 18 Then they went in priests were too few, so that they could not skin all to Hezekiah the king within the palace and said, "We the burnt offerings. Therefore their brothers the Levites have cleansed all Yahweh's house, including the altar helped them until the work was ended, and until the of burnt offering with all its vessels, and the table of priests had sanctified themselves, for the Levites were show bread with all its vessels. 19 Moreover, we have more upright in heart to sanctify themselves than the prepared and sanctified all the vessels which King Ahaz priests. 35 Also the burnt offerings were in abundance, threw away in his reign when he was unfaithful. Behold, with the fat of the peace offerings and with the drink they are before Yahweh's altar." 20 Then Hezekiah the offerings for every burnt offering. So the service of king arose early, gathered the princes of the city, and Yahweh's house was set in order. 36 Hezekiah and

all the people rejoiced because of that which God offerings into Yahweh's house. 16 They stood in their suddenly.

30 Hezekiah sent to all Israel and Judah, and wrote letters also to Ephraim and Manasseh, that they should come to Yahweh's house at Jerusalem, to keep the Passover to Yahweh, the God of Israel. 2 For the king had taken counsel with his princes and all the assembly in Jerusalem to keep the Passover in the second month. 3 For they could not keep it at that time. because the priests had not sanctified themselves in sufficient number, and the people had not 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 Yahweh, the God of Israel, at Jerusalem, for they had not kept it in great numbers in the way it is written. 6 So the couriers went with the letters from the king and his princes throughout all Israel and Judah, according to the commandment of the king, saying, "You children of Israel, turn again to Yahweh, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, that he may return to the remnant of you that have escaped out of the hand of the kings of Assyria. 7 Don't be like your fathers and like your brothers, who trespassed against Yahweh, the God of their fathers, so that he gave them up to desolation, as you see. 8 Now don't be stiff-necked, as your fathers were, but yield yourselves to Yahweh, and enter into his sanctuary, which he has sanctified forever, and serve Yahweh your God, that his fierce anger may turn away from you. 9 For if you turn again to Yahweh, your brothers and your children will find compassion with those who led them captive, and will come again into this land, because Yahweh 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 people ridiculed them and mocked them. 11 Nevertheless some men of Asher, Manasseh, and Zebulun humbled themselves and came to Jerusalem. 12 Also the hand of God came on Judah to give them one heart, to do the commandment of the

had prepared for the people; for the thing was done place after their order, according to the law of Moses the man of God. The priests sprinkled the blood which they received of the hand of the Levites. 17 For there were many in the assembly who had not sanctified themselves; therefore the Levites were in charge of killing the Passovers for everyone who was not clean, to sanctify them to Yahweh. 18 For a multitude of the people, even many of Ephraim, Manasseh, Issachar, and Zebulun, had not cleansed themselves, yet they ate the Passover other than the way it is written. For Hezekiah had prayed for them, saying, "May the good Yahweh pardon everyone 19 who sets his heart to seek God, Yahweh, the God of his fathers, even if they aren't clean according to the purification of the sanctuary." 20 Yahweh listened to Hezekiah, and healed the people. 21 The children of Israel who were present at Jerusalem kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with great gladness. The Levites and the priests praised Yahweh day by day, singing with loud instruments to Yahweh. 22 Hezekiah spoke encouragingly to all the Levites who had good understanding in the service of Yahweh. So they ate throughout the feast for the seven days, offering sacrifices of peace offerings and making confession to Yahweh, the God of their fathers. 23 The whole assembly took counsel to keep another seven days, and they kept another seven days with gladness. 24 For Hezekiah king of Judah gave to the assembly for offerings one thousand bulls and seven thousand sheep; and the princes gave to the assembly a thousand bulls and ten thousand sheep; and a great number of priests sanctified themselves. 25 All the assembly of Judah, with the priests and the Levites, and all the assembly who came out of Israel, and the foreigners who came out of the land of Israel and who lived in Judah, rejoiced. 26 So there was great joy in Jerusalem; for since the time of Solomon the son of David king of Israel there was nothing like this in Jerusalem. 27 Then the Levitical priests arose and blessed the people. Their voice was heard, and their prayer came up to his 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 king and of the princes by Yahweh's word. 13 Many broke the pillars in pieces, cut down the Asherah poles, people assembled at Jerusalem to keep the feast of and broke down the high places and the altars out of all unleavened bread in the second month, a very great Judah and Benjamin, also in Ephraim and Manasseh, assembly. 14 They arose and took away the altars that until they had destroyed them all. Then all the children were in Jerusalem, and they took away all the altars of Israel returned, every man to his possession, into for incense and threw them into the brook Kidron. 15 their own cities. 2 Hezekiah appointed the divisions of Then they killed the Passover on the fourteenth day of the priests and the Levites after their divisions, every the second month. The priests and the Levites were man according to his service, both the priests and the ashamed, and sanctified themselves, and brought burnt. Levites, for burnt offerings and for peace offerings, to

Yahweh's camp. 3 He also appointed the king's portion they sanctified themselves in holiness. 19 Also for the of his possessions for the burnt offerings: for the morning sons of Aaron the priests, who were in the fields of the and evening burnt offerings, and the burnt offerings pasture lands of their cities, in every city, there were for the Sabbaths, for the new moons, and for the set men who were mentioned by name to give portions to feasts, as it is written in Yahweh's law. 4 Moreover he all the males among the priests and to all who were commanded the people who lived in Jerusalem to give listed by genealogy among the Levites. 20 Hezekiah the portion of the priests and the Levites, that they might did so throughout all Judah; and he did that which was give themselves to Yahweh's law. 5 As soon as the good, right, and faithful before Yahweh his God. 21 In commandment went out, the children of Israel gave in every work that he began in the service of God's house, abundance the first fruits of grain, new wine, oil, honey, in the law, and in the commandments, to seek his God, and of all the increase of the field; and they brought he did it with all his heart and prospered. in the tithe of all things abundantly. 6 The children of Israel and Judah, who lived in the cities of Judah, also brought in the tithe of cattle and sheep, and the tithe of dedicated things which were consecrated to Yahweh their God, and laid them in heaps. 7 In the third month, they began to lay the foundation of the heaps, and finished them in the seventh month. 8 When Hezekiah and the princes came and saw the heaps, they blessed Yahweh and his people Israel. 9 Then Hezekiah questioned the priests and the Levites about the heaps. 10 Azariah the chief priest, of the house of Zadok, answered him and said, "Since people began to bring the offerings into Yahweh's house, we have eaten and had enough, and have plenty left over, for Yahweh has blessed his people; and that which is left is this great store." 11 Then Hezekiah commanded them to prepare rooms in Yahweh's house, and they prepared them. 12 They brought in the offerings, the tithes, and the dedicated things faithfully. Conaniah the Levite was ruler over them, and Shimei his brother was second. 13 Jehiel, Azaziah, Nahath, Asahel, Jerimoth, Jozabad, Eliel, Ismachiah, Mahath, and Benaiah were overseers under the hand of Conaniah and Shimei his brother, by the appointment of Hezekiah the king and Azariah the ruler of God's house. 14 Kore the son of Imnah the Levite, the gatekeeper at the east gate, was over the free will offerings of God, to distribute Yahweh's offerings and the most holy things. 15 Under him were Eden, Miniamin, Jeshua, Shemaiah, Amariah, and Shecaniah, in the cities of the priests, in their office of trust, to give to their brothers by divisions, to the great as well as to the small; 16 in addition to those who were listed by genealogy of males, from three years old and upward, even everyone who entered into Yahweh's house, as the duty of every day required, for their service in their offices according to their divisions; 17 and those who were listed by genealogy of the priests by their fathers' houses, and the Levites from twenty years old and upward, in their offices by their divisions; 18 and those who were listed by genealogy of all their little ones, their wives, their sons, and their daughters,

minister, to give thanks, and to praise in the gates of through all the congregation; for in their office of trust

32 After these things and this faithfulness, Sennacherib king of Assyria came, entered into Judah, encamped against the fortified cities, and intended to win them for himself. 2 When Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib had come, and that he was planning 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 Then many people gathered together and they stopped all the springs and the brook that flowed through the middle of the land, saying, "Why should the kings of Assyria come, and find abundant water?" 5 He took courage, built up all the wall that was broken down, and raised it up to the towers, with the other wall outside, and strengthened Millo in David's city, and made weapons and shields in abundance. 6 He set captains of war over the people, gathered them together to him in the wide place at the gate of the city, and spoke encouragingly to them, saying, 7 "Be strong and courageous. Don't be afraid or dismayed because of the king of Assyria, nor for all the multitude who is with him; for there is a greater one with us than with him. 8 An arm of flesh is with him, but Yahweh our God is with us 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 attacking Lachish, and all his forces were with him), to Hezekiah king of Judah, and to all Judah who were at Jerusalem, saying, 10 Sennacherib king of Assyria says, "In whom do you trust, that you remain under siege in Jerusalem? 11 Doesn't Hezekiah persuade you to give you over to die by famine and by thirst, saying, 'Yahweh our God will deliver us out of the hand of the king of Assyria'? 12 Hasn't the same Hezekiah taken away his high places and his altars, and commanded Judah and Jerusalem, saying, 'You shall worship before one altar, and you shall burn incense on it'? 13 Don't you know what I and my fathers have done to all the peoples of the lands? Were the gods of the nations of those lands in any way able to deliver their land out of my hand? 14 which my fathers utterly destroyed that could deliver prospered in all his works. 31 However, concerning the his people out of my hand, that your God should be ambassadors of the princes of Babylon, who sent to him able to deliver you out of my hand? 15 Now therefore to inquire of the wonder that was done in the land, God don't let Hezekiah deceive you nor persuade you in left him to test him, that he might know all that was in this way. Don't believe him, for no god of any nation or his heart. 32 Now the rest of the acts of Hezekiah and kingdom was able to deliver his people out of my hand. his good deeds, behold, they are written in the vision of and out of the hand of my fathers. How much less will Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, in the book of the your God deliver you out of my hand?" 16 His servants kings of Judah and Israel. 33 Hezekiah slept with his spoke yet more against Yahweh God and against his fathers, and they buried him in the ascent to the tombs servant Hezekiah. 17 He also wrote letters insulting of the sons of David. All Judah and the inhabitants of Yahweh, the God of Israel, and speaking against him. Jerusalem honored him at his death, Manasseh his son saying, "As the gods of the nations of the lands, which reigned in his place. 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 called out 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, prayed because of this, and cried to heaven. 21 Yahweh sent an angel, who cut off all the mighty men of valor, 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, those who came out of his own body killed him there with the sword. 22 Thus Yahweh saved Hezekiah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem from the hand of Sennacherib the king of Assyria and from the hand of all others, and quided them on every side. 23 Many brought gifts to Yahweh to Jerusalem, and precious things to Hezekiah king of Judah, so that he was exalted in the sight of all nations from then on. 24 In those days Hezekiah was terminally ill, and he prayed to Yahweh; and he spoke to him, and gave him a sign. 25 But Hezekiah didn't reciprocate appropriate to the benefit done for him, because his heart was lifted up. Therefore there was wrath on him, Judah, and Jerusalem. 26 However, Hezekiah humbled himself for the pride of his heart, both he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that Yahweh's wrath didn't come on them in the days of Hezekiah. 27 Hezekiah had exceedingly great riches and honor. He provided himself with treasuries for silver, for gold, for precious stones, for spices, for shields, and for all kinds of valuable vessels: 28 also storehouses for the increase of grain, new wine, and oil; and stalls for all kinds of animals, and flocks in folds. 29 Moreover he provided for himself cities, and possessions of flocks and herds in abundance; for God had given him abundant possessions. 30 This same Hezekiah also stopped the upper spring of the waters of Gihon, and brought them

Who was there among all the gods of those nations straight down on the west side of David's city. Hezekiah

33 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 Yahweh's sight, after the abominations of the nations whom Yahweh cast out before the children of Israel. 3 For he built again the high places which Hezekiah his father had broken down; and he raised up altars for the Baals, made Asheroth, and worshiped all the army of the sky, and served them. 4 He built altars in Yahweh's house, of which Yahweh said, "My name shall be in Jerusalem forever." 5 He built altars for all the army of the sky in the two courts of Yahweh's house. 6 He also made his children to pass through the fire in the vallev of the son of Hinnom. He practiced sorcery, divination, and witchcraft, and dealt with those who had familiar spirits and with wizards. He did much evil in Yahweh's sight, 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, I will put my name forever. 8 I will not any more remove the foot of Israel from off the land which I have appointed for your fathers, if only they will observe to do all that I have commanded them, even all the law, the statutes, and the ordinances given by Moses." 9 Manasseh seduced Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that they did more evil than did the nations whom Yahweh destroyed before the children of Israel. 10 Yahweh spoke to Manasseh and to his people, but they didn't listen. 11 Therefore Yahweh brought on them the captains of the army of the king of Assyria, who took Manasseh in chains, bound him with fetters, and carried him to Babylon. 12 When he was in distress, he begged Yahweh his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers. 13 He prayed to him; and he was entreated by him, and heard his supplication, and brought him again to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that Yahweh was God. 14 Now after this, he built an outer wall to David's city on the west side of Gihon, in the valley,

even to the entrance at the fish gate. He encircled Ophel around in their ruins. 7 He broke down the altars. land made Josiah his son king in his place.

34 Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem. 2 He did that which was right in Yahweh's eyes, and walked in the ways of David his father, and didn't turn away to the right hand or to the left. 3 For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was yet young, he began to seek after the God of David his father; and in the twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem from the high places, the Asherah poles, the engraved images, and the molten images. 4 They broke down the altars of the Baals in his presence; and he cut down the incense altars that were on high above them. He broke the Asherah poles, the engraved images, and the molten images in pieces, made dust of them, and scattered it on the graves of those who had sacrificed to them. 5 He burned the bones of the priests on their altars, and purged Judah and Jerusalem. 6 He did this in the cities of Manasseh, Ephraim, and Simeon, even to Naphtali,

with it, and raised it up to a very great height; and he put beat the Asherah poles and the engraved images into valiant captains in all the fortified cities of Judah. 15 He powder, and cut down all the incense altars throughout took away the foreign gods and the idol out of Yahweh's all the land of Israel, then returned to Jerusalem. 8 house, and all the altars that he had built in the mountain Now in the eighteenth year of his reign, when he had of Yahweh's house and in Jerusalem, and cast them out purged the land and the house, he sent Shaphan the of the city. 16 He built up Yahweh's altar, and offered son of Azaliah, Maaseiah the governor of the city, and sacrifices of peace offerings and of thanksgiving on it, Joah the son of Joahaz the recorder to repair the house and commanded Judah to serve Yahweh, the God of of Yahweh his God. 9 They came to Hilkiah the high Israel. 17 Nevertheless the people still sacrificed in the priest and delivered the money that was brought into high places, but only to Yahweh their God. 18 Now the God's house, which the Levites, the keepers of the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and his prayer to his God, threshold, had gathered from the hands of Manasseh, and the words of the seers who spoke to him in the Ephraim, of all the remnant of Israel, of all Judah and name of Yahweh, the God of Israel, behold, they are Benjamin, and of the inhabitants of Jerusalem. 10 They written among the acts of the kings of Israel. 19 His delivered it into the hands of the workmen who had the prayer also, and how God listened to his request, and oversight of Yahweh's house; and the workmen who all his sin and his trespass, and the places in which he labored in Yahweh's house gave it to mend and repair built high places and set up the Asherah poles and the the house. 11 They gave it to the carpenters and to engraved images before he humbled himself: behold, the builders to buy cut stone and timber for couplings, they are written in the history of Hozai. 20 So Manasseh and to make beams for the houses which the kings of slept with his fathers, and they buried him in his own Judah had destroyed. 12 The men did the work faithfully. house; and Amon his son reigned in his place. 21 Amon Their overseers were Jahath and Obadiah the Levites, was twenty-two years old when he began to reign; and of the sons of Merari; and Zechariah and Meshullam, he reigned two years in Jerusalem. 22 He did that which of the sons of the Kohathites, to give direction; and was evil in Yahweh's sight, as did Manasseh his father; others of the Levites, who were all skillful with musical and Amon sacrificed to all the engraved images which instruments. 13 Also they were over the bearers of Manasseh his father had made, and served them. 23 burdens, and directed all who did the work in every kind He didn't humble himself before Yahweh, as Manasseh of service. Of the Levites, there were scribes, officials, his father had humbled himself; but this same Amon and gatekeepers. 14 When they brought out the money trespassed more and more. 24 His servants conspired that was brought into Yahweh's house, Hilkiah the priest against him, and put him to death in his own house. found the book of Yahweh's law given by Moses. 15 25 But the people of the land killed all those who had Hilkiah answered Shaphan the scribe, "I have found the conspired against King Amon; and the people of the book of the law in Yahweh's house." So Hilkiah delivered the book to Shaphan. 16 Shaphan carried the book to the king, and moreover brought back word to the king, saying, "All that was committed to your servants, they are doing. 17 They have emptied out the money that was found in Yahweh's house, and have delivered it into the hand of the overseers and into the hand of the workmen." 18 Shaphan the scribe told the king, saying, "Hilkiah the priest has delivered me a book." Shaphan read from it to the king. 19 When the king had heard the words of the law, he tore his clothes. 20 The king commanded Hilkiah. Ahikam the son of Shaphan, Abdon the son of Micah, Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah the king's servant, saying, 21 "Go inquire of Yahweh for me, and for those who are left in Israel and in Judah, concerning the words of the book that is found; for great is Yahweh's wrath that is poured out on us, because our fathers have not kept Yahweh's word, to do according to all that is written in this book." 22 So Hilkiah and those whom the king had commanded went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tokhath, the son of Hasrah, keeper of the vourselves after your fathers' houses by your divisions. of their fathers.

35 Josiah kept a Passover to Yahweh in Jerusalem. They killed the Passover on the fourteenth day of the first month. 2 He set the priests in their offices and encouraged them in the service of Yahweh's house. 3 He said to the Levites who taught all Israel, who were holy to Yahweh, "Put the holy ark in the house which Solomon the son of David king of Israel built. It will no longer be a burden on your shoulders. Now serve Yahweh your God and his people Israel. 4 Prepare

wardrobe (now she lived in Jerusalem in the second according to the writing of David king of Israel, and quarter), and they spoke to her to that effect. 23 She according to the writing of Solomon his son. 5 Stand in said to them, "Yahweh, the God of Israel says: 'Tell the the holy place according to the divisions of the fathers' man who sent you to me, 24 "Yahweh says, 'Behold, houses of your brothers the children of the people, and I will bring evil on this place and on its inhabitants, let there be for each a portion of a fathers' house of the even all the curses that are written in the book which Levites. 6 Kill the Passover lamb, sanctify yourselves, they have read before the king of Judah. 25 Because and prepare for your brothers, to do according to they have forsaken me, and have burned incense to Yahweh's word by Moses." 7 Josiah gave to the children other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all of the people, of the flock, lambs and young goats, all of the works of their hands, therefore my wrath is poured them for the Passover offerings, to all who were present, out on this place, and it will not be guenched."" 26 to the number of thirty thousand, and three thousand But to the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of bulls. These were of the king's substance. 8 His princes Yahweh, you shall tell him this, 'Yahweh, the God of gave a free will offering to the people, to the priests, and Israel says: "About the words which you have heard, to the Levites. Hilkiah, Zechariah, and Jehiel, the rulers 27 because your heart was tender, and you humbled of God's house, gave to the priests for the Passover yourself before God when you heard his words against offerings two thousand six hundred small livestock, and this place and against its inhabitants, and have humbled three hundred head of cattle. 9 Conaniah also, and yourself before me, and have torn your clothes and Shemaiah and Nethanel, his brothers, and Hashabiah, wept before me, I also have heard you," says Yahweh. Jeiel, and Jozabad, the chiefs of the Levites, gave to 28 "Behold, I will gather you to your fathers, and you will the Levites for the Passover offerings five thousand be gathered to your grave in peace. Your eyes won't small livestock and five hundred head of cattle. 10 So see all the evil that I will bring on this place and on its the service was prepared, and the priests stood in their inhabitants.""" They brought back this message to the place, and the Levites by their divisions, according to king. 29 Then the king sent and gathered together all the king's commandment. 11 They killed the Passover the elders of Judah and Jerusalem. 30 The king went lambs, and the priests sprinkled the blood which they up to Yahweh's house with all the men of Judah and the received from their hands, and the Levites skinned inhabitants of Jerusalem—the priests, the Levites, and them. 12 They removed the burnt offerings, that they all the people, both great and small—and he read in might give them according to the divisions of the fathers' their hearing all the words of the book of the covenant houses of the children of the people, to offer to Yahweh, that was found in Yahweh's house. 31 The king stood as it is written in the book of Moses. They did the in his place and made a covenant before Yahweh, to same with the cattle. 13 They roasted the Passover walk after Yahweh, and to keep his commandments, with fire according to the ordinance. They boiled the his testimonies, and his statutes with all his heart and holy offerings in pots, in cauldrons, and in pans, and with all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant carried them quickly to all the children of the people. that were written in this book. 32 He caused all who 14 Afterward they prepared for themselves and for the were found in Jerusalem and Benjamin to stand. The priests, because the priests the sons of Aaron were inhabitants of Jerusalem did according to the covenant busy with offering the burnt offerings and the fat until of God, the God of their fathers. 33 Josiah took away all night. Therefore the Levites prepared for themselves the abominations out of all the countries that belonged and for the priests the sons of Aaron. 15 The singers, to the children of Israel, and made all who were found in the sons of Asaph, were in their place, according to the Israel to serve, even to serve Yahweh their God, All his commandment of David, Asaph, Heman, and Jeduthun days they didn't depart from following Yahweh, the God the king's seer; and the gatekeepers were at every gate. They didn't need to depart from their service, because their brothers the Levites prepared for them. 16 So all the service of Yahweh was prepared the same day, to keep the Passover, and to offer burnt offerings on Yahweh's altar, 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, nor did any of the kings of Israel keep such a Passover as

Josiah kept—with the priests, the Levites, and all Judah reign, and he reigned three months and ten days in Judah.

36 Then the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, and made 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 Egypt removed him from office at Jerusalem, and fined the land one hundred talents of silver and a talent of gold. 4 The king of Egypt made Eliakim his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem, and changed his name to Jehoiakim. Neco took Joahaz his brother, and carried him to Egypt. 5 Jehoiakim was twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. He did that which was evil in Yahweh his God's sight. 6 Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up against him, and bound him in fetters to carry him to Babylon. 7 Nebuchadnezzar also carried some of the vessels of Yahweh's house to Babylon, and put them in his temple at Babylon. 8 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and his abominations which he did, and that which was found in him, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah; and Jehoiachin his son reigned in his place. 9 Jehoiachin was eight years old when he began to

and Israel who were present, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem. He did that which was evil in Yahweh's Jerusalem. 19 This Passover was kept in the eighteenth sight. 10 At the return of the year, King Nebuchadnezzar year of the reign of Josiah. 20 After all this, when Josiah sent and brought him to Babylon, with the valuable had prepared the temple, Neco king of Egypt went up to vessels of Yahweh's house, and made Zedekiah his fight against Carchemish by the Euphrates, and Josiah brother king over Judah and Jerusalem. 11 Zedekiah went out against him. 21 But he sent ambassadors to was twenty-one years old when he began to reign, and him, saying, "What have I to do with you, you king of he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. 12 He did that Judah? I come not against you today, but against the which was evil in Yahweh his God's sight. He didn't house with which I have war. God has commanded humble himself before Jeremiah the prophet speaking me to make haste. Beware that it is God who is with from Yahweh's mouth. 13 He also rebelled against King me, that he not destroy you." 22 Nevertheless Josiah Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him swear by God; but would not turn his face from him, but disguised himself, he stiffened his neck, and hardened his heart against that he might fight with him, and didn't listen to the turning to Yahweh, the God of Israel. 14 Moreover all words of Neco from the mouth of God, and came to the chiefs of the priests and the people trespassed very fight in the valley of Megiddo. 23 The archers shot at greatly after all the abominations of the nations; and King Josiah; and the king said to his servants, "Take they polluted Yahweh's house which he had made holy me away, because I am seriously wounded!" 24 So in Jerusalem. 15 Yahweh, the God of their fathers, sent his servants took him out of the chariot, and put him to them by his messengers, rising up early and sending, in the second chariot that he had, and brought him to because he had compassion on his people and on his Jerusalem; and he died, and was buried in the tombs dwelling place; 16 but they mocked the messengers of of his fathers. All Judah and Jerusalem mourned for God, despised his words, and scoffed at his prophets, Josiah. 25 Jeremiah lamented for Josiah, and all the until Yahweh's wrath arose against his people, until singing men and singing women spoke of Josiah in there was no remedy. 17 Therefore he brought on them their lamentations to this day; and they made them the king of the Chaldeans, who killed their young men an ordinance in Israel. Behold, they are written in the with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had lamentations. 26 Now the rest of the acts of Josiah and no compassion on young man or virgin, old man or his good deeds, according to that which is written in infirm. He gave them all into his hand. 18 All the vessels Yahweh's law, 27 and his acts, first and last, behold, of God's house, great and small, and the treasures of they are written in the book of the kings of Israel and Yahweh's house, and the treasures of the king and of his princes, all these he brought to Babylon. 19 They burned God's house, broke down the wall of Jerusalem, burned all its palaces with fire, and destroyed all of its valuable vessels. 20 He carried those who had escaped from the sword away to Babylon, and they were servants to him and his sons until the reign of the kingdom of Persia, 21 to fulfill Yahweh's word by Jeremiah's mouth, until the land had enjoyed its Sabbaths. As long as it lay desolate, it kept Sabbath, to fulfill seventy years. 22 Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that Yahweh's word by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished. Yahweh stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saving, 23 "Cyrus king of Persia says, 'Yahweh, the God of heaven, has given all the kingdoms of the earth to me; and he has commanded me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, Yahweh his God be with him, and let him go up."

Ezra

1 Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that Yahweh's word by Jeremiah's mouth might be accomplished, Yahweh stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying, 2 "Cyrus king of Persia says, 'Yahweh, 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 Yahweh, 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, in addition to the free will offering for God's house which is in Jerusalem." 5 Then the heads of fathers' households of Judah and Benjamin, the priests and the Levites, all whose spirit God had stirred to go up, rose up to build Yahweh's house which is in Jerusalem. 6 All those who were around them strengthened their hands with vessels of silver, with gold, with goods, with animals, and with precious things, in addition to all that was willingly offered. 7 Also Cyrus the king brought out the vessels of Yahweh's house, which Nebuchadnezzar had brought out of Jerusalem, and had put in the house of his gods: 8 even those. Cyrus king of Persia brought out by the hand of Mithredath the treasurer, and counted them out 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, four hundred ten silver bowls of a second kind, and one thousand other vessels. 11 All the vessels of gold and of silver were five thousand four hundred. Sheshbazzar brought all these up when the captives were brought up from Babylon to Jerusalem.

2 Now these are the children of the province who went up out of the captivity of those who had been carried away, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away to Babylon, and who returned to Jerusalem and Judah, everyone to his city; 2 who came with Zerubbabel, Jeshua, Nehemiah, Seraiah, Reelaiah, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispar, Bigvai, Rehum, and Baanah. The number of the men of the people of Israel: 3 The children of Parosh, two thousand one hundred seventy-two. 4 The children of Shephatiah, three hundred seventy-five. 6 The children of Pahathmoab, of the children of Jeshua and Joab, two thousand eight hundred twelve. 7 The children of Elam, one thousand

two hundred fifty-four. 8 The children of Zattu, nine hundred forty-five. 9 The children of Zaccai, seven hundred sixty. 10 The children of Bani, six hundred forty-two. 11 The children of Bebai, six hundred twentythree. 12 The children of Azgad, one thousand two hundred twenty-two. 13 The children of Adonikam, six hundred sixty-six. 14 The children of Bigyai, two thousand fifty-six. 15 The children of Adin, four hundred fifty-four. 16 The children of Ater, of Hezekiah, ninetyeight. 17 The children of Bezai, three hundred twentythree. 18 The children of Jorah, one hundred twelve. 19 The children of Hashum, two hundred twenty-three. 20 The children of Gibbar, ninety-five. 21 The children of Bethlehem, one hundred twenty-three. 22 The men of Netophah, fifty-six. 23 The men of Anathoth, one hundred twenty-eight. 24 The children of Azmaveth. forty-two. 25 The children of Kiriath Arim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred forty-three. 26 The children 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 children of Nebo, fifty-two. 30 The children of Magbish, one hundred fifty-six. 31 The children of the other Elam, one thousand two hundred fifty-four. 32 The children of Harim, three hundred twenty. 33 The children of Lod, Hadid, and Ono. seven hundred twenty-five. 34 The children of Jericho, three hundred forty-five. 35 The children of Senaah, three thousand six hundred thirty. 36 The priests: the children of Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred seventy-three. 37 The children of Immer, one thousand fifty-two. 38 The children of Pashhur, one thousand two hundred forty-seven. 39 The children of Harim, one thousand seventeen. 40 The Levites: the children of Jeshua and Kadmiel, of the children of Hodaviah, seventy-four. 41 The singers: the children of Asaph, one hundred twenty-eight. 42 The children of the gatekeepers: the children of Shallum, the children of Ater, the children of Talmon, the children of Akkub, the children of Hatita, the children of Shobai, in all one hundred thirty-nine. 43 The temple servants: the children of Ziha, the children of Hasupha, the children of Tabbaoth. 44 the children of Keros, the children of Siaha. the children of Padon, 45 the children of Lebanah, the children of Hagabah, the children of Akkub. 46 the children of Hagab, the children of Shamlai, the children of Hanan. 47 the children of Giddel, the children of Gahar, the children of Regiah. 48 the children of Rezin. the children of Nekoda, the children of Gazzam, 49 the children of Uzza, the children of Paseah, the children of Besai. 50 the children of Asnah, the children of Meunim. the children of Nephisim, 51 the children of Bakbuk, the children of Hakupha, the children of Harhur, 52 the children of Bazluth, the children of Mehida, the children

Israel in their cities.

3 When the seventh month had come, and the children of Israel were in the cities, the people gathered themselves together as one man to Jerusalem. 2 Then Jeshua the son of Jozadak stood up with his brothers the priests and Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and his relatives, and built the altar of the God of Israel, to offer burnt offerings on it, as it is written in the law of Moses the man of God. 3 In spite of their fear because of the peoples of the surrounding lands, they set the altar on its base; and they offered burnt offerings on it to Yahweh, even burnt offerings morning and evening.

of Harsha. 53 the children of Barkos, the children 4 They kept the feast of booths, as it is written, and of Sisera, the children of Temah, 54 the children of offered the daily burnt offerings by number, according Neziah, the children of Hatipha. 55 The children of to the ordinance, as the duty of every day required; 5 Solomon's servants: the children of Sotai, the children and afterward the continual burnt offering, the offerings of Hassophereth, the children of Peruda, 56 the children of the new moons, of all the set feasts of Yahweh that of Jaalah, the children of Darkon, the children of Giddel, were consecrated, and of everyone who willingly offered 57 the children of Shephatiah, the children of Hattil, the a free will offering to Yahweh. 6 From the first day of the children of Pochereth Hazzebaim, the children of Ami. seventh month, they began to offer burnt offerings to 58 All the temple servants, and the children of Solomon's Yahweh; but the foundation of Yahweh's temple was not servants, were three hundred ninety-two. 59 These yet laid. 7 They also gave money to the masons and were those who went up from Tel Melah, Tel Harsha, to the carpenters. They also gave food, drink, and oil Cherub, Addan, and Immer; but they could not show to the people of Sidon and Tyre to bring cedar trees their fathers' houses and their offspring, whether they from Lebanon to the sea, to Joppa, according to the were of Israel: 60 the children of Delaiah, the children of grant that they had from Cyrus King of Persia. 8 Now Tobiah, the children of Nekoda, six hundred fifty-two. 61 in the second year of their coming to God's house at Of the children of the priests: the children of Habaiah, Jerusalem, in the second month, Zerubbabel the son of the children of Hakkoz, and the children of Barzillai, who Shealtiel, Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and the rest of took a wife of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite, their brothers the priests and the Levites, and all those and was called after their name. 62 These sought their who had come out of the captivity to Jerusalem, began place among those who were registered by genealogy, the work and appointed the Levites, from twenty years but they were not found; therefore they were deemed old and upward, to have the oversight of the work of disqualified and removed from the priesthood. 63 The Yahweh's house. 9 Then Jeshua stood with his sons governor told them that they should not eat of the most and his brothers, Kadmiel and his sons, the sons of holy things until a priest stood up to serve with Urim and Judah, together to have the oversight of the workmen in with Thummim. 64 The whole assembly together was God's house: the sons of Henadad, with their sons and forty-two thousand three hundred sixty, 65 in addition to their brothers the Levites. 10 When the builders laid the their male servants and their female servants, of whom foundation of Yahweh's temple, they set the priests in there were seven thousand three hundred thirty-seven; their vestments with trumpets, with the Levites the sons and they had two hundred singing men and singing of Asaph with cymbals, to praise Yahweh, according to women. 66 Their horses were seven hundred thirty- the directions of David king of Israel. 11 They sang to six; their mules, two hundred forty-five; 67 their camels, one another in praising and giving thanks to Yahweh, four hundred thirty-five; their donkeys, six thousand "For he is good, for his loving kindness endures forever seven hundred twenty. 68 Some of the heads of fathers' toward Israel." All the people shouted with a great shout, households, when they came to Yahweh's house which when they praised Yahweh, because the foundation is in Jerusalem, offered willingly for God's house to set of Yahweh's house had been laid. 12 But many of the it up in its place. 69 They gave according to their ability priests and Levites and heads of fathers' households, into the treasury of the work sixty-one thousand darics the old men who had seen the first house, when the of gold, five thousand minas of silver, and one hundred foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, priests' garments. 70 So the priests and the Levites, wept with a loud voice. Many also shouted aloud for with some of the people, the singers, the gatekeepers, joy, 13 so that the people could not discern the noise of and the temple servants, lived in their cities, and all 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.

> ▲ Now when the adversaries of Judah and Benjamin heard that the children of the captivity were building a temple to Yahweh, the God of Israel, 2 they came near to Zerubbabel, and to the heads of fathers' households. and said to them. "Let us build with you, for we seek your God as you do; and we have been sacrificing to him since the days of Esar Haddon king of Assyria, who brought us up here." 3 But Zerubbabel, Jeshua, and the rest of the heads of fathers' households of

building a house to our God; but we ourselves together custom, and toll was paid to them. 21 Make a decree will build to Yahweh, the God of Israel, as King Cyrus now to cause these men to cease, and that this city not the king of Persia has commanded us." 4 Then the be built until a decree is made by me. 22 Be careful that people of the land weakened the hands of the people you not be slack doing so. Why should damage grow to of Judah, and troubled them in building. 5 They hired the hurt of the kings? 23 Then when the copy of King counselors against them to frustrate their purpose all Artaxerxes' letter was read before Rehum, Shimshai the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of the scribe, and their companions, they went in haste to Darius king of Persia. 6 In the reign of Ahasuerus, in Jerusalem to the Jews, and made them to cease by the beginning of his reign, they wrote an accusation force of arms. 24 Then work stopped on God's house against the inhabitants of Judah and Jerusalem. 7 In which is at Jerusalem. It stopped until the second year the days of Artaxerxes, Bishlam, Mithredath, Tabeel, of the reign of Darius king of Persia. and the rest of his companions wrote to Artaxerxes king of Persia; and the writing of the letter was written in Syrian and delivered in the Syrian language. 8 Rehum the chancellor and Shimshai the scribe wrote a letter against Jerusalem to Artaxerxes the king as follows. 9 Then Rehum the chancellor, 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 Osnappar brought over and settled in the city of Samaria, and in the rest of the country beyond the River, and so forth, wrote. 11 This is the copy of the letter that they sent: To King Artaxerxes, from your servants, the people beyond the River. 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 bad 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 we have sent and informed the king, 15 that search may be made in the book of the records of your fathers. You will see 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 started rebellions within it in the past. That is why this city was destroyed. 16 We inform the king that if this city is built and the walls finished, then you will have no possession beyond the River. 17 Then the king sent an answer to Rehum the chancellor, and to Shimshai the scribe, and to the rest of their companions who live in Samaria, and in the rest of the country beyond the River: Peace. 18 The letter which you sent to us has been plainly read before me. 19 I decreed, and search has been made, and it was found that this city has made insurrection against kings in the past, and that rebellion and revolts have been made in it. 20 There have also been mighty kings over Jerusalem who have

Israel said to them. "You have nothing to do with us in ruled over all the country beyond the River; and tribute.

 ${f 5}$ Now the prophets, Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo, prophesied to the Jews who were in Judah and Jerusalem. They prophesied to them in the name of the God of Israel. 2 Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak rose up 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 Tattenai, the governor beyond the River, came to them, with Shetharbozenai and their companions, and asked them, "Who gave you a decree to build this house and to finish this wall?" 4 They also asked for the names of the men who were making this building. 5 But the eye of their God was on the elders of the Jews, and they didn't make them cease until the matter should come to Darius, and an 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 Darius the king follows. 7 They sent a letter to him, in which was written: To Darius 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 being built with great stones and timber is laid in the walls. 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, saying, "We are the servants of the God of heaven and earth and are building the house that was built these many years ago, which a great king of Israel built and finished. 12 But after our fathers had provoked the God of heaven to wrath, he gave them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, the Chaldean, who destroyed this house and carried the people away into Babylon. 13 But in the first year of Cyrus king of Babylon, Cyrus the king made a decree to build this house of God. 14 The gold and silver vessels of God's house, which Nebuchadnezzar took out of

temple of Babylon, those Cyrus the king also took out of this. 12 May the God who has caused his name to dwell the temple of Babylon, and they were delivered to one there overthrow all kings and peoples who stretch out whose name was Sheshbazzar, whom he had made their hand to alter this, to destroy this house of God governor. 15 He said to him, 'Take these vessels, go, which is at Jerusalem. I Darius have made a decree. put them in the temple that is in Jerusalem, and let Let it be done with all diligence. 13 Then Tattenai, the God's house be built in its place.' 16 Then the same governor beyond the River, Shetharbozenai, and their Sheshbazzar came and laid the foundations of God's companions did accordingly with all diligence, because house which is in Jerusalem. Since that time even until Darius the king had sent a decree. 14 The elders of the now it has been being built, and yet it is not completed. Jews built and prospered, through the prophesying of 17 Now therefore, if it seems good to the king, let a Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. They search be made in the king's treasure house, which is built and finished it, according to the commandment of there at Babylon, whether it is so that a decree was the God of Israel, and according to the decree of Cyrus, made by Cyrus the king to build this house of God at Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia. 15 This house Jerusalem; and let the king send his pleasure to us was finished on the third day of the month Adar, which concerning this matter."

6 Then Darius the king made a decree, and the house of the archives, where the treasures were laid up in Babylon, was searched. 2 A scroll was found at Achmetha, in the palace that is in the province of Media, and in it this was written for a record: 3 In the first year of Cyrus the king, Cyrus 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, with its height sixty cubits and its width sixty cubits; 4 with three courses of great stones and a course of new timber. 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 out of the temple which is at Jerusalem and brought to Babylon, be restored and brought again to the temple which is at Jerusalem, everything to its place. 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 regarding what you shall do for these elders of the Jews for the building of this house of God: the River, expenses must be given with all diligence to these men, that they not be hindered. 9 That which they have need of, including young bulls, rams, and lambs, for burnt offerings to the God of heaven; also wheat, salt, wine, and oil, according to the word of the

the temple that was in Jerusalem and brought into the fastened on it; and let his house be made a dunghill for was in the sixth year of the reign of Darius the king. 16 The children of Israel, the priests, the Levites, and the rest of the children of the captivity, 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 children of the captivity kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the first month. 20 Because the priests and the Levites had purified themselves together, all of them were pure. They killed the Passover for all the children of the captivity, for their brothers the priests, and for themselves. 21 The children of Israel who had returned out of the captivity, and all who had separated themselves to them from the filthiness of the nations of the land to seek Yahweh, the God of Israel, ate, 22 and kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with joy; because Yahweh 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, the God of Israel's house.

7 Now after these things, in the reign of Artaxerxes king of Persia, Ezra the son of Seraiah, the son of that of the king's goods, even of the tribute beyond Azariah, the son of Hilkiah, 2 the son of Shallum, the son of Zadok, the son of Ahitub, 3 the son of Amariah, the son of Azariah, the son of Meraioth, 4 the son of Zerahiah, the son of Uzzi, the son of Bukki, 5 the son of Abishua, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the chief priest— 6 this Ezra went priests who are at Jerusalem, let it be given them day up from Babylon. He was a skilled scribe in the law of by day without fail, 10 that they may offer sacrifices of Moses, which Yahweh, the God of Israel, had given; pleasant aroma to the God of heaven, and pray for the and the king granted him all his request, according to life of the king and of his sons. 11 I have also made a Yahweh his God's hand on him. 7 Some of the children decree that whoever alters this message, let a beam be of Israel, including some of the priests, the Levites, pulled out from his house, and let him be lifted up and the singers, the gatekeepers, and the temple servants

went up to Jerusalem in the seventh year of Artaxerxes may judge all the people who are beyond the River. the king. 8 He came to Jerusalem in the fifth month, who all know the laws of your God; and teach him which was in the seventh year of the king. 9 For on who doesn't know them. 26 Whoever will not do the the first day of the first month he began to go up from law of your God and the law of the king, let judgment Babylon; and on the first day of the fifth month he came be executed on him with all diligence, whether it is to to Jerusalem, according to the good hand of his God on death, or to banishment, or to confiscation of goods, him. 10 For Ezra had set his heart to seek Yahweh's or to imprisonment. 27 Blessed be Yahweh, the God law, and to do it, and to teach statutes and ordinances of our fathers, who has put such a thing as this in the in Israel. 11 Now this is the copy of the letter that King king's heart, to beautify Yahweh's house which is in Artaxerxes gave to Ezra the priest, the scribe, even the Jerusalem; 28 and has extended loving kindness to me scribe of the words of Yahweh's commandments, and of before the king and his counselors, and before all the his statutes to Israel: 12 Artaxerxes, king of kings, To king's mighty princes. I was strengthened according to Ezra the priest, the scribe of the law of the perfect God Yahweh my God's hand on me, and I gathered together of heaven. Now 13 I make a decree that all those of chief men out of Israel to go up with me. the people of Israel and their priests and the Levites in my realm, who intend of their own free will to go to Jerusalem, go with you. 14 Because you are sent by 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 will find in all the province of Babylon, with the free will 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, and 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 seems good to you and to your brothers to do with the rest of the silver and the gold, do that according to the will of your God. 19 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 will be needed for the house of your God, which you may have occasion to give, give it out of the king's treasure house. 21 l, even I, Artaxerxes the king, make a decree to all the treasurers who are beyond the River, that whatever Ezra the priest, the scribe of the law of the God of heaven, requires of you, it shall be done with all diligence, 22 up to one hundred talents of silver, and to one hundred cors of wheat, and to one hundred baths of wine, and to one hundred baths of oil, and salt without prescribing how much. 23 Whatever is commanded by the God of heaven, let it be done exactly for the house of the God of heaven; for why should there be wrath against the realm of the king and his sons? 24 Also we inform you that it shall not be lawful to impose tribute, custom, or toll on any of the priests, Levites, singers, gatekeepers, temple servants, or laborers of this house of God. 25 You, Ezra, according to the wisdom of your God that is in your hand, appoint magistrates and judges who

8 Now these are the heads of their fathers' households, and this is the genealogy of those who went up with me from Babylon, in the reign of Artaxerxes the king: 2 Of the sons of Phinehas, Gershom. Of the sons of Ithamar, Daniel, Of the sons of David, Hattush, 3 Of the sons of Shecaniah, of the sons of Parosh, Zechariah; and with him were listed by genealogy of the males one hundred fifty. 4 Of the sons of Pahathmoab, Eliehoenai the son of Zerahiah: and with him two hundred males. 5 Of the sons of Shecaniah, the son of Jahaziel; and with him three hundred males. 6 Of the sons of Adin, Ebed the son of Jonathan; and with him fifty males. 7 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 eighteen males. 10 Of the sons of Shelomith, 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, their names are: Eliphelet, Jeuel, and Shemaiah; and with them sixty males. 14 Of the sons of Bigvai, Uthai and Zabbud; and with them seventy males. 15 I gathered them together to the river that runs to Ahava; and there we encamped three days. Then I looked around at the people and the priests, and found there were none of the sons of Levi. 16 Then I sent for Eliezer, for Ariel, for Shemaiah, for Elnathan, for Jarib, for Elnathan, for Nathan, for Zechariah, and for Meshullam, chief men; also for Joiarib and for Elnathan, who were teachers. 17 I sent them out to Iddo the chief at the place Casiphia; and I told them what they should tell Iddo and his brothers the temple servants at the place Casiphia, that they should bring to us ministers for the house of our God. 18 According to the good hand of our God on us they brought us a man of discretion, of the sons of Mahli, the son of Levi, the

brothers, eighteen; 19 and Hashabiah, and with him So they supported the people and God's house. Jeshaiah of the sons of Merari, his brothers and their sons, twenty: 20 and of the temple servants, whom David and the princes had given for the service of the Levites, two hundred 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 from him a straight way for us, for our little ones, and for all our possessions. 22 For I was ashamed to ask of the king a band of soldiers and horsemen to help us against the enemy on 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 granted our request. 24 Then I set apart twelve of the chiefs of the priests, even Sherebiah, Hashabiah, and ten of their brothers with them, 25 and weighed to them the silver, the gold, and the vessels, even the offering for the house of our God, which the king, his counselors, his princes, and all Israel there present, had offered. 26 I weighed into their hand six hundred fifty talents of silver, one hundred talents of silver vessels, one hundred talents of gold, 27 twenty bowls of gold weighing one thousand darics, and two vessels of fine bright bronze, precious as gold. 28 I said to them, "You are holy to Yahweh, and the vessels are holy. The silver and the gold are a free will offering to Yahweh, the God of your fathers. 29 Watch and keep them until you weigh them before the chiefs of the priests, the Levites, and the princes of the fathers' households of Israel at Jerusalem, in the rooms of Yahweh's house." 30 So the priests and the Levites received the weight of the silver, the gold, and the vessels, to bring them to Jerusalem to the house of our God. 31 Then we departed from the river Ahava on the twelfth day of the first month, to go to Jerusalem. The hand of our God was on us, and he delivered us from the hand of the enemy and the bandits by the way. 32 We came to Jerusalem, and stayed there three days. 33 On the fourth day the silver and the gold and the vessels were weighed in the house of our God into the hand of Meremoth the son of Uriah the priest; and with him was Eleazar the son of Phinehas; and with them were Jozabad the son of Jeshua, and Noadiah the son of Binnui, the Levites. 34 Everything was counted and weighed; and all the weight was written at that time. 35 The children of the captivity, who had come out of exile, offered burnt offerings to the God of Israel: twelve bulls for all Israel, ninety-six rams, seventy-seven lambs, and twelve male goats for a sin offering. All this was a burnt offering to Yahweh. 36 They delivered the king's commissions to the king's

son of Israel, namely Sherebiah, with his sons and his local governors and to the governors beyond the River.

 $\boldsymbol{9}$ Now when these things were done, the princes came near to me, saying, "The people of Israel, the priests, and the Levites have not separated themselves from the peoples of the lands, following their abominations, even those of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites. 2 For they have taken of their daughters for themselves and for their sons, so that the holy offspring have mixed themselves with the peoples of the lands. Yes, the hand of the princes and rulers has been chief in this trespass." 3 When I heard this thing, I tore my garment and my robe, and pulled the hair out of my head and of my beard, and sat down confounded. 4 Then everyone who trembled at the words of the God of Israel were assembled to me because of the trespass of the exiles; and I sat confounded until the evening offering. 5 At the evening offering I rose up from my humiliation, even with my garment and my robe torn; and I fell on my knees, and spread out my hands to Yahweh 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 exceedingly 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 Yahweh our God, to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us a stake in his holy place, that our God may lighten our eyes, and revive us a little 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 in the sight of the kings of Persia, to revive us, to set up the house of our God, and to repair its ruins, and to give us a wall in Judah and in Jerusalem. 10 "Now, our God, what shall we say after this? For we have forsaken your commandments, 11 which you have commanded by your servants the prophets, saying, 'The land to which you go to possess is an unclean land through the uncleanness of the peoples of the lands, through their abominations, which have filled it from one end to another with their filthiness. 12 Now therefore don't give your daughters to their sons. Don't take their daughters to your sons, nor seek their peace or their prosperity forever, that you may be strong and eat the good of the land, and leave it for an inheritance to your children forever.' 13 "After all that has come on us for our evil deeds and for our great guilt, since you, our God, have punished us less than our iniquities deserve,

and have given us such a remnant. 14 shall we again for we have greatly transgressed in this matter. 14 Now 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's make a covenant with our God to put away all the wives and those who 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. When he came there, he didn't eat bread or drink water, for he mourned because of the trespass of the exiles. 7 They made a proclamation throughout Judah and Jerusalem to all the children of the captivity, that they should gather themselves together to Jerusalem; 8 and that whoever didn't come within three days, according to the counsel of the princes and the elders, all his possessions should be forfeited, and he himself separated from the assembly of the captivity. 9 Then all the men of Judah and Benjamin gathered themselves together to Jerusalem within the three days. It was the ninth month, on the twentieth day of the month; and all the people sat in the wide place in front of God's house, trembling because of this matter, and because of the great rain. 10 Ezra the priest stood up and said to them, "You have trespassed, and have married foreign women, increasing the guilt of Israel. 11 Now therefore make confession to Yahweh, the God of your fathers and do his pleasure. Separate yourselves from the peoples of the land and from the foreign women." 12 Then all the assembly answered with a loud voice, "We must do as you have said concerning us. 13 But the people are many, and it is a time of much rain, and we are not able to stand outside. This is not a work of one day or two.

break your commandments, and join ourselves with the let our princes be appointed for all the assembly, and peoples that do these abominations? Wouldn't you be let all those who are in our cities who have married angry with us until you had consumed us, so that there foreign women come at appointed times, and with them would be no remnant, nor any to escape? 15 Yahweh, the elders of every city and its judges, until the fierce the God of Israel, you are righteous; for we are left a wrath of our God is turned from us, until this matter is remnant that has escaped, as it is today. Behold, we are resolved." 15 Only Jonathan the son of Asahel and before you in our quiltiness; for no one can stand before Jahzeiah the son of Tikvah stood up against this; and Meshullam and Shabbethai the Levite helped them. 16 The children of the captivity did so. Ezra the priest, with certain heads of fathers' households, after their fathers' houses, and all of them by their names, were set apart; and they sat down in the first day of the tenth month to examine the matter. 17 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, Eliezer, 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, Elijah, Shemaiah, Jehiel, and Uzziah. 22 Of the sons of Pashhur: Elioenai. Maaseiah, Ishmael, Nethanel, Jozabad, and Elasah. 23 Of the Levites: Jozabad, Shimei, Kelaiah (also called Kelita). Pethahiah, Judah, and Eliezer. 24 Of the singers: Eliashib. Of the gatekeepers: Shallum, Telem, and Uri. 25 Of Israel: Of the sons of Parosh: Ramiah, Izziah, Malchijah, Mijamin, Eleazar, Malchijah, and Benaiah. 26 Of the sons of Elam: Mattaniah, Zechariah, Jehiel, Abdi, Jeremoth, and Elijah. 27 Of the sons of Zattu: Elioenai, Eliashib, Mattaniah, Jeremoth, Zabad, and Aziza. 28 Of the sons of Bebai: Jehohanan, Hananiah, Zabbai, and Athlai. 29 Of the sons of Bani: Meshullam, Malluch, Adaiah, Jashub, Sheal, and Jeremoth. 30 Of the sons of Pahathmoab: Adna, Chelal, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattaniah, Bezalel, Binnui, and Manasseh. 31 Of the sons of Harim: Eliezer, Isshijah, Malchijah, Shemaiah, Shimeon, 32 Benjamin, Malluch, and Shemariah. 33 Of the sons of Hashum: Mattenai, Mattattah, Zabad, Eliphelet, Jeremai, Manasseh, and Shimei, 34 Of the sons of Bani: Maadai, Amram, Uel, 35 Benaiah, Bedeiah, Cheluhi, 36 Vaniah, Meremoth, Eliashib, 37 Mattaniah, Mattenai, Jaasu, 38 Bani, Binnui, Shimei, 39 Shelemiah, Nathan, Adaiah, 40 Machnadebai, Shashai, Sharai, 41 Azarel, Shelemiah, Shemariah, 42 Shallum, Amariah, and Joseph. 43 Of the sons of Nebo: Jeiel, Mattithiah, Zabad, Zebina, Iddo, Joel, and Benaiah. 44 All these had taken foreign wives. Some of them had wives by whom they had children.

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Nehemiah

1 The words of Nehemiah the son of Hacaliah. Now in the month Chisley, in the twentieth year, as I was in Susa the palace, 2 Hanani, one of my brothers, came, he and certain men out of Judah; and I asked them about 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 affliction and reproach. The wall of Jerusalem is also broken down, and its gates are burned with fire." 4 When I heard these words, I sat down and wept, and mourned several days; and I fasted and prayed before the God of heaven, 5 and said, "I beg you, Yahweh, 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 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 I will 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 today, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man." Now I was cup bearer to the king.

2 In the month Nisan, in the twentieth year of Artaxerxes words that he had spoken to me. They said, "Let's rise the king, when wine was before him, I picked up up and build." So they strengthened their hands for the good work. 19 But when Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah sad before in his presence. 2 The king said to me, the Ammonite servant, and Geshem the Arabian, heard "Why is your face sad, since you are not sick? This is nothing else but sorrow of heart." Then I was very much is this thing that you are doing? Will you rebel against the king?" 20 Then I answered them, and said to them, Why shouldn't my face be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers' tombs, lies waste, and its gates have servants, will arise and build; but you have no portion, nor right, nor memorial in Jerusalem."

of heaven. 5 I said to the king, "If it pleases the king, and if your servant has found favor in your sight, I ask 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 gueen was also sitting by him), "How long will your journey be? When will you return?" So it pleased the king to send me, and I set a time for him. 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 will occupy." 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 captains of the army and horsemen with me. 10 When Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite servant 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 a few men with me. I didn't tell anyone what my God put into my heart to do for Jerusalem. There wasn't any animal with me except the animal that I rode on. 13 I went out by night by the valley gate toward the jackal's well, then to the dung gate; and I inspected the walls of Jerusalem, which were broken down, and its gates were consumed with fire. 14 Then I went on to the spring gate and to the king's pool, but there was no place for the animal that was under me to pass. 15 Then I went up in the night by the brook and inspected the wall; and I turned back, and entered by the valley gate, and so returned. 16 The rulers didn't know where I went, or what I did. I had not 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 bad situation that we are in, how Jerusalem lies waste, and its gates are burned with fire. Come, let's build up the wall of Jerusalem, that we won't be disgraced." 18 I told them about the hand of my God which was good on me, and also about the king's words that he had spoken to me. They said, "Let's rise up and build." So they strengthened their hands for the good work. 19 But when Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the Ammonite servant, and Geshem the Arabian, heard it, they ridiculed us and despised us, and said, "What is this thing that you are doing? Will you rebel against the king?" 20 Then I answered them, and said to them, "The God of heaven will prosper us. Therefore we, his sanctified it, and set up its doors. They sanctified it even from the turning of the wall to the door of the house of to the tower of Hammeah, to the tower of Hananel. 2 Eliashib the high priest. 21 After him, Meremoth the son Next to him the men of Jericho built. Next to them Zaccur of Uriah the son of Hakkoz repaired another portion, the son of Imri built. 3 The sons of Hassenaah built the from the door of the house of Eliashib even to the end of fish gate. They laid its beams, and set up its doors, its the house of Eliashib. 22 After him, the priests, the men bolts, and its bars. 4 Next to them, Meremoth the son of of the surrounding area made repairs. 23 After them, Uriah, the son of Hakkoz made repairs. Next to them, Benjamin and Hasshub made repairs across from their Meshullam the son of Berechiah, the son of Meshezabel house. After them, Azariah the son of Maaseiah the made repairs. Next to them, Zadok the son of Baana son of Ananiah made repairs beside his own house. 24 made repairs. 5 Next to them, the Tekoites made After him, Binnui the son of Henadad repaired another repairs; but their nobles didn't put their necks to the portion, from the house of Azariah to the turning of the Lord's work. 6 Joiada the son of Paseah and Meshullam wall, and to the corner. 25 Palal the son of Uzai made the son of Besodeiah repaired the old gate. They laid its repairs opposite the turning of the wall, and the tower beams and set up its doors, its bolts, and its bars, 7 that stands out from the upper house of the king, which Next to them, Melatiah the Gibeonite and Jadon the is by the court of the guard. After him Pedaiah the son Meronothite, the men of Gibeon and of Mizpah, repaired of Parosh made repairs. 26 (Now the temple servants the residence of the governor beyond the River. 8 Next lived in Ophel, to the place opposite the water gate to him, Uzziel the son of Harhaiah, goldsmiths, made toward the east, and the tower that stands out.) 27 After repairs. Next to him, Hananiah, one of the perfumers, him the Tekoites repaired another portion, opposite the made repairs, and they fortified Jerusalem even to the great tower that stands out, and to the wall of Ophel. wide wall. 9 Next to them, Rephaiah the son of Hur, 28 Above the horse gate, the priests made repairs, the ruler of half the district of Jerusalem, made repairs. everyone across from his own house. 29 After them, 10 Next to them, Jedaiah the son of Harumaph made Zadok the son of Immer made repairs across from his repairs across from his house. Next to him, Hattush own house. After him, Shemaiah the son of Shecaniah, the son of Hashabneiah made repairs. 11 Malchijah the keeper of the east gate, made repairs. 30 After the son of Harim and Hasshub the son of Pahathmoab him, Hananiah the son of Shelemiah, and Hanun, the repaired another portion and the tower of the furnaces. sixth son of Zalaph, repaired another portion. After 12 Next to him, Shallum the son of Hallohesh, the ruler him, Meshullam the son of Berechiah made repairs of half the district of Jerusalem, he and his daughters across from his room. 31 After him, Malchijah, one of made repairs. 13 Hanun and the inhabitants of Zanoah the goldsmiths to the house of the temple servants, repaired the valley gate. They built it, and set up its and of the merchants, made repairs opposite the gate doors, its bolts, and its bars, and one thousand cubits of Hammiphkad and to the ascent of the corner. 32 of the wall to the dung gate. 14 Malchijah the son of Between the ascent of the corner and the sheep gate, Rechab, the ruler of the district of Beth Haccherem, the goldsmiths and the merchants made repairs. repaired the dung gate. He built it, and set up its doors, its bolts, and its bars. 15 Shallun the son of Colhozeh, the ruler of the district of Mizpah, repaired the spring gate. He built it, covered it, and set up its doors, its bolts, and its bars; and he repaired the wall of the pool of Shelah by the king's garden, even to the stairs that go down from David's city. 16 After him, Nehemiah the son of Azbuk, the ruler of half the district of Beth Zur. made repairs to the place opposite the tombs of David, and to the pool that was made, and to the house of the mighty men. 17 After him, the Levites—Rehum the son of Bani made repairs. Next to him, Hashabiah, the ruler of half the district of Keilah, made repairs for his district. 18 After him, their brothers. Bayyai the son of Henadad. the ruler of 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

3 Then Eliashib the high priest rose up with his brothers armory at the turning of the wall. 20 After him, Baruch the priests, and they built the sheep gate. They the son of Zabbai earnestly repaired another portion,

> ▲ But when Sanballat heard that we were building the wall, he was angry, and was very indignant, and mocked the Jews. 2 He spoke before his brothers and the army of Samaria, and said, "What are these feeble Jews doing? Will they fortify themselves? Will they sacrifice? Will they finish in a day? Will they revive the stones out of the heaps of rubbish, since they are burned?" 3 Now Tobiah the Ammonite was by him, and he said, "What they are building, if a fox climbed up it, he would break down their stone wall." 4 "Hear, our God, for we are despised. Turn back their reproach on their own head. Give them up for a plunder in a land of captivity. 5 Don't cover their iniquity. Don't let their sin be blotted out from before you; for they have insulted the builders." 6 So we built the wall; and all the wall was joined together to half its height, for the people

Everyone took his weapon to the water.

Then there arose a great cry of the people and of their wives against their brothers the Jews. 2 For there were some who said, "We, our sons and our daughters, are many. Let us get grain, that we may eat and live." 3 There were also some who said, "We are mortgaging our fields, our vineyards, and our houses.

had a mind to work, 7 But when Sanballat, Tobiah, the Let us get grain, because of the famine," 4 There were Arabians, the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites heard also some who said, "We have borrowed money for that the repairing of the walls of Jerusalem went forward, the king's tribute using our fields and our vineyards as and that the breaches began to be filled, they were very collateral. 5 Yet now our flesh is as the flesh of our angry; 8 and they all conspired together to come and brothers, our children as their children. Behold, we bring fight against Jerusalem, and to cause confusion among our sons and our daughters into bondage to be servants, us. 9 But we made our prayer to our God, and set a and some of our daughters have been brought into watch against them day and night because of them. 10 bondage. It is also not in our power to help it, because Judah said, "The strength of the bearers of burdens is other men have our fields and our vineyards." 6 I was fading and there is much rubble, so that we are not able very angry when I heard their cry and these words. 7 to build the wall." 11 Our adversaries said, "They will Then I consulted with myself, and contended with the not know or see, until we come in among them and kill nobles and the rulers, and said to them, "You exact them, and cause the work to cease." 12 When the Jews usury, everyone of his brother." I held a great assembly who lived by them came, they said to us ten times from against them. 8 I said to them, "We, after our ability, all places, "Wherever you turn, they will attack us." 13 have redeemed our brothers the Jews that were sold to Therefore I set quards in the lowest parts of the space the nations; and would you even sell your brothers, and behind the wall, in the open places. I set the people by should they be sold to us?" Then they held their peace, family groups with their swords, their spears, and their and found not a word to say. 9 Also I said, "The thing bows. 14 I looked, and rose up, and said to the nobles, that you do is not good. Shouldn't you walk in the fear to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, "Don't be of our God because of the reproach of the nations, our afraid of them! Remember the Lord, who is great and enemies? 10 likewise, my brothers and my servants, awesome, and fight for your brothers, your sons, your lend them money and grain. Please let us stop this daughters, your wives, and your houses." 15 When our usury. 11 Please restore to them, even today, their fields, enemies heard that it was known to us, and God had their vineyards, their olive groves, and their houses, brought their counsel to nothing, all of us returned to the also the hundredth part of the money, and of the grain, wall, everyone to his work. 16 From that time forth, half the new wine, and the oil, that you are charging them." of my servants did the work, and half of them held the 12 Then they said, "We will restore them, and will require spears, the shields, the bows, and the coats of mail; nothing of them. We will do so, even as you say." Then I and the rulers were behind all the house of Judah. 17 called the priests, and took an oath of them, that they Those who built the wall, and those who bore burdens would do according to this promise. 13 Also I shook out loaded themselves; everyone with one of his hands did my lap, and said, "So may God shake out every man the work, and with the other held his weapon. 18 Among from his house, and from his labor, that doesn't perform the builders, everyone wore his sword at his side, and this promise; even may he be shaken out and emptied so built. He who sounded the trumpet was by me. 19 I like this." All the assembly said, "Amen," and praised said to the nobles, and to the rulers and to the rest of Yahweh. The people did according to this promise. 14 the people, "The work is great and widely spread out, Moreover from the time that I was appointed to be their and we are separated on the wall, far from one another. governor in the land of Judah, from the twentieth year 20 Wherever you hear the sound of the trumpet, rally even to the thirty-second year of Artaxerxes the king, there to us. Our God will fight for us." 21 So we did the that is, twelve years, I and my brothers have not eaten work. Half of the people held the spears from the rising the bread of the governor. 15 But the former governors of the morning until the stars appeared. 22 Likewise at who were before me were supported by the people, and the same time I said to the people. "Let everyone with took bread and wine from them, plus forty shekels of his servant lodge within Jerusalem, that in the night they silver; yes, even their servants ruled over the people, may be a guard to us, and may labor in the day." 23 but I didn't do so, because of the fear of God. 16 Yes, I So neither I, nor my brothers, nor my servants, nor the also continued in the work of this wall. We didn't buy men of the guard who followed me took off our clothes. any land. 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 men, in addition to those who came to us from among the nations that were around us. 18 Now that which was prepared for one day was one ox and six choice sheep. Also fowls were prepared for me, and once in ten days a store of all sorts of wine. Yet for all this, I didn't demand the governor's pay, because the bondage was heavy on because he was the son-in-law of Shecaniah the son of this people. 19 Remember me, my God, for all the good. Arah; and his son Jehohanan had taken the daughter of that I have done for this people.

6 Now when it was reported to Sanballat, Tobiah. 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 Sanballat and Geshem sent to me, saying, "Come! Let's meet together in the villages 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 me four times like this: and I answered them the same way. 5 Then Sanballat sent his servant to me the same way the fifth time with an open letter in his hand, 6 in which was written, "It is reported among the nations, and Gashmu says it, that you and the Jews intend to rebel. Because of that, you are building the wall. You would be their king, according to these words. 7 You have also appointed prophets to proclaim of you at Jerusalem, saying, 'There is a king in Judah!' Now it will be reported to the king according to these words. Come now therefore, and let's take counsel together." 8 Then I sent to him, saying, "There are no such things done as you say, but you imagine them out of your own heart." 9 For they all would have made us afraid, saving, "Their hands will be weakened from the work, that it not be done." But now, strengthen my hands. 10 I went to the house of Shemaiah the son of Delaiah the son of Mehetabel, who was shut in at his home; and he said, "Let us meet together in God's house, within the temple. and let's shut the doors of the temple: for they will come to kill you. Yes, in the night they will come to kill you." 11 I said, "Should a man like me flee? Who is there that, being such as I, would go into the temple to save his life? I will not go in." 12 I discerned, and behold, God had not sent him, but he pronounced this prophecy against me. Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him. 13 He was hired so that I would be afraid, do so, and sin, and that they might have material for an evil report, that they might reproach me. 14 "Remember, my God, Tobiah and Sanballat according to these their works, and also the prophetess Noadiah and the rest of the prophets that would have put me in fear." 15 So the wall was finished in the twenty-fifth day of Elul, in fifty-two days. 16 When all our enemies heard of it, all the nations that were around us were afraid, and they lost their confidence; for they perceived that this work was done by our God. 17 Moreover in those days the nobles of Judah sent many letters to Tobiah, and Tobiah's letters came to them. 18 For there were many in Judah sworn to him

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.

Now when the wall was built and I had set up the doors, and the gatekeepers and the singers and the Levites were appointed, 2 I put my brother Hanani, and Hananiah the governor of the fortress, in charge of Jerusalem; for he was a faithful man and feared God above many. 3 I said to them, "Don't let the gates of Jerusalem be opened until the sun is hot: and while they stand guard, let them shut the doors, and you bar them; and appoint watches of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, everyone in his watch, with everyone near his house." 4 Now the city was wide and large; but the people were few therein, and the houses were not built. 5 My God put into my heart to gather together the nobles, and the rulers, and the people, that they might be listed by genealogy. I found the book of the genealogy of those who came up at the first, and I found this written in it: 6 These are the children of the province who went up out of the captivity of those who had been carried away, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away, and who returned to Jerusalem and to Judah, everyone to his city, 7 who came with Zerubbabel, Jeshua, Nehemiah, Azariah, Raamiah, Nahamani, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispereth, Bigvai, Nehum, and Baanah. The number of the men of the people of Israel: 8 The children of Parosh: two thousand one hundred seventy-two. 9 The children of Shephatiah: three hundred seventy-two. 10 The children of Arah: six hundred fifty-two. 11 The children of Pahathmoab, of the children of Jeshua and Joab: two thousand eight hundred eighteen. 12 The children of Elam: one thousand two hundred fifty-four. 13 The children of Zattu: eight hundred forty-five. 14 The children of Zaccai: seven hundred sixty. 15 The children of Binnui: six hundred forty-eight. 16 The children of Bebai: six hundred twenty-eight. 17 The children of Azgad: two thousand three hundred twenty-two. 18 The children of Adonikam: six hundred sixty-seven. 19 The children of Bigvai: two thousand sixty-seven. 20 The children of Adin: six hundred fifty-five. 21 The children of Ater: of Hezekiah, ninety-eight. 22 The children of Hashum: three hundred twenty-eight. 23 The children of Bezai: three hundred twenty-four. 24 The children of Hariph: one hundred twelve. 25 The children of Gibeon: ninety-five. 26 The men of Bethlehem and Netophah: one hundred eighty-eight. 27 The men of Anathoth: one hundred twenty-eight. 28 The men of Beth Azmaveth: forty-two. 29 The men of Kiriath Jearim, Chephirah, and Beeroth: seven hundred forty-three. 30 The men

Hagaba, the children of Salmai, 49 the children of in their cities. Hanan, the children of Giddel, the children of Gahar, 50 the children of Reaiah, the children of Rezin, the children of Nekoda, 51 the children of Gazzam, the children of Uzza, the children of Paseah, 52 the children of Besai, the children of Meunim, the children of Nephushesim, 53 the children of Bakbuk, the children of Hakupha, the children of Harhur, 54 the children of Bazlith, the children of Mehida, the children of Harsha, 55 the children of Barkos, the children of Sisera, the children of Temah, 56 the children of Neziah, and the children of Hatipha. 57 The children of Solomon's servants: the children of Sotai, the children of Sophereth, the children of Perida, 58 the children of Jaala, the children of Darkon, the children of Giddel, 59 the children of Shephatiah, the children of Hattil, the children of Pochereth Hazzebaim, and the children of Amon. 60 All the temple servants and the children of Solomon's servants were three hundred ninety-two. 61 These were those who went up from Tel Melah, Tel Harsha, Cherub, Addon, and Immer; but they could not show their fathers' houses, nor their offspring, whether they were of Israel: 62 The children of Delaiah, the children of Tobiah, the children of Nekoda: six hundred forty-two. 63 Of the priests: the children of Hobaiah, the children of Hakkoz, the children of Barzillai, who took a wife of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite, and was called after their name. 64 These searched for their genealogical records, but couldn't find them. Therefore they were deemed disqualified and

of Ramah and Geba: six hundred twenty-one. 31 The removed from the priesthood. 65 The governor told men of Michmas: one hundred twenty-two. 32 The men them not to eat of the most holy things until a priest of Bethel and Ai: one hundred twenty-three. 33 The stood up to minister with Urim and Thummim. 66 The men of the other Nebo: fifty-two. 34 The children of the whole assembly together was forty-two thousand three other Elam: one thousand two hundred fifty-four. 35 The hundred sixty, 67 in addition to their male servants children of Harim: three hundred twenty. 36 The children and their female servants, of whom there were seven of Jericho: three hundred forty-five. 37 The children of thousand three hundred thirty-seven. They had two Lod, Hadid, and Ono: seven hundred twenty-one. 38 The hundred forty-five singing men and singing women. 68 children of Senaah: three thousand nine hundred thirty. Their horses were seven hundred thirty-six; their mules, 39 The priests: The children of Jedaiah, of the house of two hundred forty-five; 69 their camels, four hundred Jeshua: nine hundred seventy-three. 40 The children thirty-five; their donkeys, six thousand seven hundred of Immer: one thousand fifty-two. 41 The children of twenty. 70 Some from among the heads of fathers' Pashhur: one thousand two hundred forty-seven. 42 households gave to the work. The governor gave to The children of Harim: one thousand seventeen. 43 the treasury one thousand darics of gold, fifty basins, The Levites: the children of Jeshua, of Kadmiel, of the and five hundred thirty priests' garments. 71 Some of children of Hodevah: seventy-four. 44 The singers: the the heads of fathers' households gave into the treasury children of Asaph: one hundred forty-eight. 45 The of the work twenty thousand darics of gold, and two gatekeepers: the children of Shallum, the children of thousand two hundred minas of silver. 72 That which Ater, the children of Talmon, the children of Akkub, the the rest of the people gave was twenty thousand darics children of Hatita, the children of Shobai: one hundred of gold, plus two thousand minas of silver, and sixtythirty-eight. 46 The temple servants: the children of Ziha, seven priests' garments. 73 So the priests, the Levites, the children of Hasupha, the children of Tabbaoth, 47 the gatekeepers, the singers, some of the people, the the children of Keros, the children of Sia, the children temple servants, and all Israel lived in their cities. When of Padon. 48 the children of Lebana, the children of the seventh month had come, the children of Israel were

> $oldsymbol{8}$ All the people gathered themselves together as one man into the wide place that was in front of the water gate; and they spoke to Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which Yahweh 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 He read from it before the wide place that was in front of the water gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women, and of those who could understand. The ears of all the people were attentive to the book 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, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah, on his right hand; and on his left hand, Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hashbaddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam. 5 Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people (for he was above all the people), and when he opened it, all the people stood up. 6 Then Ezra blessed Yahweh, the great God. All the people answered, "Amen, Amen," with the lifting up of their hands. They bowed their heads, and worshiped Yahweh with their faces to the ground. 7 Also Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, and the Levites, caused the people to understand the law; and the people stayed in their place. 8 They read

in the book, in the law of God, distinctly; and they from everlasting to everlasting! Blessed be your glorious gave the sense, so that they understood the reading. name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise! 9 Nehemiah, who was the governor, Ezra the priest 6 You are Yahweh, even you alone. You have made and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their army, the to all the people, "Today is holy to Yahweh your God. earth and all things that are on it, the seas and all that is Don't mourn, nor weep." For all the people wept when in them, and you preserve them all. The army of heaven they heard the words of the law. 10 Then he said to worships you. 7 You are Yahweh, the God who chose them, "Go your way. Eat the fat, drink the sweet, and Abram, brought him out of Ur of the Chaldees, gave him send portions to him for whom nothing is prepared, for the name of Abraham, 8 found his heart faithful before today is holy to our Lord. Don't be grieved, for the joy of you, and made a covenant with him to give the land of Yahweh is your strength." 11 So the Levites calmed all the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Amorite, the Perizzite, the the people, saying, "Hold your peace, for the day is holy. Jebusite, and the Girgashite, to give it to his offspring, Don't be grieved." 12 All the people went their way to and have performed your words, for you are righteous. eat, to drink, to send portions, and to celebrate, because 9 "You saw the affliction of our fathers in Egypt, and they had understood the words that were declared to heard their cry by the Red Sea. 10 and showed signs them. 13 On the second day, the heads of fathers' and wonders against Pharaoh, against all his servants, households of all the people, the priests, and the Levites and against all the people of his land, for you knew that were gathered together to Ezra the scribe, to study the they dealt proudly against them, and made a name for words of the law. 14 They found written in the law how yourself, as it is today. 11 You divided the sea before Yahweh had commanded by Moses that the children of them, so that they went through the middle of the sea Israel should dwell in booths in the feast of the seventh on the dry land; and you cast their pursuers into the month; 15 and that they should publish and proclaim depths, as a stone into the mighty waters. 12 Moreover, in all their cities and in Jerusalem, saying, "Go out to in a pillar of cloud you led them by day; and in a pillar the mountain, and get olive branches, branches of wild of fire by night, to give them light in the way in which olive, myrtle branches, palm branches, and branches of they should go. 13 "You also came down on Mount thick trees, to make temporary shelters, as it is written." Sinai, and spoke with them from heaven, and gave 16 So the people went out and brought them, and made them right ordinances and true laws, good statutes and themselves temporary shelters, everyone on the roof commandments, 14 and made known to them your of his house, in their courts, in the courts of God's holy Sabbath, and commanded them commandments, house, in the wide place of the water gate, and in the statutes, and a law, by Moses your servant, 15 and wide place of Ephraim's gate. 17 All the assembly of gave them bread from the sky for their hunger, and those who had come back out of the captivity made brought water out of the rock for them for their thirst, temporary shelters and lived in the temporary shelters, and commanded them that they should go in to possess for since the days of Joshua the son of Nun to that day the land which you had sworn to give them. 16 "But they the children of Israel had not done so. There was very and our fathers behaved proudly, hardened their neck, great gladness. 18 Also day by day, from the first day to didn't listen to your commandments, 17 and refused the last day, he read in the book of the law of God. They to obey. They weren't mindful of your wonders that kept the feast seven days; and on the eighth day was a you did among them, but hardened their neck, and in solemn assembly, according to the ordinance.

Q Now in the twenty-fourth day of this month the children of Israel were assembled with fasting, with sackcloth, and dirt on them. 2 The offspring 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 book of the law of Yahweh their God a fourth part of the day; and a fourth part they confessed and worshiped Yahweh their God. 4 Then Jeshua, Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani, and Chenani of the Levites stood up on the stairs, and cried with a loud voice to Yahweh their God. 5 Then the Levites, Jeshua, and Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabneiah, Sherebiah, Hodiah, Shebaniah, and Pethahiah, said, "Stand up and bless Yahweh your God

their rebellion appointed a captain to return to their bondage. But you are a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abundant in loving kindness, and didn't forsake them. 18 Yes, when they had made themselves a molded calf, and said, 'This is your God who brought you up out of Egypt,' and had committed awful blasphemies, 19 yet you in your manifold mercies didn't forsake them in the wilderness. The pillar of cloud didn't depart from over them by day, to lead them in the way; neither did the pillar of fire by night, to show them light, and the way in which they should go. 20 You gave also your good Spirit to instruct them, and didn't withhold your manna from their mouth, and gave them water for their thirst. 21 "Yes, forty years you sustained them in the wilderness. They lacked

didn't swell. 22 Moreover you gave them kingdoms and 35 For they have not served you in their kingdom, and in peoples, which you allotted according to their portions. your great goodness that you gave them, and in the So they possessed the land of Sihon, even the land large and rich land which you gave before them. They of the king of Heshbon, and the land of Og king of didn't turn from their wicked works. 36 "Behold, we are Bashan. 23 You also multiplied their children as the stars servants today, and as for the land that you gave to of the sky, and brought them into the land concerning our fathers to eat its fruit and its good, behold, we are which you said to their fathers that they should go in to servants in it. 37 It yields much increase to the kings possess it. 24 "So the children went in and possessed whom you have set over us because of our sins. Also the land; and you subdued before them the inhabitants they have power over our bodies and over our livestock, of the land, the Canaanites, and gave them into their at their pleasure, and we are in great distress. 38 Yet for hands, with their kings and the peoples of the land, that all this, we make a sure covenant, and write it; and our they might do with them as they pleased. 25 They took princes, our Levites, and our priests, seal it." fortified cities and a rich land, and possessed houses full of all good things, cisterns dug out, vineyards, olive groves, and fruit trees in abundance. So they ate, were filled, became fat, and delighted themselves in your great goodness. 26 "Nevertheless they were disobedient and rebelled against you, cast your law behind their back, 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 hands of their adversaries. 28 But after they had rest, they did evil again before you; therefore you left them in the hands 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 were arrogant, and didn't listen to your commandments, but sinned against your ordinances (which if a man does, he shall live in them), turned their backs, stiffened their neck, and would not hear. 30 Yet many years you put up with them, and testified against them by your Spirit through your prophets. Yet they would not listen. Therefore you gave them into the hand of the peoples of the lands. 31 "Nevertheless in your manifold mercies you didn't make a full end of them, nor forsake them; for you are a gracious and merciful God. 32 Now therefore, our God, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God. who keeps covenant and loving kindness, don't let all the travail seem little before you that has come on us, on our kings, on our princes, on our priests, on our prophets, on our fathers, and on all your people, since the time of the kings of Assyria to this day. 33 However you are just in all that has come on us; for you have dealt truly, but we have done wickedly. 34 Also our kings, our princes, our priests, and our fathers have not kept your law, nor listened to your commandments and

nothing. Their clothes didn't grow old, and their feet your testimonies with which you testified against them.

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, and Shemaiah. These were the priests. 9 The Levites: 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 Zaccur, Sherebiah, Shebaniah, 13 Hodiah, Bani, and Beninu. 14 The chiefs of the people: Parosh, Pahathmoab, Elam, Zattu, Bani, 15 Bunni, Azgad, Bebai, 16 Adonijah, Bigvai, 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 Ahiah, Hanan, Anan, 27 Malluch, Harim, and Baanah. 28 The rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the gatekeepers, the singers, the temple servants, and all those who had separated themselves from the peoples of the lands to the law of God, their wives, their sons, and their daughters—everyone who had knowledge and understanding— 29 joined with their brothers, their nobles, and entered into a curse and into an oath, to walk in God's law, which was given by Moses the servant of God, and to observe and do all the commandments of Yahweh our Lord, and his ordinances and his statutes; 30 and that we would not give our daughters to the peoples of the land, nor take their daughters for our sons; 31 and if the peoples of the land bring wares or any grain on the Sabbath day to sell, that we would not buy from them on the Sabbath, or on a holy day; and that we would forego the seventh year crops and the exaction of every debt. 32 Also we made ordinances for ourselves, to charge ourselves yearly with the third part of a shekel for the service of the house of our God: 33 for the show bread, for the continual meal offering,

for the continual burnt offering, for the Sabbaths, for eight, 9 Joel the son of Zichri was their overseer; and will not forsake the house of our God.

11 The princes of the people lived in Jerusalem. The rest of the people also cast lots to bring one of ten to dwell in Jerusalem, the holy city, and nine parts in the other 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 Jerusalem; but in the cities of Judah, everyone lived in his possession in their cities-Israel, the priests, the Levites, the temple servants, and the children of Solomon's servants. 4 Some of the children of Judah and of the children of Benjamin lived in Jerusalem. Of the children of Judah: Athaiah the son of Uzziah, the son of Zechariah, the son of Amariah, the son of Shephatiah, the son of Mahalalel, of the children of Perez; 5 and Maaseiah the son of Baruch, the son of Colhozeh, the son of Hazaiah, the son of Adaiah, the son of Joiarib, the son of Zechariah, the son of the Shilonite. 6 All the sons of Perez who lived in Jerusalem were four hundred sixty-eight valiant men. 7 These are the sons of Benjamin: Sallu the son of Meshullam, the son of Joed, the son of Pedaiah, the son of Kolaiah, the son of Maaseiah, the son of Ithiel, the son of Jeshaiah. 8 After him Gabbai and Sallai, nine hundred twenty-

the new moons, for the set feasts, for the holy things, Judah the son of Hassenuah was second over the city. for the sin offerings to make atonement for Israel, and 10 Of the priests: Jedaiah the son of Joiarib, Jachin, 11 for all the work of the house of our God. 34 We, the Seraiah the son of Hilkiah, the son of Meshullam, the priests, the Levites, and the people, cast lots for the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, wood offering, to bring it into the house of our God, the ruler of God's house, 12 and their brothers who did according to our fathers' houses, at times appointed the work of the house, eight hundred twenty-two; and year by year, to burn on Yahweh our God's altar, as it is Adaiah the son of Jeroham, the son of Pelaliah, the son written in the law; 35 and to bring the first fruits of our of Amzi, the son of Zechariah, the son of Pashhur, the ground and the first fruits of all fruit of all kinds of trees, son of Malchijah, 13 and his brothers, chiefs of fathers' year by year, to Yahweh's house; 36 also the firstborn of households, two hundred forty-two; and Amashsai the our sons and of our livestock, as it is written in the law, son of Azarel, the son of Ahzai, the son of Meshillemoth, and the firstborn of our herds and of our flocks, to bring the son of Immer, 14 and their brothers, mighty men to the house of our God, to the priests who minister in of valor, one hundred twenty-eight; and their overseer the house of our God; 37 and that we should bring the was Zabdiel, the son of Haggedolim. 15 Of the Levites: first fruits of our dough, our wave offerings, the fruit of Shemaiah the son of Hasshub, the son of Azrikam, the all kinds of trees, and the new wine and the oil, to the son of Hashabiah, the son of Bunni; 16 and Shabbethai priests, to the rooms of the house of our God; and the and Jozabad, of the chiefs of the Levites, who had the tithes of our ground to the Levites; for they, the Levites, oversight of the outward business of God's house; 17 take the tithes in all our farming villages. 38 The priest, and Mattaniah the son of Mica, the son of Zabdi, the son the descendent of Aaron, shall be with the Levites when of Asaph, who was the chief to begin the thanksgiving in the Levites take tithes. The Levites shall bring up the prayer, and Bakbukiah, the second among his brothers; tithe of the tithes to the house of our God, to the rooms, and Abda the son of Shammua, the son of Galal, the into the treasure house. 39 For the children of Israel son of Jeduthun. 18 All the Levites in the holy city were and the children of Levi shall bring the wave offering of two hundred eighty-four. 19 Moreover the gatekeepers, the grain, of the new wine, and of the oil, to the rooms Akkub, Talmon, and their brothers, who kept watch at the where the vessels of the sanctuary are, and the priests gates, were one hundred seventy-two, 20 The residue who minister, with the gatekeepers and the singers. We of Israel, of the priests, and the Levites were in all the cities of Judah, everyone in his inheritance. 21 But the temple servants lived in Ophel; and Ziha and Gishpa were over 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 responsible for the service 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. 24 Pethahiah the son of Meshezabel, of the children of Zerah the son of Judah, was at the king's hand in all matters concerning the people. 25 As for the villages with their fields, some of the children of Judah lived in Kiriath Arba and its towns, in Dibon and its towns, in Jekabzeel and its villages, 26 in Jeshua, in Moladah, Beth Pelet, 27 in Hazar Shual, in Beersheba and its towns, 28 in Ziklag, in Meconah and in its towns, 29 in En Rimmon, in Zorah, in Jarmuth, 30 Zanoah, Adullam, and their villages, Lachish and its fields, and Azekah and its towns. So they encamped from Beersheba to the valley of Hinnom. 31 The children of Benjamin also lived from Geba onward, at Michmash and Aija, and at Bethel and its towns, 32 at Anathoth, Nob, Ananiah, 33 Hazor, Ramah, Gittaim, 34 Hadid, Zeboim, Neballat, 35 Lod,

and Ono, the valley of craftsmen. **36** Of the Levites, certain divisions in Judah settled in Benjamin's territory.

1 7 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, Ginnethoi, Abijah, 5 Mijamin, Maadiah, Bilgah, 6 Shemaiah, Joiarib, Jedaiah, 7 Sallu, Amok, Hilkiah, and Jedaiah. These were the chiefs of the priests and of their brothers in the days of Jeshua. 8 Moreover the Levites were Jeshua, Binnui, Kadmiel, Sherebiah, Judah, and Mattaniah, who was over the thanksgiving songs, he and his brothers. 9 Also Bakbukiah and Unno, their brothers, were close to 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 fathers' households: of Seraiah, Meraiah; of Jeremiah, Hananiah; 13 of Ezra, Meshullam; of Amariah, Jehohanan; 14 of Malluchi, Jonathan; of Shebaniah, Joseph; 15 of Harim, Adna; of Meraioth, Helkai; 16 of Iddo, Zechariah; of Ginnethon, Meshullam; 17 of Abijah, Zichri; of Miniamin, of Moadiah, Piltai; 18 of Bilgah, Shammua; of Shemaiah, Jehonathan; 19 of Joiarib, Mattenai; of Jedaiah, Uzzi; 20 of Sallai, Kallai; of Amok, Eber; 21 of Hilkiah, Hashabiah; of Jedaiah, Nethanel. 22 As for the Levites, in the days of Eliashib, Joiada, Johanan, and Jaddua, there were recorded the heads of fathers' households; also the priests, in the reign of Darius the Persian. 23 The sons of Levi, heads of fathers' households, were written in the book 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 brothers close to them, to praise and give thanks according to the commandment of David the man of God, section next to section. 25 Mattaniah, Bakbukiah, Obadiah, Meshullam, Talmon, and Akkub were gatekeepers keeping the watch at the storehouses of the gates. 26 These were in the days of Joiakim the son of Jeshua, the son of Jozadak, and in the days of Nehemiah the governor, and of Ezra the priest and scribe. 27 At the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem, they sought the Levites out of all their places, to bring them to Jerusalem to keep the dedication with gladness, both with giving thanks and with singing, with cymbals, stringed instruments, and with harps. 28 The sons of the singers gathered themselves together, both out of the plain around Jerusalem and from the villages of the Netophathites; 29 also from Beth Gilgal and out of the fields of Geba and Azmaveth, for the singers had built

themselves villages around Jerusalem. 30 The priests and the Levites purified themselves; and they purified the people, the gates, and the wall. 31 Then I brought the princes of Judah up on 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, with half of the princes of Judah, 33 and Azariah, Ezra, and Meshullam, 34 Judah, Benjamin, Shemaiah, Jeremiah, 35 and some of the priests' sons with trumpets: Zechariah the son of Jonathan, the son of Shemaiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Micaiah, the son of Zaccur, the son of Asaph; 36 and his brothers, Shemaiah, Azarel, Milalai, Gilalai, Maai, Nethanel, Judah, and Hanani, with the musical instruments of David the man of God; and Ezra the scribe was before them. 37 By the spring gate, and straight before them, they went up by the stairs of David's city, at the ascent of the wall, above David's house, 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 furnaces, even to the wide wall, 39 and above the gate of Ephraim, and by the old gate, and by the fish gate, the tower of Hananel, and the tower of Hammeah, even to the sheep gate; and they stood still in the gate of the guard. 40 So the two companies of those who gave thanks in God's house stood, 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, Shemaiah, Eleazar, Uzzi, Jehohanan, Malchijah, 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 joy; and the women and the children also rejoiced, so that the joy of Jerusalem was heard even far away. 44 On that day, men were appointed over the rooms for the treasures, for the wave offerings, for the first fruits, and for the tithes, to gather into them according to the fields of the cities the portions appointed by the law for the priests and Levites; for Judah rejoiced for the priests and for the Levites who served. 45 They performed the duty of their God and the duty of the purification, and so did the singers and the gatekeepers, according to the commandment of David and of Solomon his son. 46 For in the days of David and Asaph of old there was a chief of the singers, and songs of praise and thanksgiving to God. 47 All Israel in the days of Zerubbabel and in the days of Nehemiah gave the portions of the singers and the gatekeepers, as every day required; and they set apart that which was for the Levites; and the Levites set apart that which was for the sons of Aaron.

it that an Ammonite and a Moabite should not enter began to be dark before the Sabbath, I commanded into the assembly of God forever, 2 because they didn't that the doors should be shut, and commanded that meet the children of Israel with bread and with water, but they should not be opened until after the Sabbath. I hired Balaam against them to curse them; however, our set some of my servants over the gates, so that no God turned the curse into a blessing. 3 It came to pass, burden should be brought in on the Sabbath day. 20 when they had heard the law, that they separated all the So the merchants and sellers of all kinds of wares mixed multitude from Israel. 4 Now before this, Eliashib camped outside of Jerusalem once or twice. 21 Then I the priest, who was appointed over the rooms of the testified against them, and said to them, "Why do you house of our God, being allied to Tobiah, 5 had prepared stay around the wall? If you do so again, I will lay hands for him a great room, where before they laid the meal on you." From that time on, they didn't come on the offerings, the frankincense, the vessels, and the tithes Sabbath. 22 I commanded the Levites that they should of the grain, the new wine, and the oil, which were given purify themselves, and that they should come and keep by commandment to the Levites, the singers, and the the gates, to sanctify the Sabbath day. Remember me gatekeepers; and the wave offerings for the priests. 6 for this also, my God, and spare me according to the But in all this, I was not at Jerusalem; for in the thirty- greatness of your loving kindness. 23 In those days I second year of Artaxerxes king of Babylon I went to the also saw the Jews who had married women of Ashdod, king; and after some days I asked leave of the king, 7 of Ammon, and of Moab; 24 and their children spoke and I came to Jerusalem, and understood the evil that half in the speech of Ashdod, and could not speak in Eliashib had done for Tobiah, in preparing him a room in the Jews' language, but according to the language of the courts of God's house. 8 It grieved me severely. each people. 25 I contended with them, cursed them, Therefore I threw all Tobiah's household stuff out of struck certain of them, plucked off their hair, and made the room. 9 Then I commanded, and they cleansed them swear by God, "You shall not give your daughters the rooms. I brought into them the vessels of God's to their sons, nor take their daughters for your sons, house, with the meal offerings and the frankincense or for yourselves. 26 Didn't Solomon king of Israel sin again. 10 I perceived that the portions of the Levites by these things? Yet among many nations there was had not been given them, so that the Levites and the no king like him, and he was loved by his God, and singers, who did the work, had each fled to his field. God made him king over all Israel. Nevertheless foreign 11 Then I contended with the rulers, and said, "Why women caused even him to sin. 27 Shall we then listen is God's house forsaken?" I gathered them together, to you to do all this great evil, to trespass against our and set them in their place. 12 Then all Judah brought God in marrying foreign women?" 28 One of the sons of the tithe of the grain, the new wine, and the oil to the Joiada, the son of Eliashib the high priest, was son-intreasuries. 13 I made treasurers over the treasuries, law to Sanballat the Horonite; therefore I chased him Shelemiah the priest, and Zadok the scribe, and of the from me. 29 Remember them, my God, because they Levites, Pedaiah: and next to them was Hanan the son have defiled the priesthood and the covenant of the of Zaccur, the son of Mattaniah; for they were counted priesthood and of the Levites. 30 Thus I cleansed them faithful, and their business was to distribute to their from all foreigners and appointed duties for the priests brothers. 14 Remember me, my God, concerning this, and for the Levites, everyone in his work; 31 and for the and don't wipe out my good deeds that I have done for wood offering, at appointed times, and for the first fruits. the house of my God, and for its observances. 15 In Remember me, my God, for good. those days I saw some men treading wine presses on the Sabbath in Judah, bringing in sheaves, and loading donkeys with wine, grapes, figs, and all kinds of burdens which they brought into Jerusalem on the Sabbath day; and I testified against them in the day in which they sold food. 16 Some men of Tyre also lived there, who brought in fish and all kinds of wares, and sold on the Sabbath to the children of Judah, and in Jerusalem. 17 Then I contended with the nobles of Judah, and said to them, "What evil thing is this that you do, and profane the Sabbath day? 18 Didn't your fathers do this, and didn't our God bring all this evil on us and on this city? Yet you

13 On that day they read in the book of Moses in the bring more wrath on Israel by profaning the Sabbath." hearing of the people; and it was found written in 19 It came to pass that when the gates of Jerusalem

Esther

1 Now in the days of Ahasuerus (this is Ahasuerus who reigned from India even to Ethiopia, over one hundred twenty-seven provinces), 2 in those days, when the King Ahasuerus sat on the throne of his kingdom, which was in Susa the palace, 3 in the third year of his reign, he made a feast for all his princes and his servants; the army 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 Susa the palace, both great and small, in the court of the garden of the king's palace. 6 There were hangings of white 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. kinds, including royal wine in abundance, according to the bounty of the king. 8 In accordance with the law, the drinking was not compulsory; for so the king had instructed all the officials of his house, that they should queen has not done wrong to just the king, but also to

brought in before him, but she didn't come.' 18 Today. the princesses of Persia and Media who have heard of the queen's deed will tell all the king's princes. This will cause much contempt and wrath. 19 "If it pleases 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 Ahasuerus; 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 This advice pleased the king and the princes, 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.

? After these things, when the wrath of King Ahasuerus was pacified, he remembered Vashti, and what she 7 They gave them drinks in golden vessels of various had done, and what was decreed against her. 2 Then the king's servants who served him said, "Let beautiful young virgins be sought for the king. 3 Let the king appoint officers in all the provinces of his kingdom, that they may gather together all the beautiful young do according to every man's pleasure. 9 Also Vashti the virgins to the citadel of Susa, to the women's house, queen made a feast for the women in the royal house to the custody of Hegai the king's eunuch, keeper of which belonged to King Ahasuerus. 10 On the seventh the women. Let cosmetics be given them; 4 and let day, when the heart of the king was merry with wine, the maiden who pleases the king be queen instead he commanded Mehuman, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha, of Vashti." The thing pleased the king, and he did and Abaqtha, Zethar, and Carcass, the seven eunuchs so. 5 There was a certain Jew in the citadel of Susa who served in the presence of Ahasuerus the king, 11 whose name was Mordecai, the son of Jair, the son of to bring Vashti the queen before the king wearing the Shimei, the son of Kish, a Benjamite, 6 who had been royal crown, to show the people and the princes her carried away from Jerusalem with the captives who beauty; for she was beautiful. 12 But the queen Vashti had been carried away with Jeconiah king of Judah, refused to come at the king's commandment by the whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried eunuchs. Therefore the king was very angry, and his away. 7 He brought up Hadassah, that is, Esther, his anger burned in him. 13 Then the king said to the wise uncle's daughter; for she had neither father nor mother. men, who knew the times (for it was the king's custom to The maiden was fair and beautiful; and when her father consult those who knew law and judgment; 14 and next and mother were dead, Mordecai took her for his own to him were Carshena, Shethar, Admatha, Tarshish, daughter. 8 So, when the king's commandment and Meres, Marsena, and Memucan, the seven princes of his decree was heard, and when many maidens were Persia and Media, who saw the king's face, and sat first gathered together to the citadel of Susa, to the custody in the kingdom), 15 "What shall we do to Queen Vashti of Hegai, Esther was taken into the king's house, to the according to law, because she has not done the bidding custody of Hegai, keeper of the women. 9 The maiden of the King Ahasuerus by the eunuchs?" 16 Memucan pleased him, and she obtained kindness from him. He answered before the king and the princes, "Vashti the quickly gave her cosmetics and her portions of food, and the seven choice maidens who were to be given her all the princes, and to all the people who are in all the out of the king's house. He moved her and her maidens provinces of the King Ahasuerus. 17 For this deed of the to the best place in the women's house. 10 Esther had queen will become known to all women, causing them not made known her people nor her relatives, because to show contempt for their husbands when it is reported, Mordecai had instructed her that she should not make it 'King Ahasuerus commanded Vashti the queen to be known. 11 Mordecai walked every day in front of the

court of the women's house, to find out how Esther Now it came to pass, when they spoke daily to him. the book of the chronicles in the king's presence.

3 After these things King Ahasuerus promoted Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, and advanced him, and set his seat above all the princes who were with him. 2 All the king's servants who were in the king's gate bowed down and paid homage to Haman, for the king had so commanded concerning him. But Mordecai didn't bow down or pay him homage. 3 Then the king's servants who were in the king's gate said to Mordecai, "Why do you disobey the king's commandment?" 4

was doing, and what would become of her. 12 Each and he didn't listen to them, that they told Haman, to young woman's turn came to go in to King Ahasuerus see whether Mordecai's reason would stand; for he after her purification for twelve months (for so were had told them that he was a Jew. 5 When Haman saw the days of their purification accomplished, six months that Mordecai didn't bow down nor pay him homage, with oil of myrrh, and six months with sweet fragrances Haman was full of wrath. 6 But he scorned the thought and with preparations for beautifying women). 13 The of laying hands on Mordecai alone, for they had made young woman then came to the king like this: whatever known to him Mordecai's people. Therefore Haman she desired was given her to go with her out of the sought to destroy all the Jews who were throughout the women's house to the king's house. 14 In the evening whole kingdom of Ahasuerus, even Mordecai's people. she went, and on the next day she returned into the 7 In the first month, which is the month Nisan, in the second women's house, to the custody of Shaashgaz, twelfth year of King Ahasuerus, they cast Pur, that is, the king's eunuch, who kept the concubines. She came the lot, before Haman from day to day, and from month in to the king no more, unless the king delighted in her, to month, and chose the twelfth month, which is the and she was called by name. 15 Now when the turn of month Adar. 8 Haman said to King Ahasuerus, "There Esther, the daughter of Abihail the uncle of Mordecai, is a certain people scattered abroad and dispersed who had taken her for his daughter, came to go in to the among the peoples in all the provinces of your kingdom, king, she required nothing but what Hegai the king's and their laws are different from other people's. They eunuch, the keeper of the women, advised. Esther don't keep the king's laws. Therefore it is not for the obtained favor in the sight of all those who looked at her. king's profit to allow them to remain. 9 If it pleases 16 So Esther was taken to King Ahasuerus into his royal the king, let it be written that they be destroyed; and I house in the tenth month, which is the month Tebeth, in will pay ten thousand talents of silver into the hands the seventh year of his reign. 17 The king loved Esther of those who are in charge of the king's business, to more than all the women, and she obtained favor and bring it into the king's treasuries." 10 The king took his kindness in his sight more than all the virgins; so that he ring from his hand, and gave it to Haman the son of set the royal crown on her head, and made her queen Hammedatha the Agagite, the Jews' enemy. 11 The king instead of Vashti. 18 Then the king made a great feast said to Haman, "The silver is given to you, the people for all his princes and his servants, even Esther's feast; also, to do with them as it seems good to you." 12 Then and he proclaimed a holiday in the provinces, and gave the king's scribes were called in on the first month, on gifts according to the king's bounty. 19 When the virgins the thirteenth day of the month; and all that Haman were gathered together the second time, Mordecai was commanded was written to the king's local governors, sitting in the king's gate. 20 Esther had not yet made and to the governors who were over every province, known her relatives nor her people, as Mordecai had and to the princes of every people, to every province commanded her; for Esther obeyed Mordecai, like she according to its writing, and to every people in their did when she was brought up by him. 21 In those days, language. It was written in the name of King Ahasuerus, while Mordecai was sitting in the king's gate, two of and it was sealed with the king's ring. 13 Letters were the king's eunuchs, Bigthan and Teresh, who were sent by couriers into all the king's provinces, to destroy, doorkeepers, were angry, and sought to lay hands on to kill, and to cause to perish, all Jews, both young the King Ahasuerus. 22 This thing became known to and old, little children and women, in one day, even Mordecai, who informed Esther the queen; and Esther on the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the informed the king in Mordecai's name. 23 When this month Adar, and to plunder their possessions. 14 A matter was investigated, and it was found to be so, they copy of the letter, that the decree should be given out in were both hanged on a gallows; and it was written in every province, was published to all the peoples, that they should be ready against that day. 15 The couriers went out in haste by the king's commandment, and the decree was given out in the citadel of Susa. The king and Haman sat down to drink; but the city of Susa was perplexed.

> ▲ Now when Mordecai found out all that was done, Mordecai tore his clothes and put on sackcloth with ashes, and went out into the middle of the city, and wailed loudly and bitterly. 2 He came even before the

father's house will perish. Who knows if you haven't made. come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" 15 Then Esther asked them to answer Mordecai, 16 "Go, gather together all the Jews who are present in Susa, 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 on the third day, 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 his royal throne in the royal house, next to the entrance of the house. 2 When the king saw Esther the queen standing in the court, she obtained favor in his sight; and the king held him, "Behold, Haman stands in the court." The king said, out to Esther the golden scepter that was in his hand. So "Let him come in." 6 So Haman came in. The king said

king's gate, for no one is allowed inside the king's gate. Then the king asked her, "What would you like, gueen clothed with sackcloth. 3 In every province, wherever Esther? What is your request? It shall be given you the king's commandment and his decree came, there even to the half of the kingdom." 4 Esther said, "If it was great mourning among the Jews, and fasting, and seems good to the king, let the king and Haman come weeping, and wailing; and many lay in sackcloth and today to the banquet that I have prepared for him." 5 ashes. 4 Esther's maidens and her eunuchs came and Then the king said, "Bring Haman quickly, so that it may told her this, and the queen was exceedingly grieved. be done as Esther has said." So the king and Haman She sent clothing to Mordecai, to replace his sackcloth, came to the banguet that Esther had prepared. 6 The but he didn't receive it. 5 Then Esther called for Hathach, king said to Esther at the banquet of wine, "What is your one of the king's eunuchs, whom he had appointed to petition? It shall be granted you. What is your request? attend her, and commanded him to go to Mordecai, to Even to the half of the kingdom it shall be performed." 7 find out what this was, and why it was. 6 So Hathach Then Esther answered and said, "My petition and my went out to Mordecai, to the city square which was request is this. 8 If I have found favor in the sight of the before the king's gate. 7 Mordecai told him of all that king, and if it pleases the king to grant my petition and had happened to him, and the exact sum of the money to perform my request, let the king and Haman come to that Haman had promised to pay to the king's treasuries the banquet that I will prepare for them, and I will do for the destruction of the Jews. 8 He also gave him tomorrow as the king has said." 9 Then Haman went out the copy of the writing of the decree that was given out that day joyful and glad of heart, but when Haman saw in Susa to destroy them, to show it to Esther, and to Mordecai in the king's gate, that he didn't stand up nor declare it to her, and to urge her to go in to the king to move for him, he was filled with wrath against Mordecai. make supplication to him, and to make request before 10 Nevertheless Haman restrained himself, and went him for her people. 9 Hathach came and told Esther the home. There, he sent and called for his friends and words of Mordecai. 10 Then Esther spoke to Hathach, Zeresh his wife. 11 Haman recounted to them the glory and gave him a message to Mordecai: 11 "All the king's of his riches, the multitude of his children, all the things servants and the people of the king's provinces know in which the king had promoted him, and how he had that whoever, whether man or woman, comes to the king advanced him above the princes and servants of the into the inner court without being called, there is one law king. 12 Haman also said, "Yes, Esther the gueen let no for him, that he be put to death, except those to whom man come in with the king to the banquet that she had the king might hold out the golden scepter, that he may prepared but myself; and tomorrow I am also invited live. I have not been called to come in to the king these by her together with the king. 13 Yet all this avails me thirty days." 12 They told Esther's words to Mordecai. nothing, so long as I see Mordecai the Jew sitting at the 13 Then Mordecai asked them to return this answer to king's gate." 14 Then Zeresh his wife and all his friends Esther: "Don't think to yourself that you will escape in said to him, "Let a gallows be made fifty cubits high, the king's house any more than all the Jews. 14 For if and in the morning speak to the king about hanging you remain silent now, then relief and deliverance will Mordecai on it. Then go in merrily with the king to the come to the Jews from another place, but you and your banquet." This pleased Haman, so he had the gallows

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 Ahasuerus. 3 The king said, "What honor and dignity has been given to 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 come into the outer court of the king's house, to speak to the king about hanging Mordecai on the gallows that he had prepared for him. 5 The king's servants said to Esther came near and touched the top of the scepter. 3 to him, "What shall be done to the man whom the king

proclaim before him, 'Thus it shall be done to the man pacified. whom the king delights to honor!" 10 Then the king said to Haman, "Hurry and take the clothing and the horse, as you have said, and do 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 it shall 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 banquet that Esther had prepared.

the gueen. 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 have found favor in your sight. O king, and if it pleases 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 male and female slaves, I would have held my peace, although the adversary could not have compensated for the king's loss." 5 Then King Ahasuerus said to Esther the queen, "Who is he, and where is he who dared presume in his heart to do so? 6 Esther said. "An adversary and an enemy, even this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was afraid before the king and the queen. 7 The king arose in his wrath from the banquet of wine and went into the palace garden. Haman stood up to make request for his life to Esther the gueen, for he saw that there was evil determined against him by the king. 8 Then the king returned out of the palace garden into the place of the banquet of wine;

delights to honor?" Now Haman said in his heart. "Who and Haman had fallen on the couch where Esther was. would the king delight to honor more than myself?" 7 Then the king said, "Will he even assault the gueen Haman said to the king, "For the man whom the king in front of me in the house?" As the word went out of delights to honor, 8 let royal clothing be brought which the king's mouth, they covered Haman's face. 9 Then the king uses to wear, and the horse that the king rides Harbonah, one of the eunuchs who were with the king, on, and on the head of which a royal crown is set. 9 Let said, "Behold, the gallows fifty cubits high, which Haman the clothing and the horse be delivered to the hand of has made for Mordecai, who spoke good for the king, is one of the king's most noble princes, that they may array standing at Haman's house." The king said, "Hang him the man whom the king delights to honor with them, and on it!" 10 So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he have him ride on horseback through the city square, and had prepared for Mordecai. Then the king's wrath was

8 On that day, King Ahasuerus 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 plan that he had planned 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 seems 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 evil that would come to my 7 So the king and Haman came to banquet with Esther people? How can I endure to see the destruction of my relatives?" 7 Then King Ahasuerus said to Esther the queen and to Mordecai the Jew, "See, I have given Esther the house of Haman, and they have hanged him 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, which is the month Sivan, on the twentythird day of the month; and it was written according to all that Mordecai commanded to the Jews, and to the local governors, and the governors and princes 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 in their language. 10 He wrote in the name of King Ahasuerus, and sealed it with the king's ring, and sent letters by courier on horseback, riding on royal horses that were bred from swift steeds. 11 In those letters, the king granted the Jews who were in every city to gather themselves together and to defend their lives—to destroy, to kill,

and to cause to perish all the power of the people and your further request? It shall be done." 13 Then Esther fear of the Jews had fallen on them.

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 came near to be put in execution, on the day that the enemies of the Jews hoped to conquer them, (but it turned out that 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 Ahasuerus, 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 All the princes of the provinces, the local governors, 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 Susa, the Jews killed and destroyed five hundred men. 7 They killed Parshandatha, Dalphon, Aspatha, 8 Poratha, Adalia, Aridatha, 9 Parmashta, Arisai, Aridai, and Vaizatha, 10 the ten sons of Haman the son of Hammedatha, the Jews' enemy, but they didn't lay their hand on the plunder. 11 On that day, the number of those who were slain in the citadel of Susa was brought before the king. 12 The king said to Esther the queen, "The Jews have slain and destroyed five hundred men in the citadel of Susa, including the ten sons of Haman; what then have they done in the rest of the king's provinces! Now what is your petition? It shall be granted you. What is

province that would assault them, their little ones and said, "If it pleases the king, let it be granted to the women, and to plunder their possessions, 12 on one day Jews who are in Susa to do tomorrow also according to in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, on the thirteenth today's decree, and let Haman's ten sons be hanged day of the twelfth month, which is the month Adar. 13 on the gallows." 14 The king commanded this to be A copy of the letter, that the decree should be given done. A decree was given out in Susa; and they hanged out in every province, was published to all the peoples, Haman's ten sons. 15 The Jews who were in Susa that the Jews should be ready for that day to avenge gathered themselves together on the fourteenth day themselves on their enemies. 14 So the couriers who also of the month Adar, and killed three hundred men rode on royal horses went out, hastened and pressed in Susa; but they didn't lay their hand on the plunder. on by the king's commandment. The decree was given 16 The other Jews who were in the king's provinces out in the citadel of Susa. 15 Mordecai went out of the gathered themselves together, defended their lives, presence of the king in royal clothing of blue and white, had rest from their enemies, and killed seventy-five and with a great crown of gold, and with a robe of fine thousand of those who hated them; but they didn't lay linen and purple; and the city of Susa shouted and was their hand on the plunder. 17 This was done on the glad. 16 The Jews had light, gladness, joy, and honor. thirteenth day of the month Adar; and on the fourteenth 17 In every province and in every city, wherever the day of that month they rested and made it a day of king's commandment and his decree came, the Jews feasting and gladness. 18 But the Jews who were in had gladness, joy, a feast and a holiday. Many from Susa assembled together on the thirteenth and on the among the peoples of the land became Jews, for 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 holiday, 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 Ahasuerus, 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 holiday; 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 plan. which he had planned 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 days "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, 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 their memory perish from their offspring. 29 Then Esther the queen, the daughter of Abihail, and Mordecai the Jew wrote with all authority to confirm this second letter of Purim. 30 He sent letters to all the Jews in the hundred twenty-seven provinces of the kingdom of Ahasuerus with words of peace and truth, 31 to confirm these days of Purim in their appointed times, 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 mourning. 32 The commandment of Esther confirmed these matters of Purim; and it was written in the book.

10 King Ahasuerus laid a tribute on the land and on the islands of the sea. 2 Aren't 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, written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Media and Persia? 3 For Mordecai the Jew was next to King Ahasuerus, and great among the Jews and accepted by the multitude of his brothers, seeking the good of his people and speaking peace to all his descendants.

Job

1 There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, and one who feared God, and turned 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 children of the east. 4 His sons went and held a feast in the house of each one on his birthday; 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 rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings according to the number of them all. For Job said, "It may be that my sons have sinned, and renounced God when God's sons came to present themselves before servant Job? For there is no one like him in the earth, to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Then Satan and turns away from evil. He still maintains his integrity, forth in the earth, and from walking up and down in cause." 4 Satan answered Yahweh, and said, "Skin for servant, Job? For there is no one like him in the earth, a 5 But stretch out your hand now, and touch his bone you made a hedge around him, and around his house, brother's house, 14 that a messenger came to Job, feeding beside them, 15 and the Sabeans attacked, and appointment together to come to sympathize with him took them away. Yes, they have killed the servants with the edge of the sword, and I alone have escaped to from a distance, and didn't recognize him, they raised tell you." 16 While he was still speaking, another also came and said, "The fire of God has fallen from the sky, and has burned up the sheep and the servants, and consumed them, and I alone have escaped to tell you." 17 While he was still speaking, another also came and that his grief was very great. said, "The Chaldeans made three bands, and swept down on the camels, and have taken them away, yes, and killed the servants 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 oldest brother's house, 19 and behold, there came a great wind from the wilderness, and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell 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 on the ground, and worshiped. 21 He said, "Naked I came out of my mother's womb, and naked will I return there. Yahweh gave, and Yahweh has taken away. Blessed be Yahweh's name." 22 In all this, Job didn't sin, nor charge God with wrongdoing.

2 Again, on the day when God's sons came to present themselves before Yahweh, Satan came also among run their course, that Job sent and sanctified them, and them to present himself before Yahweh. 2 Yahweh said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered Yahweh, and said, "From going back and forth in the earth, and from walking up and down in in their hearts." Job did so continually. 6 Now on the day it." 3 Yahweh said to Satan, "Have you considered my Yahweh, Satan also came among them. 7 Yahweh said a blameless and an upright man, one who fears God. answered Yahweh, and said, "From going back and although you incited me against him, to ruin him without it." 8 Yahweh said to Satan, "Have you considered my skin. Yes, all that a man has he will give for his life. blameless and an upright man, one who fears God, and and his flesh, and he will renounce you to your face." 6 turns away from evil." 9 Then Satan answered Yahweh, Yahweh said to Satan, "Behold, he is in your hand. Only and said, "Does Job fear God for nothing? 10 Haven't spare his life." 7 So Satan went out from the presence of Yahweh, and struck Job with painful sores from the and around all that he has, on every side? You have sole of his foot to his head. 8 He took for himself a blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is potsherd to scrape himself with, and he sat among the increased in the land. 11 But stretch out your hand now, ashes. 9 Then his wife said to him, "Do you still maintain and touch all that he has, and he will renounce you to your integrity? Renounce God, and die." 10 But he said your face." 12 Yahweh said to Satan, "Behold, all that to her, "You speak as one of the foolish women would he has is in your power. Only on himself don't stretch speak. What? Shall we receive good at the hand of out your hand." So Satan went out from the presence God, and shall we not receive evil?" In all this Job didn't of Yahweh. 13 It fell on a day when his sons and his sin with his lips. 11 Now when Job's three friends heard daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest of all this evil that had come on him, they each came from his own place: Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the and said, "The oxen were plowing, and the donkeys Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite; and they made an and to comfort him. 12 When they lifted up their eyes their voices, and wept; and they each tore his robe, and sprinkled dust on their heads toward the sky. 13 So they sat down with him on the ground seven days and seven nights, and no one spoke a word to him, for they saw

> **3** After this Job opened his mouth, and cursed the day of his birth. 2 Job answered: 3 "Let the day perish in which I was born, the night which said, 'There is a boy

Or why the breast, that I should nurse? 13 For now I destroyed. They perish forever without any regarding it. should have lain down and been quiet. I should have 21 Isn't their tent cord plucked up within them? They die, slept, then I would have been at rest, 14 with kings and and that without wisdom." 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 don't 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 hidden, 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 do I have rest; but trouble comes."

conceived.' 4 Let that day be darkness. Don't let God the young lions, are broken. 11 The old lion perishes from above seek for it, neither let the light shine on it. 5 for lack of prey. The cubs of the lioness are scattered Let darkness and the shadow of death claim it for their abroad. 12 "Now a thing was secretly brought to me. My own. Let a cloud dwell on it. Let all that makes the day ear received a whisper of it. 13 In thoughts from the black terrify it. 6 As for that night, let thick darkness visions of the night, when deep sleep falls on men, 14 seize on it. Let it not rejoice among the days of the fear came on me, and trembling, which made all my year. Let it not come into the number of the months. bones shake. 15 Then a spirit passed before my face. 7 Behold, let that night be barren. Let no joyful voice The hair of my flesh stood up. 16 It stood still, but I come therein. 8 Let them curse it who curse the day, couldn't discern its appearance. A form was before my who are ready to rouse up leviathan. 9 Let the stars of eyes. Silence, then I heard a voice, saying, 17 'Shall its twilight be dark. Let it look for light, but have none, mortal man be more just than God? Shall a man be neither let it see the eyelids of the morning, 10 because more pure than his Maker? 18 Behold, he puts no trust it didn't shut up the doors of my mother's womb, nor in his servants. He charges his angels with error. 19 did it hide trouble from my eyes. 11 "Why didn't I die How much more those who dwell in houses of clay, from the womb? Why didn't I give up the spirit when my whose foundation is in the dust, who are crushed before mother bore me? 12 Why did the knees receive me? the moth! 20 Between morning and evening they 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 eat up, and take it even out of the thorns. The snare gapes for their substance. 6 For affliction doesn't come out of 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 plans of the crafty, so that their hands can't perform their enterprise. 13 He takes the wise in their own craftiness; ⚠ Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered, 2 "If someone the counsel of the cunning is carried headlong. 14 ventures to talk with you, will you be grieved? But They meet with darkness in the day time, and grope who can withhold himself from speaking? 3 Behold, you at noonday as in the night. 15 But he saves from the have instructed many, you have strengthened the weak sword of their mouth, even the needy from the hand hands. 4 Your words have supported him who was of the mighty. 16 So the poor has hope, and injustice falling, you have made the feeble knees firm. 5 But now shuts her mouth. 17 "Behold, happy is the man whom it has come to you, and you faint. It touches you, and God corrects. Therefore do not despise the chastening you are troubled. 6 Isn't your piety your confidence? Isn't of the Almighty. 18 For he wounds and binds up. He the integrity of your ways your hope? 7 "Remember, injures and his hands make whole. 19 He will deliver now, who ever perished, being innocent? Or where you in six troubles; yes, in seven no evil will touch you. were the upright cut off? 8 According to what I have 20 In famine he will redeem you from death; in war, seen, those who plow iniquity and sow trouble, reap from the power of the sword. 21 You will be hidden the same. 9 By the breath of God they perish. By the from the scourge of the tongue, neither will you be blast of his anger are they consumed. 10 The roaring of afraid of destruction when it comes. 22 You will laugh at the lion, and the voice of the fierce lion, the teeth of destruction and famine, neither will you be afraid of the

animals of the earth. 23 For you will be allied with the pleased to look at me, for surely I will not lie to your face. stones of the field. The animals of the field will be at 29 Please return. Let there be no injustice. Yes, return peace with you. 24 You will know that your tent is in again. My cause is righteous. 30 Is there injustice on my peace. You will visit your fold, and will miss nothing. 25 tongue? Can't my taste discern mischievous things? You will know also that your offspring will be great, your offspring as the grass of the earth. 26 You will come to your grave in a full age, like a shock of grain comes in its season. 27 Behold, we have researched it. It is so. Hear it, and know it for your good."

looked. The companies of Sheba waited for them. 20 seek me diligently, but I will not be." They were distressed because they were confident. you are nothing. You see a terror, and are afraid. 22 Did I ever 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 my error. 25 How forcible are words of uprightness! But your reproof, what does it reprove? 26 Do you intend to reprove words, since the speeches of one who is desperate are as wind? Yes, you would even cast lots for the fatherless, and make merchandise of your friend. 28 Now therefore be

"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 I am made to possess months of misery, wearisome nights are appointed to me. 4 When 6 Then Job answered, 2 "Oh that my anguish were I lie down, I say, 'When will I arise, and the night be weighed, and all my calamity laid in the balances! gone?' I toss and turn until the dawning of the day. 5 My 3 For now it would be heavier than the sand of the flesh is clothed with worms and clods of dust. My skin seas, therefore my words have been rash. 4 For the closes up, and breaks out afresh. 6 My days are swifter arrows of the Almighty are within me. My spirit drinks up than a weaver's shuttle, and are spent without hope. 7 their poison. The terrors of God set themselves in array Oh remember that my life is a breath. My eye will no against me. 5 Does the wild donkey bray when he has more see good. 8 The eye of him who sees me will see grass? Or does the ox low over his fodder? 6 Can that me no more. Your eyes will be on me, but I will not be. which has no flavor be eaten without salt? Or is there 9 As the cloud is consumed and vanishes away, so he any taste in the white of an egg? 7 My soul refuses to who goes down to Sheol will come up no more. (Sheol touch them. They are as loathsome food to me. 8 "Oh h7585) 10 He will return no more to his house, neither that I might have my request, that God would grant the will his place know him any more. 11 "Therefore I will thing that I long for, 9 even that it would please God not keep silent. I will speak in the anguish of my spirit. I to crush me; that he would let loose his hand, and cut will complain in the bitterness of my soul. 12 Am I a sea, me off! 10 Let it still be my consolation, yes, let me or a sea monster, that you put a guard over me? 13 exult in pain that doesn't spare, that I have not denied When I say, 'My bed will comfort me. My couch will ease the words of the Holy One. 11 What is my strength, my complaint,' 14 then you scare me with dreams and that I should wait? What is my end, that I should be terrify me through visions, 15 so that my soul chooses patient? 12 Is my strength the strength of stones? Or is strangling, death rather than my bones. 16 I loathe my my flesh of bronze? 13 Isn't it that I have no help in life. I don't want to live forever. Leave me alone, for me, that wisdom is driven away from me? 14 "To him my days are but a breath. 17 What is man, that you who is ready to faint, kindness should be shown from should magnify him, that you should set your mind on his friend; even to him who forsakes the fear of the him, 18 that you should visit him every morning, and Almighty. 15 My brothers have dealt deceitfully as a test him every moment? 19 How long will you not look brook, as the channel of brooks that pass away; 16 away from me, nor leave me alone until I swallow down which are black by reason of the ice, in which the snow my spittle? 20 If I have sinned, what do I do to you, hides itself. 17 In the dry season, they vanish. When it you watcher of men? Why have you set me as a mark is hot, they are consumed out of their place. 18 The for you, so that I am a burden to myself? 21 Why do caravans that travel beside them turn away. They go up you not pardon my disobedience, and take away my into the waste, and perish. 19 The caravans of Tema iniquity? For now will I lie down in the dust. You will

They came there, and were confounded. 21 For now 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 the Almighty 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 supplication to the Almighty. 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 your latter end would greatly increase. 8 "Please inquire of past generations. Find out about the

learning of their fathers. 9 (For we are but of vesterday. 21 I am blameless. I don't respect myself. I despise my and know nothing, because our days on earth are a life. 22 "It is all the same. Therefore I say he destroys shadow.) 10 Shall they not teach you, tell you, and utter the blameless and the wicked. 23 If the scourge kills words out of their heart? 11 "Can the papyrus grow up suddenly, he will mock at the trial of the innocent. 24 without mire? Can the rushes grow without water? 12 The earth is given into the hand of the wicked. He While it is yet in its greenness, not cut down, it withers covers the faces of its judges. If not he, then who is it? before any other reed. 13 So are the paths of all who 25 "Now my days are swifter than a runner. They flee forget God. The hope of the godless man will perish, away. They see no good. 26 They have passed away 14 whose confidence will break apart, whose trust is a as the swift ships, as the eagle that swoops on the prev. spider's web. 15 He will lean on his house, but it will 27 If I say, 'I will forget my complaint, I will put off my sad not stand. He will cling to it, but it will not endure. 16 face, and cheer up,' 28 I am afraid of all my sorrows. I He is green before the sun. His shoots go out along know that you will not hold me innocent. 29 I will be his garden. 17 His roots are wrapped around the rock condemned. Why then do I labor in vain? 30 If I wash pile. He sees the place of stones. 18 If he is destroyed myself with snow, and cleanse my hands with lye, 31 from his place, then it will deny him, saying, 'I have not yet you will plunge me in the ditch. My own clothes will seen you.' 19 Behold, this is the joy of his way. Out of abhor me. 32 For he is not a man, as I am, that I should the earth, others will spring. 20 "Behold, God will not answer him, that we should come together in judgment. cast away a blameless man, neither will he uphold the 33 There is no umpire between us, that might lay his evildoers. 21 He will still fill your mouth with laughter, hand on us both. 34 Let him take his rod away from your lips with shouting. 22 Those who hate you will be me. Let his terror not make me afraid; 35 then I would clothed with shame. The tent of the wicked will be no speak, and not fear him, for I am not so in myself. more."

Then Job answered, 2 "Truly I know that it is so, but how can man be just with God? 3 If he is pleased to contend with him, he can't answer him one time in a thousand. 4 God is wise in heart, and mighty in strength. Who has hardened himself against him and prospered? 5 He removes the mountains, and they don't know it, when he overturns them in his anger. 6 He shakes the earth out of its place. Its pillars tremble. 7 He commands the sun and it doesn't rise, and seals up the stars. 8 He alone stretches out the heavens. and treads on the waves of the sea. 9 He makes the Bear, Orion, and the Pleiades, and the rooms of the south. 10 He does great things past finding out; yes, marvelous things without number. 11 Behold, he goes by me, and I don't see him. He passes on also, but I don't perceive him. 12 Behold, he snatches away. Who can hinder him? Who will ask him, 'What are you doing?' 13 "God will not withdraw his anger. The helpers of Rahab stoop under him. 14 How much less will I answer him, and choose my words to argue with him? 15 Though I were righteous, yet I wouldn't answer him. I would make supplication to my judge. 16 If I had called, and he had answered me, yet I wouldn't believe that he listened to my voice. 17 For he breaks me with a storm, and multiplies my wounds without cause. 18 He will not allow me to catch my breath, but fills me with bitterness. 19 If it is a matter of strength, behold, he is mighty! If of justice, 'Who,' says he, 'will summon me?' 20 Though I am righteous, my own mouth will condemn me. Though I am blameless, it will prove me perverse.

1 n "My soul is weary of my life. I will give free course to my complaint. I will speak in the bitterness of my soul. 2 I will tell God, 'Do not condemn me. Show me why you contend with me. 3 Is it good to you that you should oppress, that you should despise the work of your hands, and smile on the counsel of the wicked? 4 Do you have eyes of flesh? Or do you see as man sees? 5 Are your days as the days of mortals, or your years as man's years, 6 that you inquire after my iniquity, and search after my sin? 7 Although you know that I am not wicked, there is no one who can deliver out of your hand. 8 "Your hands have framed me and fashioned me altogether, yet you destroy me. 9 Remember, I beg you, that you have fashioned me as clay. Will you bring me into dust again? 10 Haven't you poured me out like milk, and curdled me like cheese? 11 You have clothed me with skin and flesh, and knit me together with bones and sinews. 12 You have granted me life and loving kindness. Your visitation has preserved my spirit. 13 Yet you hid these things in your heart. I know that this is with you: 14 if I sin, then you mark me. You will not acquit me from my iniquity. 15 If I am wicked, woe to me. If I am righteous, I still will not lift up my head, being filled with disgrace, and conscious of my affliction. 16 If my head is held high, you hunt me like a lion. Again you show yourself powerful to me. 17 You renew your witnesses against me, and increase your indignation on me. Changes and warfare are with me. 18 "Why, then, have you brought me out of the womb? I wish I had given up the spirit, and no eye had seen me. 19 I should have been as though I had not been. I should have been carried from the womb to the grave. 20 Aren't my

days few? Stop! Leave me alone, that I may find a little all these. Yahweh's hand has done this, 10 in whose comfort, 21 before I go where I will not return from, to hand is the life of every living thing, and the breath of all the land of darkness and of the shadow of death; 22 the mankind? 11 Doesn't the ear try words, even as the land dark as midnight, of the shadow of death, without any order, where the light is as midnight."

11 Then Zophar, the Naamathite, answered. "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, will 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 the Almighty? 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 iniquity 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. Don't let unrighteousness dwell in vour tents. 15 Surely then you will lift up your face without spot. Yes, you will be steadfast, and will not fear, 16 for you will forget your misery. You will remember it like as the morning. 18 You will be secure, because there is flee. Their hope will be the giving up of the spirit."

1 7 Then Job answered, 2 "No doubt, but you are the people, and wisdom will 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 will teach you; the birds of the sky, and they will tell you. 8 Or speak to the earth, and it will teach you. The fish of the sea will declare to you. 9 Who doesn't know that in

palate tastes its food? 12 With aged men is wisdom, in length of days understanding. 13 "With God is wisdom and might. He has counsel and understanding. 14 Behold, he breaks down, and it can't be built again. He imprisons a man, and there can be no release. 15 Behold, 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 "Behold, my eye has seen all this. My ear has heard and understood it. 2 What you know, I know also. I am not inferior to you. 3 "Surely I would speak to the Almighty. I desire to reason with God. 4 waters that have passed away. 17 Life will be clearer But you are forgers of lies. You are all physicians of than the noonday. Though there is darkness, it will be no value. 5 Oh that you would be completely silent! Then you would be wise. 6 Hear now my reasoning. hope. Yes, you will search, and will take your rest in Listen to the pleadings of my lips. 7 Will you speak safety. 19 Also you will lie down, and no one will make unrighteously for God, and talk deceitfully for him? 8 Will you afraid. Yes, many will court your favor. 20 But the you show partiality to him? Will you contend for God? 9 eyes of the wicked will fail. They will have no way to Is it good that he should search you out? Or as one deceives a man, will you deceive him? 10 He will surely reprove you if you secretly show partiality. 11 Won't 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 Behold, he will kill me. I have no hope. Nevertheless, I will maintain my ways before him. 16 This also will be my salvation, that a godless man will not come before him. 17 Listen carefully to 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 don't do two things to me, then I will not hide myself from

your face: 21 withdraw your hand far from me, and don't himself with the east wind? 3 Should he reason with 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 grows up 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 accomplishes, 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 sprout 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 will 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, will he live again? I would wait all the days of my warfare, until my release should come. 15 You would call, and I would answer you. You would have a desire for the work of your hands. 16 But now you count my steps. Don't you 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."

15 Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered, 2 "Should a wise man answer with vain knowledge, and fill

let your terror make me afraid. 22 Then call, and I will unprofitable talk, or with speeches with which he can answer, or let me speak, and you answer me. 23 How do no good? 4 Yes, you do away with fear, and hinder many are my iniquities and sins? Make me know my devotion before God. 5 For your iniquity teaches your disobedience and my sin. 24 Why do you hide your mouth, and you choose the language of the crafty. 6 face, and consider me your enemy? 25 Will you harass Your own mouth condemns you, and not I. Yes, your a driven leaf? Will you pursue the dry stubble? 26 For own lips testify against you, 7 "Are you the first man you write bitter things against me, and make me inherit who was born? Or were you brought out before the the iniquities of my youth. 27 You also put my feet in the hills? 8 Have you heard the secret counsel of God? Do stocks, and mark all my paths. You set a bound to the you limit wisdom to yourself? 9 What do you know that soles of my feet, 28 though I am decaying like a rotten we don't know? What do you understand which is not in us? 10 With us are both the gray-headed and the very aged men, much older 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 Behold, 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 will come on him. 22 He doesn't believe that he will return out of darkness. He is waited for by the sword. 23 He wanders abroad for bread, saving, '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 the Almighty, 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 will not be rich, neither will his substance continue, neither will their possessions be extended on the earth. 30 He will not depart out of darkness. The flame will dry up his branches. He will go away by the breath of God's mouth. 31 Let him not trust in emptiness, deceiving himself, for emptiness will be his reward. 32 It will be accomplished before his time. His branch will not be green. 33 He will shake off his unripe grape as the vine. and will cast off his flower as the olive tree. 34 For the company of the godless will be barren, and fire will

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and produce 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, God, you have surely worn me out. You have made all my company desolate. 8 You have shriveled at me. My eyes pour out tears to God. 21 that he would maintain the right of a man with God, of a son of man I will go the way of no 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 will not exalt them. 5 He who denounces his friends

consume the tents of bribery. 35 They conceive mischief stronger. 10 But as for you all, come back, I will 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,' and to the worm, 'My mother,' and 'My sister,' 15 where then is my hope? As for my hope, who will see it? 16 Shall it go down with me to the gates of Sheol, or descend together into the dust?" (Sheol h7585)

18 Then Bildad the Shuhite answered, 2 "How long will you hunt for words? Consider, and afterwards me up. This is a witness against me. My leanness rises we will speak. 3 Why are we counted as animals, which up against me. It testifies to my face. 9 He has torn me have become unclean in your sight? 4 You who tear in his wrath and persecuted me. He has gnashed on yourself in your anger, will the earth be forsaken for me with his teeth. My adversary sharpens his eyes on you? Or will the rock be removed out of its place? 5 me. 10 They have gaped on me with their mouth. They "Yes, the light of the wicked will be put out. The spark have struck me on the cheek reproachfully. They gather of his fire won't shine. 6 The light will be dark in his themselves together against me. 11 God delivers me to tent. His lamp above him will be put out. 7 The steps the ungodly, and casts me into the hands of the wicked. of his strength will be shortened. His own counsel will 12 I was at ease, and he broke me apart. Yes, he has cast him down. 8 For he is cast into a net by his own taken me by the neck, and dashed me to pieces. He has feet, and he wanders into its mesh. 9 A snare will take also set me up for his target. 13 His archers surround him by the heel. A trap will catch him. 10 A noose is me. He splits my kidneys apart, and does not spare. hidden for him in the ground, a trap for him on the path. He pours out my bile on the ground. 14 He breaks me 11 Terrors will make him afraid on every side, and will with breach on breach. He runs at me like a giant. 15 chase him at his heels. 12 His strength will be famished. I have sewed sackcloth on my skin, and have thrust Calamity will be ready at his side. 13 The members of my horn in the dust. 16 My face is red with weeping. his body will be devoured. The firstborn of death will Deep darkness is on my eyelids, 17 although there is devour his members. 14 He will be rooted out of the no violence in my hands, and my prayer is pure. 18 security of his tent. He will be brought to the king of "Earth, don't cover my blood. Let my cry have no place terrors. 15 There will dwell in his tent that which is none to rest. 19 Even now, behold, my witness is in heaven. of his. Sulfur will be scattered on his habitation. 16 His He who vouches for me is on high. 20 My friends scoff roots will be dried up beneath. His branch will be cut off above. 17 His memory will perish from the earth. He will have no name in the street. 18 He will be driven with his neighbor! 22 For when a few years have come, from light into darkness, and chased out of the world. 19 He will have neither son nor grandson among his people, nor any remaining where he lived. 20 Those who come after will 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."

1 Q Then Job answered, 2 "How long will you torment me, and crush me with words? 3 You have for plunder, even the eyes of his children will fail. 6 "But reproached me ten times. You aren't ashamed that he has made me a byword of the people. They spit in you attack me. 4 If it is true that I have erred, my my face. 7 My eye also is dim by reason of sorrow. error remains with myself. 5 If indeed you will magnify All my members are as a shadow. 8 Upright men will yourselves against me, and plead against me my be astonished at this. The innocent will stir himself up reproach, 6 know now that God has subverted me, and against the godless. 9 Yet the righteous will hold to his has surrounded me with his net. 7 "Behold, I cry out of way. He who has clean hands will grow stronger and wrong, but I am not heard. I cry for help, but there is no

a stranger. "My heart is consumed within me. 28 If you the heritage appointed to him by God." say, 'How we will persecute him!' because the root of the matter is found in me, 29 be afraid of the sword, for wrath brings the punishments of the sword, that you may know there is a judgment."

20 Then Zophar the Naamathite answered. "Therefore my thoughts answer me, even by old time, since man was placed on earth, 5 that the triumphing of the wicked is short, the joy of the godless but for a moment? 6 Though his height mount up to the heavens, and his head reach to the clouds, 7 yet he will perish forever like his own dung. Those who have seen him will say, 'Where is he?' 8 He will fly away as a dream, and will not be found. Yes, he will be chased away like a vision of the night. 9 The eye which saw him will see him no more, neither will his place see

justice. 8 He has walled up my way so that I can't pass, mouth, though he hide it under his tongue. 13 though and has set darkness in my paths. 9 He has stripped he spare it, and will not let it go, but keep it still within me of my glory, and taken the crown from my head. 10 his mouth, 14 yet his food in his bowels is turned. It is He has broken me down on every side, and I am gone. cobra venom within him. 15 He has swallowed down He has plucked my hope up like a tree. 11 He has also riches, and he will vomit them up again. God will cast kindled his wrath against me. He counts me among his them out of his belly. 16 He will suck cobra venom. adversaries. 12 His troops come on together, build a The viper's tongue will kill him. 17 He will not look at siege ramp against me, and encamp around my tent. 13 the rivers, the flowing streams of honey and butter. 18 "He has put my brothers far from me. My acquaintances He will restore that for which he labored, and will not are wholly estranged from me. 14 My relatives have swallow it down. He will not rejoice according to the gone away. My familiar friends have forgotten me. 15 substance that he has gotten. 19 For he has oppressed Those who dwell in my house and my maids consider and forsaken the poor. He has violently taken away a me a stranger. I am an alien in their sight. 16 I call to my house, and he will not build it up. 20 "Because he knew servant, and he gives me no answer. I beg him with no quietness within him, he will not save anything of my mouth. 17 My breath is offensive to my wife. I am that in which he delights. 21 There was nothing left that loathsome to the children of my own mother. 18 Even he didn't devour, therefore his prosperity will not endure. young children despise me. If I arise, they speak against 22 In the fullness of his sufficiency, distress will overtake me. 19 All my familiar friends abhor me. They whom I him. The hand of everyone who is in misery will come loved have turned against me. 20 My bones stick to my on him. 23 When he is about to fill his belly, God will skin and to my flesh. I have escaped by the skin of my cast the fierceness of his wrath on him. It will rain on teeth. 21 "Have pity on me. Have pity on me, you my him while he is eating. 24 He will flee from the iron friends, for the hand of God has touched me. 22 Why weapon. The bronze arrow will strike him through. 25 do you persecute me as God, and are not satisfied with He draws it out, and it comes out of his body. Yes, the my flesh? 23 "Oh that my words were now written! Oh glittering point comes out of his liver. Terrors are on him. that they were inscribed in a book! 24 That with an iron 26 All darkness is laid up for his treasures. An unfanned pen and lead they were engraved in the rock forever! 25 fire will devour him. It will consume that which is left in But as for me, I know that my Redeemer lives. In the his tent. 27 The heavens will reveal his iniquity. The end, he will stand upon the earth. 26 After my skin is earth will rise up against him. 28 The increase of his destroyed, then I will see God in my flesh, 27 whom I, house will depart. They will rush away in the day of his even I, will see on my side. My eyes will see, and not as wrath. 29 This is the portion of a wicked man from God,

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 As for me, is my complaint to man? Why shouldn't I be 2 impatient? 5 Look at me, and be astonished. Lay your hand on your mouth. 6 When I remember, I am troubled. reason of my haste that is in me. 3 I have heard Horror takes hold of my flesh. 7 "Why do the wicked the reproof which puts me to shame. The spirit of my live, become old, yes, and grow mighty in power? 8 understanding answers me. 4 Don't you know this from Their child is established with them in their sight, their offspring before their eyes. 9 Their houses are safe from fear, neither is the rod of God upon them. 10 Their bulls breed without fail. Their cows calve, and don't miscarry. 11 They send out their little ones like a flock. Their children dance. 12 They sing to the tambourine and harp, and rejoice at the sound of the pipe. 13 They spend their days in prosperity. In an instant they go down to Sheol. (Sheol h7585) 14 They tell God, 'Depart from us, for we don't want to know about your ways. 15 him any more. 10 His children will seek the favor of What is the Almighty, that we should serve him? What the poor. His hands will give back his wealth. 11 His profit should we have, if we pray to him?' 16 Behold, bones are full of his youth, but youth will lie down with their prosperity is not in their hand. The counsel of the him in the dust. 12 "Though wickedness is sweet in his wicked is far from me. 17 "How often is it that the lamp

wrath? 31 Who will declare his way to his face? Who will delivered through the cleanness of your hands." repay him what he has done? 32 Yet he will be borne to the grave. Men will keep watch over the tomb. 33 The clods of the valley will be sweet to him. All men will draw after him, as there were innumerable before him. 34 So how can you comfort me with nonsense, because 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 the Almighty 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 high they are! 13 You say, 'What does God know? Can he judge through the thick darkness? 14 Thick clouds are a covering to him, so that he doesn't see. He walks on the vault of the sky.' 15 Will you 24 "Why aren't times laid up by the Almighty? Why keep the old way, which wicked men have trodden, 16 who were snatched away before their time, whose foundation was poured out as a stream, 17 who said to

of the wicked is put out, that their calamity comes on God, 'Depart from us!' and, 'What can the Almighty do them, that God distributes sorrows in his anger? 18 How for us?' 18 Yet he filled their houses with good things, often is it that they are as stubble before the wind, as but the counsel of the wicked is far from me. 19 The chaff that the storm carries away? 19 You say, 'God lays' righteous see it, and are glad. The innocent ridicule up his iniquity for his children.' Let him recompense it them, 20 saying, 'Surely those who rose up against us to himself, that he may know it. 20 Let his own eyes are cut off. The fire has consumed their remnant.' 21 see his destruction. Let him drink of the wrath of the "Acquaint yourself with him now, and be at peace. By it, Almighty. 21 For what does he care for his house after good will come to you. 22 Please receive instruction him, when the number of his months is cut off? 22 from his mouth, and lay up his words in your heart. 23 If "Shall any teach God knowledge, since he judges those you return to the Almighty, you will be built up, if you put who are high? 23 One dies in his full strength, being away unrighteousness far from your tents. 24 Lay your wholly at ease and quiet. 24 His pails are full of milk. treasure in the dust, the gold of Ophir among the stones The marrow of his bones is moistened. 25 Another dies of the brooks. 25 The Almighty will be your treasure, in bitterness of soul, and never tastes of good. 26 They and precious silver to you. 26 For then you will delight lie down alike in the dust. The worm covers them. 27 yourself in the Almighty, and will lift up your face to God. "Behold, I know your thoughts, the plans with which you 27 You will make your prayer to him, and he will hear would wrong me. 28 For you say, 'Where is the house you. You will pay your vows. 28 You will also decree a of the prince? Where is the tent in which the wicked thing, and it will be established to you. Light will shine lived?' 29 Haven't you asked wayfaring men? Don't you on your ways. 29 When they cast down, you will say, know their evidences, 30 that the evil man is reserved 'be lifted up.' He will save the humble person. 30 He will to the day of calamity, that they are led out to the day of even deliver him who is not innocent. Yes, he will 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 I go 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 will come out like gold. 11 My foot has held fast to his steps. I have kept his way, and not turned away. 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. The Almighty has terrified me. 17 Because I was not cut off before the darkness, neither did he cover the thick darkness from my face.

> don't 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

for a pledge. 4 They turn the needy out of the way. The him who has no wisdom, and plentifully declared sound donkeys in the desert, they go out to their work, seeking spirit came out of you? 5 "The departed spirits tremble, diligently for food. The wilderness yields them bread for those beneath the waters and all that live in them. their children. 6 They cut their food in the field. They 6 Sheol is naked before God, and Abaddon has no rises with the light. He kills the poor and needy. In the his power who can understand?" night he is like a thief. 15 The eye also of the adulterer waits for the twilight, saying, 'No eye will see me.' He disguises his face. 16 In the dark they dig through houses. They shut themselves up in the daytime. They don't 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 don't 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 will forget him. The worm will feed sweetly on him. He will be no more remembered. Unrighteousness will be broken as a tree. 21 He devours the barren who don't bear. He shows no kindness to the widow. 22 Yet God preserves the mighty by his power. He rises up who has no assurance of life. 23 God 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 and fear are with him. He makes peace in his high 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 Behold, even the moon has no brightness, and the stars are not pure in his sight: 6 How much less man. who is a worm, and 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

donkey of the fatherless, and they take the widow's ox arm that has no strength! 3 How have you counseled poor of the earth all hide themselves. 5 Behold, as wild knowledge! 4 To whom have you uttered words? Whose glean the vineyard of the wicked. 7 They lie all night covering. (Sheol h7585) 7 He stretches out the north over naked without clothing, and have no covering in the empty space, and hangs the earth on nothing. 8 He cold. 8 They are wet with the showers of the mountains, binds up the waters in his thick clouds, and the cloud is and embrace the rock for lack of a shelter. 9 There are not burst under them. 9 He encloses the face of his those who pluck the fatherless from the breast, and take throne, and spreads his cloud on it. 10 He has described a pledge of the poor, 10 so that they go around naked a boundary on the surface of the waters, and to the without clothing. Being hungry, they carry the sheaves. confines of light and darkness. 11 The pillars of heaven 11 They make oil within the walls of these men. They tremble and are astonished at his rebuke. 12 He stirs up tread wine presses, and suffer thirst. 12 From out of the sea with his power, and by his understanding he the populous city, men groan. The soul of the wounded strikes through Rahab. 13 By his Spirit the heavens are cries out, yet God doesn't regard the folly. 13 "These garnished. His hand has pierced the swift serpent. 14 are of those who rebel against the light. They don't Behold, these are but the outskirts of his ways. How know its ways, nor stay in its paths. 14 The murderer small a whisper do we hear of him! But the thunder of

> **27** Job again took up his parable, and said, 2 "As God lives, who has taken away my right, the Almighty, 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 will not speak unrighteousness, neither will 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 heart will not reproach me so 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 the Almighty, and call on God at all times? 11 I will teach you about the hand of God. I will not conceal that which is with the Almighty. 12 Behold, all of you have seen it vourselves; 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 the Almighty. 14 If his children are multiplied, it is for the sword. His offspring will not be satisfied with bread. 15 Those who remain of him will be buried in death. His widows will make no lamentation. 16 Though he heap up silver as the dust, and prepare clothing as the clay; 17 he may prepare it, but the just will put it on, and the innocent will 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 will not do so again. He opens his eyes, and he is not. 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

their hands at him, and will hiss him out of his place.

28 "Surely there is a mine for silver, and a place for gold which they refine. 2 Iron is taken out of the earth, and copper is 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. They are forgotten by the foot. They hang far from men, they swing back and forth. 5 As for the earth, out of it comes bread. Underneath it is turned up as it were by fire. 6 Sapphires come from its rocks. It has dust of gold. 7 That path no bird of prey knows, neither has the falcon's eye seen it. 8 The proud animals have not trodden it, nor has the fierce lion passed by there. 9 He puts his hand on the flinty rock, and he overturns the mountains by the roots. 10 He cuts out channels among the rocks. His eye sees every precious thing. 11 He binds the streams that they don't trickle. The thing that is hidden he brings out to light. 12 "But where will wisdom be found? Where is the place of understanding? 13 Man doesn't know its price, and it isn't found in the 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 will 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 will it be exchanged for jewels of fine gold. 18 No mention will be made of coral or of crystal. Yes, the price of wisdom is above rubies. 19 The topaz of Ethiopia will not equal it. It won't be valued with pure gold. 20 Where then does wisdom come from? 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 the waters by measure. **26** When he made a decree for the rain, and a way for the lightning of the thunder, 27 understanding."

29 Job again took up his parable, and said, 2 "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 my prime, when the friendship of God was in my tent, 5 when the Almighty was yet with me, and my children were around me, 6 when my steps were

spare, as he flees away from his hand. 23 Men will clap washed with butter, and the rock poured out streams of oil for me, 7 when I went out to the city gate, when I prepared my seat in the street. 8 The young men saw me and hid themselves. The aged 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 blessed me, and when the eye saw me, it commended me, 12 because I delivered the poor who cried, and the fatherless also, who had no one to help him, 13 the blessing of him who was ready to perish came on me, and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy. 14 I put on righteousness, and it clothed me. My justice was as a robe and a diadem. 15 I was eyes to the blind, and feet to the lame. 16 I was a father to the needy. I researched the cause of him whom I didn't know. 17 I broke the jaws of the unrighteous and plucked the prey out of his teeth. 18 Then I said, 'I will die in my own house, I will count my days as the sand. 19 My root is spread out to the waters. The dew lies all night on my branch. 20 My glory is fresh in me. My bow is renewed in my hand.' 21 "Men listened to me, waited, and kept silence for my counsel. 22 After my words they didn't 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 didn't 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 considered unworthy 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 ends of the earth, and sees under the whole sky. 25 He broom tree are their food. 5 They are driven out from establishes the force of the wind. Yes, he measures out among men. They cry after them as after a thief, 6 so that they live in frightful valleys, and in holes of the earth and of the rocks. 7 They bray among the bushes. then he saw it, and declared it. He established it, yes, They are gathered together under the nettles. 8 They and searched it out. 28 To man he said, 'Behold, the are children of fools, yes, children of wicked men. They fear of the Lord, that is wisdom. To depart from evil is were flogged out of the land. 9 "Now I have become their song. Yes, I am a byword to them. 10 They abhor me, they stand aloof from me, and don't hesitate to spit in my face. 11 For he has untied his cord, and afflicted me: and they have thrown off restraint before me. 12 On my right hand rise the rabble. They thrust aside my feet. They cast their ways of destruction up against me. 13 They mar my path. They promote my destruction without anyone's help. 14 As through a wide breach they come. They roll themselves in amid the ruin. 15

"Now my soul is poured out within me. Days of affliction of clothing, or that the needy had no covering; 20 if his have taken hold of me. 17 In the night season my bones heart hasn't blessed me, if he hasn't been warmed with are pierced in me, and the pains that gnaw me take no my sheep's fleece; 21 if I have lifted up my hand against me about as the collar of my tunic. 19 He has cast me then let my shoulder fall from the shoulder blade, and into the mire. I have become like dust and ashes. 20 I my arm be broken from the bone. 23 For calamity from cry to you, and you do not answer me. I stand up, and God is a terror to me. Because of his majesty, I can do you gaze at me. 21 You have turned to be cruel to me. nothing. 24 "If I have made gold my hope, and have said With the might of your hand you persecute me. 22 You to the fine gold, 'You are my confidence;' 25 If I have lift me up to the wind, and drive me with it. You dissolve rejoiced because my wealth was great, and because me in the storm. 23 For I know that you will bring me to my hand had gotten much; 26 if I have seen the sun death, to the house appointed for all living. 24 "However when it shined, or the moon moving in splendor, 27 doesn't one stretch out a hand in his fall? Or in his and my heart has been secretly enticed, and my hand calamity therefore cry for help? 25 Didn't I weep for threw a kiss from my mouth; 28 this also would be an him who was in trouble? Wasn't my soul grieved for iniquity to be punished by the judges, for I would have the needy? 26 When I looked for good, then evil came. denied the God who is above. 29 "If I have rejoiced at When I waited for light, darkness came. 27 My heart is the destruction of him who hated me, or lifted up myself troubled, and doesn't rest. Days of affliction have come when evil found him 30 (I have certainly not allowed my on me. 28 I go mourning without the sun. I stand up in mouth to sin by asking his life with a curse); 31 if the the assembly, and cry for help. 29 I am a brother to men of my tent have not said, 'Who can find one who jackals, and a companion to ostriches. 30 My skin grows has not been filled with his meat?' 32 (the foreigner black and peels from me. My bones are burned with has not camped in the street, but I have opened my heat. 31 Therefore my harp has turned to mourning, doors to the traveler); 33 if like Adam I have covered my 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 the Almighty on high? 3 Is it not calamity to the unrighteous, and disaster to the workers of iniquity? 4 Doesn't he see my ways, and count 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 laid 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 to be punished by the judges, 12 for it is a fire that consumes to destruction, and would root out all my increase. 13 "If I have despised the cause of my male servant or of my female servant, when they contended with me, 14 what then will I do when God rises up? When he visits, what will I answer him? 15 Didn't he who made me in the womb make him? Didn't one fashion us in the womb? 16 "If I have withheld the poor from their desire, or have caused the eyes of the widow to fail, 17 or have eaten my morsel alone, and the fatherless has not eaten of it 18 (no, from my youth he grew up

Terrors have turned on me. They chase my honor as with me as with a father. I have guided her from my the wind. My welfare has passed away as a cloud. 16 mother's womb); 19 if I have seen any perish for want rest. 18 My garment is disfigured by great force. It binds the fatherless, because I saw my help in the gate; 22 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 didn't go out of the door— 35 oh that I had one to hear me! Behold, here is my signature! Let the Almighty 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. I would go near to him like a prince. 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 briers 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 Then the wrath of Elihu the son of Barachel, the Buzite, of the family of Ram, was kindled against Job. His wrath was kindled because he justified himself rather than God. 3 Also his wrath was kindled against his three friends, because they had found no answer, and yet had condemned Job. 4 Now Elihu had waited to speak to Job, because they were older than he. 5 When Elihu saw that there was no answer in the mouth of these three men, his wrath was kindled. 6 Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite answered, "I am young, and you are very old. Therefore I held back, and didn't dare show you my opinion. 7 I said, 'Days should speak, and

man's person, neither will I give flattering titles to any me. Hold your peace, and I will teach you wisdom." man. 22 For I don't know how to give flattering titles, or else my Maker would soon take me away.

multitude of years should teach wisdom.' 8 But there 20 so that his life abhors bread, and his soul dainty food. is a spirit in man, and the Spirit of the Almighty gives 21 His flesh is so consumed away that it can't be seen. them understanding. 9 It is not the great who are wise, His bones that were not seen stick out. 22 Yes, his soul nor the aged who understand justice. 10 Therefore I draws near to the pit, and his life to the destroyers. said, 'Listen to me; I also will show my opinion.' 11 23 "If there is beside him an angel, an interpreter, one "Behold, I waited for your words, and I listened for your among a thousand, to show to man what is right for reasoning, while you searched out what to say. 12 Yes, I him, 24 then God is gracious to him, and says, 'Deliver gave you my full attention, but there was no one who him from going down to the pit, I have found a ransom.' convinced Job, or who answered his words, among you. 25 His flesh will be fresher than a child's. He returns to 13 Beware lest you say, 'We have found wisdom. God the days of his youth. 26 He prays to God, and he is may refute him, not man," 14 for he has not directed his favorable to him, so that he sees his face with joy. He words against me; neither will I answer him with your restores to man his righteousness. 27 He sings before speeches. 15 "They are amazed. They answer no more. men, and says, 'I have sinned, and perverted that which They don't have a word to say. 16 Shall I wait, because was right, and it didn't profit me. 28 He has redeemed they don't speak, because they stand still, and answer my soul from going into the pit. My life will see the light.' no more? 17 I also will answer my part, and I also will 29 "Behold, God does all these things, twice, yes three show my opinion. 18 For I am full of words. The spirit times, with a man, 30 to bring back his soul from the pit, within me constrains me. 19 Behold, my breast is as that he may be enlightened with the light of the living. wine which has no vent; like new wineskins it is ready to 31 Mark well, Job, and listen to me. Hold your peace, burst. 20 I will speak, that I may be refreshed. I will open and I will speak. 32 If you have anything to say, answer my lips and answer. 21 Please don't let me respect any me. Speak, for I desire to justify you. 33 If not, listen to

34 Moreover Elihu answered, 2 "Hear my words, you wise men. Give ear to me, you who have 33 "However, Job, please hear my speech, and listen knowledge. 3 For the ear tries words, as the palate to all my words. 2 See now, I have opened my tastes food. 4 Let us choose for us that which is right. mouth. My tongue has spoken in my mouth. 3 My words Let us know among ourselves what is good. 5 For Job will utter the uprightness of my heart. That which my has said, 'I am righteous, God has taken away my right. lips know they will speak sincerely. 4 The Spirit of God 6 Notwithstanding my right I am considered a liar. My has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives wound is incurable, though I am without disobedience.' me life. 5 If you can, answer me. Set your words in 7 What man is like Job, who drinks scorn like water, 8 order before me, and stand up. 6 Behold, I am toward who goes in company with the workers of iniquity, and God even as you are. I am also formed out of the clay. walks with wicked men? 9 For he has said, 'It profits a 7 Behold, my terror will not make you afraid, neither man nothing that he should delight himself with God.' will my pressure be heavy on you. 8 "Surely you have 10 "Therefore listen to me, you men of understanding: spoken in my hearing, I have heard the voice of your far be it from God, that he should do wickedness. from words, saying, 9 'I am clean, without disobedience. I the Almighty, that he should commit iniquity. 11 For the am innocent, neither is there iniquity in me. 10 Behold, work of a man he will render to him, and cause every he finds occasions against me. He counts me for his man to find according to his ways. 12 Yes surely, God enemy, 11 He puts my feet in the stocks. He marks all will not do wickedly, neither will the Almighty pervert my paths.' 12 "Behold, I will answer you. In this you are justice. 13 Who put him in charge of the earth? Or who not just, for God is greater than man. 13 Why do you has appointed him over the whole world? 14 If he set strive against him, because he doesn't give account his heart on himself, if he gathered to himself his spirit of any of his matters? 14 For God speaks once, yes and his breath, 15 all flesh would perish together, and twice, though man pays no attention. 15 In a dream, in man would turn again to dust. 16 "If now you have a vision of the night, when deep sleep falls on men, understanding, hear this. Listen to the voice of my in slumbering on the bed, 16 then he opens the ears words. 17 Should even one who hates justice govern? of men, and seals their instruction, 17 that he may Will you condemn him who is righteous and mighty, 18 withdraw man from his purpose, and hide pride from who says to a king, 'Vile!' or to nobles, 'Wicked!'? 19 man. 18 He keeps back his soul from the pit, and his life He doesn't respect the persons of princes, nor respect from perishing by the sword. 19 "He is chastened also the rich more than the poor, for they all are the work of with pain on his bed, with continual strife in his bones, his hands. 20 In a moment they die, even at midnight.

taken away without a hand. 21 "For his eyes are on mouth with empty talk, and he multiplies words without the ways of a man. He sees all his goings. 22 There knowledge." is no darkness, nor thick gloom, where the workers of iniquity 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 mighty men in pieces 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 away 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 quietness, who then can condemn? When he hides his face, who then can see him? He is over a nation or a man alike, 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 don't 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, yes, 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 will I have, more than if I had sinned?' 4 I will answer you, and your companions with you. 5 Look to the skies, 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. "By reason of the multitude of oppressions they cry out. They cry for help by reason of the arm of the mighty. 10 But no one says, 'Where is God my Maker, who gives songs in the night, 11 who teaches us more than the animals of the earth, and makes us wiser than the birds of the sky?' 12 There they cry, but no one answers. because of the pride of evil men. 13 Surely God will not hear an empty cry, neither will the Almighty regard it. 14 How much less when you say you don't see him. The cause is before him, and you wait for him! 15 But now, because he has not visited in his anger, neither does he

The people are shaken and pass away. The mighty are greatly regard arrogance. 16 therefore Job opens his

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 "Behold, 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 justice to the afflicted. 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 will spend their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasures. 12 But if they don't listen, they will perish by the sword; they will die without knowledge. 13 "But those who are godless in heart lay up anger. They don't 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 wide 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 Don't 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 Don't desire the night, when people are cut off in their place. 21 Take heed, don't regard iniquity; for you have chosen this rather than affliction. 22 Behold, 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, about which men have sung. 25 All men have looked on it. Man sees it afar off. 26 Behold, God is great, and we don't know him. The number of his years is unsearchable. 27 For he draws up the drops of water, which distill in rain from his vapor, 28 which the skies pour down and which drop on man abundantly. 29 Indeed, can anyone understand the spreading of the clouds and the thunderings of his pavilion? 30 Behold, he spreads his light around him. He covers the bottom of the sea. 31 For by these he judges the people. He gives food in abundance. 32 He covers his hands with the lightning, and commands it to

livestock also, concerning the storm that comes up.

"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 out under the whole sky, and his lightning to the ends 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 room comes the storm, and cold out of the north. 10 By the breath of God, ice is given, and the width 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 will tell him, for we can't make our case by reason of darkness. 20 Will it be told him that I would speak? Or should a man wish that he were swallowed up? 21 Now men don't 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 the Almighty. 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."

2 "Who is this who darkens counsel by words without knowledge? 3 Brace yourself like a man, for I will question you, then you answer me! 4 "Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Declare, if you have understanding. 5 Who determined its measures, if you know? Or who stretched the line on it? 6 What were its foundations fastened on? Or who his young ones cry to God, and wander for lack of food? laid its cornerstone. 7 when the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy? 8

strike the mark. 33 Its noise tells about him, and the "Or who shut up the sea with doors, when it broke out of 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, 'You may come here, but no further. Your proud waves shall be stopped here'? 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 ends of the earth, and shake the wicked out of it? 14 It is changed as clay under the seal, and presented 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 width? 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 storehouses of the snow, or have you seen the storehouses of the hail, 23 which I have reserved against the time of trouble, against the day of battle and war? 24 By what way is the 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 there is no man, on the wilderness, in which there is no man, 27 to satisfy the waste and desolate ground, to cause the tender grass to grow? 28 Does the rain have a father? Or who fathers the drops of dew? 29 Whose womb did the ice come out of? Who has given birth to the gray frost of the sky? 30 The waters become hard like stone, when the surface of the deep is frozen. 31 "Can you bind the cluster of the Pleiades, or loosen the cords of Orion? 32 Can you lead the constellations out in their season? Or can you guide the Bear with her cubs? 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 out lightnings, that they may go? Do they report to you, 'Here we are'? 36 Who has put wisdom in the inward parts? Or who has ${f 38}$ Then Yahweh answered Job out of the whirlwind, given understanding to the mind? 37 Who can count the clouds by wisdom? Or who can pour out the containers of the sky, 38 when the dust runs into a mass, and the clods of earth stick together? 39 "Can you hunt the prey for the lioness, or satisfy the appetite of the young lions, 40 when they crouch in their dens, and lie in wait in the thicket? 41 Who provides for the raven his prey, when

> $\mathbf{39}\,^{\circ}$ Do you know the time when the mountain goats give birth? Do you watch when the doe bears

every green thing. 9 "Will the wild ox be content to serve the dust together. Bind their faces in the hidden place. with her young ones, as if they were not hers. Though the marsh, 22 The lotuses cover him with their shade. has deprived her of wisdom, neither has he imparted a river overflows, he doesn't tremble. He is confident, given the horse might? Have you clothed his neck with his nose with a snare? 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 the eagle mounts up, and makes his nest on high? 28 On the cliff he dwells and makes his home, on the point of the cliff and the stronghold. 29 From there he spies out the prev. His eyes see it afar off. 30 His young ones also suck up blood. Where the slain are, there he is."

▲ Moreover Yahweh answered Job, 2 "Shall he who argues contend with the Almighty? He who argues with God, let him answer it." 3 Then Job answered Yahweh, 4 "Behold, I am of small account. What will 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

fawns? 2 Can you count the months that they fulfill? Or proceed no further." 6 Then Yahweh answered Job out do you know the time when they give birth? 3 They of the whirlwind: 7 "Now brace yourself like a man. I bow themselves. They bear their young. They end their will question you, and you will answer me. 8 Will you labor pains. 4 Their young ones become strong. They even annul my judgment? Will you condemn me, that grow up in the open field. They go out, and don't return you may be justified? 9 Or do you have an arm like again. 5 "Who has set the wild donkey free? Or who God? Can you thunder with a voice like him? 10 "Now has loosened the bonds of the swift donkey, 6 whose deck yourself with excellency and dignity. Array yourself home I have made the wilderness, and the salt land with honor and majesty. 11 Pour out the fury of your his dwelling place? 7 He scorns the tumult of the city, anger. Look at everyone who is proud, and bring him neither does he hear the shouting of the driver. 8 The low. 12 Look at everyone who is proud, and humble range of the mountains is his pasture. He searches after him. Crush the wicked in their place. 13 Hide them in you? Or will he stay by your feeding trough? 10 Can 14 Then I will also admit to you that your own right hand you hold the wild ox in the furrow with his harness? Or can save you. 15 "See now behemoth, which I made as will he till the valleys after you? 11 Will you trust him, well as you. He eats grass as an ox. 16 Look now, his because his strength is great? Or will you leave to him strength is in his thighs. His force is in the muscles of your labor? 12 Will you confide in him, that he will bring his belly. 17 He moves his tail like a cedar. The sinews home your seed, and gather the grain of your threshing of his thighs are knit together. 18 His bones are like floor? 13 "The wings of the ostrich wave proudly, but tubes of bronze. His limbs are like bars of iron. 19 He is are they the feathers and plumage of love? 14 For she the chief of the ways of God. He who made him gives leaves her eggs on the earth, warms them in the dust, him his sword. 20 Surely the mountains produce food 15 and forgets that the foot may crush them, or that the for him, where all the animals of the field play. 21 He wild animal may trample them. 16 She deals harshly lies under the lotus trees, in the covert of the reed, and her labor is in vain, she is without fear, 17 because God The willows of the brook surround him. 23 Behold, if to her understanding. 18 When she lifts up herself on though the Jordan swells even to his mouth. 24 Shall high, she scorns the horse and his rider. 19 "Have you any take him when he is on the watch, or pierce through

> **1** "Can you draw out Leviathan with a fish hook. 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 Lay your hand on him. Remember the battle, and do so no more. 9 Behold, the hope of him is in vain. Won't one be cast down even at the sight of him? 10 None is so fierce that he dare stir him up. Who then is he who can stand before me? 11 Who has first given to me, that I should repay him? Everything under the heavens is mine. 12 "I will not keep silence concerning his limbs, nor his mighty strength, nor his goodly frame. 13 Who can strip off his outer garment? Who will come within his jaws? 14 Who can open the doors of his face? Around his teeth is terror. 15 Strong scales are his pride, shut up together with a close seal. 16 One is so near to another, that no air can come between them. 17 They are joined

to one another. They stick together, so that they can't comforted him, and consoled him concerning all the evil be pulled apart. 18 His sneezing flashes out light. His that Yahweh had brought on him. Everyone also gave eyes are like the eyelids of the morning. 19 Out of his him a piece of money, and everyone a ring of gold. 12 mouth go burning torches. Sparks of fire leap out. 20 So Yahweh blessed the latter end of Job more than Out of his nostrils a smoke goes, as of a boiling pot his beginning. He had fourteen thousand sheep, six over a fire of reeds. 21 His breath kindles coals. A flame thousand camels, one thousand yoke of oxen, and a goes out of his mouth. 22 There is strength in his neck. thousand female donkeys. 13 He had also seven sons Terror dances before him. 23 The flakes of his flesh and three daughters. 14 He called the name of the first, are joined together. They are firm on him. They can't Jemimah; and the name of the second, Keziah; and the be moved. 24 His heart is as firm as a stone, yes, firm name of the third, Keren Happuch. 15 In all the land as the lower millstone. 25 When he raises himself up, were no women found so beautiful as the daughters the mighty are afraid. They retreat before his thrashing. of Job. Their father gave them an inheritance among 26 If one attacks him with the sword, it can't prevail; their brothers. 16 After this Job lived one hundred forty nor the spear, the dart, nor the pointed shaft. 27 He years, and saw his sons, and his sons' sons, to four counts iron as straw, and bronze as rotten wood. 28 The generations. 17 So Job died, being old and full of days. arrow can't make him flee. Sling 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."

42 Then Job answered Yahweh: 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 didn't understand, things too wonderful for me, which I didn't 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 Yahweh had spoken these words to Job, Yahweh 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 for yourselves a burnt offering; and my servant Job shall pray for you, for I will accept him, that I not deal with you according to your folly. For you have not spoken of me the thing that is right, as my servant Job has." 9 So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite went and did what Yahweh commanded them, and Yahweh accepted Job. 10 Yahweh restored Job's prosperity when he prayed for his friends. Yahweh gave Job twice as much as he had before. 11 Then all his brothers, all his sisters, and all those who had been of his acquaintance before, came to him and ate bread with him in his house. They

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1 Blessed is the man who doesn't walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor stand on the path of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers; 2 but his delight is in Yahweh's law. On his law he meditates day and night. 3 He will be like a tree planted by the streams of water, that produces its fruit in its season, whose leaf also does not wither. Whatever he does shall prosper. 4 The wicked are not so, but are like the chaff which the wind drives away. **5** Therefore the wicked shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. **6** For Yahweh knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall perish.

 $oldsymbol{2}$ Why do the nations rage, and the peoples plot a vain thing? 2 The kings of the earth take a stand, and the rulers take counsel together, against Yahweh, and against his Anointed, saying, 3 "Let's break their bonds apart, and cast their cords from us." 4 He who sits in the heavens will laugh. The Lord will have them in derision. 5 Then he will speak to them in his anger, and terrify them in his wrath: 6 "Yet I have set my King on my holy hill of Zion." 7 I will tell of the decree: Yahweh said to me, "You are my son. Today I have become your father. 8 Ask of me, and I will give the nations for your inheritance, the uttermost parts of the earth for your possession. 9 You shall break them with a rod of iron. You shall dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel." 10 Now therefore be wise, you kings. Be instructed, you iudges of the earth. 11 Serve Yahweh with fear, and rejoice with trembling. 12 Give sincere homage to the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish on the way, for his wrath will soon be kindled. Blessed are all those who take refuge in him.

A Psalm by David, when he fled from Absalom his son. Yahweh, how my adversaries have increased! Many are those who rise up against me. 2 Many there are who say of my soul, "There is no help for him in God." (Selah) 3 But you, Yahweh, are a shield around me, my glory, and the one who lifts up my head. 4 I cry to Yahweh with my voice, and he answers me out of his holy hill. (Selah) 5 I laid myself down and slept. I awakened, for Yahweh sustains me. 6 I will not be afraid of tens of thousands of people who have set themselves against me on every side. 7 Arise, Yahweh! Save me, my God! For you have struck all of my enemies on the cheek bone. You have broken the teeth of the wicked. 8 Salvation belongs to Yahweh. May your blessing be on your people. (Selah)

4 For the Chief Musician; on stringed instruments. A Psalm by David. Answer me when I call, God of my

righteousness. Give me relief from my distress. Have mercy on me, and hear my prayer. 2 You sons of men, how long shall my glory be turned into dishonor? Will you love vanity and seek after falsehood? (Selah) 3 But know that Yahweh has set apart for himself him who is godly; Yahweh will hear when I call to him. 4 Stand in awe, and don't sin. Search your own heart on your bed, and be still. (Selah) 5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness. Put your trust in Yahweh. 6 Many say, "Who will show us any good?" Yahweh, let the light of your face shine on us. 7 You have put gladness in my heart, more than when their grain and their new wine are increased. 8 In peace I will both lay myself down and sleep, for you alone, Yahweh, make me live in safety.

5 For the Chief Musician, with the flutes. A Psalm by David. Give ear to my words, Yahweh. Consider my (meditation) 2 Listen to the voice of my cry, my King and my God, for I pray to you. 3 Yahweh, in the morning you will hear my voice. In the morning I will lay my requests before you, and will watch expectantly. 4 For you are not a God who has pleasure in wickedness. Evil can't live with you. 5 The arrogant will not stand in your sight. You hate all workers of iniquity. 6 You will destroy those who speak lies. Yahweh abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man. 7 But as for me, in the abundance of your loving kindness I will come into your house. I will bow toward your holy temple in reverence of you. 8 Lead me, Yahweh, in your righteousness because of my enemies. Make your way straight before my face. 9 For there is no faithfulness in their mouth. Their heart is destruction. Their throat is an open tomb. They flatter with their tongue. 10 Hold them guilty, God. Let them fall by their own counsels. Thrust them out in 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. Let them also who love your name be joyful in you. 12 For you will bless the righteous. Yahweh, you will surround him with favor as with a shield.

6 For the Chief Musician; on stringed instruments, upon the eight-stringed lyre. A Psalm by David. Yahweh, don't rebuke me in your anger, neither discipline me in your wrath. 2 Have mercy on me, Yahweh, for I am faint. Yahweh, heal me, for my bones are troubled. 3 My soul is also in great anguish. But you, Yahweh—how long? 4 Return, Yahweh. Deliver my soul, and save me for your loving kindness' sake. 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 flood my bed. I drench 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

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of my weeping. 9 Yahweh has heard my supplication. of the field, 8 the birds of the sky, the fish of the sea, Yahweh accepts my prayer. 10 May all my enemies and whatever passes through the paths of the seas. 9 be ashamed and dismayed. They shall turn back, they Yahweh, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the shall be disgraced suddenly.

concerning the words of Cush, the Benjamite. praise to the name of Yahweh Most High.

R For the Chief Musician; on an instrument of Gath. A Psalm by David. Yahweh, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens! 2 From the lips of babes and infants you have established strength, because of your the works of your hands. You have put all things under sneers at them. 6 He says in his heart, "I shall not be

vou workers of iniquity, for Yahweh has heard the voice his feet: 7 All sheep and cattle, ves, and the animals earth!

7 A meditation by David, which he sang to Yahweh, **Q** For the Chief Musician. Set to "The Death of the Son." A Psalm by David. I will give thanks to Yahweh Yahweh, my God, I take refuge in you. Save me from all with my whole heart. I will tell of all your marvelous those who pursue me, and deliver me, 2 lest they tear works. 2 I will be glad and rejoice in you. I will sing apart my soul like a lion, ripping it in pieces, while there praise to your name, O Most High. 3 When my enemies is no one to deliver. 3 Yahweh, my God, if I have done turn back, they stumble and perish in your presence. this, if there is iniquity in my hands, 4 if I have rewarded 4 For you have maintained my just cause. You sit on evil to him who was at peace with me (yes, I have the throne judging righteously. 5 You have rebuked plundered him who without cause was my adversary), 5 the nations. You have destroyed the wicked. You have let the enemy pursue my soul, and overtake it; yes, let blotted out their name forever and ever. 6 The enemy him tread my life down to the earth, and lay my glory is overtaken by endless ruin. The very memory of the in the dust. (Selah) 6 Arise, Yahweh, in your anger. cities which you have overthrown has perished. 7 But Lift up yourself against the rage of my adversaries. Yahweh reigns forever. He has prepared his throne for Awake for me. You have commanded judgment. 7 Let judgment. 8 He will judge the world in righteousness. He the congregation of the peoples surround you. Rule will administer judgment to the peoples in uprightness. over them on high. 8 Yahweh administers judgment 9 Yahweh will also be a high tower for the oppressed; to the peoples. Judge me, Yahweh, according to my a high tower in times of trouble. 10 Those who know righteousness, and to my integrity that is in me. 9 your name will put their trust in you, for you, Yahweh, Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end, have not forsaken those who seek you. 11 Sing praises but establish the righteous; their minds and hearts to Yahweh, who dwells in Zion, and declare among are searched by the righteous God. 10 My shield is the people what he has done. 12 For he who avenges with God, who saves the upright in heart. 11 God is a blood remembers them. He doesn't forget the cry of righteous judge, yes, a God who has indignation every the afflicted. 13 Have mercy on me, Yahweh. See my day. 12 If a man doesn't repent, he will sharpen his affliction by those who hate me, and lift me up from the sword; he has bent and strung his bow. 13 He has also gates of death, 14 that I may show all of your praise. I prepared for himself the instruments of death. He makes will rejoice in your salvation in the gates of the daughter ready his flaming arrows. 14 Behold, he travails with of Zion. 15 The nations have sunk down in the pit that iniquity. Yes, he has conceived mischief, and brought they made. In the net which they hid, their own foot is out falsehood. 15 He has dug a hole, and has fallen into taken. 16 Yahweh has made himself known. He has the pit which he made. 16 The trouble he causes shall executed judgment. The wicked is snared by the work of return to his own head. His violence shall come down his own hands. (Meditation, Selah) 17 The wicked shall on the crown of his own head. 17 I will give thanks to be turned back to Sheol, even all the nations that forget Yahweh according to his righteousness, and will sing God. (Sheol h7585) 18 For the needy shall not always be forgotten, nor the hope of the poor perish forever. 19 Arise, Yahweh! Don't let man prevail. Let the nations be judged in your sight. 20 Put them in fear, Yahweh. Let the nations know that they are only men. (Selah)

1 N Why do you stand far off, Yahweh? Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble? 2 In arrogance, adversaries, that you might silence the enemy and the the wicked hunt down the weak. They are caught in avenger. 3 When I consider your heavens, the work of the schemes that they devise. 3 For the wicked boasts your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have of his heart's cravings. He blesses the greedy and ordained, 4 what is man, that you think of him? What is condemns Yahweh. 4 The wicked, in the pride of his the son of man, that you care for him? 5 For you have face, has no room in his thoughts for God. 5 His ways made him a little lower than the angels, and crowned are prosperous at all times. He is arrogant, and your him with glory and honor. 6 You make him ruler over laws are far from his sight. As for all his adversaries, he

Psalms 348 shaken. For generations I shall have no trouble." 7 His generation forever. 8 The wicked walk on every side. mouth is full of cursing, deceit, and oppression. 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. 9 He lurks in secret as a lion in his ambush. He lies in wait to catch the helpless. He catches the helpless when he draws him in his net. 10 The helpless are crushed. They collapse. They fall under his strength. 11 He says in his heart, "God has forgotten. He hides his face. He will never see it." 12 Arise, Yahweh! God, lift up your hand! Don't forget the helpless. 13 Why does the wicked person condemn God, and say in his heart, "God won't call me into account"? 14 But you do see trouble and grief. You consider it to take it into 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 Yahweh is King forever and ever! The nations will perish out of his land. 17 Yahweh, 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 Yahweh, I take refuge. How can you say to my soul, "Flee as a bird to your mountain"? 2 For, behold, 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 Yahweh is in his holy temple. Yahweh is on his throne in heaven. His eyes observe. His eyes examine the children of men. 5 Yahweh examines the righteous, but his soul hates the wicked and him who loves violence. 6 On the wicked he will rain blazing coals; fire, sulfur, and scorching wind shall be the portion of their cup. 7 For Yahweh 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, Yahweh; for the godly man ceases. For the faithful fail from among the children of men. 2 Everyone lies to his neighbor. They speak with flattering lips, and with a double heart. 3 May Yahweh 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?" "Because of the oppression of the weak and because of the groaning of the needy, I will now arise," says Yahweh; "I will set him in safety from those who malign him." 6 Yahweh's words are flawless words, as silver refined in a clay furnace, purified seven times. 7 You will

when what is vile is exalted among the sons of men.

3 For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by David. How long, Yahweh? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? 2 How long shall I take counsel in my soul, having sorrow in my heart every day? How long shall my enemy triumph over me? 3 Behold, and answer me, Yahweh, my God. Give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death; 4 lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed against him;" lest my adversaries rejoice when I fall. 5 But I trust in your loving kindness. My heart rejoices in your salvation. 6 I will sing to Yahweh, because he has been good to me.

1 1 For the Chief Musician. By David. The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt. They have done abominable deeds. There is no one who does good. 2 Yahweh looked down from heaven on the children of men, to see if there were any who understood, who sought after God. 3 They have all gone aside. They have together become corrupt. There is no one who does good, no, not one. 4 Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge, who eat up my people as they eat bread, and don't call on Yahweh? 5 There they were in great fear, for God is in the generation of the righteous. 6 You frustrate the plan of the poor, because Yahweh is his refuge. 7 Oh that the salvation of Israel would come out of Zion! When Yahweh restores the fortunes of his people, then Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

1 A Psalm by David. Yahweh, who shall dwell in your sanctuary? Who shall live on your holy hill? 2 He who walks blamelessly and does what is right, and speaks truth in his heart; 3 he who doesn't slander with his tongue, nor does evil to his friend, nor casts slurs against his fellow man; 4 in whose eyes a vile man is despised, but who honors those who fear Yahweh; he who keeps an oath even when it hurts, and doesn't change; 5 he who doesn't lend out his money for usury, nor take a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things shall never be shaken.

16 A Poem by David. Preserve me, God, for I take refuge in you. 2 My soul, you have said to Yahweh, "You are my Lord. Apart from you I have no good thing." 3 As for the saints who are in the earth, they are the excellent ones in whom is all my delight. 4 Their sorrows shall be multiplied who give gifts to another god. Their drink offerings of blood I will not offer, nor take their names on my lips. 5 Yahweh assigned my portion and my cup. You made my lot secure. 6 The keep them, Yahweh. You will preserve them from this lines have fallen to me in pleasant places. Yes, I have a good inheritance. 7 I will bless Yahweh, who has

given me counsel. Yes, my heart instructs me in the temple. My cry before him came into his ears. 7 Then night seasons. 8 I have set Yahweh always before me. the earth shook and trembled. The foundations also of Because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. 9 the mountains quaked and were shaken, because he Therefore my heart is glad, and my tongue rejoices. My was angry. 8 Smoke went out of his nostrils. Consuming body shall also dwell in safety. 10 For you will not leave my soul in Sheol, neither will you allow your holy one to see corruption. (Sheol h7585) 11 You will show me the darkness was under his feet. 10 He rode on a cherub, path of life. In your presence is fullness of joy. In your right hand there are pleasures forever more.

17 A Prayer by David. Hear, Yahweh, my righteous plea. Give ear to my prayer that doesn't go out of deceitful lips. 2 Let my sentence come out of 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 deeds 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 eye. 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 now surrounded us in our steps. They set their eyes to cast us down to the earth. 12 He is like a lion that is greedy of his prey, as it were a young lion lurking in secret places. 13 Arise, Yahweh, confront him. Cast him down. Deliver my soul from the wicked by your sword, 14 from men by your hand, Yahweh, from men of the world, whose portion is in this life. You fill the belly of your cherished ones. Your sons have plenty, and they store up wealth for their children. 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 Yahweh, who spoke to Yahweh the words of this song in the day that Yahweh delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul. He said, I love you, Yahweh, my strength. 2 Yahweh 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 Yahweh, who is worthy to be praised; and I am saved from my enemies. 4 The cords of death surrounded me. The floods of ungodliness made me afraid. 5 The cords of Sheol were around me. The snares of death came on me. (Sheol h7585) 6 In my distress I called on Yahweh, and cried to my God. He heard my voice out of his

11 He made darkness his hiding place, his pavilion around him, darkness of waters, thick clouds of the skies. 12 At the brightness before him his thick clouds passed, hailstones and coals of fire. 13 Yahweh also thundered in the sky. The Most High uttered his voice: hailstones and coals of fire. 14 He sent out his arrows, and scattered them. He routed them with great lightning bolts. 15 Then the channels of waters appeared. The foundations of the world were laid bare at your rebuke, Yahweh, 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 Yahweh was my support. 19 He brought me out also into a large place. He delivered me, because he delighted in me. 20 Yahweh has rewarded me according to my righteousness. According to the cleanness of my hands, he has recompensed me. 21 For I have kept the ways of Yahweh, and have not wickedly departed from my God. 22 For all his ordinances were before me. I didn't put away his statutes from me. 23 I was also blameless with him. I kept myself from my iniquity. 24 Therefore Yahweh has rewarded me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in his eyesight. 25 With the merciful you will show yourself merciful. With the perfect man, you will show yourself perfect. 26 With the pure, you will show yourself pure. With the crooked you will show yourself shrewd. 27 For you will save the afflicted people, but the arrogant eyes you will bring down. 28 For you will light my lamp, Yahweh. My God will light 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. Yahweh's word is tried. He is a shield to all those who take refuge in him. 31 For who is God, except Yahweh? Who is a rock, besides our God, 32 the God who arms me with strength, and makes my way perfect? 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. Your right hand sustains me. Your gentleness has made me great. 36 You have enlarged my steps under me, My feet have not slipped. 37 I will pursue my enemies, and overtake them. I won't

through, so that they will not be able to rise. They shall fall under my feet. 39 For you have armed me with strength to the battle. You have subdued under me those who rose up against me. 40 You have also made my enemies turn their backs to me, that I might cut off those who hate me. 41 They cried, but there was no one to save; even to Yahweh, but he didn't answer them. 42 Then I beat them small as the dust before the wind, I cast them out as the mire of the streets. 43 You have delivered me from the strivings of the people. You have made me the head of the nations. A people whom I have not known shall serve me. 44 As soon as they hear of me they shall obey me. The foreigners shall submit themselves to me. 45 The foreigners shall fade away, and shall come trembling out of their strongholds. 46 Yahweh lives! Blessed be my rock. Exalted be the God of my salvation. 47 even 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 give thanks to you, Yahweh, 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 offspring, forever more.

1 Q For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by David. The heavens declare the glory of God. The expanse shows his handiwork. 2 Day after day they pour out 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 through all the earth, their words to the end of the world. In them he has set a tent for the sun, 5 which is as a bridegroom coming out of his room, like a strong man rejoicing to run his course. 6 His going out is from the end of the heavens, his circuit to its ends. There is nothing hidden from its heat. 7 Yahweh's law is perfect, restoring the soul. Yahweh's covenant is sure, making wise the simple. 8 Yahweh's precepts are right, rejoicing the heart. Yahweh's commandment is pure, enlightening the eves. 9 The fear of Yahweh is clean, enduring forever. Yahweh's ordinances are true, and righteous altogether. 10 They are more to be desired than gold, yes, than much fine gold, sweeter also than honey and the extract of the honeycomb. 11 Moreover your servant is warned by them. 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

turn away until they are consumed. **38** I will strike them meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, through, so that they will not be able to rise. They shall Yahweh, my rock, and my redeemer.

20 For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by David. May Yahweh answer you in the day of trouble. May the name of the God of Jacob set you up on high, 2 send you help from the sanctuary, grant you support from Zion, 3 remember all your offerings, and accept your burned sacrifice. (Selah) 4 May he grant you your heart's desire, and fulfill all your counsel. 5 We will triumph in your salvation. In the name of our God, we will set up our banners. May Yahweh grant all your reguests. 6 Now I know that Yahweh saves his anointed. He will answer him from his holy heaven, with the saving strength of his right hand. 7 Some trust in chariots, and some in horses, but we trust in the name of Yahweh our God. 8 They are bowed down and fallen, but we rise up, and stand upright. 9 Save, Yahweh! Let the King answer us when we call!

21 For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by David. The king rejoices in your strength, Yahweh! 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 and you gave it to him, even length of days forever and ever. 5 His glory is great in your 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 Yahweh. 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 out those who hate you. 9 You will make them as a fiery furnace in the time of your anger. Yahweh 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 children of men. 11 For they intended evil against you. They plotted evil against you which cannot succeed. 12 For you will make them turn their back, when you aim drawn bows at their face. 13 Be exalted. Yahweh, 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 don't 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 were delivered. They trusted in you,

since he delights in him." 9 But you brought me out of forever. the womb. You made me trust while at my mother's breasts. 10 I was thrown on you from my mother's womb. You are my God since my mother bore me. 11 Don't be far from me, for trouble is near. For there is no one to help. 12 Many bulls have surrounded me. Strong bulls of Bashan have encircled me. 13 They open their mouths wide against me, lions tearing prey and roaring. 14 I am poured out like water. 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. My tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth. You have brought me into the dust of death. 16 For dogs have surrounded me. A company of evildoers have enclosed me. They have pierced my hands and feet. 17 I can count all of my bones. They look and stare at me. 18 They divide my garments among them. They cast lots for my clothing. 19 But don't be far off, Yahweh. 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, you have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen. 22 I will declare your name to my brothers. Among the assembly, I will praise you. 23 You who fear Yahweh, praise him! All you descendants of Jacob, glorify him! Stand in awe of him, all you descendants of Israel! 24 For he has not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, neither has he hidden his face from him; but when he cried to him, he heard. 25 My praise of you comes in the great assembly. I will pay my vows before those who fear him. 26 The humble shall eat and be satisfied. They shall praise Yahweh who seek after him. Let your hearts live forever. 27 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to Yahweh. All the relatives of the nations shall worship before you. 28 For the kingdom is Yahweh's. He is the ruler over the nations. 29 All the rich ones of the earth shall eat and worship. All those who go down to the dust shall bow before him, even he who can't keep his soul alive. 30 Posterity shall serve him. Future generations shall be told about the Lord. 31 They shall come and shall declare his righteousness to a people that shall be born, for he has done it.

lack nothing. 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. 3 He restores valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you sins. 19 Consider my enemies, for they are many. They

and were not disappointed. 6 But I am a worm, and no are with me. Your rod and your staff, they comfort me. 5 man; a reproach of men, and despised by the people. 7 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my All those who see me mock me. They insult me with enemies. You anoint my head with oil. My cup runs over. their lips. They shake their heads, saying, 8 "He trusts 6 Surely goodness and loving kindness shall follow me in Yahweh. Let him deliver him. Let him rescue him, all the days of my life, and I will dwell in Yahweh's house

> **24** A Psalm by David. The earth is Yahweh's, with 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 Yahweh'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 Yahweh, righteousness from the God of his salvation. 6 This is the generation of those who seek Him, who seek your face—even 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? Yahweh strong and mighty. Yahweh mighty in battle. 9 Lift up your heads. you gates; yes, lift them up, you everlasting doors, and the King of glory will come in. 10 Who is this King of glory? Yahweh of Armies is the King of glory! (Selah)

25 By David. To you, Yahweh, I lift up my soul. 2 My God, I have trusted in you. Don't let me be shamed. Don't let my enemies triumph over me. 3 Yes. no one who waits for you will be shamed. They will be shamed who deal treacherously without cause. 4 Show me your ways, Yahweh. Teach me your paths. 5 Guide me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation. I wait for you all day long. 6 Yahweh, remember your tender mercies and your loving kindness, for they are from old times. 7 Don't remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions. Remember me according to your loving kindness, for your goodness' sake, Yahweh. 8 Good and upright is Yahweh, therefore he will instruct sinners in the way. 9 He will guide the humble in justice. He will teach the humble his way. 10 All the paths of Yahweh are loving kindness and truth to such as keep his covenant and his testimonies. 11 For your name's sake. Yahweh, pardon my iniquity, for it is great. 12 What man is he who fears Yahweh? He shall instruct him in the way that he shall choose. 13 His soul will dwell at ease. His offspring will inherit the land. 14 The friendship of Yahweh is with those who fear him. He will show them his covenant. 15 23 A Psalm by David. Yahweh is my shepherd; I shall My eyes are ever on Yahweh, 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 The troubles of my my soul. He guides me in the paths of righteousness heart are enlarged. Oh bring me out of my distresses. for his name's sake. 4 Even though I walk through the 18 Consider my affliction and my travail. Forgive all my

deliver me. Let me not be disappointed, for I take refuge and let your heart take courage. Yes, wait for Yahweh. in vou. 21 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for you. 22 God, redeem Israel out of all his troubles.

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, Yahweh, 7 that I may make the voice of thanksgiving to be heard and tell of all your wondrous deeds. 8 Yahweh, I love the habitation of your house, the place where your glory dwells. 9 Don't 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 Yahweh.

Whom shall I fear? Yahweh is the strength of my voice. Have mercy also on me, and answer me. 8 When Yahweh will bless his people with peace. you said, "Seek my face," my heart said to you, "I will seek your face, Yahweh." 9 Don't hide your face from me. Don't put your servant away in anger. You have been my help. Don't abandon me, neither forsake me, God of my salvation. 10 When my father and my mother forsake me, then Yahweh will take me up. 11 Teach me your way, Yahweh. Lead me in a straight path, because of my enemies. 12 Don't deliver me over to the desire of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen up against me, such as breathe out cruelty. 13 I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of Yahweh in

hate me with cruel hatred. 20 Oh keep my soul, and the land of the living, 14 Wait for Yahweh, Be strong,

28 By David. To you, Yahweh, I call. My rock, don't be deaf to me, lest, if you are silent to me, I would become like those who go down into the pit. 2 Hear the 26 By David. Judge me, Yahweh, for I have walked in voice of my petitions, when I cry to you, when I lift up my integrity. I have trusted also in Yahweh without my hands toward your Most Holy Place. 3 Don't draw wavering. 2 Examine me, Yahweh, and prove me. Try me away with the wicked, with the workers of iniquity 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 don't respect the works of Yahweh, nor the operation of his hands, he will break them down and not build them up. 6 Blessed be Yahweh, because he has heard the voice of my petitions. 7 Yahweh 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 Yahweh is their strength. 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.

27 By David. Yahweh is my light and my salvation. **29** A Psalm by David. Ascribe to Yahweh, you sons of the mighty, ascribe to Yahweh glory and strength. life. Of whom shall I be afraid? 2 When evildoers came 2 Ascribe to Yahweh the glory due to his name. Worship at me to eat up my flesh, even my adversaries and my Yahweh in holy array. 3 Yahweh's voice is on the waters. foes, they stumbled and fell. 3 Though an army should The God of glory thunders, even Yahweh on many encamp against me, my heart shall not fear. Though war waters. 4 Yahweh's voice is powerful. Yahweh's voice is should rise against me, even then I will be confident. 4 full of majesty. 5 Yahweh's voice breaks the cedars. One thing I have asked of Yahweh, that I will seek after: Yes, Yahweh breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon. 6 that I may dwell in Yahweh's house all the days of my He makes them also to skip like a calf; Lebanon and life, to see Yahweh's beauty, and to inquire in his temple. Sirion like a young, wild ox. 7 Yahweh's voice strikes 5 For in the day of trouble, he will keep me secretly in with flashes of lightning. 8 Yahweh's voice shakes the his pavilion. In the secret place of his tabernacle, he will wilderness. Yahweh shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. hide me. He will lift me up on a rock. 6 Now my head 9 Yahweh's voice makes the deer calve, and strips the will be lifted up above my enemies around me. I will forests bare. In his temple everything says, "Glory!" 10 offer sacrifices of joy in his tent. I will sing, yes, I will sing Yahweh sat enthroned at the Flood. Yes, Yahweh sits as praises to Yahweh. 7 Hear, Yahweh, when I cry with my King forever. 11 Yahweh will give strength to his people.

> 30 A Psalm. A Song for the Dedication of the Temple. By David. I will extol you, Yahweh, for you have raised me up, and have not made my foes to rejoice over me. 2 Yahweh my God, I cried to you, and you have healed me. 3 Yahweh, 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 Yahweh, you saints of his. 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,

favored me, made my mountain stand strong; but when kindness in a strong city. 22 As for me, I said in my you hid your face, I was troubled. 8 I cried to you, haste, "I am cut off from before your eyes." Nevertheless Yahweh. I made supplication to the Lord: 9 "What profit you heard the voice of my petitions when I cried to is there in my destruction, if I go down to the pit? Shall you. 23 Oh love Yahweh, all you his saints! Yahweh the dust praise you? Shall it declare your truth? 10 preserves the faithful, and fully recompenses him who Hear, Yahweh, and have mercy on me. Yahweh, be my behaves arrogantly. 24 Be strong, and let your heart helper." 11 You have turned my mourning into dancing take courage, all you who hope in Yahweh. for me. You have removed my sackcloth, and clothed me with gladness, 12 to the end that my heart may sing praise to you, and not be silent. Yahweh my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

31 For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by David. In you, Yahweh, I take refuge. Let me never be disappointed. Deliver me in your righteousness. 2 Bow down your ear to me. Deliver me speedily. Be to me a strong rock, a house of defense to save me. 3 For you are my rock and my fortress, therefore for your name's sake lead me and guide me. 4 Pluck me out of the net that they have laid secretly for me, for you are my stronghold. 5 Into your hand I commend my spirit. You redeem me, Yahweh, God of truth. 6 I hate those who regard lying vanities, but I trust in Yahweh. 7 I will be glad and rejoice in your loving kindness, for you have seen my affliction. You have known my soul in adversities. 8 You have not shut me up into the hand of the enemy. You have set my feet in a large place. 9 Have mercy on me, Yahweh, for I am in distress. My eye, my soul, and my body waste away with grief. 10 For my life is spent with sorrow, my years with sighing. My strength fails because of my iniquity. My bones are wasted away. 11 Because of all my adversaries I have become utterly contemptible to my neighbors, a horror fled from me. 12 I am forgotten from their hearts like a

"I shall never be moved." 7 You, Yahweh, when you Yahweh, for he has shown me his marvelous loving

32 By David. A contemplative psalm. Blessed is he whose disobedience is forgiven, whose sin is covered. 2 Blessed is the man to whom Yahweh doesn't impute iniquity, in whose spirit there is no deceit. 3 When I kept silence, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. 4 For day and night your hand was heavy on me. My strength was sapped in the heat of summer. (Selah) 5 I acknowledged my sin to you. I didn't hide my iniquity. I said, I will confess my transgressions to Yahweh, and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. (Selah) 6 For this, let everyone who is godly pray to you in a time when you may be found. Surely when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach to him. 7 You are my hiding place. You will preserve me from trouble. You will surround me with songs of deliverance. (Selah) 8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you shall go. I will counsel you with my eye on you. 9 Don't be like the horse, or like the mule, which have no understanding, who are controlled by bit and bridle, or else they will not come near to you. 10 Many sorrows come to the wicked, but loving kindness shall surround him who trusts in Yahweh. 11 Be glad in Yahweh, and rejoice, you righteous! Shout for joy, all you who are upright in heart!

to my acquaintances. Those who saw me on the street 33 Rejoice in Yahweh, you righteous! Praise is fitting for the upright. 2 Give thanks to Yahweh with the dead man. I am like broken pottery. 13 For I have heard lyre. Sing praises to him with the harp of ten strings. 3 the slander of many, terror on every side, while they Sing to him a new song. Play skillfully with a shout of conspire together against me, they plot to take away my joy! 4 For Yahweh's word is right. All his work is done life. 14 But I trust in you, Yahweh. I said, "You are my in faithfulness. 5 He loves righteousness and justice. God." 15 My times are in your hand. Deliver me from the The earth is full of the loving kindness of Yahweh. 6 By hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me. Yahweh's word, the heavens were made: all their army 16 Make your face to shine on your servant. Save me in by the breath of his mouth. 7 He gathers the waters of your loving kindness. 17 Let me not be disappointed, the sea together as a heap. He lays up the deeps in Yahweh, for I have called on you. Let the wicked be storehouses. 8 Let all the earth fear Yahweh. Let all the disappointed. Let them be silent in Sheol. (Sheol h7585) inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. 9 For he 18 Let the lying lips be mute, which speak against the spoke, and it was done. He commanded, and it stood righteous insolently, with pride and contempt. 19 Oh firm. 10 Yahweh brings the counsel of the nations to how great is your goodness, which you have laid up for nothing. He makes the thoughts of the peoples to be of those who fear you, which you have worked for those no effect. 11 The counsel of Yahweh stands fast forever, who take refuge in you, before the sons of men! 20 In the thoughts of his heart to all generations. 12 Blessed the shelter of your presence you will hide them from is the nation whose God is Yahweh, the people whom the plotting of man. You will keep them secretly in a he has chosen for his own inheritance. 13 Yahweh dwelling away from the strife of tongues. 21 Praise be to looks from heaven. He sees all the sons of men. 14

From the place of his habitation he looks out on all the up for my help. 3 Brandish the spear and block those hoped in you.

34 By David; when he pretended to be insane before Abimelech, who drove him away, and he departed. I will bless Yahweh at all times. His praise will always be in my mouth. 2 My soul shall boast in Yahweh. The humble shall hear of it and be glad. 3 Oh magnify Yahweh with me. Let's exalt his name together. 4 I sought Yahweh, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears. 5 They looked to him, and were radiant. Their faces shall never be covered with shame 6 This poor man cried, and Yahweh heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles. 7 Yahweh's angel encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them. 8 Oh taste and see that Yahweh is good. Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him. 9 Oh fear Yahweh. you his saints, for there is no lack with those who fear him. 10 The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger, but those who seek Yahweh shall not lack any good thing. 11 Come, you children, listen to me. I will teach you the fear of Yahweh. 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 Depart from evil, and do good. Seek peace, and pursue it. 15 Yahweh's eyes are toward the righteous. His ears listen to their cry. 16 Yahweh's face is against those who do evil, to cut off their memory from the earth. 17 The righteous crv. and Yahweh hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles. 18 Yahweh 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 Yahweh 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 Yahweh redeems the soul of his servants. None of those who take refuge in him shall be condemned.

35 By David. Contend, Yahweh, with those who against me. 2 Take hold of shield and buckler, and stand

inhabitants of the earth, 15 he who fashions all of their who pursue me. Tell my soul, "I am your salvation." hearts; and he considers all of their works. 16 There is 4 Let those who seek after my soul be disappointed no king saved by the multitude of an army. A mighty and brought to dishonor. Let those who plot my ruin be man is not delivered by great strength. 17 A horse is turned back and confounded. 5 Let them be as chaff a vain thing for safety, neither does he deliver any by before the wind, Yahweh's angel driving them on. 6 Let his great power. 18 Behold, Yahweh's eye is on those their way be dark and slippery. Yahweh's angel pursuing who fear him, on those who hope in his loving kindness, them. 7 For without cause they have hidden their net in 19 to deliver their soul from death, to keep them alive a pit for me. Without cause they have dug a pit for my in famine. 20 Our soul has waited for Yahweh. He is soul. 8 Let destruction come on him unawares. Let his our help and our shield. 21 For our heart rejoices in net that he has hidden catch himself. Let him fall into him, because we have trusted in his holy name. 22 Let that destruction. 9 My soul shall be joyful in Yahweh. your loving kindness be on us, Yahweh, since we have It shall rejoice in his salvation. 10 All my bones shall say, "Yahweh, 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 don't 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. My prayer returned into my own bosom. 14 l 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 didn't know it. They tore at me, and didn't cease. 16 Like the profane mockers in feasts, 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 Don't let those who are my enemies wronafully rejoice over me: neither let those who hate me without a cause wink their eyes. 20 For they don't speak peace, but they devise deceitful words against those who are guiet 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, Yahweh. Don't keep silent. Lord, don't be far from me. 23 Wake up! Rise up to defend me, my God! My Lord, contend for me! 24 Vindicate me, Yahweh my God, according to your righteousness. Don't let them gloat over me. 25 Don't let them say in their heart, "Aha! That's the way we want it!" Don't let them say. "We have swallowed him up!" 26 Let them be disappointed and confounded together who rejoice at my calamity. Let them be clothed with shame and dishonor who magnify themselves against me. 27 Let those who favor my righteous cause shout for joy and be glad. Yes, let them say continually, "May Yahweh be magnified, who has pleasure in the prosperity of his servant!" 28 My tongue shall talk about contend with me. Fight against those who fight your righteousness and about your praise all day long.

are thrust down, and shall not be able to rise.

37 By David. Don't 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 Yahweh, and do good. Dwell in the land, and enjoy safe pasture. 4 Also delight yourself in Yahweh, and he will give you the desires of your heart. 5 Commit your way to Yahweh. Trust also in him, and he will do this: 6 he will make your righteousness shine out like light, and your justice as the noon day sun. 7 Rest in Yahweh, and wait patiently for him. Don't 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. Don't fret; it leads only to evildoing. 9 For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait for Yahweh 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 your hot displeasure. 2 For your arrows have pierced 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 on the path. 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 many wicked. 17 For the arms of the wicked shall be bruised. I have groaned by reason of the anguish of my broken, but Yahweh upholds the righteous. 18 Yahweh heart. 9 Lord, all my desire is before you. My groaning

For the Chief Musician. By David, the servant of forever. 19 They shall not be disappointed in the time of Yahweh. A revelation is within my heart about the evil. In the days of famine they shall be satisfied. 20 disobedience of the wicked: There is no fear of God But the wicked shall perish. The enemies of Yahweh before his eyes. 2 For he flatters himself in his own eyes, shall be like the beauty of the fields. They will vanish too much to detect and hate his sin. 3 The words of his vanish like smoke. 21 The wicked borrow, and don't pay mouth are iniquity and deceit. He has ceased to be wise back, but the righteous give generously. 22 For such as and to do good. 4 He plots iniquity on his bed. He sets are blessed by him shall inherit the land. Those who himself in a way that is not good. He doesn't abhor evil. are cursed by him shall be cut off. 23 A man's steps 5 Your loving kindness, Yahweh, is in the heavens. Your are established by Yahweh. He delights in his way. 24 faithfulness reaches to the skies. 6 Your righteousness Though he stumble, he shall not fall, for Yahweh holds is like the mountains of God. Your judgments are like a him up with his hand. 25 I have been young, and now great deep. Yahweh, you preserve man and animal. 7 am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, How precious is your loving kindness, God! The children nor his children begging for bread. 26 All day long he of men take refuge under the shadow of your wings. 8 deals graciously, and lends. His offspring is blessed. 27 They shall be abundantly satisfied with the abundance Depart from evil, and do good. Live securely forever. of your house. You will make them drink of the river of 28 For Yahweh loves justice, and doesn't forsake his your pleasures. 9 For with you is the spring of life. In saints. They are preserved forever, but the children of your light we will see light. 10 Oh continue your loving the wicked shall be cut off. 29 The righteous shall inherit kindness to those who know you, your righteousness to the land, and live in it forever. 30 The mouth of the the upright in heart. 11 Don't let the foot of pride come righteous talks of wisdom. His tongue speaks justice. 31 against me. Don't let the hand of the wicked drive me. The law of his God is in his heart. None of his steps away. 12 There the workers of iniquity are fallen. They shall slide. 32 The wicked watch the righteous, and seek to kill him. 33 Yahweh will not leave him in his hand, nor condemn him when he is judged. 34 Wait for Yahweh, 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 in great power, spreading himself like a green tree in its native soil. 36 But he passed away, and behold, he was not. Yes, I sought him, but he could not be found. 37 Mark the perfect man, 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 But the salvation of the righteous is from Yahweh. He is their stronghold in the time of trouble. 40 Yahweh 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. Yahweh, don't rebuke me in your wrath, neither chasten me in 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 in pain and bowed down greatly. I go mourning all day long. 7 For my waist is filled with burning. There is no soundness in my flesh. 8 I am faint and severely knows the days of the perfect. Their inheritance shall be is not hidden from you. 10 My heart throbs. My strength

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 don't 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 "Yahweh, show me my end, what is the measure of my days. Let me know how frail I am. 5 Behold. you have made my days hand widths. My lifetime is as nothing before you. Surely every man stands as a breath." (Selah) 6 "Surely every man walks like a shadow. Surely they busy themselves in vain. He heaps up, and doesn't know who shall gather. 7 Now, Lord, what do I wait for? My hope is in you. 8 Deliver me from all my transgressions. Don't make me the reproach of the foolish. 9 I was mute. I didn't 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 Yahweh will sustain him on his sickbed, and restore him 13 Oh spare me, that I may recover strength, before I go falsehood. His heart gathers iniquity to itself. When he away and exist no more."

1 For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by David. I waited patiently for Yahweh. He turned to me, and heard my cry. 2 He brought me up also out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay. He set my feet on a rock, and gave me a firm place to stand. 3 He has put a new song in my mouth, even praise to our God. Many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in Yahweh. 4 Blessed is the man

fails me. As for the light of my eyes, it has also left me. who makes Yahweh his trust, and doesn't respect the 11 My lovers and my friends stand aloof from my plague. proud, nor such as turn away to lies. 5 Many, Yahweh, My kinsmen stand far away. 12 They also who seek my God, are the wonderful works which you have done, after my life lay snares. Those who seek my hurt speak and your thoughts which are toward us. They can't be mischievous things, and meditate deceits all day long. declared back to you. If I would declare and speak of 13 But I, as a deaf man, don't hear. I am as a mute man them, they are more than can be counted. 6 Sacrifice who doesn't open his mouth. 14 Yes, I am as a man and offering you didn't desire. You have opened my who doesn't hear, in whose mouth are no reproofs. 15 ears. You have not required burnt offering and sin For I hope in you, Yahweh. You will answer, Lord my offering. 7 Then I said, "Behold, I have come. It is written God. 16 For I said, "Don't let them gloat over me, or about me in the book in the scroll. 8 I delight to do your exalt themselves over me when my foot slips." 17 For will, my God. Yes, your law is within my heart." 9 I have I am ready to fall. My pain is continually before me. proclaimed glad news of righteousness in the great 18 For I will declare my iniquity. I will be sorry for my assembly. Behold, I will not seal my lips, Yahweh, you sin. 19 But my enemies are vigorous and many. Those know. 10 I have not hidden your righteousness within who hate me without reason are numerous. 20 They my heart. I have declared your faithfulness and your who render evil for good are also adversaries to me. salvation. I have not concealed your loving kindness and because I follow what is good. 21 Don't forsake me, your truth from the great assembly. 11 Don't withhold Yahweh, My God, don't be far from me. 22 Hurry to help vour tender mercies from me. Yahweh, Let your loving kindness and your truth continually preserve me. 12 For innumerable evils have surrounded me. My iniquities 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, Yahweh, to deliver me. Hurry to help me. Yahweh. 14 Let them be disappointed 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 Yahweh be exalted!" 17 But I am poor and needy. May the Lord think about me. You are my help and my deliverer. Don't delay, my God.

1 For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by David. Blessed is he who considers the poor. Yahweh will deliver him in the day of evil. 2 Yahweh will preserve 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 consume his wealth like a moth. Surely every man is from his bed of illness, 41 said, "Yahweh, have mercy but a breath." (Selah) 12 "Hear my prayer, Yahweh, and on me! Heal me, for I have sinned against you." 5 My give ear to my cry. Don't be silent at my tears. For I am enemies speak evil against me: "When will he die, and a stranger with you, a foreigner, as all my fathers were. his name perish?" 6 If he comes to see me, he speaks goes abroad, he tells it. 7 All who hate me whisper together against me. They imagine the worst for me. 8 "An evil disease", they say, "has afflicted him. Now that he lies he shall rise up no more." 9 Yes, my own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, who ate bread with me, has lifted up his heel against me. 10 But you, Yahweh, have mercy on me, and raise me up, that I may repay them. 11 By this I know that you delight in me, because my enemy doesn't triumph over me. 12 As for me, you

everlasting and to everlasting! Amen and amen.

19 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 with the crowd, and led them to God's house, 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 shall still praise him for the saving help of his presence. 6 My God, 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 waves and your billows have swept over me. 8 Yahweh 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 reproach 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 shall still praise him, the saving help of my countenance, and my God.

12 Vindicate me, God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation. Oh, deliver me from deceitful and wicked men. 2 For you are the God of 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 hill, 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 shall still praise him: my Savior, my helper, and my God.

11 For the Chief Musician. By the sons of Korah. A contemplative psalm. We have heard with our ears, God; our fathers have told us what work you did in their days, in the days of old. 2 You drove out the nations with your hand, but you planted them. You afflicted the peoples, but you spread them abroad. 3 For they didn't get the land in possession by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them; but your right hand, your arm, and the light of your face, because

uphold me in my integrity, and set me in your presence you were favorable to them. 4 God, you are my King. forever. 13 Blessed be Yahweh, the God of Israel, from Command victories for Jacob! 5 Through you, we will push down our adversaries. Through your name, we will tread down those who rise up against us. 6 For I will not trust in my bow, neither will 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 don't go out with our armies. 10 You make us turn back from the adversary. Those who hate us take plunder 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 a reproach to 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 we haven't forgotten you. We haven't been false to your covenant. 18 Our heart has not turned back, neither have our steps strayed 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 out our hands to a strange god, 21 won't God search this out? For he knows the secrets of the heart. 22 Yes, for your sake we are killed all day long. We are regarded as sheep for the slaughter. 23 Wake up! Why do you sleep, Lord? Arise! Don't 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 clings 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 excellent of the sons of men. Grace has anointed your lips, therefore God has blessed you forever. 3 Strap your sword on your thigh, O mighty one, in your splendor and your majesty. 4 In your majesty ride on victoriously on behalf of truth, humility, and righteousness. Let your right hand display awesome deeds. 5 Your arrows are sharp. The nations fall under you, with arrows in the heart of the king's enemies. 6 Your throne, God, is forever and ever. A scepter of equity is the scepter of your kingdom. 7 You have loved righteousness, and hated wickedness. Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil

stringed instruments have made you glad. 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 entreat 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.

16 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 within her. 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 Yahweh of Armies is with us. The God of Jacob is our refuge. (Selah) 8 Come, see Yahweh's works, what desolations he has made in the earth. 9 He makes wars cease to the end of 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 refuge. (Selah)

17 For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by the sons of Korah. Oh clap your hands, all you nations. Shout to God with the voice of triumph! 2 For Yahweh Most High is awesome. He is a great King over all the earth. 3 He subdues nations under us, and peoples under our feet. 4 He chooses our inheritance for us, the glory of Jacob whom he loved. (Selah) 5 God has gone up with a shout, Yahweh with the sound of a trumpet. 6 Sing praises to God! Sing praises! Sing praises to our King! Sing praises! 7 For God is the King of all the earth. Sing praises with understanding. 8 God reigns over the nations. God sits on his holy throne. 9 The princes of

of gladness above your fellows. 8 All your garments the peoples are gathered together, the people of the smell like myrrh, aloes, and cassia. Out of ivory palaces God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to God. He is greatly exalted!

> 48 A Song. A Psalm by the sons of Korah. Great is Yahweh, and greatly to be praised, in the city of our God, in his holy mountain. 2 Beautiful in elevation, the joy of the whole earth, is Mount Zion, on the north sides, the city of the great King. 3 God has shown himself in her citadels as a refuge. 4 For, behold, 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 Yahweh of Armies, in the city of our God. God will establish it forever. (Selah) 9 We have thought about your loving kindness, God, in the middle of your temple. 10 As is your name, God, so is your praise to the ends 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 Notice her bulwarks. Consider her palaces, that you may tell it to the next generation. 14 For this God is our God forever and ever. He will be our guide even to death.

19 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 will utter understanding. 4 I will incline my ear to a proverb. I will solve my riddle on the harp. 5 Why should I fear in the days of evil, when iniquity at my heels surrounds me? 6 Those who trust in their wealth, and boast in the multitude of their riches— 7 none of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give God a ransom for him. 8 For the redemption of their life Yahweh of Armies is with us. The God of Jacob is our 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 the fool and the senseless perish, and leave their wealth to others. 11 Their inward thought is that their houses will endure forever, and their dwelling places to all generations. They name their lands after themselves. 12 But man, despite his riches, doesn't endure. He is like the animals that perish. 13 This is the destiny of those who are foolish, and of those who approve their sayings. (Selah) 14 They are appointed as a flock for Sheol. Death shall be their shepherd. The upright shall have dominion over them in the morning. Their beauty shall decay in Sheol, far from their mansion. (Sheol h7585) 15 But God will redeem my soul from the power of Sheol, for he

will receive me. (Selah) (Sheol h7585) 16 Don't be afraid 3 For I know my transgressions. My sin is constantly when a man is made rich, when the glory of his house before me. 4 Against you, and you only, I have sinned, is increased; 17 for when he dies he will carry nothing and done that which is evil in your sight, so you may away. His glory won't descend after him. 18 Though be proved right when you speak, and justified when while he lived he blessed his soul— and men praise you you judge. 5 Behold, I was born in iniquity. My mother when you do well for yourself— 19 he shall go to the conceived me in sin. 6 Behold, you desire truth in the generation of his fathers. They shall never see the light. inward parts. You teach me wisdom in the inmost place. 20 A man who has riches without understanding, is like 7 Purify me with hyssop, and I will be clean. Wash me, the animals that perish.

50 A Psalm by Asaph. The Mighty One, God, Yahweh. speaks, and calls the earth from sunrise to sunset. 2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines out. 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 saints 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, I will testify against you. I am God, your God. 8 I don't 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 meat 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 right do you have to declare my statutes, that you have taken my covenant on your lips, 17 since you hate instruction, and throw my words behind you? 18 When you saw a thief, you consented with him, and have participated with adulterers. 19 "You give your mouth to evil. Your tongue frames deceit. 20 You sit and speak against your brother. You slander your own mother's son. 21 You have done these things, and I kept silent. You thought that I was just like you. I will rebuke you, and accuse you in front of your eyes. 22 "Now consider this, you who forget God, lest I tear you into pieces, and there be no one to deliver. 23 Whoever offers the sacrifice of thanksgiving glorifies me, and prepares his way so that I will show God's salvation to him."

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 your loving kindness. According to the multitude of your

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 Don't throw me from your presence, and don't 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 will be converted to you. 14 Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, the God of my salvation. My tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness. 15 Lord, open my lips. My mouth will declare your praise. 16 For you don't 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. O God, you will not despise a broken and contrite heart. 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, "David has come to Ahimelech's house." Why do you boast of mischief, mighty man? God's loving kindness endures continually. 2 Your tongue plots destruction, like a sharp razor, working deceitfully. 3 You love evil more than good, lying rather than speaking the truth. (Selah) 4 You love all devouring words, you deceitful tongue. 5 God will likewise destroy you forever. He will take you up, and pluck you out of your tent, and root you out of the land of the living. (Selah) 6 The righteous also will see it, and fear, and laugh at him, saying, 7 "Behold, this is the man who didn't make God his strength, but trusted in the abundance of his riches, and strengthened himself in his wickedness." 8 But as for me, I am like a green olive tree in God's house. I trust in God's loving kindness forever 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 saints.

53 For the Chief Musician. To the tune of "Mahalath." A contemplation by David. The fool has said in his tender mercies, blot out my transgressions. 2 Wash me heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, and have thoroughly from my iniquity. Cleanse me from my sin. done abominable iniquity. There is no one who does

men, to see if there are any who understood, who seek Sheol. For wickedness is among them, in their dwelling. after God. 3 Every one of them has gone back. They (Sheol h7585) 16 As for me, I will call on God. Yahweh will knowledge, who eat up my people as they eat bread, my soul in peace from the battle that was against me, where no fear was, for God has scattered the bones of is enthroned forever, will hear and answer them. (Selah) shame, because God has rejected them. 6 Oh that the hands against his friends. He has violated his covenant. brings back his people from captivity, then Jacob shall war. His words were softer than oil, yet they were drawn rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

54 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 Behold, 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, Yahweh, for it is good. 7 For he has delivered me out of all trouble. My eye has seen triumph over my enemies.

55 For the Chief Musician. On stringed instruments. A contemplation by David. Listen to my prayer, God. Don't hide yourself from my supplication. 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 Behold, 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 prowl around on its walls. Malice and abuse are also within her. 11 Destructive forces are within her. Threats and lies don't depart from her streets. 12 For it was not an enemy who insulted me, then I could have endured it. Neither was it he who hated me who raised himself up against me, then I would have hidden myself from him. 13 But it was you, a man like me, my companion, and my familiar friend. 14 We took sweet fellowship together. We walked in God's house with company. 15 Let death

good. 2 God looks down from heaven on the children of come suddenly on them. Let them go down alive into have become filthy together. There is no one who does save me. 17 Evening, morning, and at noon, I will cry out good, no, not one. 4 Have the workers of iniquity no in distress. He will hear my voice. 18 He has redeemed and don't call on God? 5 There they were in great fear. although there are many who oppose me. 19 God, who him who encamps against you. You have put them to They never change and don't fear God. 20 He raises his salvation of Israel would come out of Zion! When God 21 His mouth was smooth as butter, but his heart was swords. 22 Cast your burden on Yahweh and he will sustain you. He will never allow the righteous to be moved. 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 trust in you. 4 In God, I praise his word. In God, I put 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 count my wanderings. You put my tears into your container. 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 Yahweh, 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 Saul, in the cave. Be merciful to me, God, be merciful to me, for my soul takes refuge in you. Yes, in the shadow of your wings, I will take refuge, until disaster has passed. 2 I cry out to God Most High, to God who accomplishes my requests for me. 3 He will send from heaven, and save me, he rebukes the one who is pursuing me. (Selah) God will send out his loving kindness and his truth. 4 My soul is among lions. I lie among those who are set on fire, even the sons of men. whose teeth are spears and arrows, and their tongue a

sharp sword. 5 Be exalted. God, above the heavens! My God will go before me with his loving kindness. God Let your glory be above all the earth! 6 They have will let me look at my enemies in triumph. 11 Don't kill prepared a net for my steps. My soul is bowed down. them, or my people may forget. Scatter them by your They dig a pit before me. They fall into the middle of it power, and bring them down, Lord our shield. 12 For the themselves. (Selah) 7 My heart is steadfast, God. My sin of their mouth, and the words of their lips, let them heart is steadfast. I will sing, yes, I will sing praises. 8 be caught in their pride, for the curses and lies which Wake up, my glory! Wake up, lute and harp! I will wake they utter. 13 Consume them in wrath. Consume them, up the dawn. 9 I will give thanks to you, Lord, among the and they will be no more. Let them know that God rules peoples. I will sing praises to you among the nations. 10 in Jacob, to the ends of the earth. (Selah) 14 At evening For your great loving kindness reaches to the heavens, let them return. Let them howl like a dog, and go around and your truth to the skies. 11 Be exalted, God, above the city. 15 They shall wander up and down for food, the heavens. Let your glory be over all the earth.

52 For the Chief Musician. To the tune of "Do Not Destroy." A poem by David. Do you indeed speak righteousness, silent ones? Do you judge blamelessly, you sons of men? 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 snake, like a deaf cobra 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, Yahweh. 7 Let them vanish like 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 the workers of iniquity. Save me from the bloodthirsty men. 3 For, behold, they lie in wait for my soul. The mighty gather themselves together against me, not for my disobedience, nor for my sin, Yahweh. 4 I have done no wrong, yet they are ready to attack me. Rise up, behold, and help me! 5 You, Yahweh God of Armies, the God of Israel, rouse yourself to punish the nations. Show no mercy to the wicked traitors. (Selah) 6 They return at evening, howling like dogs, and prowl around the city. 7 Behold, they spew with their mouth. Swords are in their lips, "For", they say, "who hears us?" 8 But you, Yahweh, laugh at them. You scoff at all the nations. 9 Oh, my Strength, I watch for you, for God is my high tower. 10

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 quakes. 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 us. 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 sandal on Edom. I shout in triumph over Philistia." 9 Who will bring me into the strong city? Who has led me to Edom? 10 Haven't you, God, rejected us? You don't go out with our armies, God. 11 Give us help against the adversary, for the help of man is vain. 12 Through God we will 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. 2 From the end of the earth, I will call to you when my heart is overwhelmed. Lead me to the 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 in your tent forever. I will take refuge in the shelter of your wings. (Selah) 5 For you, God, have heard my vows. You have given me the heritage of those who fear your name. 6 You will prolong the king's life. His years will be for

generations. 7 He shall be enthroned in God's presence men from ambushes. They shoot at him suddenly and forever. Appoint your loving kindness and truth, that fearlessly. 5 They encourage themselves in evil plans. they may preserve him. 8 So I will sing praise to your They talk about laying snares secretly. They say, "Who name forever, that I may fulfill my vows daily.

62 For the Chief Musician. To Jeduthun. A Psalm by David. My soul rests in God alone. My salvation is from him. 2 He alone is my rock, my salvation, and my fortress. I will never be greatly shaken. 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 rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God. 8 Trust in him. God is a refuge for us. (Selah) 9 Surely men of low 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 of your wings. 8 My soul stays close to you. Your right 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.

64 For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by David. Hear my voice, God, in my complaint. Preserve my life from fear of the enemy. 2 Hide me from the conspiracy of the wicked, from the noisy crowd of the ones doing evil; 3 who sharpen their tongue like a sword, and aim their arrows, deadly words, 4 to shoot innocent

will see them?" 6 They plot injustice, saying, "We have made a perfect 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 mankind 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 Yahweh, 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 waits for you, God, in Zion. Vows shaken. 7 My salvation and my honor is with God. The shall be performed to you. 2 You who hear prayer, all men will come to you. 3 Sins overwhelmed me, but you him at all times, you people. Pour out your heart before atoned for our transgressions. 4 Blessed is the one whom you choose and cause to come near, that he may degree are just a breath, and men of high degree are a live in your courts. We will be filled with the goodness of lie. In the balances they will go up. They are together your house, your holy temple. 5 By awesome deeds of lighter than a breath. 10 Don't trust in oppression. Don't righteousness, you answer us, God of our salvation. You become vain in robbery. If riches increase, don't set who are the hope of all the ends of the earth, of those vour heart on them. 11 God has spoken once; twice I who are far away on the sea. 6 By your power, you form have heard this, that power belongs to God. 12 Also the mountains, having armed yourself with strength. to you, Lord, belongs loving kindness, for you reward 7 You still 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 valleys 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 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 vou. 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 children of men. 6 He turned the sea into dry land. They went through the river on foot. There, we rejoiced in him. 7 He rules by his might forever. His eyes watch the nations. Don't let the rebellious rise up against him. (Selah) 8 Praise our God, you peoples! Make the sound

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 Oh let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you will judge the peoples with equity, and govern the nations on earth. (Selah) 5 Let the peoples praise you, God. Let all the peoples praise you. 6 The earth has yielded its increase. God, even our own God, will bless us. 7 God will bless us. All the ends of the earth shall fear him.

 $\mathbf{68}$ For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by David. A song. Let God arise! Let his enemies be scattered! Let them who hate him also 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 Yah, 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 out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness... (Selah) 8 The earth trembled. The sky also poured down rain at the presence of the God of Sinai at the presence of God, the God of Israel. 9 You, God, sent a plentiful rain. You confirmed your inheritance when it was weary. 10 Your congregation lived therein.

of his praise heard, 9 who preserves our life among a great company. 12 "Kings of armies flee! They flee!" the living, and doesn't allow our feet to be moved. 10 She who waits at home divides the plunder, 13 while For you, God, have tested us. You have refined us, as you sleep among the camp fires, the wings of a dove silver is refined. 11 You brought us into prison. You laid sheathed with silver, her feathers with shining gold. 14 a burden on our backs. 12 You allowed men to ride over When the Almighty scattered kings in her, it snowed our heads. We went through fire and through water, on Zalmon. 15 The mountains of Bashan are majestic but you brought us to the place of abundance. 13 I will mountains. The mountains of Bashan are rugged. 16 come into your temple with burnt offerings. I will pay my Why do you look in envy, you rugged mountains, at the vows to you, 14 which my lips promised, and my mouth mountain where God chooses to reign? Yes, Yahweh spoke, when I was in distress. 15 I will offer to you burnt will dwell there forever. 17 The chariots of God are tens offerings of fat animals, with the offering of rams, I will of thousands and thousands of thousands. The Lord offer bulls with goats. (Selah) 16 Come and hear, all you is among them, from Sinai, into the sanctuary. 18 You who fear God. I will declare what he has done for my have ascended on high. You have led away captives. soul. 17 I cried to him with my mouth. He was extolled You have received gifts among people, yes, among with my tongue. 18 If I cherished sin in my heart, the the rebellious also, that Yah God might dwell there. 19 Lord wouldn't have listened. 19 But most certainly, God Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears our burdens, even has listened. He has heard the voice of my prayer. 20 the God who is our salvation. (Selah) 20 God is to us Blessed be God, who has not turned away my prayer, a God of deliverance. To Yahweh, 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 quiltiness. 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, among the ladies playing with tambourines, 26 "Bless God in the congregations, even the Lord in the assembly 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. Trample under foot the bars of silver. Scatter the nations who delight in war. 31 Princes 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: behold, he utters his voice, a mighty voice. 34 Ascribe strength to God! His excellency is over Israel, his strength is in the skies. 35 You are awesome, God, in your sanctuaries. The God of Israel gives strength and power to his people. Praise be to God!

60 For the Chief Musician. To the tune of "Lilies." By David. Save me, God, for the waters have come You, God, prepared your goodness for the poor. 11 The up to my neck! 2 I sink in deep mire, where there is Lord announced the word. The ones who proclaim it are no foothold. I have come into deep waters, where the

throat is dry. My eyes fail looking for my God. 4 Those heart live. 33 For Yahweh hears the needy, and doesn't who hate me without a cause are more than the hairs despise his captive people. 34 Let heaven and earth of my head. Those who want to cut me off, being my praise him; the seas, and everything that moves therein! enemies wrongfully, are mighty. I have to restore what 35 For God will save Zion, and build the cities of Judah. I didn't take away. 5 God, you know my foolishness. They shall settle there, and own it. 36 The children also My sins aren't hidden from you. 6 Don't let those who of his servants shall inherit it. Those who love his name wait for you be shamed through me, Lord Yahweh of shall dwell therein. Armies. Don't let those who seek you be brought to dishonor through me, God of Israel. 7 Because for your sake, I have borne reproach. Shame has covered my face. 8 I have become a stranger to my brothers, an alien to my mother's children. 9 For the zeal of your house consumes me. The reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me. 10 When I wept and I fasted, that was to my reproach. 11 When I made sackcloth my clothing, I became a byword to them. 12 Those who sit in the gate talk about me. I am the song of the drunkards. 13 But as for me, my prayer is to you, Yahweh, in an acceptable 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 don't let me sink. Let me be delivered from those who hate me, and out of the deep waters. 15 Don't let the flood waters overwhelm me, neither let the deep swallow me up. Don't let the pit shut its mouth on me. 16 Answer me, Yahweh, for your loving kindness is good. According to the multitude of your tender mercies, turn to me. 17 Don't 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 my reproach, my shame, and my dishonor. My adversaries are all before you. 20 Reproach has broken my heart, and I am full of heaviness. I looked for some to take pity, but there was none; for comforters, but I found none. 21 They also gave me poison for my food. In my thirst, they gave me vinegar to drink. 22 Let their table before them become a snare. May it become a retribution and a trap. 23 Let their eyes be darkened, so that they can't see. Let their backs be continually bent. 24 Pour out your indignation on them. Let the fierceness of your anger overtake them. 25 Let their habitation be desolate. 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. Don't let them come into your righteousness. 28 Let them be blotted out of the book of life, and not be written 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 Yahweh better than an ox, or a bull that has horns and hoofs. 32 The humble have

floods overflow me. 3 I am weary with my crying. My seen it, and are glad. You who seek after God, let your

70 For the Chief Musician. By David. A reminder. Hurry, God, to deliver me. Come guickly to help me, Yahweh. 2 Let them be disappointed and confounded who seek my soul. Let those who desire my ruin be turned back in disgrace. 3 Let them be turned because of their shame who say, "Aha! Aha!" 4 Let all those who seek you rejoice and be glad in you. Let those who love your salvation continually say, "Let God be exalted!" 5 But I am poor and needy. Come to me guickly, God. You are my help and my deliverer. Yahweh, don't delay.

71 In you, Yahweh, 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 Yahweh, my confidence from my youth. 6 I have relied on you from the womb. You are he who took me out of my mother's womb. 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 day long. 9 Don't reject me in my old age. Don't 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, don't be far from me. My God, hurry to help me. 13 Let my accusers be disappointed 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 don't know its full measure. 16 I will come with the mighty acts of the Lord Yahweh. 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 Yes, even when I am old and gray-haired, God, don't forsake me, until I have declared your strength to the next generation, your might to everyone who is to come. 19 God, your righteousness also reaches to the heavens. You have done great things. God, who is like you? 20 You, who

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. 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 ends 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 He will live; and Sheba's gold will be given to him. Men will pray for him continually. They will bless him all day long. 16 Abundance of grain shall be 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 continues as long as the sun. Men shall be blessed by him. All nations will call him blessed. 18 Praise be to Yahweh God, the God of Israel, who alone does marvelous deeds. 19 Blessed be his glorious name forever! Let the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and amen. 20 This ends the prayers by David, the son of Jesse.

73 A Psalm by Asaph. Surely God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart. 2 But as for me, my feet were almost gone. My steps had nearly slipped. 3 For I was envious of the arrogant, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked. 4 For there are no struggles in their death, but their strength is firm. 5 They are free from burdens of men, neither are they plagued like other

have shown us many and bitter troubles, you will let me men. 6 Therefore pride is like a chain around their neck. live. You will bring us up again from the depths of the Violence covers them like a garment. 7 Their eyes bulge earth. 21 Increase my honor and comfort me again. 22 I with fat. Their minds pass the limits of conceit. 8 They will also praise you with the harp for your faithfulness, scoff and speak with malice. In arrogance, they threaten my God. I sing praises to you with the lyre, Holy One of oppression. 9 They have set their mouth in the heavens. Israel. 23 My lips shall shout for joy! My soul, which you Their tongue walks through the earth. 10 Therefore have redeemed, sings praises to you! 24 My tongue will their people return to them, and they drink up waters also talk about your righteousness all day long, for they of abundance. 11 They say, "How does God know? Is are disappointed, and they are confounded, who want there knowledge in the Most High?" 12 Behold, these are the wicked. Being always at ease, they increase in riches. 13 Surely I have cleansed my heart in vain, and washed my hands in innocence, 14 For all day long I have been plagued, and punished every morning. 15 If I had said, "I will speak thus", behold, 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 Whom do I have in heaven? There is no one on earth whom 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, behold, 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 Yahweh my refuge, that I may tell of all your works.

> 71 A contemplation by Asaph. God, why have you rejected us forever? Why does your anger smolder against the sheep of your pasture? 2 Remember your congregation, which you purchased of old, which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your inheritance: Mount Zion, in which you have lived. 3 Lift up your feet to the perpetual ruins, all the evil that the enemy has done in the sanctuary. 4 Your adversaries have roared in the middle 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 Now they break all its carved work down with hatchet and hammers. 7 They have burned your sanctuary to the ground. They have profaned the dwelling place of your Name. 8 They said in their heart, "We will crush them completely." They have burned up all the places in the land where God was worshiped. 9 We see no miraculous signs. There is no longer any prophet.

up spring and stream. You dried up mighty rivers. 16 princes. He is feared by the kings of the earth. 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 vou. Yahweh, Foolish people have blasphemed vour name. 19 Don't deliver the soul of your dove to wild beasts. Don't forget the life of your poor forever. 20 Honor your covenant, for haunts of violence fill the dark places of the earth. 21 Don't 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 Don't forget the voice of your adversaries. The tumult of those who rise up against you ascends continually.

the righteous shall be lifted up.

76 For the Chief Musician. On stringed instruments. A Psalm by Asaph. A song. In Judah, God is known. His name is great in Israel. 2 His tabernacle is also in Salem. His dwelling place in Zion. 3 There he broke the flaming arrows of the bow, the shield, and the sword, and the weapons of war. (Selah) 4 Glorious are you, and excellent, more than mountains of game. 5 Valiant men lie plundered, they have slept their last sleep. None 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 charjot and horse are cast into a 10 How long, God, shall the adversary reproach? Shall dead sleep. 7 You, even you, are to be feared. Who the enemy blaspheme your name forever? 11 Why do can stand in your sight when you are angry? 8 You you draw back your hand, even your right hand? Take it pronounced judgment from heaven. The earth feared, from your chest and consume them! 12 Yet God is my and was silent, 9 when God arose to judgment, to save King of old, working salvation throughout the earth. 13 all the afflicted ones of the earth. (Selah) 10 Surely the You divided the sea by your strength. You broke the wrath of man praises you. The survivors of your wrath heads of the sea monsters in the waters. 14 You broke are restrained. 11 Make vows to Yahweh your God, and the heads of Leviathan in pieces. You gave him as fulfill them! Let all of his neighbors bring presents to food to people and desert creatures. 15 You opened him who is to be feared. 12 He will cut off the spirit of

77 For the Chief Musician. To Jeduthun. A Psalm by 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 didn't 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 forgotten to be 75 For the Chief Musician. To the tune of "Do Not gracious? Has he, in anger, withheld his compassion?" Destroy." A Psalm by Asaph. A song. We give (Selah) 10 Then I thought, "I will appeal to this: the years thanks to you, God. We give thanks, for your Name is of the right hand of the Most High." 11 I will remember near. Men tell about your wondrous works. 2 When I Yah's deeds; for I will remember your wonders of old. 12 choose the appointed time, I will judge blamelessly. 3 I will also meditate on all your work, and consider your The earth and all its inhabitants guake. I firmly hold its doings. 13 Your way, God, is in the sanctuary. What pillars. (Selah) 4 I said to the arrogant, "Don't boast!" I god is great like God? 14 You are the God who does said to the wicked, "Don't lift up the horn. 5 Don't lift up wonders. You have made your strength known among your horn on high. Don't speak with a stiff neck." 6 For the peoples. 15 You have redeemed your people with neither from the east, nor from the west, nor yet from your arm, the sons of Jacob and Joseph. (Selah) 16 the south, comes exaltation. 7 But God is the judge. He The waters saw you, God. The waters saw you, and puts down one, and lifts up another, 8 For in Yahweh's they writhed. The depths also convulsed. 17 The clouds hand there is a cup, full of foaming wine mixed with poured out water. The skies resounded with thunder. spices. He pours it out. Indeed the wicked of the earth Your arrows also flashed around. 18 The voice of your drink and drink it to its very dregs. 9 But I will declare thunder was in the whirlwind. The lightnings lit up the this forever: I will sing praises to the God of Jacob. 10 I world. The earth trembled and shook. 19 Your way was will cut off all the horns of the wicked, but the horns of through the sea, 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, my people. Turn your ears to the words of my mouth. 2 I will open my mouth in a parable. I will utter dark sayings of old, 3 which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us. 4 We will not hide them from their children, telling to the generation to come the praises of Yahweh, his strength, and his wondrous deeds that he has done. 5 For he established

a covenant in Jacob, and appointed a teaching in Israel. 37 For their heart was not right with him, neither were which he commanded our fathers, that they should they faithful in his covenant. 38 But he, being merciful, make them known to their children; 6 that the generation forgave iniquity, and didn't destroy them. Yes, many to come might know, even the children who should be times he turned his anger away, and didn't stir up all his born; who should arise and tell their children, 7 that they wrath. 39 He remembered that they were but flesh, a might set their hope in God, and not forget God's deeds, wind that passes away, and doesn't come again. 40 but keep his commandments, 8 and might not be as How often they rebelled against him in the wilderness, their fathers— a stubborn and rebellious generation, a and grieved him in the desert! 41 They turned again generation that didn't make their hearts loyal, whose and tempted God, and provoked the Holy One of Israel. spirit was not steadfast with God. 9 The children of 42 They didn't remember his hand, nor the day when Ephraim, being armed and carrying bows, turned back he redeemed them from the adversary; 43 how he set in the day of battle. 10 They didn't keep God's covenant, his signs in Egypt, his wonders in the field of Zoan, and refused to walk in his law. 11 They forgot his doings, 44 he turned their rivers into blood, and their streams, his wondrous deeds that he had shown them. 12 He so that they could not drink. 45 He sent among them did marvelous things in the sight of their fathers, in the swarms of flies, which devoured them; and frogs, which land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan. 13 He split the sea, destroyed them. 46 He also gave their increase to the and caused them to pass through. He made the waters caterpillar, and their labor to the locust. 47 He destroyed stand as a heap. 14 In the daytime he also led them with their vines with hail, their sycamore fig trees with frost. a cloud, and all night with a light of fire. 15 He split rocks 48 He also gave over their livestock to the hail, and their in the wilderness, and gave them drink abundantly as flocks to hot thunderbolts. 49 He threw on them the out of the depths. 16 He brought streams also out of the fierceness of his anger, wrath, indignation, and trouble, rock, and caused waters to run down like rivers. 17 Yet and a band of angels of evil. 50 He made a path for his they still went on to sin against him, to rebel against the anger. He didn't spare their soul from death, but gave Most High in the desert. 18 They tempted God in their their life over to the pestilence, 51 and struck all the heart by asking food according to their desire. 19 Yes, firstborn in Egypt, the chief of their strength in the tents they spoke against God. They said, "Can God prepare a of Ham. 52 But he led out his own people like sheep, table in the wilderness? 20 Behold, he struck the rock, and guided them in the wilderness like a flock. 53 He so that waters gushed out, and streams overflowed. led them safely, so that they weren't afraid, but the sea Can he give bread also? Will he provide meat for his overwhelmed their enemies. 54 He brought them to people?" 21 Therefore Yahweh heard, and was angry. the border of his sanctuary, to this mountain, which his A fire was kindled against Jacob, anger also went up right hand had taken. 55 He also drove out the nations against Israel, 22 because they didn't believe in God, before them, allotted them for an inheritance by line, and didn't trust in his salvation. 23 Yet he commanded and made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents. 56 the skies above, and opened the doors of heaven. 24 Yet they tempted and rebelled against the Most High He rained down manna on them to eat, and gave them God, and didn't keep his testimonies, 57 but turned food from the sky. 25 Man ate the bread of angels. He back, and dealt treacherously like their fathers. They sent them food to the full. 26 He caused the east wind to were twisted like a deceitful bow. 58 For they provoked blow in the sky. By his power he guided the south wind. him to anger with their high places, and moved him to 27 He also rained meat on them as the dust, winged jealousy with their engraved images. 59 When God birds as the sand of the seas. 28 He let them fall in the heard this, he was angry, and greatly abhorred Israel, 60 middle of their camp, around their habitations. 29 So so that he abandoned the tent of Shiloh, the tent which they ate, and were well filled. He gave them their own he placed among men. 61 and delivered his strength desire. 30 They didn't turn from their cravings. Their into captivity, his glory into the adversary's hand. 62 He food was yet in their mouths, 31 when the anger of God also gave his people over to the sword, and was angry went up against them, killed some of their strongest, with his inheritance. 63 Fire devoured their young men. and struck down the young men of Israel. 32 For all Their virgins had no wedding song. 64 Their priests this they still sinned, and didn't believe in his wondrous fell by the sword, and their widows couldn't weep. 65 works. 33 Therefore he consumed their days in vanity, Then the Lord awakened as one out of sleep, like a and their years in terror. 34 When he killed them, then mighty man who shouts by reason of wine. 66 He struck they inquired after him. They returned and sought God his adversaries backward. He put them to a perpetual earnestly. 35 They remembered that God was their rock, reproach. 67 Moreover he rejected the tent of Joseph, the Most High God, their redeemer. 36 But they flattered and didn't choose the tribe of Ephraim, 68 But chose him with their mouth, and lied to him with their tongue. the tribe of Judah, Mount Zion which he loved. 69 He

he has established forever. 70 He also chose David mountains were covered with its shadow. Its boughs his servant, and took him from the sheepfolds; 71 from were like God's cedars. 11 It sent out its branches following the ewes that have their young, he brought to the sea, its shoots to the River. 12 Why have you him to be the shepherd of Jacob, his people, and Israel, broken down its walls, so that all those who pass by the his inheritance. 72 So he was their shepherd according way pluck it? 13 The boar out of the wood ravages it. to the integrity of his heart, and guided them by the The wild animals of the field feed on it. 14 Turn again, 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 saints to the animals of the earth. 3 They have shed their blood like water around Jerusalem. There was no one to bury them. 4 We have become a reproach to our neighbors, a scoffing and derision to those who are around us. 5 How long, Yahweh? Will you be angry forever? Will your jealousy burn like fire? 6 Pour out your wrath before you. According to the greatness of your power, back to our neighbors seven times into their bosom their reproach with which they have reproached you, Lord. 13 So we, your people and sheep of your pasture, will 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 out. 2 Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your might! Come to save us! 3 Turn us again, God. Cause your face to shine, and we will be saved. 4 Yahweh God of Armies, how long will you be angry against the prayer of your people? 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in large measure. 6 You make us a source of contention to our neighbors. Our enemies laugh among themselves. 7 Turn us again, God of Armies. Cause your face to shine, and we will be saved. 8 You brought a vine out of Egypt. You drove out the nations, and planted it. 9 You cleared the ground

built his sanctuary like the heights, like the earth which for it. It took deep root, and filled the land. 10 The we beg you, God of Armies. Look down from heaven, and see, and visit this 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 Turn us again. Yahweh God of Armies. 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 on the nations that don't know you, on the kingdoms a joyful shout to the God of Jacob! 2 Raise a song, and that don't call on your name, 7 for they have devoured bring here the tambourine, the pleasant lyre with the Jacob, and destroyed his homeland. 8 Don't hold the harp. 3 Blow the trumpet at the New Moon, at the full iniquities of our forefathers against us. Let your tender moon, on our feast day. 4 For it is a statute for Israel, mercies speedily meet us, for we are in desperate need. an ordinance of the God of Jacob. 5 He appointed it 9 Help us, God of our salvation, for the glory of your in Joseph for a covenant, when he went out over the name. Deliver us, and forgive our sins, for your name's land of Egypt, I heard a language that I didn't know. 6 "I sake. 10 Why should the nations say, "Where is their removed his shoulder from the burden. His hands were God?" Let it be known among the nations, before our freed from the basket. 7 You called in trouble, and I eves, that vengeance for your servants' blood is being delivered you. I answered you in the secret place of poured out. 11 Let the sighing of the prisoner come thunder. I tested you at the waters of Meribah." (Selah) 8 "Hear, my people, and I will testify to you, Israel, if you preserve those who are sentenced to death. 12 Pay would listen to me! 9 There shall be no strange god in you, neither shall you worship any foreign god. 10 I am Yahweh, your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it. 11 But give you thanks forever. We will praise you forever, to my people didn't listen to my voice. Israel desired none of me. 12 So I let them go after the 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 Yahweh would cringe before him, and their punishment would last forever. 16 But he would have also fed them with the finest of the wheat. I will satisfy you with honey out of the rock."

> **82** A Psalm by Asaph. God presides in the great assembly. He judges among the gods. 2 "How long will you judge unjustly, and show partiality to the wicked?" (Selah) 3 "Defend the weak, the poor, and the fatherless. Maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed. 4 Rescue the weak and needy. Deliver them out of the hand of the wicked." 5 They don't know,

darkness. All the foundations of the earth are shaken. 6 than to dwell in the tents of wickedness. 11 For Yahweh I said, "You are gods, all of you are sons of the Most God is a sun and a shield. Yahweh 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 Yahweh of Armies, blessed is the man inherit all of the nations.

Don't keep silent, and don't be still, God. 2 For, behold, your enemies are stirred up. Those who hate land. You have restored the fortunes of Jacob. 2 You you have lifted up their heads. 3 They conspire with have forgiven the iniquity of your people. You have cunning against your people. They plot against your covered all their sin. (Selah) 3 You have taken away cherished ones. 4 "Come," they say, "let's destroy them all your wrath. You have turned from the fierceness no more." 5 For they have conspired together with cause your indignation toward us to cease. 5 Will you tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites; Moab, and the to all generations? 6 Won't you revive us again, that Hagrites; 7 Gebal, Ammon, and Amalek; Philistia with your people may rejoice in you? 7 Show us your loving the inhabitants of Tyre; 8 Assyria also is joined with kindness, Yahweh. Grant us your salvation. 8 I will hear them. They have helped the children of Lot. (Selah) 9 what God, Yahweh, will speak, for he will speak peace who became as dung for the earth. 11 Make their nobles him, that glory may dwell in our land. 10 Mercy and Zalmunna, 12 who said, "Let's take possession of God's kissed each other. 11 Truth springs out of the earth. forest, as the flame that sets the mountains on fire, 15 its increase. 13 Righteousness goes before him, and so pursue them with your tempest, and terrify them prepares the way for his steps. with your storm. 16 Fill their faces with confusion, that they may seek your name, Yahweh. 17 Let them be 86 A Prayer by David. Hear, Yahweh, and answer disappointed and dismayed forever. Yes, let them be confounded and perish; 18 that they may know that you alone, whose name is Yahweh, 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, Yahweh of Armies! 2 My soul longs, and even faints for the courts of Yahweh. 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, Yahweh of Armies, my King, and my God. 4 Blessed are those who dwell in your house. They are always praising you. (Selah) 5 Blessed are those whose strength is in you, who have set their hearts on a pilgrimage. 6 Passing through the valley of Weeping, they make it a place of springs. Yes, the autumn rain covers it with blessings. 7 They go from strength to strength. Every one of them appears before God in Zion. 8 Yahweh, God of Armies, hear my prayer. Listen, God of Jacob. (Selah) 9 Behold, God our shield, look at the face of your anointed. 10

neither do they understand. They walk back and forth in would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, who trusts in you.

83 A song. A Psalm by Asaph. God, don't keep silent. **85** For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by the sons of Korah. Yahweh, you have been favorable to your as a nation, that the name of Israel may be remembered of your anger. 4 Turn us, God of our salvation, and one mind. They form an alliance against you. 6 The be angry with us forever? Will you draw out your anger Do to them as you did to Midian, as to Sisera, as to to his people, his saints; but let them not turn again Jabin, at the river Kishon; 10 who perished at Endor, to folly. 9 Surely his salvation is near those who fear like Oreb and Zeeb, yes, all their princes like Zebah and truth meet together. Righteousness and peace have pasture lands." 13 My God, make them like tumbleweed. Righteousness has looked down from heaven. 12 Yes, like chaff before the wind. 14 As the fire that burns the Yahweh will give that which is good. Our land will yield

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, Yahweh, 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, Yahweh. 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 heart. I will glorify your name forever more. 13 For your 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 don't hold regard for you before them. 15 But you, Lord, are a For a day in your courts is better than a thousand. I 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 servant. 17 Show me a sign of your With my mouth, I will make known your faithfulness to goodness, that those who hate me may see it, and be shamed, because you, Yahweh, have helped me, and forever. You established the heavens. Your faithfulness comforted me.

87 A Psalm by the sons of Korah; a Song. His foundation is in the holy mountains. 2 Yahweh loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob. 3 Glorious things are spoken about you, city of God. (Selah) 41 will record Rahab and Babylon among those who acknowledge me. Behold, 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 Yahweh will count, when he writes up the peoples, "This one was born there." (Selah) 7 Those who sing as well as those who dance say, "All my springs are in you."

the pit. I am like a man who has no help, 5 set apart to acclaim you. They walk in the light of your presence, your hand. 6 You have laid me in the lowest pit, in of their strength. In your favor, our horn will be exalted. the darkest depths. 7 Your wrath lies heavily on me. 18 For our shield belongs to Yahweh, our king to the you. 10 Do you show wonders to the dead? Do the arm will also strengthen him. 22 No enemy will tax him. your loving kindness declared in the grave? Or your adversaries before him, and strike those who hate him. from me? 15 I am afflicted and ready to die from my him my firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth. youth up. While I suffer your terrors, I am distracted. 28 I will keep my loving kindness for him forever more. darkness.

89 A contemplation by Ethan, the Ezrahite. I will sing of the loving kindness of Yahweh forever. all generations. 2 I indeed declare, "Love stands firm 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 to all generations." (Selah) 5 The heavens will praise your wonders, Yahweh, your faithfulness also in the assembly of the holy ones. 6 For who in the skies can be compared to Yahweh? Who among the sons of the heavenly beings is like Yahweh, 7 a very awesome God in the council of the holy ones, to be feared above all those who are around him? 8 Yahweh, God of Armies, who is a mighty one, like you? Yah, 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 **88** A Song. A Psalm by the sons of Korah. For the with your mighty arm. 11 The heavens are yours. The Chief Musician. To the tune of "The Suffering of earth also is yours, the world and its fullness. You have Affliction." A contemplation by Heman, the Ezrahite. founded them. 12 You have created the north and the Yahweh, the God of my salvation, I have cried day south. Tabor and Hermon rejoice in your name. 13 You and night before you. 2 Let my prayer enter into your have a mighty arm. Your hand is strong, and your right presence. Turn your ear to my cry. 3 For my soul is hand is exalted. 14 Righteousness and justice are the full of troubles. My life draws near to Sheol. (Sheol foundation of your throne. Loving kindness and truth go h7585) 4 I am counted among those who go down into before your face. 15 Blessed are the people who learn among the dead, like the slain who lie in the grave, Yahweh. 16 In your name they rejoice all day. In your whom you remember no more. They are cut off from righteousness, they are exalted. 17 For you are the glory You have afflicted me with all your waves. (Selah) 8 Holy One of Israel. 19 Then you spoke in vision to your You have taken my friends from me. You have made saints, and said, "I have given strength to the warrior. I me an abomination to them. I am confined, and I can't have exalted a young man from the people. 20 I have escape. 9 My eyes are dim from grief. I have called found David, my servant. I have anointed him with my on you daily, Yahweh. I have spread out my hands to holy oil, 21 with whom my hand shall be established. My departed spirits rise up and praise you? (Selah) 11 Is No wicked man will oppress him. 23 I will beat down his faithfulness in Destruction? 12 Are your wonders made 24 But my faithfulness and my loving kindness will be known in the dark? Or your righteousness in the land of with him. In my name, his horn will be exalted. 25 I will forgetfulness? 13 But to you, Yahweh, I have cried. In set his hand also on the sea, and his right hand on the the morning, my prayer comes before you. 14 Yahweh, rivers, 26 He will call to me. 'You are my Father, my why do you reject my soul? Why do you hide your face God, and the rock of my salvation!' 27 I will also appoint 16 Your fierce wrath has gone over me. Your terrors My covenant will stand firm with him. 29 I will also make have cut me off. 17 They came around me like water all his offspring endure forever, and his throne as the days day long. They completely engulfed me. 18 You have of heaven. 30 If his children forsake my law, and don't put lover and friend far from me, and my friends into walk in my ordinances; 31 if they break my statutes, and don't keep my commandments; 32 then I will punish their sin with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes. 33

your anointed. 39 You have renounced the covenant of our hands. your servant. You have defiled his crown 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 a reproach 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, Yahweh? Will you hide yourself forever? Will your wrath burn like fire? 47 Remember how short my time is, for what vanity you have created all the children of men! 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 your faithfulness? 50 Remember, Lord, the reproach of your servants, how I bear in my heart the taunts of all the mighty peoples, 51 With which your enemies have mocked, Yahweh, with which they have mocked the footsteps of your anointed one. 52 Blessed be Yahweh forever more. Amen, and Amen.

A Prayer by Moses, the man of God. Lord, you have been our dwelling place for all generations. 2 Before the mountains were born, 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 children of men." 4 For a thousand years in your sight are just like yesterday when it is past, like a watch in the night. 5 You sweep them away as they sleep. In the morning they sprout like new grass. 6 In the morning it sprouts and springs up. By evening, it is withered and dry. 7 For we are consumed in your anger. We are troubled in your wrath. 8 You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence. 9 For all our days have passed away in your wrath. We bring our years to an end as a sigh. 10 The days of our years are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty years; yet their pride is but labor and sorrow, for it passes quickly, and we fly away. 11 Who knows the power of your anger, your wrath according to the fear that is due to you? 12 So teach us to count our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. 13 Relent,

But I will not completely take my loving kindness from Yahweh! How long? Have compassion on your servants! him, nor allow my faithfulness to fail. 34 I will not break 14 Satisfy us in the morning with your loving kindness, my covenant, nor alter what my lips have uttered. 35 that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. 15 Make Once I have sworn by my holiness, I will not lie to David. us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, for 36 His offspring will endure forever, his throne like the as many years as we have seen evil. 16 Let your work sun before me. 37 It will be established forever like the appear to your servants, your glory to their children. 17 moon, the faithful witness in the sky." (Selah) 38 But you Let the favor of the Lord our God be on us. Establish have rejected and spurned. You have been angry with the work of our hands for us. Yes, establish the work of

> $\bf 91$ He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. 2 I will say of Yahweh, "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 faithfulness is your shield and rampart. 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 Yahweh your refuge, and the Most High your dwelling place, 10 no evil shall happen to you, neither shall any plague come near your dwelling. 11 For he will put his angels in charge of you, to guard you in all your ways. 12 They will bear you up in their hands, so that you won't dash your foot against a stone. 13 You will tread on the lion and cobra. 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."

> **92** A Psalm. A song for the Sabbath day. It is a good thing to give thanks to Yahweh, to sing praises to your name, Most High, 2 to proclaim your loving kindness in the morning, and your faithfulness every night, 3 with the ten-stringed lute, with the harp, and with the melody of the lyre. 4 For you, Yahweh, have made me glad through your work. I will triumph in the works of your hands. 5 How great are your works, Yahweh! Your thoughts are very deep. 6 A senseless man doesn't know, neither does a fool understand this: 7 though the wicked spring up as the grass, and all the evildoers flourish, they will be destroyed forever. 8 But you, Yahweh, are on high forever more. 9 For behold, your enemies, Yahweh, for behold, your enemies shall perish. All the evildoers will be scattered. 10 But you have exalted my horn like that of the wild ox. I am

anointed with fresh oil. 11 My eye has also seen my iniquity, and will cut them off in their own wickedness. enemies. My ears have 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 Yahweh's house. They will flourish in our God's courts. 14 They will still produce fruit in old age. They will be full of sap and green, 15 to show that Yahweh is upright. He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

Yahweh is armed with strength. The world also Holiness adorns your house. Yahweh, forever more.

Q1 Yahweh, you God to whom vengeance belongs, you God to whom vengeance belongs, shine out. 2 Rise up, you judge of the earth. Pay back the proud what they deserve. 3 Yahweh, how long will the wicked, arrogant words. All the evildoers boast. 5 They break 6 They kill the widow and the alien, and murder the 17 Unless Yahweh had been my help, my soul would with his truth. have soon lived in silence. 18 When I said, "My foot is slipping!" Your loving kindness, Yahweh, held me up. 19 In the multitude of my thoughts within me, your comforts delight my soul. 20 Shall the throne of wickedness have fellowship with you, which brings about mischief by statute? 21 They gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous, and condemn the innocent blood. 22 But Yahweh has been my high tower, my God, the rock of my refuge. 23 He has brought on them their own

Yahweh, our God, will cut them off.

95 Oh come, let's sing to Yahweh. 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 Yahweh 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 the dry land. 93 Yahweh reigns! He is clothed with majesty! 6 Oh come, let's worship and bow down. Let's kneel before Yahweh, our Maker, 7 for he is our God. We are is established. It can't be moved. 2 Your throne is the people of his pasture, and the sheep in his care. established from long ago. You are from everlasting. 3 Today, oh that you would hear his voice! 8 Don't harden The floods have lifted up, Yahweh, the floods have lifted your heart, as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in up their voice. The floods lift up their waves. 4 Above the the wilderness, 9 when your fathers tempted me, tested voices of many waters, the mighty breakers of the sea, me, and saw my work. 10 Forty long years I was grieved Yahweh on high is mighty. 5 Your statutes stand firm. with that generation, and said, "They are a people who err in their heart. They have not known my ways." 11 Therefore I swore in my wrath, "They won't enter into mv rest."

Q6 Sing to Yahweh a new song! Sing to Yahweh, all the earth. 2 Sing to Yahweh! Bless his name! how long will the wicked triumph? 4 They pour out Proclaim his salvation from day to day! 3 Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among your people in pieces, Yahweh, and afflict your heritage. all the peoples. 4 For Yahweh is great, and greatly to be praised! He is to be feared above all gods. 5 For all fatherless. 7 They say, "Yah will not see, neither will the gods of the peoples are idols, but Yahweh made Jacob's God consider." 8 Consider, you senseless the heavens. 6 Honor and majesty are before him. among the people; you fools, when will you be wise? Strength and beauty are in his sanctuary. 7 Ascribe 9 He who implanted the ear, won't he hear? He who to Yahweh, you families of nations, ascribe to Yahweh formed the eye, won't he see? 10 He who disciplines glory and strength. 8 Ascribe to Yahweh the glory due the nations, won't he punish? He who teaches man to his name. Bring an offering, and come into his courts. knows. 11 Yahweh knows the thoughts of man, that they 9 Worship Yahweh in holy array. Tremble before him, all are futile. 12 Blessed is the man whom you discipline, the earth. 10 Say among the nations, "Yahweh reigns." Yah, and teach out of your law, 13 that you may give The world is also established. It can't be moved. He will him rest from the days of adversity, until the pit is dug judge the peoples with equity. 11 Let the heavens be for the wicked. 14 For Yahweh won't reject his people, glad, and let the earth rejoice. Let the sea roar, and its neither will he forsake his inheritance. 15 For judgment fullness! 12 Let the field and all that is in it exult! Then will return to righteousness. All the upright in heart all the trees of the woods shall sing for joy 13 before shall follow it. 16 Who will rise up for me against the Yahweh; for he comes, for he comes to judge the earth. wicked? Who will stand up for me against the evildoers? He will judge the world with righteousness, the peoples

> 97 Yahweh 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 him, and burns up his adversaries on every side. 4 His lightning lights up the world. The earth sees, and trembles. 5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of Yahweh, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth. 6 The heavens declare his righteousness. All

shamed who serve engraved images, who boast in their endures forever, his faithfulness to all generations. idols. Worship him, all you gods! 8 Zion heard and was glad. The daughters of Judah rejoiced because of your judgments, Yahweh. 9 For you, Yahweh, are most high above all the earth. You are exalted far above all gods. 10 You who love Yahweh, hate evil! He preserves the souls of his saints. 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 Yahweh, you righteous people! Give thanks to his holy Name.

done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. 2 Yahweh has made known his salvation. He has openly shown his remembered his loving kindness and his faithfulness have seen the salvation of our God. 4 Make a joyful city. noise to Yahweh, all the earth! Burst out and sing for joy, yes, sing praises! 5 Sing praises to Yahweh 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, Yahweh. 7 Let the sea roar with its fullness: the world, and those who dwell therein. 8 Let the rivers clap their hands. Let the mountains sing for joy together. 9 Let them sing before Yahweh, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

enthroned among the cherubim. Let the earth be moved. 2 Yahweh is great in Zion. He is high above all the peoples. 3 Let them praise your great and awesome name. He is Holy! 4 The King's strength justice and righteousness in Jacob. 5 Exalt Yahweh our God. Worship at his footstool. He is Holy! 6 Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel was among those who call on his name. They called on Yahweh, and he answered them. 7 He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud. They kept his testimonies, the statute that he gave them. 8 You answered them, Yahweh our God. vengeance for their doings. 9 Exalt Yahweh, our God. Worship at his holy hill, for Yahweh, our God, is holy!

100 A Psalm of thanksgiving. Shout for joy to Yahweh, all you lands! 2 Serve Yahweh with gladness. Come before his presence with singing. 3 Know that Yahweh, he is God. It is he who has made us, and we are his. We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. 4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, and bless

the peoples have seen his glory. 7 Let all them be his name, 5 For Yahweh is good. His loving kindness

 $oldsymbol{101}$ A Psalm by David. I will sing of loving kindness and justice. To you, Yahweh, 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 have nothing to do with evil. 5 I will silence whoever secretly slanders his neighbor. I won't tolerate one who QQ A Psalm. Sing to Yahweh a new song, for he has is arrogant and conceited. 6 My eyes will be on the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me. He who walks in a perfect way, he will serve me. 7 He who practices deceit won't dwell within my house. He who righteousness in the sight of the nations. 3 He has speaks falsehood won't be established before my eyes. 8 Morning by morning, I will destroy all the wicked of the toward the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth land, to cut off all the workers of iniquity from Yahweh's

102 A Prayer of the afflicted, when he is overwhelmed and pours out his complaint before Yahweh. Hear my prayer, Yahweh! Let my cry come to you. 2 Don't hide your face from me in the day of my distress. Turn your ear to me. Answer me guickly in the day when I call. 3 For my days consume away like smoke. My bones are burned as a torch. 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 99 Yahweh reigns! Let the peoples tremble. He sits the wilderness. I have become as an owl of the waste places. 7 I watch, and have become like a sparrow that is alone on the housetop. 8 My enemies reproach me all day. Those who are mad at me use my name as a curse. 9 For I have eaten ashes like bread, and mixed also loves justice. You establish equity. You execute my drink with tears, 10 because of your indignation and your wrath; for you have taken me up and thrown me away. 11 My days are like a long shadow. I have withered like grass. 12 But you, Yahweh, will remain forever; your renown endures to all generations. 13 You will arise and have mercy on Zion, for it is time to have pity on her. Yes, the set time has come. 14 For your servants take pleasure in her stones, and have pity on You are a God who forgave them, although you took her dust. 15 So the nations will fear Yahweh's name, all the kings of the earth your glory. 16 For Yahweh has built up Zion. He has appeared in his glory. 17 He has responded to the prayer of the destitute, and has not despised their prayer. 18 This will be written for the generation to come. A people which will be created will praise Yah, 19 for he has looked down from the height of his sanctuary. From heaven, Yahweh saw the earth, 20 to hear the groans of the prisoner, to free those who are condemned to death, 21 that men may declare

Yahweh's name in Zion, and his praise in Jerusalem, 22 3 He lays the beams of his rooms in the waters. He offspring will be established before you."

103 By David. Praise Yahweh, my soul! All that is within me, praise his holy name! 2 Praise Yahweh, my soul, and don't forget all his benefits, 3 who forgives all your sins, who heals all your 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, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. 6 Yahweh executes righteous acts, and justice for all who are oppressed. 7 He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the children of Israel. 8 Yahweh 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 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 Yahweh has compassion on those who fear him. 14 For he knows how we are made. He remembers that we are dust. 15 As for man, his days are like grass. As a flower of the field, so he flourishes. 16 For the wind passes over it, and it is gone. Its place remembers it no more. 17 But Yahweh's loving kindness is from everlasting to everlasting with those who fear him, his righteousness to children's children. 18 to those who keep his covenant, to those who remember to obey his precepts. 19 Yahweh has established his throne in the heavens. His kingdom rules over all. 20 Praise Yahweh, you angels of his, who are mighty in strength, who fulfill his word, obeying the voice of his word. 21 Praise Yahweh, all you armies of his, you servants of his, who do his pleasure. 22 Praise Yahweh, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion. Praise Yahweh, my soul!

104 Bless Yahweh, my soul. Yahweh, my God. you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty. 2 He covers himself with light as with a Bless Yahweh, my soul. Praise Yah! garment. He stretches out the heavens like a curtain.

when the peoples are gathered together, the kingdoms, makes the clouds his chariot. He walks on the wings of to serve Yahweh. 23 He weakened my strength along the wind. 4 He makes his messengers winds, and his the course. He shortened my days. 24 I said, "My God, servants flames of fire. 5 He laid the foundations of the don't take me away in the middle of my days. Your years earth, that it should not be moved forever. 6 You covered are throughout all generations. 25 Of old, you laid the it with the deep as with a cloak. The waters stood above foundation of the earth. The heavens are the work of the mountains. 7 At your rebuke they fled. At the voice your hands. 26 They will perish, but you will endure. of your thunder they hurried away. 8 The mountains Yes, all of them will wear out like a garment. You will rose, the valleys sank down, to the place which you change them like a cloak, and they will be changed. had assigned to them. 9 You have set a boundary that 27 But you are the same. Your years will have no end. they may not pass over, that they don't turn again to 28 The children of your servants will continue. Their cover the earth. 10 He sends springs into the valleys. They run among the mountains. 11 They give drink to every animal of the field. The wild donkeys quench their thirst. 12 The birds of the sky nest by them. They sing among the branches. 13 He waters the mountains from his rooms. The earth is filled with the fruit of your works. 14 He causes the grass to grow for the livestock, and plants for man to cultivate, that he may produce food out of the earth: 15 wine that makes the heart of man glad, oil to make his face to shine, and bread that strengthens man's heart. 16 Yahweh'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 cypress trees. 18 The high mountains are for the wild goats. The rocks are a refuge for the rock badgers. 19 He appointed the moon for seasons. The sun knows 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. 22 The sun rises, and they steal away, and lie down in their dens. 23 Man goes out to his work, to his labor until the evening. 24 Yahweh, how many are your works! In wisdom, you have made them all. The earth is full of your riches. 25 There is the sea, great and wide, in which are innumerable living things, both small and large animals. 26 There the ships go, and leviathan, whom you formed to play there. 27 These all wait for you, that you may give them their food in due season. 28 You give to them; they gather. You open your hand; they are satisfied with good. 29 You hide your face; they are troubled. You take away their breath: they die and return to the dust. 30 You send out your Spirit and they are created. You renew the face of the ground. 31 Let Yahweh's glory endure forever. Let Yahweh rejoice in his works. 32 He looks at the earth, and it trembles. He touches the mountains, and they smoke. 33 I will sing to Yahweh as long as I live. I will sing praise to my God while I have any being. 34 Let my meditation be sweet to him. I will rejoice in Yahweh. 35 Let sinners be consumed out of the earth. Let the wicked be no more.

to him, sing praises to him! Tell of all his marvelous of the sky. 41 He opened the rock, and waters gushed works. 3 Glory in his holy name. Let the heart of those out. They ran as a river in the dry places. 42 For he who seek Yahweh rejoice. 4 Seek Yahweh and his remembered his holy word, and Abraham, his servant. strength. Seek his face forever more. 5 Remember his 43 He brought his people out with joy, his chosen with marvelous works that he has done; his wonders, and singing, 44 He gave them the lands of the nations. They the judgments of his mouth, 6 you offspring of Abraham, took the labor of the peoples in possession, 45 that they his servant, you children of Jacob, his chosen ones. 7 might keep his statutes, and observe his laws. Praise He is Yahweh, our God. His judgments are in all the Yah! 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 it 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 "Don't 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 before them. Joseph was sold for a slave. 18 They bruised his feet with shackles. His neck was locked in irons. 19 until the time that his word happened, and Yahweh'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 lived 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. They didn't rebel against his words. 29 He turned their waters into blood, and killed their fish. 30 Their land swarmed with frogs, even in the rooms of their kings. 31 He spoke, and swarms of flies came, and lice in all their borders. 32 He gave them hail for rain, with lightning in their land. 33 He struck their vines and also their fig trees, and shattered the trees of their country. 34 He spoke, and the locusts came with the grasshoppers, without number. 35 They ate up every plant in their land, and ate up the fruit of their ground. 36 He struck also all the firstborn in their land, the first fruits of all their manhood. 37 He brought them out with silver and gold. There was not one feeble person among his tribes. 38 Egypt was glad when they departed, for the fear of them had fallen on them. 39 He spread a cloud for a

105 Give thanks to Yahweh! Call on his name! Make covering, fire to give light in the night. 40 They asked. his doings known among the peoples. 2 Sing and he brought quails, and satisfied them with the bread

> 106 Praise Yahweh! Give thanks to Yahweh, for he is good, for his loving kindness endures forever. 2 Who can utter the mighty acts of Yahweh, or fully declare all his praise? 3 Blessed are those who keep justice. Blessed is one who does what is right at all times. 4 Remember me, Yahweh, 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 didn't understand your wonders in Egypt. They didn't 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 didn't 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, Yahweh's saint. 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 forgot God, their Savior, who had done great things in Egypt, 22 wondrous works in the land of Ham, and awesome things by the Red Sea. 23 Therefore he said that he would destroy them, had Moses, his chosen, not stood before him in the breach, to turn away his wrath, so that he wouldn't destroy them. 24 Yes, they despised the pleasant land. They didn't believe his word, 25 but murmured in their tents, and didn't listen to Yahweh's voice. 26 Therefore he swore

nations, and scatter them in the lands. 28 They joined the counsel of the Most High. 12 Therefore he brought themselves also to Baal Peor, and ate the sacrifices of down their heart with labor. They fell down, and there the dead. 29 Thus they provoked him to anger with their was no one to help. 13 Then they cried to Yahweh in deeds. The plague broke in on them. 30 Then Phinehas their trouble, and he saved them out of their distresses. stood up and executed judgment, so the plaque was 14 He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of stopped. 31 That was credited to him for righteousness, death, and broke away their chains. 15 Let them praise for all generations to come. 32 They angered him also Yahweh for his loving kindness, for his wonderful deeds at the waters of Meribah, so that Moses was troubled to the children of men! 16 For he has broken the gates for their sakes; 33 because they were rebellious against of bronze, and cut through bars of iron. 17 Fools are his spirit, he spoke rashly with his lips. 34 They didn't afflicted because of their disobedience, and because of destroy the peoples, as Yahweh commanded them, 35 their iniquities. 18 Their soul abhors all kinds of food. but mixed themselves with the nations, and learned their They draw near to the gates of death. 19 Then they cry works. 36 They served their idols, which became a snare to Yahweh in their trouble, and he saves them out of to them. 37 Yes, they sacrificed their sons and their their distresses, 20 He sends his word, and heals them. daughters to demons. 38 They shed innocent blood, and delivers them from their graves. 21 Let them praise even the blood of their sons and of their daughters, Yahweh for his loving kindness, for his wonderful deeds whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan. The land to the children of men! 22 Let them offer the sacrifices was polluted with blood. 39 Thus they were defiled of thanksgiving, and declare his deeds with singing. with their works, and prostituted themselves in their 23 Those who go down to the sea in ships, who do deeds. 40 Therefore Yahweh burned with anger against business in great waters, 24 these see Yahweh's deeds, his people. He abhorred his inheritance. 41 He gave and his wonders in the deep. 25 For he commands, and them into the hand of the nations. Those who hated raises the stormy wind, which lifts up its waves, 26 They them ruled over them. 42 Their enemies also oppressed mount up to the sky; they go down again to the depths. them. They were brought into subjection under their Their soul melts away because of trouble. 27 They reel hand. 43 He rescued them many times, but they were back and forth, and stagger like a drunken man, and rebellious in their counsel, and were brought low in their are at their wits' end. 28 Then they cry to Yahweh in iniquity. 44 Nevertheless he regarded their distress, their trouble, and he brings them out of their distress. when he heard their cry. 45 He remembered for them 29 He makes the storm a calm, so that its waves are his covenant, and repented according to the multitude still. 30 Then they are glad because it is calm, so he of his loving kindnesses. 46 He made them also to be brings them to their desired haven. 31 Let them praise pitied by all those who carried them captive. 47 Save us, Yahweh for his loving kindness, for his wonderful deeds Yahweh, our God, gather us from among the nations, for the children of men! 32 Let them exalt him also in to give thanks to your holy name, to triumph in your the assembly of the people, and praise him in the seat praise! 48 Blessed be Yahweh, the God of Israel, from of the elders. 33 He turns rivers into a desert, water everlasting even to everlasting! Let all the people say, springs into a thirsty ground, 34 and a fruitful land into a "Amen." Praise Yah! 107 Give thanks to Yahweh, for he is good, for

his loving kindness endures forever. 2 Let the redeemed by Yahweh say so, whom he has redeemed from the hand of the adversary, 3 and gathered out of the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south. 4 They wandered in the wilderness in a desert way. They found no city to live in. 5 Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them. 6 Then they cried to Yahweh in their trouble, and he delivered them out of their distresses. 7 He led them also by a straight way, that they might go to a city to live in. 8 Let them praise Yahweh for his loving kindness, for his wonderful deeds to the children of men! 9 For he satisfies the longing soul. He fills the hungry soul with good. 10 Some sat in darkness and in the shadow of

to them that he would overthrow them in the wilderness. death, being bound in affliction and iron. 11 because 27 that he would overthrow their offspring among the they rebelled against the words of God, and condemned 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 he makes the hungry live, that they may prepare a city to live in, 37 sow fields, plant vinevards, and reap the fruits of increase. 38 He blesses them also, so that they are multiplied greatly. He doesn't allow their livestock to decrease. 39 Again, they are diminished and bowed down through oppression, trouble, and sorrow. 40 He pours contempt on princes, and causes them to wander in a trackless waste. 41 Yet he lifts the needy out of their affliction, and increases their families like a flock. 42 The upright will see it, and be glad. All the wicked will shut their mouths. 43 Whoever is wise will pay attention to these things. They will consider the loving kindnesses of Yahweh.

your right hand, and answer us. 7 God has spoken from my God. Save me according to your loving kindness; enemy, for the help of man is vain. 13 Through God, needy, to save him from those who judge his soul. we will do valiantly, for it is he who will tread down our enemies.

8 Let his days be few. Let another take his office. 9 Let he will lift up his head. 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 labor. 12 Let there be no one to extend kindness to him, neither let there be anyone to have pity on his fatherless children. 13 Let his posterity be cut off. In the generation following let their name be blotted out. 14 Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered by Yahweh. Don't let the sin of his mother be blotted out. 15 Let them be before Yahweh continually, that he may cut off their memory from the earth; 16 because he didn't remember to show kindness, but persecuted the poor and needy man, the broken in heart, to kill them. 17 Yes, he loved cursing, and it came to him. He didn't delight in blessing, and it was far from him. 18 He clothed himself also with cursing as with his garment. It came into his inward parts like water, like oil into his 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

108 A Song. A Psalm by David. My heart is my adversaries from Yahweh, of those who speak evil steadfast, God. I will sing and I will make music against my soul. 21 But deal with me, Yahweh the Lord, with my soul. 2 Wake up, harp and lyre! I will wake up for your name's sake, because your loving kindness is the dawn. 3 I will give thanks to you, Yahweh, among good, deliver me; 22 for I am poor and needy. My heart the nations. I will sing praises to you among the peoples. is wounded within me. 23 I fade away like an evening 4 For your loving kindness is great above the heavens. shadow. I am shaken off like a locust. 24 My knees are Your faithfulness reaches to the skies. 5 Be exalted, weak through fasting. My body is thin and lacks fat. 25 God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the I have also become a reproach to them. When they earth. 6 That your beloved may be delivered, save with see me, they shake their head. 26 Help me, Yahweh, his sanctuary: "In triumph, I will divide Shechem, and 27 that they may know that this is your hand; that you, measure out the valley of Succoth. 8 Gilead is mine. Yahweh, have done it. 28 They may curse, but you Manasseh is mine. Ephraim also is my helmet. Judah bless. When they arise, they will be shamed, but your is my scepter. 9 Moab is my wash pot. I will toss my servant shall rejoice. 29 Let my adversaries be clothed sandal on Edom. I will shout over Philistia." 10 Who with dishonor. Let them cover themselves with their own will bring me into the fortified city? Who will lead me to shame as with a robe. 30 I will give great thanks to Edom? 11 Haven't you rejected us, God? You don't go Yahweh with my mouth. Yes, I will praise him among the out, God, with our armies. 12 Give us help against the multitude. 31 For he will stand at the right hand of the

110 A Psalm by David. Yahweh says to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies 109 For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by David. God your footstool for your feet." 2 Yahweh will send out of my praise, don't remain silent, 2 for they the rod of your strength out of Zion. Rule among your have opened the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of enemies. 3 Your people offer themselves willingly in the deceit against me. They have spoken to me with a lying day of your power, in holy array. Out of the womb of the tongue. 3 They have also surrounded me with words of morning, you have the dew of your youth. 4 Yahweh hatred, and fought against me without a cause. 4 In has sworn, and will not change his mind: "You are a return for my love, they are my adversaries; but I am in priest forever in the order of Melchizedek." 5 The Lord is prayer. 5 They have rewarded me evil for good, and at your right hand. He will crush kings in the day of his hatred for my love. 6 Set a wicked man over him. Let an wrath. 6 He will judge among the nations. He will heap adversary stand at his right hand. 7 When he is judged, up dead bodies. He will crush the ruler of the whole let him come out guilty. Let his prayer be turned into sin. earth. 7 He will drink of the brook on the way; therefore

> 11 Praise Yah! I will give thanks to Yahweh with my whole heart, in the council of the upright, and in the congregation. 2 Yahweh's works are great, pondered by all those who delight in them. 3 His work is honor and maiesty. His righteousness endures forever. 4 He has caused his wonderful works to be remembered. Yahweh is gracious and merciful. 5 He has given food to those who fear him. He always remembers his covenant. 6 He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations. 7 The works of his hands are truth and justice. All his precepts are sure. 8 They are established 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 Yahweh is the beginning of wisdom. All those who do his work have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

> Praise Yah! Blessed is the man who fears Yahweh, who delights greatly in his

righteousness endures forever. His horn will be exalted more. Praise Yah! with honor. 10 The wicked will see it, and be grieved. He shall gnash with his teeth, and melt away. The desire of the wicked will perish.

name, from this time forward and forever more. 3 From the rising of the sun to its going down, Yahweh's name is to be praised. 4 Yahweh is high above all nations, his glory above the heavens. 5 Who is like Yahweh, our God, who has his seat on high, 6 who stoops down to see in heaven and in the earth? 7 He raises up the poor out of the dust, and lifts up the needy from the ash heap, 8 that he may set him with princes, even with the princes of his people. 9 He settles the barren woman in her home as a joyful mother of children. Praise Yah!

111 When Israel went 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 like rams? You little hills, like lambs? 7 Tremble, you earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob, 8 who turned the rock into a pool of water, the flint into a spring of waters.

115 Not to us, Yahweh, not to us, but to your name give glory, for your loving kindness, and for your truth's sake. 2 Why should the nations say, "Where is 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 don't speak. They have eyes, but they don't see. 6 They have ears, but they don't hear. They have noses, but they don't smell. 7 They have hands, but they don't feel. They have feet, but they don't walk, neither do they speak through their throat. 8 Those who make them will be like them; yes, everyone who trusts in them. 9 Israel, trust in Yahweh! He is their help and their shield. 10

commandments, 2 His offspring will be mighty in the House of Aaron, trust in Yahweh! He is their help and land. The generation of the upright will be blessed. 3 their shield. 11 You who fear Yahweh, trust in Yahweh! Wealth and riches are in his house. His righteousness He is their help and their shield. 12 Yahweh remembers endures forever. 4 Light dawns in the darkness for the us. He will bless us. He will bless the house of Israel. upright, gracious, merciful, and righteous. 5 It is well He will bless the house of Aaron. 13 He will bless those with the man who deals graciously and lends. He will who fear Yahweh, both small and great. 14 May Yahweh maintain his cause in judgment. 6 For he will never be increase you more and more, you and your children. 15 shaken. The righteous will be remembered forever. 7 Blessed are you by Yahweh, who made heaven and He will not be afraid of evil news. His heart is steadfast, earth. 16 The heavens are Yahweh's heavens, but he trusting in Yahweh. 8 His heart is established. He will has given the earth to the children of men. 17 The dead not be afraid in the end when he sees his adversaries. don't praise Yah, nor any who go down into silence, 18 9 He has dispersed, he has given to the poor. His but we will bless Yah, from this time forward and forever

f 16 I love Yahweh, because he listens to my voice. and my cries for mercy. 2 Because he has turned his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as 113 Praise Yah! Praise, you servants of Yahweh, long as I live. 3 The cords of death surrounded me, praise Yahweh's name. 2 Blessed be Yahweh's the pains of Sheol got a hold of me. I found trouble and sorrow. (Sheol h7585) 4 Then I called on Yahweh's name: "Yahweh, I beg vou, deliver my soul," 5 Yahweh is gracious and righteous. Yes, our God is merciful. 6 Yahweh preserves the simple. I was brought low, and he saved me. 7 Return to your rest, my soul, for Yahweh has dealt bountifully with you. 8 For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from falling. 9 I will walk before Yahweh in the land of the living. 10 I believed, therefore I said, "I was greatly afflicted." 11 I said in my haste, "All people are liars." 12 What will I give to Yahweh for all his benefits toward me? 13 I will take the cup of salvation, and call on Yahweh's name. 14 I will pay my vows to Yahweh, yes, in the presence of all his people. 15 Precious in Yahweh's sight is the death of his saints. 16 Yahweh, truly I am your servant. I am your servant, the son of your servant girl. You have freed me from my chains. 17 I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call on Yahweh's name. 18 I will pay my vows to Yahweh, yes, in the presence of all his people, 19 in the courts of Yahweh's house, in the middle of you, Jerusalem, Praise Yah!

> 117 Praise Yahweh, all you nations! Extol him. all you peoples! 2 For his loving kindness is great toward us. Yahweh's faithfulness endures forever. Praise Yah!

> 118 Give thanks to Yahweh, 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 Yahweh say that his loving kindness endures forever. 5 Out of my distress. I called on Yah. Yah answered me with

forever.

119 ALEPH Blessed are those whose ways are blameless, who walk according to Yahweh's law. 2 Blessed are those who keep his statutes, 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. Don't utterly forsake me. 9 BETH How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word. 10 With my whole heart I have sought you. Don't let me wander from your commandments. 11 I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. 12 Blessed

freedom. 6 Yahweh is on my side. I will not be afraid. are you, Yahweh. Teach me your statutes. 13 With my What can man do to me? 7 Yahweh is on my side lips, I have declared all the ordinances of your mouth. among those who help me. Therefore I will look in 14 I have rejoiced in the way of your testimonies, as triumph at those who hate me. 8 It is better to take much as in all riches. 15 I will meditate on your precepts, refuge in Yahweh, than to put confidence in man. 9 It is and consider your ways. 16 I will delight myself in your better to take refuge in Yahweh, than to put confidence statutes. I will not forget your word. 17 GIMEL Do good in princes. 10 All the nations surrounded me, but in to your servant. I will live and I will obey your word. 18 Yahweh's name I cut them off. 11 They surrounded me, Open my eyes, that I may see wondrous things out of yes, they surrounded me. In Yahweh's name I indeed your law. 19 I am a stranger on the earth. Don't hide your cut them off. 12 They surrounded me like bees. They commandments from me. 20 My soul is consumed with are guenched like the burning thorns. In Yahweh's name longing for your ordinances at all times. 21 You have I cut them off. 13 You pushed me back hard, to make rebuked the proud who are cursed, who wander from me fall, but Yahweh helped me. 14 Yah is my strength your commandments. 22 Take reproach and contempt and song. He has become my salvation. 15 The voice away from me, for I have kept your statutes. 23 Though of rejoicing and salvation is in the tents of the righteous. princes sit and slander me, your servant will meditate on "The right hand of Yahweh does valiantly. 16 The right your statutes. 24 Indeed your statutes are my delight, hand of Yahweh is exalted! The right hand of Yahweh and my counselors. 25 DALETH My soul is laid low does valiantly!" 17 I will not die, but live, and declare in the dust. Revive me according to your word! 26 I Yah's works. 18 Yah has punished me severely, but declared my ways, and you answered me. Teach me he has not given me over to death. 19 Open to me your statutes. 27 Let me understand the teaching of the gates of righteousness. I will enter into them. I will your precepts! Then I will meditate on your wondrous give thanks to Yah. 20 This is the gate of Yahweh; works. 28 My soul is weary with sorrow; strengthen the righteous will enter into it. 21 I will give thanks to me according to your word. 29 Keep me from the way you, for you have answered me, and have become my of deceit. Grant me your law graciously! 30 I have salvation. 22 The stone which the builders rejected has chosen the way of truth. I have set your ordinances become the cornerstone. 23 This is Yahweh's doing. It is before me. 31 I cling to your statutes, Yahweh. Don't marvelous in our eyes. 24 This is the day that Yahweh let me be disappointed. 32 I run in the path of your has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it! 25 Save commandments, for you have set my heart free. 33 HE us now, we beg you, Yahweh! Yahweh, we beg you, Teach me, Yahweh, the way of your statutes. I will keep send prosperity now. 26 Blessed is he who comes in them to the end. 34 Give me understanding, and I will Yahweh's name! We have blessed you out of Yahweh's keep your law. Yes, I will obey it with my whole heart. house. 27 Yahweh is God, and he has given us light. 35 Direct me in the path of your commandments, for I Bind the sacrifice with cords, even to the horns of the delight in them. 36 Turn my heart toward your statutes, altar. 28 You are my God, and I will give thanks to you. not toward selfish gain. 37 Turn my eyes away from You are my God, I will exalt you. 29 Oh give thanks to looking at worthless things. Revive me in your ways. Yahweh, for he is good, for his loving kindness endures 38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, that you may be feared. 39 Take away my disgrace that I dread, for your ordinances are good. 40 Behold, I long for your precepts! Revive me in your righteousness. 41 VAV Let your loving kindness also come to me, Yahweh, your salvation, according to your word. 42 So I will have an answer for him who reproaches me, for I trust in your word. 43 Don't snatch the word of truth out of my mouth, for I put my hope in your ordinances. 44 So I will obey your law continually, forever and ever. 45 I will walk in liberty, for I have sought your precepts. 46 I will also speak of your statutes before kings, and will not be disappointed. 47 I will delight myself in your commandments, because I love them. 48 I reach out my hands for your commandments, which I love. I will meditate on your statutes. 49 ZAYIN Remember your word to your servant, because you gave me hope. 50 This is my comfort in my affliction, for your word has

revived me. 51 The arrogant mock me excessively, from the earth, but I didn't forsake your precepts, 88 but I don't swerve from your law. 52 I remember your Preserve my life according to your loving kindness, so ordinances of old, Yahweh, and have comforted myself. I will obey the statutes of your mouth. 89 LAMEDH 53 Indignation has taken hold on me, because of the Yahweh, your word is settled in heaven forever. 90 Your wicked who forsake your law. 54 Your statutes have faithfulness is to all generations. You have established been my songs in the house where I live. 55 I have the earth, and it remains. 91 Your laws remain to this remembered your name, Yahweh, in the night, and I day, for all things serve you. 92 Unless your law had obey your law. 56 This is my way, that I keep your been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction. precepts. 57 HETH Yahweh is my portion. I promised to 93 I will never forget your precepts, for with them, you obey your words. 58 I sought your favor with my whole have revived me. 94 I am yours. Save me, for I have heart. Be merciful to me according to your word. 59 sought your precepts. 95 The wicked have waited for I considered my ways, and turned my steps to your me, to destroy me. I will consider your statutes. 96 I statutes. 60 I will hurry, and not delay, to obey your have seen a limit to all perfection, but your commands commandments. 61 The ropes of the wicked bind are boundless. 97 MEM How I love your law! It is my me, but I won't forget your law. 62 At midnight I will meditation all day. 98 Your commandments make me rise to give thanks to you, because of your righteous wiser than my enemies, for your commandments are ordinances. 63 I am a friend of all those who fear you, of always with me. 99 I have more understanding than all those who observe your precepts. 64 The earth is full of my teachers, for your testimonies are my (meditation) your loving kindness, Yahweh. Teach me your statutes. 100 I understand more than the aged, because I have 65 TETH You have treated your servant well, according kept your precepts. 101 I have kept my feet from every to your word, Yahweh. 66 Teach me good judgment and evil way, that I might observe your word. 102 I have not knowledge, for I believe in your commandments. 67 turned away from your ordinances, for you have taught Before I was afflicted, I went astray; but now I observe me. 103 How sweet are your promises to my taste, more your word. 68 You are good, and do good. Teach me than honey to my mouth! 104 Through your precepts, your statutes. 69 The proud have smeared a lie upon I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way. me. With my whole heart, I will keep your precepts. 105 NUN Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light 70 Their heart is as callous as the fat, but I delight for my path. 106 I have sworn, and have confirmed it, in your law. 71 It is good for me that I have been that I will obey your righteous ordinances. 107 I am afflicted, that I may learn your statutes. 72 The law of afflicted very much. Revive me, Yahweh, according to your mouth is better to me than thousands of pieces your word. 108 Accept, I beg you, the willing offerings of gold and silver. 73 YODH Your hands have made of my mouth. Yahweh, teach me your ordinances. 109 me and formed me. Give me understanding, that I may My soul is continually in my hand, yet I won't forget learn your commandments. 74 Those who fear you will your law. 110 The wicked have laid a snare for me, yet see me and be glad, because I have put my hope in I haven't gone astray from your precepts. 111 I have your word. 75 Yahweh, I know that your judgments are taken your testimonies as a heritage forever, for they are righteous, that in faithfulness you have afflicted me. the joy of my heart. 112 I have set my heart to perform 76 Please let your loving kindness be for my comfort, your statutes forever, even to the end. 113 SAMEKH I according to your word to your servant. 77 Let your hate double-minded men, but I love your law. 114 You tender mercies come to me, that I may live; for your law are my hiding place and my shield. I hope in your word. is my delight. 78 Let the proud be disappointed, for they 115 Depart from me, you evildoers, that I may keep the have overthrown me wrongfully. I will meditate on your commandments of my God. 116 Uphold me according precepts. 79 Let those who fear you turn to me. They to your word, that I may live. Let me not be ashamed of will know your statutes. 80 Let my heart be blameless my hope. 117 Hold me up, and I will be safe, and will toward your decrees, that I may not be disappointed. 81 have respect for your statutes continually. 118 You reject KAPF My soul faints for your salvation. I hope in your all those who stray from your statutes, for their deceit is word. 82 My eyes fail for your word. I say, "When will in vain. 119 You put away all the wicked of the earth like you comfort me?" 83 For I have become like a wineskin dross. Therefore I love your testimonies. 120 My flesh in the smoke. I don't forget your statutes. 84 How many trembles for fear of you. I am afraid of your judgments. are the days of your servant? When will you execute 121 AYIN I have done what is just and righteous. Don't judgment on those who persecute me? 85 The proud leave me to my oppressors. 122 Ensure your servant's have dug pits for me, contrary to your law. 86 All of well-being. Don't let the proud oppress me. 123 My your commandments are faithful. They persecute me eyes fail looking for your salvation, for your righteous wrongfully. Help me! 87 They had almost wiped me word. 124 Deal with your servant according to your

servant. Give me understanding, that I may know your me without a cause, but my heart stands in awe of your testimonies. 126 It is time to act, Yahweh, for they break words. 162 I rejoice at your word, as one who finds great your law. 127 Therefore I love your commandments plunder. 163 I hate and abhor falsehood. I love your more than gold, yes, more than pure gold. 128 Therefore law. 164 Seven times a day, I praise you, because of I consider all of your precepts to be right. I hate every your righteous ordinances. 165 Those who love your false way. 129 PE Your testimonies are wonderful, law have great peace. Nothing causes them to stumble. therefore my soul keeps them. 130 The entrance of your 166 I have hoped for your salvation, Yahweh. I have words gives light. It gives understanding to the simple. done your commandments. 167 My soul has observed 131 I opened my mouth wide and panted, for I longed your testimonies. I love them exceedingly. 168 I have for your commandments. 132 Turn to me, and have obeyed your precepts and your testimonies, for all my mercy on me, as you always do to those who love your ways are before you. 169 TAV Let my cry come before name. 133 Establish my footsteps in your word. Don't you, Yahweh. Give me understanding according to your let any iniquity have dominion over me. 134 Redeem word. 170 Let my supplication come before you. Deliver me from the oppression of man, so I will observe your me according to your word. 171 Let my lips utter praise, precepts. 135 Make your face shine on your servant. for you teach me your statutes. 172 Let my tongue are upright. 138 You have commanded your statutes in your salvation, Yahweh. Your law is my delight. 175 Let righteousness. They are fully trustworthy. 139 My zeal my soul live, that I may praise you. Let your ordinances wears me out, because my enemies ignore your words. help me. 176 l have gone astray like a lost sheep. Seek 140 Your promises have been thoroughly tested, and your servant, for I don't forget your commandments. your servant loves them. 141 I am small and despised. I don't forget your 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, Yahweh! 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 I might meditate on your word. 149 Hear my voice according to your loving kindness. Revive help comes from Yahweh, who made heaven and earth. me, Yahweh, according to your ordinances. 150 They 3 He will not allow your foot to be moved. He who keeps draw near who follow after wickedness. They are far you will not slumber. 4 Behold, he who keeps Israel will from your law. 151 You are near, Yahweh. All your neither slumber nor sleep. 5 Yahweh is your keeper. commandments are truth. 152 Of old I have known from Yahweh is your shade on your right hand. 6 The sun will your testimonies, that you have founded them forever. not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. 7 Yahweh 153 RESH Consider my affliction, and deliver me, for I will keep you from all evil. He will keep your soul. 8 don't forget your law. 154 Plead my cause, and redeem Yahweh will keep your going out and your coming in, me! Revive me according to your promise. 155 Salvation from this time forward, and forever more. is far from the wicked, for they don't seek your statutes. 156 Great are your tender mercies, Yahweh. Revive me according to your ordinances. 157 Many are my persecutors and my adversaries. I haven't swerved from your testimonies. 158 I look at the faithless with loathing, because they don't observe your word. 159 Consider how I love your precepts. Revive me, Yahweh, according to your loving kindness. 160 All of your words are truth. Every one of your righteous ordinances endures

loving kindness. Teach me your statutes. 125 I am your forever. 161 SIN AND SHIN Princes have persecuted Teach me your statutes. 136 Streams of tears run down sing of your word, for all your commandments are my eyes, because they don't observe your law. 137 righteousness. 173 Let your hand be ready to help me, TZADHE You are righteous, Yahweh. Your judgments for I have chosen your precepts. 174 I have longed for

> 120 A Song of Ascents. In my distress, I cried to Yahweh. He answered me. 2 Deliver my soul, Yahweh, 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 l am for peace, but when I speak, they are for war.

21 A Song of Ascents. I will lift up my eyes to the hills. Where does my help come from? 2 My

22 A Song of Ascents. By David. I was glad when they said to me, "Let's go to Yahweh's house!" 2 Our feet are standing within your gates, Jerusalem! 3 Jerusalem is built as a city that is compact together, 4 where the tribes go up, even Yah's tribes, according to an ordinance for Israel, to give thanks to Yahweh's name. 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. Unless Yahweh watches over the city, the watchman 8 For my brothers' and companions' sakes, I will now guards it in vain. 2 It is vain for you to rise up early, to say, "Peace be within you." 9 For the sake of the house stay up late, eating the bread of toil, for he gives sleep of Yahweh our God, I will seek your good.

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2 It is vain for you to rise up early, to say, "Peace be within you." 9 For the sake of the house stay up late, eating the bread of toil, for he gives sleep to his loved ones. 3 Behold, children are a heritage

123 A Song of Ascents. I lift up my eyes to you, you who sit in the heavens. 2 Behold, 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 eyes look to Yahweh, our God, until he has mercy on us. 3 Have mercy on us, Yahweh, 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.

124 A Song of Ascents. By David. If it had not been Yahweh who was on our side, let Israel now say, 2 if it had not been Yahweh who was on our side, when men rose up against us, 3 then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their wrath 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 Yahweh, 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 Yahweh's name, who made heaven and earth.

125 A Song of Ascents. Those who trust in Yahweh are as Mount Zion, which can't be moved, but remains forever. 2 As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so Yahweh surrounds his people from this time forward and forever more. 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, Yahweh, to those who are good, to those who are upright in their hearts. 5 But as for those who turn away to their crooked ways, Yahweh will lead them away with the workers of iniquity. Peace be on Israel.

126 A Song of Ascents. When Yahweh 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, "Yahweh has done great things for them." 3 Yahweh has done great things for us, and we are glad. 4 Restore our fortunes again, Yahweh, like the streams in the Negev. 5 Those who sow in tears will reap in joy. 6 He who goes out weeping, carrying seed for sowing, will certainly come again with joy, carrying his sheaves.

127 A Song of Ascents. By Solomon. Unless Yahweh builds the house, they who build it labor in vain.

Unless Yahweh 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 Behold, children are a heritage of Yahweh. The fruit of the womb is his reward. 4 As arrows in the hand of a mighty man, so are the children of youth. 5 Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them. They won't be disappointed when they speak with their enemies in the gate.

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128 A Song of Ascents. Blessed is everyone who fears Yahweh, who walks in his ways. 2 For you will eat the labor of your hands. You will be happy, and it will be well with you. 3 Your wife will be as a fruitful vine in the innermost parts of your house, your children like olive shoots around your table. 4 Behold, this is how the man who fears Yahweh is blessed. 5 May Yahweh who was on our side, when men rose up against us, 3 then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their wrath was kindled straight as the authors would have swallowed us up alive, when their wrath was kindled straight as the author would have swallowed us up alive, when their wrath was kindled straight as the author would have swallowed us up alive, when their wrath was kindled you see your children's children. Peace be upon Israel.

129 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 Yahweh 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 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 Yahweh be on you. We bless you in Yahweh's name."

130 A Song of Ascents. Out of the depths I have cried to you, Yahweh. 2 Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my petitions. 3 If you, Yah, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand? 4 But there is forgiveness with you, therefore you are feared. 5 I wait for Yahweh. My soul waits. I hope in his word. 6 My soul longs for the Lord more than watchmen long for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning. 7 Israel, hope in Yahweh, for there is loving kindness with Yahweh. Abundant redemption is with him. 8 He will redeem Israel from all their sins.

131 A Song of Ascents. By David. Yahweh, my heart isn't arrogant, nor my eyes lofty; nor do I concern myself with great matters, or things too wonderful for me. 2 Surely I have stilled and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with his mother, like a weaned child is my soul within me. 3 Israel, hope in Yahweh, from this time forward and forever more.

children also will sit on your throne forever more." 13 from Zion, who dwells in Jerusalem. Praise Yah! For Yahweh has chosen Zion. He has desired it for his habitation. 14 "This is my resting place forever. I will live here, for I have desired it. 15 I will abundantly bless her provision. I will satisfy her poor with bread. 16 I will also clothe her priests with salvation. Her saints will shout aloud for iov. 17 I will make the horn of David to bud there. I have ordained a lamp for my anointed. 18 I will clothe his enemies with shame, but on himself, his crown will shine."

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 Yahweh gives the blessing, even life forever more.

134 A Song of Ascents. Look! Praise Yahweh, all you servants of Yahweh, who stand by night in Yahweh's house! 2 Lift up your hands in the sanctuary. Praise Yahweh! 3 May Yahweh bless you from Zion, even he who made heaven and earth.

Yahweh's house, in the courts of our God's house. 3 Praise Yah, for Yahweh is good. Sing praises to his name, for that is pleasant. 4 For Yah has chosen Jacob kindness endures forever; 18 and killed mighty kings, that Yahweh is great, that our Lord is above all gods. 6 the Amorites, for his loving kindness endures forever; Whatever Yahweh pleased, that he has done, in heaven

A Song of Ascents. Yahweh, remember David the middle of you, Egypt, on Pharaoh, and on all his and all his affliction, 2 how he swore to Yahweh, servants. 10 He struck many nations, and killed mighty and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob: 3 "Surely I will kings— 11 Sihon king of the Amorites, Og king of not come into the structure of my house, nor go up into Bashan, and all the kingdoms of Canaan— 12 and gave my bed; 4 I will not give sleep to my eyes, or slumber their land for a heritage, a heritage to Israel, his people. to my eyelids, 5 until I find out a place for Yahweh, a 13 Your name, Yahweh, endures forever; your renown, dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob." 6 Behold, we Yahweh, throughout all generations. 14 For Yahweh will heard of it in Ephrathah. We found it in the field of Jaar. judge his people and have compassion on his servants. 7 "We will go into his dwelling place. We will worship at 15 The idols of the nations are silver and gold, the work his footstool." 8 Arise, Yahweh, into your resting place, of men's hands. 16 They have mouths, but they can't you, and the ark of your strength. 9 Let your priests be speak. They have eyes, but they can't see. 17 They clothed with righteousness. Let your saints shout for joy! have ears, but they can't hear, neither is there any 10 For your servant David's sake, don't turn away the breath in their mouths. 18 Those who make them will face of your anointed one. 11 Yahweh has sworn to be like them, yes, everyone who trusts in them. 19 David in truth. He will not turn from it: "I will set the fruit House of Israel, praise Yahweh! House of Aaron, praise of your body on your throne. 12 If your children will keep Yahweh! 20 House of Levi, praise Yahweh! You who my covenant, my testimony that I will teach them, their fear Yahweh, praise Yahweh! 21 Blessed be Yahweh

36 Give thanks to Yahweh, 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 loving kindness endures forever; 10 to him who struck Hermon, that comes down on the hills of Zion; for there down the Egyptian firstborn, for his loving kindness endures forever: 11 and brought out Israel from among them, for his loving kindness endures forever; 12 with a strong hand, and with an outstretched arm, for his loving kindness endures forever; 13 to him who divided the Red Sea apart, for his loving kindness endures forever; 14 and made Israel to pass through the middle of it, for his loving kindness endures forever; 15 but overthrew 135 Praise Yah! Praise Yahweh's name! Praise him, Pharaoh and his army in the Red Sea, for his loving you servants of Yahweh, 2 you who stand in 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 for himself, Israel for his own possession. 5 For I know for his loving kindness endures forever; 19 Sihon king of 20 Og king of Bashan, for his loving kindness endures and in earth, in the seas and in all deeps. 7 He causes forever; 21 and gave their land as an inheritance, for his the clouds to rise from the ends of the earth. He makes loving kindness endures forever; 22 even a heritage lightnings with the rain. He brings the wind out of his to Israel his servant, for his loving kindness endures treasuries. 8 He struck the firstborn of Egypt, both of forever; 23 who remembered us in our low estate, for his man and animal. 9 He sent signs and wonders into loving kindness endures forever; 24 and has delivered

forever.

137 By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down. Yes, we wept, when we remembered Zion. 2 On the willows in that land, 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 Yahweh's song in a foreign land? 5 If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand forget its skill. 6 Let my tongue stick to the roof of my mouth if I don't remember you, if I don't prefer Jerusalem above my chief joy. 7 Remember, Yahweh, against the children of Edom in the day of Jerusalem, who said, "Raze it! Raze it even to its foundation!" 8 Daughter of Babylon, doomed to destruction, he will be happy who repays you, as you have done to us. 9 Happy shall he be, who takes and dashes your little ones against the rock.

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, Yahweh, for they have heard the words of your mouth. 5 Yes. they will sing of the ways of Yahweh, for Yahweh's glory is great! 6 For though Yahweh is high, yet he looks after the lowly: but he knows the proud from afar. 7 Though I walk in the middle of trouble, you will revive me. You will stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies. Your right hand will save me. 8 Yahweh will fulfill that which concerns me. Your loving kindness, Yahweh, endures forever. Don't forsake the works of vour own hands.

139 For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by David. Yahweh, you have searched me, and you know from your presence? 8 If I ascend up into heaven, you upright will dwell in your presence. are there. If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, you are there! (Sheol h7585) 9 If I take the wings of the dawn, and

us from our adversaries, for his loving kindness endures settle in the uttermost parts of the sea, 10 even there forever; 25 who gives food to every creature, for his your hand will lead me, and your right hand will hold loving kindness endures forever. 26 Oh give thanks to me. 11 If I say. "Surely the darkness will overwhelm me. the God of heaven, for his loving kindness endures 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 fearfully and wonderfully made. Your works are wonderful. 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 their sum! 18 If I would count them, they are more in number than the sand. When I wake up, I am still with you. 19 If only you, God, would kill the wicked. Get away from me, you bloodthirsty men! 20 For they speak against you wickedly. Your enemies take your name in vain. 21 Yahweh, don't I hate those who hate you? Am I not grieved with those who rise up against you? 138 By David. I will give you thanks with my whole 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, Yahweh, from evil men. Preserve me from violent men: 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 Yahweh, keep me from the hands of the wicked. Preserve me from the violent men who have determined to trip 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 Yahweh. "You are my God." Listen to the cry of my petitions, Yahweh. 7 Yahweh, the Lord, the strength of my salvation, you have covered my head in the day of battle. 8 Yahweh. don't grant the desires of the wicked. Don't let their evil plans succeed, or they will become proud, (Selah) 9 As me, 2 You know my sitting down and my rising up. You for the head of those who surround me, let the mischief perceive my thoughts from afar. 3 You search out my of their own lips cover them. 10 Let burning coals fall on path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all them. Let them be thrown into the fire, into miry pits, my ways. 4 For there is not a word on my tongue, but from where they never rise. 11 An evil speaker won't be behold, Yahweh, you know it altogether. 5 You hem me established in the earth. Evil will hunt the violent man in behind and before. You laid your hand on me. 6 This to overthrow him. 12 I know that Yahweh will maintain knowledge is beyond me. It's lofty. I can't attain it. 7 the cause of the afflicted, and justice for the needy. 13 Where could I go from your Spirit? Or where could I flee Surely the righteous will give thanks to your name. The

1 41 A Psalm by David. Yahweh, I have called on soul to you. 9 Deliver me, Yahweh, from my enemies. I 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, Yahweh, for sacrifice. 3 Set a watch, Yahweh, before my mouth. your name's sake. In your righteousness, bring my soul Keep the door of my lips. 4 Don't incline my heart to out of trouble. 12 In your loving kindness, cut off my any evil thing, to practice deeds of wickedness with men enemies, and destroy all those who afflict my soul, for I who work iniquity. Don't let me eat of their delicacies. am your servant. 5 Let the righteous strike me, it is kindness; let him reprove me, it is like oil on the head; don't let my head 144 By David. Blessed be Yahweh, my rock, who 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 eves are on you. Yahweh, the Lord, I take refuge in you. Don't leave my soul destitute. 9 Keep me from the snare which they have laid for me, from the traps of the workers of iniquity. 10 Let the wicked fall together into their own nets while I pass by.

be good to me.

143 A Psalm by David. Hear my prayer, Yahweh. Listen to my petitions. In your faithfulness and righteousness, relieve me. 2 Don't enter into judgment 145 A praise psalm by David. I will exalt you, my with your servant, for in your sight no man living is

you. Come to me guickly! Listen to my voice flee to you to hide me. 10 Teach me to do your will,

trains 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 my people under me. 3 Yahweh, 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, Yahweh, 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 142 A contemplation by David, when he was in the deliver me out of great waters, out of the hands of cave. A Prayer. I cry with my voice to Yahweh. foreigners, 8 whose mouths speak deceit, whose right With my voice, I ask Yahweh for mercy. 2 I pour out my hand is a right hand of falsehood. 9 I will sing a new complaint before him. I tell him my troubles. 3 When my song to you, God. On a ten-stringed lyre, I will sing spirit was overwhelmed within me, you knew my route. praises to you. 10 You are he who gives salvation On the path in which I walk, they have hidden a snare to kings, who rescues David, his servant, from the for me. 4 Look on my right, and see; for there is no one deadly sword. 11 Rescue me, and deliver me out of who is concerned for me. Refuge has fled from me. No the hands of foreigners, whose mouths speak deceit, one cares for my soul. 5 I cried to you, Yahweh. I said, whose right hand is a right hand of falsehood. 12 Then "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living." our sons will be like well-nurtured plants, our daughters 6 Listen to my cry, for I am in desperate need. Deliver like pillars carved to adorn a palace. 13 Our barns are me from my persecutors, for they are too strong for me. full, filled with all kinds of provision. Our sheep produce 7 Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to thousands and ten thousands in our fields. 14 Our oxen your name. The righteous will surround me, for you will will pull heavy loads. There is no breaking in, and no going away, and no outcry in our streets. 15 Happy are the people who are in such a situation. Happy are the people whose God is Yahweh.

God, the King. I will praise your name forever righteous. 3 For the enemy pursues my soul. He has and ever. 2 Every day I will praise you. I will extol struck my life down to the ground. He has made me live your name forever and ever. 3 Great is Yahweh, and in dark places, as those who have been long dead. 4 greatly to be praised! His greatness is unsearchable. 4 Therefore my spirit is overwhelmed within me. My heart One generation will commend your works to another, within me is desolate. 5 I remember the days of old. I and will declare your mighty acts. 5 I will meditate on meditate on all your doings. I contemplate the work of the glorious majesty of your honor, on your wondrous your hands. 61 spread out my hands to you. My soul works. 6 Men will speak of the might of your awesome thirsts for you, like a parched land. (Selah) 7 Hurry to acts. I will declare your greatness. 7 They will utter the answer me, Yahweh. My spirit fails. Don't hide your memory of your great goodness, and will sing of your face from me, so that I don't become like those who righteousness. 8 Yahweh is gracious, merciful, slow go down into the pit. 8 Cause me to hear your loving to anger, and of great loving kindness. 9 Yahweh is kindness in the morning, for I trust in you. Cause me to good to all. His tender mercies are over all his works. know the way in which I should walk, for I lift up my 10 All your works will give thanks to you, Yahweh. Your

your kingdom, and talk about your power, 12 to make Yahweh, Jerusalem! Praise your God, Zion! 13 For known to the sons of men his mighty acts, the glory he has strengthened the bars of your gates. He has of the majesty of his kingdom. 13 Your kingdom is an blessed your children within you. 14 He makes peace in everlasting kingdom. Your dominion endures throughout your borders. He fills you with the finest of the wheat. and raises up all those who are bowed down. 15 The scatters frost like ashes. 17 He hurls down his hail like eyes of all wait for you. You give them their food in pebbles. Who can stand before his cold? 18 He sends due season. 16 You open your hand, and satisfy the out his word, and melts them. He causes his wind to desire of every living thing. 17 Yahweh is righteous in blow, and the waters flow. 19 He shows his word to him in truth. 19 He will fulfill the desire of those who his ordinances. Praise Yah! fear him. He also will hear their cry, and will save them. 20 Yahweh preserves all those who love him, but he will destroy all the wicked. 21 My mouth will speak the praise of Yahweh. Let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

will reign forever; your God, O Zion, to all generations. near to him. Praise Yah! Praise Yah!

147 Praise Yah, for it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant and fitting to praise him. 2 Yahweh 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 Yahweh upholds the humble. He brings the wicked down to the ground. 7 Sing to Yahweh 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 Yahweh takes pleasure in those who fear

saints will extol you. 11 They will speak of the glory of him, in those who hope in his loving kindness. 12 Praise all generations. Yahweh is faithful in all his words, and 15 He sends out his commandment to the earth. His loving in all his deeds. 14 Yahweh upholds all who fall, word runs very swiftly. 16 He gives snow like wool, and all his ways, and gracious in all his works. 18 Yahweh Jacob, his statutes and his ordinances to Israel. 20 He is near to all those who call on him, to all who call on has not done this for just any nation. They don't know

48 Praise Yah! Praise Yahweh 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 146 Praise Yah! Praise Yahweh, my soul. 2 While the heavens. 5 Let them praise Yahweh's name, for he I live, I will praise Yahweh. I will sing praises commanded, and they were created. 6 He has also to my God as long as I exist. 3 Don't put your trust in established them forever and ever. He has made a princes, in a son of man in whom there is no help. 4 His decree which will not pass away. 7 Praise Yahweh spirit departs, and he returns to the earth. In that very from the earth, you great sea creatures, and all depths, day, his thoughts perish. 5 Happy is he who has the 8 lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy wind, God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in Yahweh, his fulfilling his word. 9 mountains and all hills, fruit trees God, 6 who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all and all cedars, 10 wild animals and all livestock, small that is in them; who keeps truth forever; 7 who executes creatures and flying birds, 11 kings of the earth and all justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. peoples, princes and all judges of the earth, 12 both Yahweh frees the prisoners. 8 Yahweh opens the eyes young men and maidens, old men and children. 13 of the blind. Yahweh raises up those who are bowed Let them praise Yahweh's name, for his name alone is down. Yahweh loves the righteous. 9 Yahweh preserves exalted. His glory is above the earth and the heavens. the foreigners. He upholds the fatherless and widow, but 14 He has lifted up the horn of his people, the praise of he turns the way of the wicked upside down. 10 Yahweh all his saints, even of the children of Israel, a people

> **149** Praise Yahweh! Sing to Yahweh a new song, his praise in the assembly of the saints. 2 Let Israel rejoice in him who made them. Let the children of Zion be joyful in their King. 3 Let them praise his name in the dance! Let them sing praises to him with tambourine and harp! 4 For Yahweh takes pleasure in his people. He crowns the humble with salvation. 5 Let the saints rejoice in honor. 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 saints have this honor. Praise Yah!

> Praise Yah! 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 Yah! Praise Yah!

Proverbs

f 1 The proverbs of Solomon, the son of David, king of $\, f 2$ My son, if you will receive my words, and store up Israel: 2 to know wisdom and instruction; to discern will you love simplicity? How long will mockers delight be rooted out of it. themselves in mockery, and fools hate knowledge? 23 Turn at my reproof. Behold, I will pour out my spirit on vou. 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 they will 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 didn't choose the fear of Yahweh. 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 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 prudence to the simple, knowledge and discretion voice for understanding; 4 if you seek her as silver, and to the young man— 5 that the wise man may hear, and search for her as for hidden treasures; 5 then you will increase in learning; that the man of understanding may understand the fear of Yahweh, and find the knowledge attain to sound counsel; 6 to understand a proverb and of God. 6 For Yahweh gives wisdom. Out of his mouth parables, the words and riddles of the wise. 7 The fear comes knowledge and understanding. 7 He lays up of Yahweh is the beginning of knowledge, but the foolish sound wisdom for the upright. He is a shield to those despise wisdom and instruction. 8 My son, listen to your who walk in integrity, 8 that he may guard the paths father's instruction, and don't forsake your mother's of justice, and preserve the way of his saints, 9 Then teaching; 9 for they will be a garland to grace your head, you will understand righteousness and justice, equity and chains around your neck. 10 My son, if sinners and every good path. 10 For wisdom will enter into entice you, don't consent. 11 If they say, "Come with your heart. Knowledge will be pleasant to your soul. 11 us. Let's lie in wait for blood. Let's lurk secretly for the Discretion will watch over you. Understanding will keep innocent without cause. 12 Let's swallow them up alive you, 12 to deliver you from the way of evil, from the men like Sheol, and whole, like those who go down into the who speak perverse things, 13 who forsake the paths of pit. (Sheol h7585) 13 We'll find all valuable wealth. We'll uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness, 14 who fill our houses with plunder. 14 You shall cast your lot rejoice to do evil, and delight in the perverseness of among us. We'll all have one purse"— 15 my son, don't evil, 15 who are crooked in their ways, and wayward in walk on the path 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 the net is spread in vain in the sight of any who forsakes the friend of her youth, and forgets the bird; 18 but these lay 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 departed spirits. 19 None who go everyone who is greedy for gain. It takes away the life to her return again, neither do they attain to the paths of of its owners. 20 Wisdom calls aloud in the street. She life. 20 Therefore walk in the way of good men, and utters her voice in the public squares. 21 She calls at the keep the paths of the righteous. 21 For the upright will head of noisy places. At the entrance of the city gates, dwell 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

> 3 My son, don't forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments, 2 for they will add to you length of days, years of life, and peace. 3 Don't 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 Yahweh with all your heart, and don't lean on your own understanding. 6 In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. 7 Don't be wise in your own eyes. Fear Yahweh, and depart from evil. 8 It will be health to your body, and nourishment to your bones. 9 Honor Yahweh with your substance, with the first fruits of all your increase; 10 so your barns will be filled with plenty. and your vats will overflow with new wine. 11 My son, don't despise Yahweh's discipline, neither be weary of his correction; 12 for whom Yahweh loves, he corrects, even as a father reproves the son in whom he delights.

will lie down, and your sleep will be sweet. 25 Don't yourself a perverse mouth. Put corrupt lips far from you. Don't withhold good from those to whom it is due, when right hand nor to the left. Remove your foot from evil. it is in the power of your hand to do it. 28 Don't say to your neighbor, "Go, and come again; tomorrow I will give it to you," when you have it by you. 29 Don't devise evil against your neighbor, since he dwells securely by you. 30 Don't strive with a man without cause, if he has done you no harm. 31 Don't envy the man of violence. Choose none of his ways. 32 For the perverse is an abomination to Yahweh, but his friendship is with the upright. 33 Yahweh's curse is in the house of the wicked, but he blesses the habitation of the righteous. 34 Surely he mocks the mockers, but he gives grace to the humble. 35 The wise will inherit glory, but shame will be the promotion of fools.

▲ Listen, sons, to a father's instruction. Pay attention and know understanding; 2 for I give you sound learning. Don't forsake my law. 3 For I was a son to my father, tender and an only child in the sight of my mother. 4 He taught me, and said to me: "Let your heart retain my words. Keep my commandments, and live. 5 Get wisdom. Get understanding. Don't forget, and don't deviate from the words of my mouth. 6 Don't forsake her, and she will preserve you. Love her, and she will keep you. 7 Wisdom is supreme. Get wisdom. Yes, though it costs all your possessions, get understanding. 8 Esteem her, and she will exalt you. She will bring you to honor when you embrace her. 9 She will give to your head a garland of grace. She will deliver a crown of splendor to you." 10 Listen, my son, and receive my sayings. The years of your life will be many. 11 l in straight paths. 12 When you go, your steps will not

13 Happy is the man who finds wisdom, the man who be hampered. When you run, you will not stumble. 13 gets understanding. 14 For her good profit is better than Take firm hold of instruction. Don't let her go. Keep her, getting silver, and her return is better than fine gold. 15 for she is your life. 14 Don't enter into the path of the She is more precious than rubies. None of the things wicked. Don't walk in the way of evil men. 15 Avoid it, you can desire are to be compared to her. 16 Length of and don't pass by it. Turn from it, and pass on. 16 For days is in her right hand. In her left hand are riches and they don't sleep unless they do evil. Their sleep is taken honor. 17 Her ways are ways of pleasantness. All her away, unless they make someone fall. 17 For they eat paths are peace. 18 She is a tree of life to those who lay the bread of wickedness and drink the wine of violence. hold of her. Happy is everyone who retains her. 19 By 18 But the path of the righteous is like the dawning light wisdom Yahweh founded the earth. By understanding, that shines more and more until the perfect day. 19 The he established the heavens. 20 By his knowledge, the way of the wicked is like darkness. They don't know depths were broken up, and the skies drop down the what they stumble over. 20 My son, attend to my words. dew. 21 My son, let them not depart from your eyes. Turn your ear to my sayings. 21 Let them not depart Keep sound wisdom and discretion, 22 so they will be from your eyes. Keep them in the center of your heart. life to your soul, and grace for your neck. 23 Then you 22 For they are life to those who find them, and health to shall walk in your way securely. Your foot won't stumble. their whole body. 23 Keep your heart with all diligence, 24 When you lie down, you will not be afraid. Yes, you for out of it is the wellspring of life. 24 Put away from be afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of 25 Let your eyes look straight ahead. Fix your gaze the wicked, when it comes; 26 for Yahweh will be your directly before you. 26 Make the path of your feet level. confidence, and will keep your foot from being taken. 27 Let all of your ways be established. 27 Don't turn to the

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, my sons, listen to me. Don't depart from the words of my mouth. 8 Remove your way far from her. Don't come near the door of her house, 9 lest you give your honor to others, and your years to the cruel one; 10 lest strangers feast on your wealth, and your labors enrich another man's house. 11 You will groan at your latter end, when your flesh and your body are consumed, 12 and say, "How I have hated instruction, and my heart despised reproof. 13 I haven't obeyed the voice of my teachers, nor turned my ear to those who instructed me! 14 I have come to the brink of utter ruin, among the gathered assembly." 15 Drink water out of your own cistern, running water out of your own well. 16 Should your springs overflow in the streets, streams of water in the public squares? 17 Let them be for yourself alone, not for strangers with you. 18 Let your spring be blessed. Rejoice in the wife of your youth. 19 A loving doe and a graceful deerlet her breasts satisfy you at all times. Be captivated always with her love. 20 For why should you, my son, have taught you in the way of wisdom. I have led you be captivated with an adulteress? Why embrace the

bosom of another? 21 For the ways of man are before give all the wealth of his house. 32 He who commits Yahweh's eyes. He examines all his paths. 22 The evil adultery with a woman is void of understanding. He who deeds of the wicked ensnare him. The cords of his sin does it destroys his own soul. 33 He will get wounds hold him firmly. 23 He will die for lack of instruction. In and dishonor. His reproach will not be wiped away. 34 the greatness of his folly, he will go astray.

6 My son, if you have become collateral for your neighbor, if you have struck your hands 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, since you have come into the hand of your neighbor. Go, humble yourself. Press your plea with your neighbor. 4 Give no sleep to your eyes, nor slumber to your eyelids. 5 Free yourself, like a gazelle from the hand of the hunter, like a bird from the snare of the fowler. 6 Go to the ant, you sluggard. Consider her ways, and be wise; 7 which having no chief, overseer, or ruler, 8 provides her bread in the summer, and gathers her food in the harvest. 9 How long will you sleep, sluggard? When will you arise out of your sleep? 10 A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep— 11 so your poverty will come as a robber, and your scarcity as an armed man. 12 A worthless person, a man of iniquity, is he who walks with a perverse mouth, 13 who winks with his eyes, who signals with his feet, who motions 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 Yahweh hates; yes, seven which are an abomination to him: 17 arrogant 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 don't forsake your mother's teaching. 21 Bind them continually on your heart. Tie them around your neck. 22 When you walk, it will lead you. When you sleep, it will watch over you. When you awake, it will talk with you. 23 For the commandment is a lamp, and the law is light. Reproofs of instruction are the way of life, 24 to keep you from the immoral woman, from the flattery of the wayward wife's tongue. 25 Don't lust after her beauty in your heart, neither let her captivate you with her eyelids. 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 don't despise a thief if he steals to satisfy himself when he is hungry, 31 but

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! 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 your relative, 5 that they may keep you from the strange woman, from the foreigner who flatters with her words. 6 For at the window of my house, I looked out through my lattice. 7 I saw among the simple ones. I discerned among the youths a young man void of understanding, 8 passing through the street near her corner, he went the way to her house, 9 in the twilight, in the evening of the day, in the middle of the night and in the darkness. 10 Behold, there a woman met him with the attire of a prostitute, and with crafty intent. 11 She is loud and defiant. Her feet don't stay in her house. 12 Now she is 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. Today 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 journey. 20 He has taken a bag of money with him. He will come home at the full moon." 21 With persuasive words, she led him astray. With the flattering of her lips, she seduced him. 22 He followed her immediately, as an ox goes to the slaughter, as a fool stepping into a noose. 23 Until 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, sons, listen to me. Pay attention to the words of my mouth. 25 Don't let your heart turn to her ways. Don't 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 rooms 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 if he is found, he shall restore seven times. He shall gates, at the entry of the city, at the entry doors, she

sons of mankind. 5 You simple, understand prudence! places of the city: 4 "Whoever is simple, let him turn in You fools, be of an understanding heart! 6 Hear, for I will here!" As for him who is void of understanding, she says speak excellent things. The opening of my lips is for right to him, 5 "Come, eat some of my bread, Drink some things. 7 For my mouth speaks truth. Wickedness is an of the wine which I have mixed! 6 Leave your simple abomination to my lips. 8 All the words of my mouth are ways, and live. Walk in the way of understanding." 7 instruction rather than silver, knowledge rather than and he will love you. 9 Instruct a wise person, and choice gold. 11 For wisdom is better than rubies. All the he will be still wiser. Teach a righteous person, and things that may be desired can't be compared to it. 12 he will increase in learning. 10 The fear of Yahweh is "I, wisdom, have made prudence my dwelling. Find out the beginning of wisdom. The knowledge of the Holy knowledge and discretion. 13 The fear of Yahweh is to One is understanding. 11 For by me your days will be hate evil. I hate pride, arrogance, the evil way, and the multiplied. The years of your life will be increased. 12 If perverse mouth. 14 Counsel and sound knowledge are you are wise, you are wise for yourself. If you mock, mine. I have understanding and power. 15 By me kings you alone will bear it. 13 The foolish woman is loud, reign, and princes decree justice. 16 By me princes rule, undisciplined, and knows nothing. 14 She sits at the nobles, and all the righteous rulers of the earth. 17 I door of her house, on a seat in the high places of the will find me. 18 With me are riches, honor, enduring their ways, 16 "Whoever is simple, let him turn in here." wealth, and prosperity. 19 My fruit is better than gold, As for him who is void of understanding, she says to yes, than fine gold, my yield than choice silver. 20 I walk him, 17 "Stolen water is sweet. Food eaten in secret is of justice, 21 that I may give wealth to those who love spirits are there, that her guests are in the depths of me. I fill their treasuries. 22 "Yahweh possessed me in Sheol. (Sheol h7585) the beginning of his work, before his deeds of old. 23 I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, before the earth existed. 24 When there were no depths, I was born, when there were no springs abounding with water. 25 Before the mountains were settled in place, before the hills, I was born; 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, my sons, listen to me, for blessed are those who keep my ways. 33 Hear instruction, and be wise. Don't 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 Yahweh. 36 But he who sins against me wrongs his own soul. All those who hate me love death."

cries aloud: 4 "I call to you men! I send my voice to the has sent out her maidens. She cries from the highest in righteousness. There is nothing crooked or perverse One who corrects a mocker invites insult. One who in them. 9 They are all plain to him who understands, reproves a wicked man invites abuse. 8 Don't reprove right to those who find knowledge. 10 Receive my a scoffer, lest he hate you. Reprove a wise person, love those who love me. Those who seek me diligently city, 15 to call to those who pass by, who go straight on in the way of righteousness, in the middle of the paths pleasant." 18 But he doesn't know that the departed

1 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 Yahweh 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 One who winks with the eye causes sorrow, but a chattering fool will fall. 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 Wisdom has built her house. She has carved out strong city. The destruction of the poor is their poverty. her seven pillars. 2 She has prepared her meat. She 16 The labor of the righteous leads to life. The increase has mixed her wine. She has also set her table. 3 She of the wicked leads to sin. 17 He is in the way of life who

mouth of the wicked is perverse.

11 A false balance is an abomination to Yahweh, 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,

heeds correction, but he who forsakes reproof leads gracious woman obtains honor, but violent men obtain others astray. 18 He who hides hatred has lying lips. riches. 17 The merciful man does good to his own He who utters a slander is a fool. 19 In the multitude soul, but he who is cruel troubles his own flesh. 18 of words there is no lack of disobedience, but he who Wicked people earn deceitful wages, but one who sows restrains his lips does wisely. 20 The tongue of the righteousness reaps a sure reward. 19 He who is truly righteous is like choice silver. The heart of the wicked is righteous gets life. He who pursues evil gets death. 20 of little worth. 21 The lips of the righteous feed many, but Those who are perverse in heart are an abomination the foolish die for lack of understanding. 22 Yahweh's to Yahweh, but those whose ways are blameless are blessing brings wealth, and he adds no trouble to it. 23 his delight. 21 Most certainly, the evil man will not be It is a fool's pleasure to do wickedness, but wisdom is a unpunished, but the offspring of the righteous will be man of understanding's pleasure. 24 What the wicked delivered. 22 Like a gold ring in a pig's snout, is a fear will overtake them, but the desire of the righteous beautiful woman who lacks discretion. 23 The desire will be granted. 25 When the whirlwind passes, the of the righteous is only good. The expectation of the wicked is no more; but the righteous stand firm forever. wicked is wrath. 24 There is one who scatters, and 26 As vinegar to the teeth, and as smoke to the eyes, increases yet more. There is one who withholds more so is the sluggard to those who send him. 27 The fear than is appropriate, but gains poverty. 25 The liberal of Yahweh prolongs days, but the years of the wicked soul shall be made fat. He who waters shall be watered shall be shortened. 28 The prospect of the righteous also himself. 26 People curse someone who withholds is joy, but the hope of the wicked will perish. 29 The grain, but blessing will be on the head of him who sells way of Yahweh is a stronghold to the upright, but it is a it. 27 He who diligently seeks good seeks favor, but he destruction to the workers of iniquity. 30 The righteous who searches after evil, it shall come to him. 28 He will never be removed, but the wicked will not dwell who trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous shall in the land. 31 The mouth of the righteous produces flourish as the green leaf. 29 He who troubles his own wisdom, but the perverse tongue will be cut off. 32 The house shall inherit the wind. The foolish shall be servant lips of the righteous know what is acceptable, but the to the wise of heart. 30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life. He who is wise wins souls. 31 Behold, the righteous shall be repaid in the earth, how much more the wicked and the sinner!

12 Whoever loves correction loves knowledge, but he who hates reproof is stupid. 2 A good man but the perverseness of the treacherous shall destroy shall obtain favor from Yahweh, but he will condemn a them. 4 Riches don't profit in the day of wrath, but man of wicked plans. 3 A man shall not be established righteousness delivers from death. 5 The righteousness by wickedness, but the root of the righteous shall not of the blameless will direct his way, but the wicked shall be moved. 4 A worthy woman is the crown of her fall by his own wickedness. 6 The righteousness of husband, but a disgraceful wife is as rottenness in his the upright shall deliver them, but the unfaithful will be bones. 5 The thoughts of the righteous are just, but trapped by evil desires. 7 When a wicked man dies, the advice of the wicked is deceitful. 6 The words of hope perishes, and expectation of power comes to the wicked are about lying in wait for blood, but the nothing. 8 A righteous person is delivered out of trouble, speech of the upright rescues them. 7 The wicked are and the wicked takes his place. 9 With his mouth the overthrown, and are no more, but the house of the godless man destroys his neighbor, but the righteous righteous shall stand. 8 A man shall be commended will be delivered through knowledge. 10 When it goes according to his wisdom, but he who has a warped mind well with the righteous, the city rejoices. When the shall be despised. 9 Better is he who is little known, wicked perish, there is shouting. 11 By the blessing of and has a servant, than he who honors himself and the upright, the city is exalted, but it is overthrown by the lacks bread. 10 A righteous man respects the life of mouth of the wicked. 12 One who despises his neighbor his animal, but the tender mercies of the wicked are is void of wisdom, but a man of understanding holds his cruel. 11 He who tills his land shall have plenty of bread, peace. 13 One who brings gossip betrays a confidence, but he who chases fantasies is void of understanding. but one who is of a trustworthy spirit is one who keeps a 12 The wicked desires the plunder of evil men, but secret. 14 Where there is no wise guidance, the nation the root of the righteous flourishes. 13 An evil man is falls, but in the multitude of counselors there is victory. trapped by sinfulness of lips, but the righteous shall 15 He who is collateral for a stranger will suffer for it, but come out of trouble. 14 A man shall be satisfied with he who refuses pledges of collateral is secure. 16 A good by the fruit of his mouth. The work of a man's

mischief shall happen to the righteous, but the wicked belly of the wicked goes hungry. shall be filled with evil. 22 Lying lips are an abomination to Yahweh, 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.

a scoffer doesn't listen to rebuke. 2 By the fruit of his lips, a man enjoys good things, but the unfaithful crave violence. 3 He who guards his mouth guards his soul. One who opens wide his lips comes to ruin. 4 The soul of the sluggard desires, and has nothing, but the desire of the diligent shall be fully satisfied. 5 A righteous man hates lies, but a wicked man brings shame and disgrace. 6 Righteousness guards the way of integrity, but wickedness overthrows the sinner. 7 There are some who pretend to be rich, yet have nothing. There are some who pretend to be poor, yet have great wealth. 8 The ransom of a man's life is his riches, but the poor hear no threats. 9 The light of the righteous shines brightly, but the lamp of the wicked is snuffed out. 10 Pride only breeds quarrels, but wisdom is with people who take advice. 11 Wealth gained dishonestly dwindles away, but he who gathers by hand makes it grow. 12 Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but when longing is fulfilled, it is a tree of life. 13 Whoever despises instruction will pay for it, but he who respects a command will be rewarded. 14 The teaching of the wise is a spring of life, to turn from the snares of death. 15 Good understanding wins favor, but the way of the unfaithful is hard. 16 Every prudent man acts from knowledge, but a fool exposes folly. 17 A wicked messenger falls into trouble, but a trustworthy envoy gains healing. 18 Poverty and shame come to him who refuses discipline, but he who heeds correction

hands shall be rewarded to him. 15 The way of a fool soul, but fools detest turning from evil. 20 One who is right in his own eyes, but he who is wise listens to walks with wise men grows wise, but a companion of counsel. 16 A fool shows his annoyance the same day, fools suffers harm. 21 Misfortune pursues sinners, but but one who overlooks an insult is prudent. 17 He who prosperity rewards the righteous. 22 A good man leaves is truthful testifies honestly, but a false witness lies. 18 an inheritance to his children's children, but the wealth of There is one who speaks rashly like the piercing of a the sinner is stored for the righteous. 23 An abundance sword, but the tongue of the wise heals. 19 Truth's lips of food is in poor people's fields, but injustice sweeps it will be established forever, but a lying tongue is only away. 24 One who spares the rod hates his son, but momentary. 20 Deceit is in the heart of those who plot one who loves him is careful to discipline him. 25 The evil, but joy comes to the promoters of peace. 21 No righteous one eats to the satisfying of his soul, but the

11 Every wise woman builds her house, but the foolish one tears it down with her own hands. 2 He who walks in his uprightness fears Yahweh, 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 13 A wise son listens to his father's instruction, but on his lips. 8 The wisdom of the prudent is to think about his way, but the folly of fools is deceit. 9 Fools mock at making atonement for sins, but among the upright there is good will. 10 The heart knows its own bitterness and joy; he will not share these with a stranger. 11 The house of the wicked will be overthrown, but the tent of the upright will flourish. 12 There is a way which seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death. 13 Even in laughter the heart may be sorrowful, and mirth may end in heaviness. 14 The unfaithful will be repaid for his own ways; likewise a good man will be rewarded for his ways. 15 A simple man believes everything, but the prudent man carefully considers his ways. 16 A wise man fears and shuns evil, but the fool is hot headed and reckless. 17 He who is quick to become angry will commit folly, and a crafty man is hated. 18 The simple inherit folly, but the prudent are crowned with knowledge. 19 The evil bow down before the good, and the wicked at the gates of the righteous. 20 The poor person is shunned even by his own neighbor, but the rich person has many friends. 21 He who despises his neighbor sins, but he who has pity on the poor is blessed. 22 Don't they go astray who plot evil? But love and faithfulness belong to those who plan good. 23 In all hard work there is profit, but the talk of the lips leads only to poverty. 24 The crown of the wise is their riches. but the folly of fools crowns them with folly. 25 A truthful witness saves souls, but a false witness is deceitful. 26 In the fear of Yahweh is a secure fortress, and he will shall be honored. 19 Longing fulfilled is sweet to the be a refuge for his children. 27 The fear of Yahweh is a fountain of life, turning people from the snares of death.

28 In the multitude of people is the king's glory, but in will uproot the house of the proud, but he will keep the the lack of people is the destruction of the prince. 29 He widow's borders intact. 26 Yahweh detests the thoughts who is slow to anger has great understanding, but he of the wicked, but the thoughts of the pure are pleasing. who has a quick temper displays folly. 30 The life of the 27 He who is greedy for gain troubles his own house, body is a heart at peace, but envy rots the bones. 31 He but he who hates bribes will live. 28 The heart of the who oppresses the poor shows contempt for his Maker, righteous weighs answers, but the mouth of the wicked but he who is kind to the needy honors him. 32 The gushes out evil. 29 Yahweh is far from the wicked, but wicked is brought down in his calamity, but in death, the he hears the prayer of the righteous. 30 The light of righteous has a refuge. 33 Wisdom rests in the heart of the eyes rejoices the heart. Good news gives health to one who has understanding, and is even made known the bones. 31 The ear that listens to reproof lives, and in the inward part of fools. 34 Righteousness exalts a will be at home among the wise. 32 He who refuses nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people. 35 The king's correction despises his own soul, but he who listens favor is toward a servant who deals wisely, but his wrath to reproof gets understanding. 33 The fear of Yahweh is toward one who causes shame.

15 A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh 16 The plans of the heart belong to man, but the word stirs up anger. 2 The tongue of the wise

teaches wisdom. Before honor is humility.

answer of the tongue is from Yahweh. 2 All the commends knowledge, but the mouths of fools gush ways of a man are clean in his own eyes, but Yahweh out folly. 3 Yahweh's eyes are everywhere, keeping weighs the motives. 3 Commit your deeds to Yahweh, watch on the evil and the good. 4 A gentle tongue is and your plans shall succeed. 4 Yahweh has made a tree of life, but deceit in it crushes the spirit. 5 A everything for its own end—yes, even the wicked for fool despises his father's correction, but he who heeds the day of evil. 5 Everyone who is proud in heart is reproof shows prudence. 6 In the house of the righteous an abomination to Yahweh; they shall certainly not be is much treasure, but the income of the wicked brings unpunished. 6 By mercy and truth iniquity is atoned trouble. 7 The lips of the wise spread knowledge; not for. By the fear of Yahweh men depart from evil. 7 so with the heart of fools. 8 The sacrifice made by the When a man's ways please Yahweh, he makes even wicked is an abomination to Yahweh, but the prayer his enemies to be at peace with him. 8 Better is a little of the upright is his delight. 9 The way of the wicked with righteousness, than great revenues with injustice. is an abomination to Yahweh, but he loves him who 9 A man's heart plans his course, but Yahweh directs follows after righteousness. 10 There is stern discipline his steps. 10 Inspired judgments are on the lips of the for one who forsakes the way. Whoever hates reproof king. He shall not betray his mouth. 11 Honest balances shall die. 11 Sheol and Abaddon are before Yahweh— and scales are Yahweh's; all the weights in the bag how much more then the hearts of the children of men! are his work. 12 It is an abomination for kings to do (Sheol h7585) 12 A scoffer doesn't love to be reproved; he wrong, for the throne is established by righteousness. will not go to the wise. 13 A glad heart makes a cheerful 13 Righteous lips are the delight of kings. They value face, but an aching heart breaks the spirit. 14 The heart one who speaks the truth. 14 The king's wrath is a of one who has understanding seeks knowledge, but messenger of death, but a wise man will pacify it. 15 the mouths of fools feed on folly. 15 All the days of the In the light of the king's face is life. His favor is like a afflicted are wretched, but one who has a cheerful heart cloud of the spring rain. 16 How much better it is to enjoys a continual feast. 16 Better is little, with the fear get wisdom than gold! Yes, to get understanding is to of Yahweh, than great treasure with trouble. 17 Better is be chosen rather than silver. 17 The highway of the a dinner of herbs, where love is, than a fattened calf upright is to depart from evil. He who keeps his way with hatred. 18 A wrathful man stirs up contention, but preserves his soul. 18 Pride goes before destruction, one who is slow to anger appeases strife. 19 The way and an arrogant spirit before a fall. 19 It is better to of the sluggard is like a thorn patch, but the path of the be of a lowly spirit with the poor, than to divide the upright is a highway. 20 A wise son makes a father glad, plunder with the proud. 20 He who heeds the Word finds but a foolish man despises his mother. 21 Folly is joy to prosperity. Whoever trusts in Yahweh is blessed. 21 one who is void of wisdom, but a man of understanding The wise in heart shall be called prudent. Pleasantness keeps his way straight. 22 Where there is no counsel, of the lips promotes instruction. 22 Understanding is a plans fail; but in a multitude of counselors they are fountain of life to one who has it, but the punishment of established. 23 Joy comes to a man with the reply of fools is their folly. 23 The heart of the wise instructs his his mouth. How good is a word at the right time! 24 mouth, and adds learning to his lips. 24 Pleasant words The path of life leads upward for the wise, to keep him are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the from going downward to Sheol. (Sheol h7585) 25 Yahweh bones. 25 There is a way which seems right to a man,

laboring man labors for him, for his mouth urges him and bitterness to her who bore him. 26 Also to punish on. 27 A worthless man devises mischief. His speech the righteous is not good, nor to flog officials for their is like a scorching fire. 28 A perverse man stirs up integrity. 27 He who spares his words has knowledge. strife. A whisperer separates close friends. 29 A man of He who is even tempered is a man of understanding. violence entices his neighbor, and leads him in a way 28 Even a fool, when he keeps silent, is counted wise. that is not good. 30 One who winks his eyes to plot When he shuts his lips, he is thought to be discerning. perversities, one who compresses his lips, is bent on evil. 31 Gray hair is a crown of glory. It is attained by a life 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 Yahweh.

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 Yahweh 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 is their parents. 7 Excellent 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 guarreling breaks out. 15 He who justifies the wicked, and he who condemns the righteous, both of them alike are an abomination to Yahweh. 16 Why is there money in the hand of a fool to buy wisdom, since 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 who becomes the father of a fool grieves. The father of a fool has no joy. 22 A cheerful heart makes good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones. 23 A wicked man receives a bribe in secret, to pervert the ways of justice. 24 Wisdom is before the face of one who has understanding, but the eyes of a fool wander to the ends

but in the end it leads to death. 26 The appetite of the earth, 25 A foolish son brings grief to his father.

R A man who isolates himself 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 dainty morsels: 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 Yahweh's name is a strong tower: the righteous run to him, 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 answers 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. 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 Yahweh. 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.

19 Better is the poor who walks in his integrity than he who is perverse in his lips and is a fool. 2 It isn't good to have zeal without knowledge, nor being hasty with one's feet and missing the way. 3 The foolishness of man subverts his way; his heart rages against Yahweh. 4 Wealth adds many friends, but the poor is separated from his friend. 5 A false witness shall not be unpunished. He who pours out lies shall not

drives away his mother is a son who causes shame and and beatings purge the innermost parts. my son, you will stray from the words of knowledge. 28 **21** The king's heart is in Yahweh's hand like the A corrupt witness mocks justice, and the mouth of the wicked gulps down iniquity. 29 Penalties are prepared for scoffers, and beatings for the backs of fools.

go free. 6 Many will entreat the favor of a ruler, and eyes, 9 Who can say, "I have made my heart pure, I am everyone is a friend to a man who gives gifts. 7 All clean and without sin"? 10 Differing weights and differing the relatives of the poor shun him; how much more do measures, both of them alike are an abomination to his friends avoid him! He pursues them with pleas, but Yahweh. 11 Even a child makes himself known by his they are gone. 8 He who gets wisdom loves his own doings, whether his work is pure, and whether it is right. soul. He who keeps understanding shall find good. 9 A 12 The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, Yahweh has false witness shall not be unpunished. He who utters made even both of them. 13 Don't love sleep, lest you lies shall perish. 10 Delicate living is not appropriate come to poverty. Open your eyes, and you shall be for a fool, much less for a servant to have rule over satisfied with bread. 14 "It's no good, it's no good," says princes. 11 The discretion of a man makes him slow the buyer; but when he is gone his way, then he boasts. to anger. It is his glory to overlook an offense. 12 The 15 There is gold and abundance of rubies, but the lips king's wrath is like the roaring of a lion, but his favor is of knowledge are a rare jewel. 16 Take the garment like dew on the grass. 13 A foolish son is the calamity of of one who puts up collateral for a stranger; and hold his father. A wife's quarrels are a continual dripping. 14 him in pledge for a wayward woman. 17 Fraudulent House and riches are an inheritance from fathers, but a food is sweet to a man, but afterwards his mouth is prudent wife is from Yahweh. 15 Slothfulness casts into filled with gravel. 18 Plans are established by advice; by a deep sleep. The idle soul shall suffer hunger. 16 He wise guidance you wage war! 19 He who goes about who keeps the commandment keeps his soul, but he as a tale-bearer reveals secrets; therefore don't keep who is contemptuous in his ways shall die. 17 He who company with him who opens wide his lips. 20 Whoever has pity on the poor lends to Yahweh; he will reward curses his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put him. 18 Discipline your son, for there is hope; don't be out in blackness of darkness. 21 An inheritance quickly a willing party to his death. 19 A hot-tempered man gained at the beginning won't be blessed in the end. 22 must pay the penalty, for if you rescue him, you must do Don't say, "I will pay back evil." Wait for Yahweh, and he it again. 20 Listen to counsel and receive instruction, will save you. 23 Yahweh detests differing weights, and that you may be wise in your latter end. 21 There are dishonest scales are not pleasing. 24 A man's steps are many plans in a man's heart, but Yahweh's counsel will from Yahweh; how then can man understand his way? prevail. 22 That which makes a man to be desired is his 25 It is a snare to a man to make a rash dedication, then kindness. A poor man is better than a liar. 23 The fear of later to consider his vows. 26 A wise king winnows out Yahweh 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 Yahweh's lamp, searching all his hand in the dish; he will not so much as bring it to his innermost parts. 28 Love and faithfulness keep the king mouth again. 25 Flog a scoffer, and the simple will learn safe. His throne is sustained by love. 29 The glory of prudence; rebuke one who has understanding, and he young men is their strength. The splendor of old men is will gain knowledge. 26 He who robs his father and their gray hair. 30 Wounding blows cleanse away evil,

2 Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, but Yahweh weighs the hearts. 3 To do righteousness and justice is more acceptable to Yahweh than sacrifice. 4 A 20 Wine is a mocker and beer is a brawler. Whoever 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 man to Getting treasures by a lying tongue is a fleeting vapor keep aloof from strife, but every fool will be quarreling. for those who seek death. 7 The violence of the wicked 4 The sluggard will not plow by reason of the winter; will drive them away, because they refuse to do what is therefore he shall beg in harvest, and have nothing. right. 8 The way of the guilty is devious, but the conduct 5 Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water, but of the innocent is upright. 9 It is better to dwell in the a man of understanding will draw it out. 6 Many men corner of the housetop than to share a house with a claim to be men of unfailing love, but who can find contentious woman. 10 The soul of the wicked desires a faithful man? 7 A righteous man walks in integrity. evil; his neighbor finds no mercy in his eyes. 11 When Blessed are his children after him. 8 A king who sits on the mocker is punished, the simple gains wisdom. When the throne of judgment scatters away all evil with his the wise is instructed, he receives knowledge. 12 The

who covet greedily all day long; but the righteous give men. and don't withhold. 27 The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination— how much more, when he brings it with a wicked mind! 28 A false witness will perish. 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 Yahweh. 31 The horse is prepared for the day of battle; but victory is with Yahweh.

The rich and the poor have this in common: Yahweh is the maker of them all. 3 A prudent man sees danger and hides himself; but the simple pass on, and suffer for it. 4 The result of humility and the fear of Yahweh is wealth, honor, and life. 5 Thorns and snares are in the path of the wicked; whoever guards his soul stays far from them. 6 Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it. 7 The rich 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 be destroyed. 9 He who has a generous eye Drive out the mocker, and strife will go out; yes, quarrels eyes watch over knowledge, but he frustrates the words an adulteress is a deep pit. He who is under Yahweh's

Righteous One considers the house of the wicked, and wrath will fall into it. 15 Folly is bound up in the heart brings the wicked to ruin. 13 Whoever stops his ears of a child; the rod of discipline drives it far from him. at the cry of the poor, he will also cry out, but shall 16 Whoever oppresses the poor for his own increase not be heard. 14 A gift in secret pacifies anger, and and whoever gives to the rich, both come to poverty. 17 a bribe in the cloak, strong wrath. 15 It is joy to the Turn your ear, and listen to the words of the wise. Apply righteous to do justice; but it is a destruction to the your heart to my teaching. 18 For it is a pleasant thing workers of iniquity. 16 The man who wanders out of if you keep them within you, if all of them are ready the way of understanding shall rest in the assembly on your lips. 19 I teach you today, even you, so that of the departed spirits. 17 He who loves pleasure will your trust may be in Yahweh. 20 Haven't I written to you be a poor man. He who loves wine and oil won't be thirty excellent things of counsel and knowledge, 21 To rich. 18 The wicked is a ransom for the righteous, the teach you truth, reliable words, to give sound answers treacherous for the upright. 19 It is better to dwell in a to the ones who sent you? 22 Don't exploit the poor desert land, than with a contentious and fretful woman. because he is poor; and don't crush the needy in court; 20 There is precious treasure and oil in the dwelling 23 for Yahweh will plead their case, and plunder the life of the wise, but a foolish man swallows it up. 21 He of those who plunder them. 24 Don't befriend a hotwho follows after righteousness and kindness finds tempered man. Don't associate with one who harbors life, righteousness, and honor. 22 A wise man scales anger, 25 lest you learn his ways and ensnare your soul. the city of the mighty, and brings down the strength of 26 Don't you be one of those who strike hands, of those its confidence. 23 Whoever quards his mouth and his who are collateral for debts. 27 If you don't have means tongue keeps his soul from troubles. 24 The proud and to pay, why should he take away your bed from under arrogant man—"Scoffer" is his name— he works in the you? 28 Don't move the ancient boundary stone which arrogance of pride. 25 The desire of the sluggard kills your fathers have set up. 29 Do you see a man skilled him, for his hands refuse to labor. 26 There are those in his work? He will serve kings. He won't serve obscure

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 Don't be desirous of his dainties, since they are deceitful food. 4 Don't 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 Don't eat the food of him who has a stingy eye, 22 A good name is more desirable than great riches, and don't crave his delicacies, 7 for as he thinks about and loving favor is better than silver and gold. 2 the cost, so he is. "Eat and drink!" he says to you, but his heart is not with you. 8 You will vomit up the morsel which you have eaten and waste your pleasant words. 9 Don't speak in the ears of a fool, for he will despise the wisdom of your words. 10 Don't move the ancient boundary stone. Don't 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 Don't 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, will be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor. 10 if your heart is wise, then my heart will be glad, even mine. 16 Yes, my heart will rejoice when your lips speak and insults will stop. 11 He who loves purity of heart what is right. 17 Don't let your heart envy sinners, but and speaks gracefully is the king's friend. 12 Yahweh's rather fear Yahweh all day long. 18 Indeed surely there is a future hope, and your hope will not be cut off. 19 of the unfaithful. 13 The sluggard says, "There is a lion Listen, my son, and be wise, and keep your heart on outside! I will be killed in the streets!" 14 The mouth of the right path! 20 Don't be among ones drinking too

and drowsiness clothes them in rags. 22 Listen to your be envious of the wicked; 20 for there will be no reward wisdom, discipline, and understanding. 24 The father of those who are rebellious, 22 for their calamity will rise the righteous has great joy. Whoever fathers a wise child suddenly. Who knows what destruction may come from your heart; and let your eyes keep in my ways. 27 For a to the wicked, "You are righteous," peoples will curse sorrow? Who has strife? Who has complaints? Who has the lips. 27 Prepare your work outside, and get your mixed wine. 31 Don't look at the wine when it is red, deceive with your lips. 29 Don't say, "I will do to him when it sparkles in the cup, when it goes down smoothly. as he has done to me; I will repay the man according 32 In the end, it bites like a snake, and poisons like a to his work." 30 I went by the field of the sluggard, viper. 33 Your eyes will see strange things, and your by the vineyard of the man void of understanding. 31 mind will imagine confusing things. 34 Yes, you will be Behold, it was all grown over with thorns. Its surface as he who lies down in the middle of the sea, or as he was covered with nettles, and its stone wall was broken who lies on top of the rigging: 35 "They hit me, and I down. 32 Then I saw, and considered well. I saw, and will I wake up? I can do it again. I will look for more."

21 Don't 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 beautiful treasure. 5 A wise man has great power. A knowledgeable man increases strength, 6 for by wise guidance you wage your war, and victory is in many advisors. 7 Wisdom is too high for a fool. He doesn't open his mouth in the gate. 8 One who plots to do evil will be called a schemer. 9 The schemes of folly are sin. The mocker is detested by men. 10 If you falter in the time of trouble. your strength is small. 11 Rescue those who are being led away to death! Indeed, hold back those who are staggering to the slaughter! 12 If you say, "Behold, we didn't know this," doesn't he who weighs the hearts consider it? He who keeps your soul, doesn't he know it? Shall he not render to every man according to his work? 13 My son, eat honey, for it is good, the droppings of the honeycomb, which are sweet to your taste: 14 so you shall know wisdom to be to your soul. If you have found it, then there will be a reward: Your hope will not be cut off. 15 Don't lay in wait, wicked man, against the habitation of the righteous. Don't destroy his resting place; 16 for a righteous man falls seven times and rises up again, but the wicked are overthrown by calamity. 17 Don't rejoice when your enemy falls. Don't let your heart be glad when he is overthrown, 18 lest Yahweh see it,

much wine, or those who gorge themselves on meat: and it displease him, and he turn away his wrath from 21 for the drunkard and the glutton shall become poor; him. 19 Don't fret yourself because of evildoers, neither father who gave you life, and don't despise your mother to the evil man. The lamp of the wicked will be snuffed when she is old. 23 Buy the truth, and don't sell it. Get out. 21 My son, fear Yahweh and the king. Don't join delights in him. 25 Let your father and your mother be them both? 23 These also are sayings of the wise: To glad! Let her who bore you rejoice! 26 My son, give me show partiality in judgment is not good. 24 He who says prostitute is a deep pit; and a wayward wife is a narrow him, and nations will abhor him— 25 but it will go well well. 28 Yes, she lies in wait like a robber, and increases with those who convict the guilty, and a rich blessing will the unfaithful among men. 29 Who has woe? Who has come on them. 26 An honest answer is like a kiss on needless bruises? Who has bloodshot eyes? 30 Those fields ready. Afterwards, build your house. 28 Don't be who stay long at the wine: those who go to seek out a witness against your neighbor without cause. Don't was not hurt! They beat me, and I don't feel it! When 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 is the glory of God to conceal a thing, but the glory of kings is to search out a matter. 3 As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth, so the hearts of kings are unsearchable. 4 Take away the dross from the silver, and material comes out for the refiner. 5 Take away the wicked from the king's presence, and his throne will be established in righteousness. 6 Don't exalt yourself in the presence of the king, or claim a place among great men; 7 for it is better that it be said to you, "Come up here," than that you should be put lower in the presence of the prince, whom your eyes have seen. 8 Don't be hasty in bringing charges to court. What will you do in the end when your neighbor shames you? 9 Debate your case with your neighbor, and don't betray the confidence of another, 10 lest one who hears it put you to shame, and your bad reputation never depart. 11 A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver. 12 As an earring of gold, and an ornament of fine gold, so is a wise reprover to an obedient ear. 13 As the cold of snow in the time of harvest, so is a faithful messenger to those who send him; for he refreshes the soul of his masters. 14 As clouds and wind without rain, so is he who boasts of gifts deceptively. 15 By patience a ruler is persuaded. A soft tongue breaks the bone. 16 Have you found honey? Eat as much as is sufficient for

be seldom in your neighbor's house, lest he be weary of parts. 23 Like silver dross on an earthen vessel are the you, and hate you. 18 A man who gives false testimony lips of a fervent one with an evil heart. 24 A malicious against his neighbor is like a club, a sword, or a sharp man disguises himself with his lips, but he harbors evil arrow. 19 Confidence in someone unfaithful in time of in his heart. 25 When his speech is charming, don't trouble is like a bad tooth or a lame foot. 20 As one who believe him, for there are seven abominations in his takes away a garment in cold weather, or vinegar on heart. 26 His malice may be concealed by deception, soda, so is one who sings songs to a heavy heart. 21 but his wickedness will be exposed in the assembly. If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat. If he is 27 Whoever digs a pit shall fall into it. Whoever rolls a thirsty, give him water to drink; 22 for you will heap coals stone, it will come back on him. 28 A lying tongue hates of fire on his head, and Yahweh will reward you. 23 The those it hurts; and a flattering mouth works ruin. north wind produces 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.

you, lest you eat too much, and vomit it. 17 Let your foot as dainty morsels, they go down into the innermost

27 Don't boast about tomorrow; for you don't know what a day may bring. 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 The wounds of a friend are faithful, although the kisses of an enemy are profuse. 7 A full soul loathes a honeycomb; but to a hungry soul, every bitter thing is 26 Like snow in summer, and as rain in harvest, so sweet. 8 As a bird that wanders from her nest, so is honor is not fitting for a fool. 2 Like a fluttering a man who wanders from his home. 9 Perfume and sparrow, like a darting swallow, so the undeserved curse incense bring joy to the heart; so does earnest counsel doesn't come to rest. 3 A whip is for the horse, a bridle from a man's friend. 10 Don't forsake your friend and for the donkey, and a rod for the back of fools! 4 Don't your father's friend. Don't go to your brother's house answer a fool according to his folly, lest you also be like in the day of your disaster. A neighbor who is near is him. 5 Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be better than a distant brother. 11 Be wise, my son, and wise in his own eyes. 6 One who sends a message bring joy to my heart, then I can answer my tormentor. by the hand of a fool is cutting off feet and drinking 12 A prudent man sees danger and takes refuge; but the violence. 7 Like the legs of the lame that hang loose, so simple pass on, and suffer for it. 13 Take his garment is a parable in the mouth of fools. 8 As one who binds a when he puts up collateral for a stranger. Hold it for a stone in a sling, so is he who gives honor to a fool. 9 wayward woman! 14 He who blesses his neighbor with Like a thorn bush that goes into the hand of a drunkard, a loud voice early in the morning, it will be taken as a so is a parable in the mouth of fools. 10 As an archer curse by him. 15 A continual dropping on a rainy day who wounds all, so is he who hires a fool or he who and a contentious wife are alike: 16 restraining her is hires those who pass by. 11 As a dog that returns to his like restraining the wind, or like grasping oil in his right vomit, so is a fool who repeats his folly. 12 Do you see hand. 17 Iron sharpens iron; so a man sharpens his a man wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a 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 Like water reflects a face, so a man's door turns on its hinges, so does the sluggard on his heart reflects the man. 20 Sheol and Abaddon are never bed. 15 The sluggard buries his hand in the dish. He is satisfied; and a man's eyes are never satisfied. (Sheol too lazy to bring it back to his mouth. 16 The sluggard is h7585) 21 The crucible is for silver, and the furnace for wiser in his own eyes than seven men who answer with gold; but man is refined by his praise. 22 Though you discretion. 17 Like one who grabs a dog's ears is one grind a fool in a mortar with a pestle along with grain, who passes by and meddles in a quarrel not his own. yet his foolishness will not be removed from him. 23 18 Like a madman who shoots torches, arrows, and Know well the state of your flocks, and pay attention to death, 19 is the man who deceives his neighbor and your herds, 24 for riches are not forever, nor does the savs. "Am I not joking?" 20 For lack of wood a fire goes crown endure to all generations. 25 The hay is removed, out. Without gossip, a quarrel dies down. 21 As coals and the new growth appears, the grasses of the hills are are to hot embers, and wood to fire, so is a contentious gathered in. 26 The lambs are for your clothing, and the man to kindling strife. 22 The words of a whisperer are 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 don't understand justice; but those who seek Yahweh 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 always fears; but one who hardens his heart falls into trouble. 15 As a roaring lion or a charging bear, so is a wicked ruler over helpless people. 16 A tyrannical ruler lacks judgment. One who hates ill-gotten gain will have long days. 17 A man who is tormented by blood guilt 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 or his mother and says, "It's not wrong," is a partner with a destroyer. 25 who gives to the poor has no lack; but one who closes righteous thrive.

20 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 care about justice for the poor. The wicked aren't concerned about knowledge. 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: Yahweh 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 one 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 Yahweh is kept safe. 26 Many seek the ruler's favor, but a man's justice comes from Yahweh. 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 revelation: says, "It's not wrong," is a partner with a destroyer. 25 One who is greedy stirs up strife; but one who trusts in Yahweh will prosper. 26 One who trusts in himself is a understanding. 3 I have not learned wisdom, neither fool; but one who walks in wisdom is kept safe. 27 One who gives to the poor has no lack; but one who closes his eyes will have many curses. 28 When the wicked rise, men hide themselves; but when they perish, the righteous thrive.

30 The words of Agur the son of Jakeh, the revelation: the most ignorant man, and don't have a man's understanding. 3 I have not learned wisdom, neither do I have the knowledge of the Holy One. 4 Who has ascended up into heaven, and descended? Who has gathered the wind in his fists? Who has bound the waters in his garment? Who has established all the ends 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 Don't

in their march, four which are stately in going: 30 The works praise her in the gates! lion, which is mightiest among animals, and doesn't turn away for any; 31 the greyhound; the male goat; and the king against whom there is no rising up. 32 "If you have done foolishly in lifting up yourself, or if you have thought evil, put your hand over your mouth. 33 For as the churning of milk produces butter, and the wringing of the nose produces blood, so the forcing of wrath produces strife."

31 The words of King Lemuel—the revelation which his mother taught him: 2 "Oh, my son! Oh, son of my womb! Oh, son of my vows! 3 Don't give your

you add to his words, lest he reprove you, and you be strength to women, nor your ways to that which destroys found a liar. 7 "Two things I have asked of you. Don't kings. 4 It is not for kings, Lemuel, it is not for kings deny me before I die. 8 Remove far from me falsehood to drink wine, nor for princes to say, 'Where is strong and lies. Give me neither poverty nor riches. Feed me drink?' 5 lest they drink, and forget the law, and pervert with the food that is needful for me, 9 lest I be full, deny the justice due to anyone who is afflicted. 6 Give strong you, and say, 'Who is Yahweh?' or lest I be poor, and drink to him who is ready to perish, and wine to the steal, and so dishonor the name of my God. 10 "Don't bitter in soul. 7 Let him drink, and forget his poverty, slander a servant to his master, lest he curse you, and and remember his misery no more. 8 Open your mouth you be held guilty. 11 There is a generation that curses for the mute, in the cause of all who are left desolate. 9 their father, and doesn't bless their mother. 12 There is Open your mouth, judge righteously, and serve justice to a generation that is pure in their own eyes, yet are not the poor and needy." 10 Who can find a worthy woman? washed from their filthiness. 13 There is a generation, For her value is far above rubies. 11 The heart of her oh how lofty are their eyes! Their eyelids are lifted up. husband trusts in her. He shall have no lack of gain. 12 14 There is a generation whose teeth are like swords. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her and their jaws like knives, to devour the poor from the life. 13 She seeks wool and flax, and works eagerly earth, and the needy from among men. 15 "The leech with her hands. 14 She is like the merchant ships. She has two daughters: 'Give, give.' "There are three things brings her bread from afar. 15 She rises also while it is that are never satisfied; four that don't say, 'Enough!': yet night, gives food to her household, and portions for 16 Sheol, the barren womb, the earth that is not satisfied her servant girls. 16 She considers a field, and buys with water, and the fire that doesn't say, 'Enough!' (Sheol it. With the fruit of her hands, she plants a vineyard. h7585) 17 "The eye that mocks at his father, and scorns 17 She arms her waist with strength, and makes her obedience to his mother, the ravens of the valley shall arms strong. 18 She perceives that her merchandise is pick it out, the young eagles shall eat it. 18 "There are profitable. Her lamp doesn't go out by night. 19 She lays three things which are too amazing for me, four which I her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. don't understand: 19 The way of an eagle in the air, the 20 She opens her arms to the poor; yes, she extends way of a serpent on a rock, the way of a ship in the her hands to the needy. 21 She is not afraid of the snow middle of the sea, and the way of a man with a maiden. for her household, for all her household are clothed with 20 "So is the way of an adulterous woman: She eats scarlet. 22 She makes for herself carpets of tapestry. and wipes her mouth, and says, 'I have done nothing Her clothing is fine linen and purple. 23 Her husband is wrong.' 21 "For three things the earth trembles, and respected in the gates, when he sits among the elders of under four, it can't bear up: 22 For a servant when he is the land. 24 She makes linen garments and sells them, king, a fool when he is filled with food, 23 for an unloved and delivers sashes to the merchant. 25 Strength and woman when she is married, and a servant who is heir dignity are her clothing. She laughs at the time to come. to her mistress. 24 "There are four things which are 26 She opens her mouth with wisdom. Kind instruction is little on the earth, but they are exceedingly wise: 25 on her tongue. 27 She looks well to the ways of her The ants are not a strong people, yet they provide their household, and doesn't eat the bread of idleness. 28 food in the summer. 26 The hyraxes are but a feeble Her children rise up and call her blessed. Her husband folk, yet make they their houses in the rocks. 27 The also praises her: 29 "Many women do noble things, but locusts have no king, yet they advance in ranks. 28 You you excel them all." 30 Charm is deceitful, and beauty can catch a lizard with your hands, yet it is in kings' is vain; but a woman who fears Yahweh, she shall be palaces. 29 "There are three things which are stately praised. 31 Give her of the fruit of her hands! Let her

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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. "Behold, 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 behold. 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, "Behold, 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.

mirth; therefore enjoy pleasure;" and behold, this also was vanity. 2 I said of laughter, "It is foolishness;" where trees were grown. 7 I bought male servants and

also had great possessions of herds and flocks, above all who were before me in Jerusalem. 8 I also 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 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 eves desired. I didn't keep from them. I didn't 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 behold, 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 king's successor do? Just that which has been done long ago. 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 I said in my heart, "As it happens to the fool, so will it happen even to me; and why was I then more wise?" Then I said in my heart that this also is vanity. 16 For of the wise man, even as of the fool, there is no memory forever, since 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. because 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 with wisdom, with knowledge, and with skillfulness; yet he shall leave it for his portion to a 2 I said in my heart, "Come now, I will test you with man who has not labored for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. 22 For what does a man have of all his labor and of the striving of his heart, in which he labors under and of mirth, "What does it accomplish?" 3 I searched in the sun? 23 For all his days are sorrows, and his travail my heart how to cheer my flesh with wine, my heart yet is grief; yes, even in the night his heart takes no rest. quiding me with wisdom, and how to lay hold of folly. This also is vanity. 24 There is nothing better for a man until I might see what it was good for the sons of men than that he should eat and drink, and make his soul that they should do under heaven all the days of their enjoy good in his labor. This also I saw, that it is from lives. 41 made myself great works. I built myself houses. the hand of God. 25 For who can eat, or who can have I planted myself vineyards. 5 I made myself gardens enjoyment, more than I? 26 For to the man who pleases and parks, and I planted trees in them of all kinds of him, God gives wisdom, knowledge, and joy; but to the fruit. 6 I made myself pools of water, to water the forest sinner he gives travail, to gather and to heap up, that he

female servants, and had servants born in my house. I

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 $\mathbf{3}$ 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; 8 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. 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 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 rejoice in his works, for that is his portion; for who can bring him to see what will be after him?

⚠ Then I returned and saw all the oppressions that are done under the sun: and behold, the tears of those who were oppressed, and they had no comforter; and on the side of their oppressors there was power;

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 quietness, 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 out to be king; yes, 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.

5 Guard your steps when you go to God's house; for to draw near to listen is better than to give the sacrifice every purpose and for every work." 18 I said in my of fools, for they don't know that they do evil. 2 Don't be rash with your mouth, and don't 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, don't defer to pay it; for he has no pleasure in fools. Pay that which you vow. 5 It is better that you should not vow, than that you should vow and not pay. 6 Don't allow your mouth to lead you into sin. Don't protest before the messenger that this was a mistake. saw that there is nothing better than that a man should 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, don't marvel at the matter, for one official is eyed by a higher one, and there are officials over them. 9 Moreover the profit of the earth is for all. The king profits from the field. 10 He who loves silver shall not be of his vain life which he spends like a shadow? For who satisfied with silver, nor he who loves abundance, with can tell a man what will be after him under the sun? 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 eyes? 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 out of 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 he also eats in darkness, he is frustrated, and has sickness and wrath. 18 Behold. 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.

A 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 an alien 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. 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. don't 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 words that create vanity. What does that profit man? 12 For who knows what is good for man in life, all the days

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 Don't be hasty in your spirit to be angry, for anger rests in the bosom of fools. 10 Don't 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 I have 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 Don't be overly righteous, neither make yourself overly wise. Why should you destroy yourself? 17 Don't 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 don't withdraw your hand from that; for he who fears God will come out of 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 don't 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 I have 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 whose heart is snares and traps, whose hands are

chains. Whoever pleases God shall escape from her: out, yet he won't find it. Yes even though a wise man but the sinner will be ensnared by her. 27 "Behold, I thinks he can comprehend it, he won't be able to find it. have found this," says the Preacher, "to one another, to find an explanation 28 which my soul still seeks, but I have not found. I have found one man among a thousand, but I have not found a woman among all those. 29 Behold, I have only found this: that God made mankind upright; but they search for many inventions."

8 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. 21 say, "Keep the king's command!" because of the oath to God. 3 Don't be hasty to go out of his presence. Don't 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 I have 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 holiness. They went and were forgotten 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, 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 (even though eyes see no sleep day or night). 17 then I saw all the work of God, that man can't find out the work that is done under the sun, because however much a man labors to seek it

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 All things come alike to all. There is one event to the righteous and to the wicked; to the good, to the clean, to the unclean, to him who sacrifices, and to him who doesn't sacrifice. As is the good, so is the sinner; he who takes an oath, 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 joined with all the living there is hope; for a living dog is better than a dead lion. 5 For the living know that they will die, but the dead don't know anything, neither do they have any more a reward; for their memory is forgotten. 6 Also their love, their hatred, and their envy has perished long ago; neither do they any longer have 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 don't 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 plan, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in Sheol, where you are going. (Sheol h7585) 11 I returned and saw under the sun that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to 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 bulwarks 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 I said, "Wisdom is better than strength." Nevertheless the poor man's wisdom is despised, and his words are not heard. 17 The words of the wise heard in quiet are better than the cry of him who rules among fools. 18 Wisdom is better than weapons of war; but one sinner destroys much good.

and honor. 2 A wise man's heart is at his right hand, him remember the days of darkness, for they shall be but a fool's heart at his left. 3 Yes also when the fool many. All that comes is vanity. 9 Rejoice, young man, in walks by the way, his understanding fails him, and he your youth, and let your heart cheer you in the days of says to everyone that he is a fool. 4 If the spirit of the your youth, and walk in the ways of your heart, and in ruler rises up against you, don't leave your place; for the sight of your eyes; but know that for all these things gentleness lays great offenses to rest. 5 There is an evil God will bring you into judgment. 10 Therefore remove which I have seen under the sun, the sort of error which sorrow from your heart, and put away evil from your proceeds from the ruler. 6 Folly is set in great dignity, flesh; for youth and the dawn of life are vanity. 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 snake. 9 Whoever carves out stones may be injured by them. Whoever splits wood may be endangered by it. 10 If the ax is blunt, and one doesn't sharpen the edge, then he must use more strength; but skill brings success. 11 If the snake 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 Happy 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 Don't curse the king, no, not in your thoughts; and don't curse the rich in your bedroom, 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 don't 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 don't 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 don't know the work of God who does all. 6 In the morning sow your seed, and in the evening don't withhold your hand; for you don't know which will prosper, whether this or that, or whether they both will be equally good. 7 Truly the light is sweet, and it is a

1 Dead flies cause the oil of the perfumer to produce pleasant thing for the eyes to see the sun. 8 Yes, if a an evil odor; so does a little folly outweigh wisdom man lives many years, let him rejoice in them all; but let

> **?** 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 yes, they shall be afraid of heights, and terrors will be on the way; and the almond tree shall blossom, and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and desire shall fail; 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 assemblies, 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.

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Song of Solomon

1 The Song of songs, which is Solomon's. 2 Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth; for your love is better than wine. 3 Your oils have a pleasing fragrance. Your name is oil poured out, therefore the virgins love you. 4 Take me away with you. Let's hurry. The king has brought me into his rooms. Friends We will be glad and rejoice in you. We will praise your love more than wine! Beloved 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 Don't 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 one who is veiled beside the flocks of your companions? 8 If you don't know, most beautiful among women, follow the tracks of the sheep. Graze your young goats beside the shepherds' tents. 9 I have compared you, my love, to a steed in Pharaoh's chariots. 10 Your cheeks are beautiful with earrings, your neck with strings of jewels. 11 We will make you earrings of gold, with studs of silver. 12 While the king sat at his table, my perfume spread its fragrance. 13 My beloved is to me a sachet of myrrh, that lies between my breasts. 14 My beloved is to me a cluster of henna blossoms from the vineyards of En Gedi. 15 Behold, you are beautiful, my love. Behold, you are beautiful. Your eyes are like doves. 16 Behold, you are beautiful, my beloved, yes, pleasant; and our couch is verdant. 17 The beams of our house are cedars. Our rafters are firs.

2 I am a rose 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. His banner over me is 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 roes, or by the hinds of the field, that you not stir up, nor awaken love, until it so desires. 8 The voice of my beloved! Behold, he comes, leaping on the mountains, skipping on the hills. 9 My beloved is like a roe or a young deer. Behold, 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 behold, the winter is past. The rain is over and gone. 12 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 out 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 plunder 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 roe or a young deer on the mountains of Bether.

3 By night on my bed, I sought him whom my soul loves. I sought him, but I didn't find him. 2 I will get up now, and go about the city; in the streets and in the squares I will seek him whom my soul loves. I sought him, but I didn't find him. 3 The watchmen who go about the city found me; "Have you seen him whom my soul loves?" 4 I had scarcely passed from them, when I found him whom my soul loves. I held him, and would not let him go, until I had brought him into my mother's house, into the room of her who conceived me. 5 I adjure you, daughters of Jerusalem, by the roes, or by the hinds of the field, that you not stir up nor awaken love, until it so desires. 6 Who is this who comes up from the wilderness like pillars of smoke, perfumed with myrrh and frankincense, with all spices of the merchant? 7 Behold, it is Solomon's carriage! Sixty mighty men are around it, of the mighty men of Israel. 8 They all handle the sword, and are expert in war. Every 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, the middle of it being paved with love, from the daughters of Jerusalem. 11 Go out, 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

4 Behold, you are beautiful, my love. Behold, you are beautiful. Your eyes are like 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, on which a thousand shields hang, all the shields of the mighty men. 5 Your two breasts are like two fawns that are twins of a roe, which feed among the lilies. 6 Until

the day is cool, and the shadows flee away. I will go to with milk, mounted like iewels. 13 His cheeks are like the mountain of myrrh, to the hill of frankincense. 7 You a bed of spices with towers of perfumes. His lips are are all beautiful, my love. There is no spot in you. 8 like lilies, dropping liquid myrrh. 14 His hands are like Come with me from Lebanon, my bride, with me from rings of gold set with beryl. His body is like ivory work Lebanon. Look from the top of Amana, from the top overlaid with sapphires. 15 His legs are like pillars of of Senir and Hermon, from the lions' dens, from the marble set on sockets of fine gold. His appearance is mountains of the leopards. 9 You have ravished my like Lebanon, excellent as the cedars. 16 His mouth heart, my sister, my bride. You have ravished my heart is sweetness; yes, he is altogether lovely. This is my with one of your eyes, with one chain of your neck. 10 beloved, and this 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 kinds 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 My sister, my bride, is a locked up garden; 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. Friends 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 I didn't find him. I called him, but he didn't answer. 7 The watchmen who go about the city found me. They beat me. They bruised me. The keepers of the walls took my cloak away from me. 8 I adjure you. daughters of Jerusalem, If you find my beloved, that you tell him that I am faint with love. 9 How is your beloved better than another beloved, you fairest among women? How is your beloved better than another beloved, that you do so adjure us? 10 My beloved is white and ruddy. The best among ten thousand. 11 His head is like the purest gold. His hair is bushy, black as a raven. 12 His eyes are like doves beside the water brooks, washed

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 pasture his flock 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; not one is bereaved among them. 7 Your temples are like a piece of a pomegranate behind your veil. 8 There are sixty queens, eighty concubines, 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 concubines saw her, and they praised her. 10 Who is she who looks out 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. Lover Why do you desire to gaze at the Shulammite, as at the dance of Mahanaim?

How beautiful are your feet in sandals, prince's daughter! Your rounded thighs are like jewels, the work of the hands of a skillful workman. 2 Your body is like a round goblet, no mixed wine is wanting. Your waist is like a heap of wheat, set about with lilies. 3 Your two breasts are like two fawns, that are twins of a roe. 4 Your neck is like an ivory tower. Your eyes are like the pools in Heshbon by the gate of Bathrabbim. Your nose is like the tower of Lebanon which looks toward Damascus. 5 Your head on you is like Carmel. The hair of your head like purple. The king is held captive in its tresses. 6 How beautiful and how pleasant you are, love, for delights! 7 This, your stature, is like a palm tree, 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 is like the best wine, that goes down smoothly for my beloved, gliding through the lips of those who are asleep. 10 I am my beloved's. His desire is toward me. 11 Come, my beloved! Let's go out into the field. Let's 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 produce fragrance. At our doors are all kinds of precious fruits, new and old, which I have stored up for you, my beloved.

Q Oh that you were like my brother, who nursed from 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 the house of my mother, 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? Beloved Under the apple tree I awakened 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 Yah. (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 Yahweh 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 don't consider." 4 Ah sinful nation, a people loaded with iniquity, offspring of evildoers, children who deal corruptly! They have forsaken Yahweh. 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, but wounds, welts, and open sores. They haven't been closed, bandaged. or 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 melons, like a besieged city. 9 Unless Yahweh of Armies had left to us a very small remnant, we would have been as Sodom. We

in her, but now there are murderers. 22 Your silver has become dross, your wine mixed with water. 23 Your princes are rebellious and companions of thieves. Everyone loves bribes and follows after rewards. They don't defend the fatherless, neither does the cause of the widow come to them. 24 Therefore the Lord, Yahweh of Armies, the Mighty One of Israel, says: "Ah, I will get relief from my adversaries, and avenge myself on my enemies. 25 I will turn my hand on you, thoroughly purge away your dross, and will take away all your tin. 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 Yahweh 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."

2 This is what Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. 2 It shall happen in the latter would have been like Gomorrah. 10 Hear Yahweh's days, that the mountain of Yahweh's house shall be word, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the law of our God, established on the top of the mountains, and shall be you people of Gomorrah! 11 "What are the multitude raised above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it. 3 of your sacrifices to me?", says Yahweh. "I have had Many peoples shall go and say, "Come, let's go up to enough of the burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed the mountain of Yahweh, to the house of the God of animals. I don't delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will or of male goats. 12 When you come to appear before walk in his paths," For the law shall go out of Zion, me, who has required this at your hand, to trample and Yahweh's word from Jerusalem. 4 He will judge my courts? 13 Bring no more vain offerings. Incense between the nations, and will decide concerning many is an abomination to me. New moons, Sabbaths, and peoples. They shall beat their swords into plowshares, convocations— I can't stand evil assemblies. 14 My and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation shall not soul hates your New Moons and your appointed feasts. lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn They are a burden to me. I am weary of bearing them. war any more. 5 House of Jacob, come, and let's walk 15 When you spread out your hands, I will hide my eyes in the light of Yahweh. 6 For you have forsaken your from you. Yes, when you make many prayers, I will not people, the house of Jacob, because they are filled hear. Your hands are full of blood. 16 Wash yourselves. from the east, with those who practice divination like the Make yourself clean. Put away the evil of your doings Philistines, and they clasp hands with the children of from before my eyes. Cease to do evil. 17 Learn to foreigners. 7 Their land is full of silver and gold, neither do well. Seek justice. Relieve the oppressed. Defend is there any end of their treasures. Their land also is full the fatherless. Plead for the widow." 18 "Come now, of horses, neither is there any end of their chariots. 8 and let's reason together," says Yahweh: "Though your Their land also is full of idols. They worship the work sins are as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow, of their own hands, that which their own fingers have Though they are red like crimson, they shall be as made. 9 Man is brought low, and mankind is humbled; wool. 19 If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the therefore don't forgive them. 10 Enter into the rock, and good of the land; 20 but if you refuse and rebel, you hide in the dust, from before the terror of Yahweh, and will be devoured with the sword; for Yahweh's mouth from the glory of his majesty. 11 The lofty looks of man has spoken it." 21 How the faithful city has become a will be brought low, the arrogance of men will be bowed prostitute! She was full of justice. Righteousness lodged down, and Yahweh alone will be exalted in that day. 12

nostrils; for of what account is he?

? For, behold, the Lord, Yahweh of Armies, 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 1 Seven women shall take hold of one man in that day, judge, the prophet, the diviner, the elder, 3 the captain craftsman, and the clever enchanter. 4 I will give boys to be their princes, and children shall rule over them. 5 The people will be oppressed, everyone by another, and everyone by his neighbor. The child will behave himself proudly against the old man, and the wicked against the honorable. 6 Indeed a man shall take hold of his brother in the house of his father, saying, "You have clothing, you be our ruler, and let this ruin be under your hand." 7 In that day he will cry out, saying, "I will not be a healer; for in my house is neither bread nor clothing. You shall not make me ruler of the people." 8 For Jerusalem is ruined, and Judah is fallen; because their tongue and their doings are against Yahweh, to provoke the eyes of his glory. 9 The look of their faces testify against them. They parade their sin like Sodom. They don't hide it. Woe to their soul! For they have brought disaster upon themselves. 10 Tell the righteous that it will be well with them, for they will eat the fruit of their deeds. 11 Woe to the wicked! Disaster is upon them, for the deeds of their hands will be paid back to them. 12 As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. My people, those who lead you cause you to err, and destroy the way of your paths. 13 Yahweh stands up to contend, and stands to judge the peoples. 14 Yahweh

For there will be a day of Yahweh of Armies for all that will enter into judgment with the elders of his people and is proud and arrogant, and for all that is lifted up, and it their leaders: "It is you who have eaten up the vineyard. shall be brought low— 13 for all the cedars of Lebanon, The plunder of the poor is in your houses. 15 What that are high and lifted up, for all the oaks of Bashan, 14 do you mean that you crush my people, and grind the for all the high mountains, for all the hills that are lifted face of the poor?" says the Lord, Yahweh of Armies. up, 15 for every lofty tower, for every fortified wall, 16 for 16 Moreover Yahweh said, "Because the daughters of all the ships of Tarshish, and for all pleasant imagery. Zion are arrogant, and walk with outstretched necks 17 The loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the and flirting eyes, walking daintily as they go, jingling arrogance of men shall be brought low; and Yahweh ornaments on their feet; 17 therefore the Lord brings alone shall be exalted in that day. 18 The idols shall sores on the crown of the head of the women of Zion, utterly pass away. 19 Men shall go into the caves of and Yahweh will make their scalps bald." 18 In that day the rocks, and into the holes of the earth, from before the Lord will take away the beauty of their anklets, the the terror of Yahweh, and from the glory of his majesty, headbands, the crescent necklaces, 19 the earrings, when he arises to shake the earth mightily. 20 In that the bracelets, the veils, 20 the headdresses, the ankle day, men shall cast away their idols of silver and their chains, the sashes, the perfume containers, the charms, idols of gold, which have been made for themselves to 21 the signet rings, the nose rings, 22 the fine robes, the worship, to the moles and to the bats, 21 to go into the capes, the cloaks, the purses, 23 the hand mirrors, the caverns of the rocks, and into the clefts of the ragged fine linen garments, the tiaras, and the shawls. 24 lt rocks, from before the terror of Yahweh, and from the shall happen that instead of sweet spices, there shall be glory of his majesty, when he arises to shake the earth rottenness; instead of a belt, a rope; instead of well set mightily. 22 Stop trusting in man, whose breath is in his hair, baldness; instead of a robe, a wearing of sackcloth; 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. She shall be desolate and sit on the ground.

saying, "We will eat our own bread, and wear our of fifty, the honorable man, the counselor, the skilled own clothing. Just let us be called by your name. Take away our reproach." 2 In that day, Yahweh's branch will be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the land will be the beauty and glory of the survivors of Israel. 3 It will happen that he who is left in Zion and he who remains in Jerusalem shall be called holy, even everyone who is written among the living in Jerusalem, 4 when the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from within it, by the spirit of justice and by the spirit of burning. 5 Yahweh will create over the whole habitation of Mount Zion and over her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night, for over all the glory will be a canopy. 6 There will be a pavilion for a shade in the daytime from the heat, and for a refuge and for a shelter from storm and from rain.

> **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 the middle of it, and also cut out a wine press in it. He looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. 3 "Now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, please judge between me and my vineyard. 4 What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have

did it yield wild grapes? 5 Now I will tell you what I will tremble, and their dead bodies are as refuse in the do to my vineyard. I will take away its hedge, and it middle of the streets. For all this, his anger is not turned will be eaten up. I will break down its wall, and it will away, but his hand is still stretched out. 26 He will lift be trampled down. 6 I will lay it a wasteland. It won't up a banner to the nations from far away, and he will be pruned or hoed, but it will grow briers and thorns. whistle for them from the end of the earth. Behold, they I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain will come speedily and swiftly. 27 No one shall be weary on it." 7 For the vineyard of Yahweh of Armies is the nor stumble among them; no one shall slumber nor house of Israel, and the men of Judah his pleasant sleep, neither shall the belt of their waist be untied, nor plant. He looked for justice, but behold, oppression, for the strap of their sandals be broken, 28 whose arrows righteousness, but behold, a cry of distress. 8 Woe to are sharp, and all their bows bent. Their horses' hoofs those who join house to house, who lay field to field, will be like flint, and their wheels like a whirlwind. 29 until there is no room, and you are made to dwell alone Their roaring will be like a lioness. They will roar like in the middle of the land! 9 In my ears, Yahweh of young lions. Yes, they shall roar, and seize their prey Armies says: "Surely many houses will be desolate, and carry it off, and there will be no one to deliver. 30 even great and beautiful, unoccupied. 10 For ten acres. They will roar against them in that day like the roaring of of vineyard shall yield one bath, and a homer of seed the sea. If one looks to the land, behold, darkness and shall yield an ephah." 11 Woe to those who rise up early distress. The light is darkened in its clouds. in the morning, that they 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 don't respect the work of Yahweh, 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, mankind is humbled, and the eyes of the arrogant ones are humbled; 16 but Yahweh of Armies is exalted in justice, and God the Holy One is sanctified in righteousness. 17 Then the lambs will graze as in their pasture, and strangers 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 haste, let him hasten his work, that we may see it; 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 Yahweh of Armies, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel, 25 Therefore Yahweh's anger burns against his people, and he has stretched out his

not done in it? Why, when I looked for it to yield grapes, hand against them and has struck them. The mountains

6 In the year that King Uzziah died, I 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 Yahweh of Armies! 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 live among a people of unclean lips, for my eyes have seen the King, Yahweh of Armies!" 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, "Behold, this has touched your lips: and your iniquity is taken away, and your sin 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 He said, "Go, and tell this people, 'You hear indeed, but don't understand. You see indeed, but don't perceive.' 10 Make the heart of this people fat. Make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and turn again, and be healed." 11 Then I said, "Lord, how long?" He answered, "Until cities are waste without inhabitant, houses without man, the land becomes utterly waste, 12 and Yahweh has removed men far away, and the forsaken places are many within the land. 13 If there is a tenth left in it, that also will in turn be consumed, as a terebinth, and as an oak whose stump remains when they are cut down, so the holy seed is its stump."

Pekah the son of Remaliah, king of Israel, went up thousand vines worth a thousand silver shekels, will be to Jerusalem to war against it, but could not prevail for briers and thorns. 24 People will go there with arrows against it. 2 David's house was told, "Syria is allied and with bow, because all the land will be briers and with Ephraim." His heart trembled, and the heart of his thorns. 25 All the hills that were cultivated with the hoe, people, as the trees of the forest tremble with the wind. you shall not come there for fear of briers and thorns; 3 Then Yahweh said to Isaiah, "Go out now to meet but it shall be for the sending out of oxen, and for sheep Ahaz, you, and Shearjashub your son, at the end of the to tread on." conduit of the upper pool, on the highway of the fuller's field. 4 Tell him, 'Be careful, and keep calm. Don't be afraid, neither let your heart be faint because of these two tails of smoking torches, for the fierce anger of Rezin and Syria, and of the son of Remaliah. 5 Because Syria, Ephraim, and the son of Remaliah, have plotted evil against you, saying, 6 "Let's go up against Judah, and tear it apart, and let's divide it among ourselves, and set up a king within it, even the son of Tabeel." 7 This is what the Lord Yahweh says: "It shall not stand, neither shall it happen." 8 For the head of Syria is Damascus, and the head of Damascus is Rezin. Within sixty-five years Ephraim shall be broken in pieces, so that it shall not be a people. 9 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 Yahweh spoke again to Ahaz, saying, 11 "Ask a sign of Yahweh your God; ask it either in the depth, or in the height above." (Sheol h7585) 12 But Ahaz said, "I won't ask. I won't tempt Yahweh." 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 my God also? 14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin will conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. 15 He shall eat butter 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 Yahweh will bring on you, on your people, and on your father's house days that have not come, from the day that Ephraim departed from Judah, even the king of Assyria. 18 It will happen in that day that Yahweh will whistle for the fly that is in the uttermost part of the rivers of Egypt, and for the bee that is in the land of Assyria. 19 They shall come, and shall all rest in the desolate valleys, in the clefts of the rocks, on all thorn hedges, and on all pastures. 20 In that day the Lord will shave with a razor that is hired in the parts beyond the River, even with the king of Assyria, the head and the hair of the feet; and it shall also consume the beard. 21 It shall happen in that day that a man shall keep alive a young cow, and two sheep. 22 It shall happen, that because of the abundance of milk which they shall give he shall eat butter, for everyone will eat

7 In the days of Ahaz the son of Jotham, the son of butter and honey that is left within the land. 23 It will Uzziah, king of Judah, Rezin the king of Syria and happen in that day that every place where there were a

> 8 Yahweh said to me, "Take a large tablet, and write on it with a man's pen, 'For Maher Shalal Hash Baz'; 2 and I will take for myself faithful witnesses to testify: Uriah the priest, and Zechariah the son of Jeberechiah." 3 I went to the prophetess, and she conceived, and bore a son. Then Yahweh said to me, "Call his name 'Maher Shalal Hash Baz.' 4 For before the child knows how to say, 'My father' and 'My mother,' the riches of Damascus and the plunder of Samaria will be carried away by the king of Assyria." 5 Yahweh spoke to me yet again, saying, 6 "Because this people has refused the waters of Shiloah that go softly, and rejoice in Rezin and Remaliah's son; 7 now therefore, behold, 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. The stretching out of its wings will fill the width of your land, O Immanuel. 9 Make an uproar, you peoples, and be broken in pieces! Listen, all you from far countries: dress for battle, and be shattered! Dress 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 Yahweh spoke this to me with a strong hand, and instructed me not to walk in the way of this people, saying, 12 "Don't call a conspiracy all that this people call a conspiracy. Don't fear their threats or be terrorized. 13 Yahweh of Armies is who you must respect as holy. He is the one you must fear. He is the one you must dread. 14 He will be a sanctuary, but for both houses of Israel, he will be a stumbling stone and a rock that makes them fall. For the people of Jerusalem, he will be a trap and a snare. 15 Many will stumble over it, fall, be broken, be snared, and be captured." 16 Wrap up the covenant. Seal the law among my disciples. 17 I will wait for Yahweh, who hides his face from the house of Jacob, and I will look for him. 18 Behold, I and the children whom Yahweh has given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from Yahweh of Armies, who dwells in Mount Zion. 19 When they tell you, "Consult with those who have familiar spirits and with the wizards, who chirp and who mutter," shouldn't a people consult with their God? Should they consult the dead on behalf

of the living? 20 Turn to the law and to the covenant! If everyone is profane and an evildoer, and every mouth they don't speak according to this word, surely there is speaks folly. For all this his anger is not turned away, no morning for them. 21 They will pass through it, very but his hand is stretched out still. 18 For wickedness distressed and hungry. It will happen that when they are burns like a fire. It devours the briers and thorns; yes, it hungry, they will worry, and curse their king and their kindles in the thickets of the forest, and they roll upward God. They will turn their faces upward, 22 then look to in a column of smoke. 19 Through Yahweh of Armies' the earth and see distress, darkness, and the gloom of wrath, the land is burned up; and the people are the anguish. They will 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 who walked in darkness have seen a great light. The light has shined on those who lived in the land of the shadow of death. 3 You have multiplied the nation. You have increased their joy. They rejoice before you according to the joy in harvest, as men rejoice when they divide the plunder. 4 For the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor. you have broken as in the day of Midian. 5 For all the armor of the armed man in the noisy battle, and the garments rolled in blood, will be for burning, fuel for the fire. 6 For a child is born to us. A son is given to us; and the government will be on his shoulders. His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end, on David's throne, and on his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from that time on, even forever. The zeal of Yahweh of Armies will perform this. 8 The Lord sent a word into Jacob, and it falls on Israel. 9 All the people will know, including Ephraim and the inhabitants of Samaria, who say in pride and in arrogance of heart. 10 "The bricks have fallen, but we will build with cut stone. The sycamore fig trees have been cut down, but we will put cedars in their place." 11 Therefore Yahweh will set up on high against him the adversaries of Rezin, and will stir up his enemies, 12 The Syrians in front, and the Philistines behind: and they will devour Israel with open mouth. For all this, his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still. 13 Yet the people have not turned to him who struck them, neither have they sought Yahweh of Armies. 14 Therefore Yahweh will cut off from Israel head and tail, palm branch and reed, in one day. 15 The elder and the honorable man is the head, and the prophet who teaches lies is the tail. 16 For those who lead this people lead them astray; and those who are led by them are destroyed. 17 Therefore the Lord will not rejoice over their young men, neither will he have compassion on their fatherless and widows; for

fuel for the fire. No one spares his brother. 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 eating Ephraim and Ephraim eating Manasseh, and they together will be against Judah. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

1 (1) Woe to those who decree unrighteous decrees. and to the writers who write oppressive decrees 2 to deprive the needy of justice, and to rob the poor among my people of their rights, that widows may be their plunder, and that they may make the fatherless their prey! 3 What will you do in the day of visitation, and in the desolation which will come from afar? To whom will you flee for help? Where will you leave your wealth? 4 They will only bow down under the prisoners, and will fall under the slain. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still. 5 Alas Assyrian, the rod of my anger, the staff in whose hand is my indignation! 6 I will send him against a profane nation, and against the people who anger me I will give him a command to take the plunder and to take the prey, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets. 7 However, he doesn't mean so, neither does his heart think so: but it is in his heart to destroy, and to cut off not a few nations. 8 For he says, "Aren't all of my princes kings? 9 Isn't Calno like Carchemish? Isn't Hamath like Arpad? Isn't Samaria like Damascus?" 10 As my hand has found the kingdoms of the idols, whose engraved images exceeded those of Jerusalem and of Samaria, 11 shall I not, as I have done to Samaria and her idols, so do to Jerusalem and her idols? 12 Therefore it will happen that when the Lord has performed his whole work on Mount Zion and on Jerusalem, I will punish the fruit of the willful proud heart of the king of Assyria, and the insolence of his arrogant looks. 13 For he has said, "By the strength of my hand I have done it, and by my wisdom, for I have understanding. I have removed the boundaries of the peoples, and have robbed their treasures. Like a valiant man I have brought down their rulers. 14 My hand has found the riches of the peoples like a nest, and like one gathers eggs that are abandoned, I have gathered all the earth. There was no one who moved their wing, or that opened their mouth, or chirped." 15 Should an ax brag against him who chops with it? Should a saw exalt itself above him who

of Gebim flee for safety. 32 This very day he will halt up out of the land of Egypt. at Nob. He shakes his hand at the mountain of the daughter of Zion, the hill of Jerusalem. 33 Behold, the Lord. Yahweh of Armies, will lop the boughs with terror. The tall will be cut down, and the lofty will be brought low. 34 He will cut down the thickets of the forest with iron, and Lebanon will fall by the Mighty One.

11 A shoot will come out of the stock of Jesse, and a branch out of his roots will bear fruit. 2 Yahweh's Spirit will rest on him: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, His delight will be in the fear of Yahweh. He will not

saws with it? As if a rod should lift those who lift it up, or judge by the sight of his eyes, neither decide by the as if a staff should lift up someone who is not wood. 16 hearing of his ears; 4 but he will judge the poor with Therefore the Lord, Yahweh of Armies, will send among righteousness, and decide with equity for the humble his fat ones leanness; and under his glory a burning will of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his be kindled like the burning of fire. 17 The light of Israel mouth; and with the breath of his lips he will kill the will be for a fire, and his Holy One for a flame; and it will wicked. 5 Righteousness will be the belt around his burn and devour his thorns and his briers in one day. 18 waist, and faithfulness the belt around his waist. 6 The He will consume the glory of his forest and of his fruitful wolf will live with the lamb, and the leopard will lie down field, both soul and body. It will be as when a standard with the young goat, the calf, the young lion, and the bearer faints. 19 The remnant of the trees of his forest fattened calf together; and a little child will lead them. shall be few, so that a child could write their number. 20 7 The cow and the bear will graze. Their young ones It will come to pass in that day that the remnant of Israel, will lie down together. The lion will eat straw like the and those who have escaped from the house of Jacob ox. 8 The nursing child will play near a cobra's hole, will no more again lean on him who struck them, but and the weaned child will put his hand on the viper's shall lean on Yahweh, the Holy One of Israel, in truth. den. 9 They will not hurt nor destroy in all my holy 21 A remnant will return, even the remnant of Jacob, to mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the mighty God. 22 For though your people, Israel, are Yahweh, as the waters cover the sea. 10 It will happen like the sand of the sea, only a remnant of them will in that day that the nations will seek the root of Jesse, return. A destruction is determined, overflowing with who stands as a banner of the peoples; and his resting righteousness. 23 For the Lord, Yahweh of Armies, will place will be glorious. 11 It will happen in that day make a full end, and that determined, throughout all that the Lord will set his hand again the second time the earth. 24 Therefore the Lord, Yahweh of Armies, to recover the remnant that is left of his people from says, "My people who dwell in Zion, don't be afraid of Assyria, from Egypt, from Pathros, from Cush, from the Assyrian, though he strike you with the rod, and Elam, from Shinar, from Hamath, and from the islands lift up his staff against you, as Egypt did. 25 For yet of the sea. 12 He will set up a banner for the nations, a very little while, and the indignation against you will and will assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather be accomplished, and my anger will be directed to his together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners destruction." 26 Yahweh of Armies will stir up a scourge of the earth. 13 The envy also of Ephraim will depart, against him, as in the slaughter of Midian at the rock and those who persecute Judah will be cut off. Ephraim of Oreb. His rod will be over the sea, and he will lift it won't envy Judah, and Judah won't persecute Ephraim. up like he did against Egypt. 27 It will happen in that 14 They will fly down on the shoulders of the Philistines day that his burden will depart from off your shoulder, on the west. Together they will plunder the children of and his yoke from off your neck, and the yoke shall be the east. They will extend their power over Edom and destroyed because of the anointing oil. 28 He has come Moab, and the children of Ammon will obey them. 15 to Aiath. He has passed through Migron. At Michmash Yahweh will utterly destroy the tongue of the Egyptian he stores his baggage. 29 They have gone over the sea; and with his scorching wind he will wave his hand pass. They have taken up their lodging at Geba. Ramah over the River, and will split it into seven streams, and trembles. Gibeah of Saul has fled. 30 Cry aloud with cause men to march over in sandals. 16 There will be a your voice, daughter of Gallim! Listen, Laishah! You poor highway for the remnant that is left of his people from Anathoth! 31 Madmenah is a fugitive. The inhabitants Assyria, like there was for Israel in the day that he came

12 In that day you will say, "I will give thanks to you, Yahweh; for though you were angry with me, your anger has turned away and you comfort me. 2 Behold, God is my salvation. I will trust, and will not be afraid; for Yah, Yahweh, is my strength and 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 Yahweh! Call on his name! Declare his doings among the peoples! Proclaim that his name is exalted! 5 Sing to Yahweh, for he has done the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of Yahweh. 3 excellent things! Let this be known in all the earth! 6 Cry

aloud and shout, you inhabitant of Zion, for the Holy 22 Hyenas will cry in their fortresses, and jackals in the One of Israel is great among 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; yes, I have called my mighty men for my anger, even my proudly exulting ones. 4 The noise of a multitude is in the mountains, as of a great people; the noise of an uproar of the kingdoms of the nations gathered together! Yahweh of Armies is mustering the army for the battle. 5 They come from a far country, from the uttermost part of heaven, even Yahweh, and the weapons of his indignation, to destroy the whole land. 6 Wail, for Yahweh's day is at hand! It will come as destruction from the Almighty. 7 Therefore all hands will be feeble, and everyone's heart will melt. 8 They will be dismayed. Pangs and sorrows will seize them. They will be in pain like a woman in labor. They will look in amazement one at another. Their faces will be faces of flame. 9 Behold, the day of Yahweh comes, cruel, with wrath and fierce anger; to make the land a desolation, and to destroy its sinners out of it. 10 For the stars of the sky and its constellations will not give their light. The sun will be darkened in its going out, and the moon will not cause its light to shine. 11 I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity. I will cause the arrogance of the proud to cease, and will humble the arrogance of the terrible. 12 I will make people more rare than fine gold, even a person than the pure gold of Ophir. 13 Therefore I will make the heavens tremble, and the earth will be shaken out of its place in Yahweh of Armies' wrath, and in the day of his fierce anger. 14 It will happen that like a hunted gazelle and like sheep that no one gathers, they will each turn to their own people, and will each flee to their own land. 15 Everyone who is found will be thrust through. Everyone who is captured will fall by the sword. 16 Their infants also will be dashed in pieces before their eyes. Their houses will be ransacked, and their wives raped. 17 Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them, who will not value silver, and as for gold, they will not delight in it. 18 Their bows will dash the young men in pieces; and they shall have no pity on the fruit of the womb. Their eyes will not spare children. 19 Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldeans' pride, will be like when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. 20 It will never be inhabited, neither will it be lived in from generation to generation. The Arabian will not pitch a tent there, neither will shepherds make their flocks lie down there. 21 But wild animals of the desert will lie there, and their houses will be full of jackals. Ostriches will dwell there, and wild goats will frolic there.

pleasant palaces. Her time is near to come, and her days will not be prolonged.

14 For Yahweh will have compassion on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel, and set them in their own land. The foreigner will join himself with them, and they will unite with the house of Jacob. 2 The peoples will take them, and bring them to their place. The house of Israel will possess them in Yahweh's land for servants and for handmaids. They will take as captives those whose captives they were; and they shall rule over their oppressors. 3 It will happen in the day that Yahweh will give you rest from your sorrow, from your trouble, and from the hard service in which you were made to serve, 4 that you will take up this parable against the king of Babylon, and say, "How the oppressor has ceased! The golden city has ceased!" 5 Yahweh has broken the staff of the wicked, the scepter of the rulers, 6 who struck the peoples in wrath with a continual stroke, who ruled the nations in anger, with a persecution that no one restrained. 7 The whole earth is at rest, and is guiet. They break out in song. 8 Yes, the cypress trees rejoice with you, with the cedars of Lebanon, saying, "Since you are humbled, no lumberjack has come up against us." 9 Sheol from beneath has moved for you to meet you at your coming. It stirs up the departed spirits for you, even all the rulers of the earth. It has raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations. (Sheol h7585) 10 They all will answer and ask you, "Have you also become as weak as we are? Have you become like us?" 11 Your pomp is brought down to Sheol, with the sound of your stringed instruments. Maggots are spread out under you, and worms cover you. (Sheol h7585) 12 How you have fallen from heaven, shining one, son of the dawn! How you are cut down to the ground, who laid the nations low! 13 You said in your heart, "I will ascend into heaven! I will exalt my throne above the stars of God! I will sit on the mountain of assembly, in the far north! 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds! I will make myself like the Most High!" 15 Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, to the depths of the pit. (Sheol h7585) 16 Those who see you will stare at you. They will ponder you, saying, "Is this the man who made the earth to tremble, who shook kingdoms, 17 who made the world like a wilderness, and overthrew its cities, who didn't release his prisoners to their home?" 18 All the kings of the nations sleep in glory, everyone in his own house. 19 But you are cast away from your tomb like an abominable branch, clothed with the slain who are thrust through with the sword, who go down to the stones of the pit; like a dead body trodden under foot. 20 You will not join them in burial, because you have destroyed

fathers, that they not rise up and possess the earth, and land. fill the surface of the world with cities. 22 "I will rise up against them," says Yahweh of Armies, "and cut off from Babylon name and remnant, and son and son's son," says Yahweh. 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 Yahweh of Armies. 24 Yahweh of Armies 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 Yahweh of Armies 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 Don't 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 will they answer the messengers of the nation? That Yahweh has founded Zion, and in her the afflicted of his people will take refuge.

night Kir of Moab is laid waste, and brought to nothing. high places, to weep. Moab wails over Nebo and over Medeba. Baldness is on all of their heads. Every beard is cut off. 3 In their streets, they clothe themselves in sackcloth. In their streets and on their housetops, 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 nobles flee to Zoar, to Eglath Shelishiyah; for they go up by the ascent of Luhith with weeping; for on the way to 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 they have gotten, and that which they have stored up, over the brook of the willows. 8 For the cry has gone around the borders of Moab, its wailing to Eglaim, and

your land. You have killed your people. The offspring its wailing to Beer Elim. 9 For the waters of Dimon are of evildoers will not be named forever. 21 Prepare for full of blood; for I will bring yet more on Dimon, a lion on slaughter of his children because of the iniquity of their those of Moab who escape, and on the remnant of the

16 Send the lambs for the ruler of the land from Selah 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 middle of the noonday! Hide the outcasts! Don't 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 extortionist 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 Therefore Moab will wail for Moab. Everyone will wail. 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 water 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 15 The burden of Moab. For in a night, Ar of Moab field; and in the vineyards there will be no singing. is laid waste, and brought to nothing. For in a neither joyful noise. Nobody will tread out wine in the presses. I have made the shouting stop. 11 Therefore 2 They have gone up to Bayith, and to Dibon, to the 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 Yahweh spoke concerning Moab in time past. 14 But now Yahweh 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."

> The burden of Damascus. "Behold, Damascus is taken away from being a city, and it will be a ruinous heap. 2 The cities of Aroer are forsaken. They will be for flocks, which shall lie down, and no one shall make them afraid. 3 The fortress shall cease from Ephraim, and the kingdom from Damascus, and the remnant of Syria. They will be as the glory of the

children of Israel," says Yahweh of Armies. 4 "It will ravenous birds will eat them in the summer, and all the happen in that day that the glory of Jacob will be made animals of the earth will eat them in the winter. 7 In that thin, and the fatness of his flesh will become lean. 5 It time, a present will be brought to Yahweh of Armies from will be like when the harvester gathers the wheat, and a people tall and smooth, even from a people awesome his arm reaps the grain. Yes, it will be like when one from their beginning onward, a nation that measures out gleans grain in the valley of Rephaim. 6 Yet gleanings and treads down, whose land the rivers divide, to the 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 Yahweh, 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 Asherah poles or the incense altars. 9 In that day, their strong cities will be like the forsaken places in the woods and on the mountain top, 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, behold, 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.

18 Ah, the land of the rustling of wings, which is beyond the rivers of Ethiopia; 2 that sends ambassadors by the sea, even in vessels of papyrus on the waters, saying, "Go, you swift messengers, to a nation tall and smooth, to a people awesome from their beginning onward, a nation that measures out and treads down, whose land the rivers divide!" 3 All you inhabitants of the world, and you dwellers on the earth, when a banner is lifted up on the mountains, look! When the trumpet is blown, listen! 4 For Yahweh said to me, "I will be still, and I will see in my dwelling place, like clear heat in sunshine, like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest." 5 For before the harvest, when the blossom is over, and the flower becomes a ripening grape, he will cut off the sprigs with pruning hooks, and he will cut down and take away the spreading branches. 6 They will be left together for the ravenous birds of the mountains, and for the animals of the earth. The

place of the name of Yahweh of Armies. Mount Zion.

9 The burden of Egypt. "Behold, Yahweh rides on a swift cloud, and comes to Egypt. The idols of Egypt will tremble at his presence; and the heart of Egypt will melt within it. 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 the Egyptians will fail within them. I will destroy their counsel. They will seek the idols, the charmers, those who have familiar spirits, and the wizards. 4 I will give over the Egyptians into the hand of a cruel lord. A fierce king will rule over them," says the Lord. Yahweh of Armies. 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. 8 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 wise men? Let them tell you now; and let them know what Yahweh of Armies has purposed concerning Egypt. 13 The princes of Zoan have become fools. The princes of Memphis are deceived. They have caused Egypt to go astray, those who are the cornerstone of her tribes. 14 Yahweh has mixed a spirit of perverseness in the middle of her; and they have caused Egypt to go astray in all of its works, like a drunken man staggers in his vomit. 15 Neither shall there be any work for Egypt, which head or tail, palm branch or rush, may do. 16 In that day the Egyptians will be like women. They will tremble and fear because of the shaking of Yahweh of Armies's hand, which he shakes over them. 17 The land of Judah will become a terror to Egypt. Everyone to whom mention is made of it will be afraid, because of the plans of Yahweh of Armies, which he determines against it. 18 In that day, there will be five cities in the land of Egypt that

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 Yahweh spoke by Isaiah the son of Amoz, saying, "Go, and loosen the sackcloth from off your waist, and take your sandals from off your feet." He did so, walking naked and barefoot. 3 Yahweh 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, 'Behold, 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 burden of the wilderness of the sea. As whirlwinds in the South 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 seized me, like the pains of a woman in labor. I am in so much pain that I can't hear. I am so dismayed that I can't see. 4 My heart flutters. Horror has frightened me. The twilight that I desired has been turned into

speak the language of Canaan, and swear to Yahweh the watch. They eat. They drink. Rise up, you princes, of Armies. One will be called "The city of destruction." oil the shield! 6 For the Lord said to me, "Go, set a 19 In that day, there will be an altar to Yahweh in the watchman. Let him declare what he sees. 7 When he middle of the land of Egypt, and a pillar to Yahweh at sees a troop, horsemen in pairs, a troop of donkeys, its border. 20 It will be for a sign and for a witness to a troop of camels, he shall listen diligently with great Yahweh of Armies in the land of Egypt; for they will cry attentiveness." 8 He cried like a lion: "Lord, I stand to Yahweh because of oppressors, and he will send continually on the watchtower in the daytime, and every them a savior and a defender, and he will deliver them. night I stay at my post. 9 Behold, here comes a troop of 21 Yahweh will be known to Egypt, and the Egyptians men, horsemen in pairs." He answered, "Fallen, fallen is will know Yahweh in that day. Yes, they will worship with Babylon; and all the engraved images of her gods are sacrifice and offering, and will vow a vow to Yahweh, broken to the ground. 10 You are my threshing, and the and will perform it. 22 Yahweh will strike Egypt, striking grain of my floor!" That which I have heard from Yahweh and healing. They will return to Yahweh, and he will be of Armies, the God of Israel, I have declared to you. entreated by them, and will heal them. 23 In that day 11 The burden of Dumah. One calls to me out of Seir, there will be a highway out of Egypt to Assyria, and "Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the the Assyrian shall come into Egypt, and the Egyptian night?" 12 The watchman said, "The morning comes, into Assyria; and the Egyptians will worship with the and also the night. If you will inquire, inquire. Come back Assyrians. 24 In that day, Israel will be the third with again." 13 The burden on Arabia. You will lodge in the Egypt and with Assyria, a blessing within the earth; 25 thickets in Arabia, you caravans of Dedanites. 14 They because Yahweh of Armies has blessed them, saying, brought water to him who was thirsty. The inhabitants of "Blessed be Egypt my people, Assyria the work of my the land 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, all the glory of Kedar will fail, 17 and the residue of the number of the archers, the mighty men of the children of Kedar, will be few: for Yahweh, 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. Don't 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, Yahweh of Armies, in the valley of vision, a breaking down of the walls, and a crying to the mountains." 6 Elam carried his quiver, with chariots of men and horsemen; and Kir uncovered the shield. 7 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 David's city, that they were many; and you gathered together the waters of the lower pool. 10 You counted the houses of Jerusalem, and you broke down the houses to fortify the wall. 11 You also made a reservoir between the two walls for the water of the trembling for me. 5 They prepare the table. They set old pool. But you didn't look to him who had done this,

will fasten him like a nail in a sure place. He will be for a to eat sufficiently, and for durable clothing. 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 Yahweh of Armies, "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 Yahweh has spoken it."

neither did you have respect for him who planned it long of crowns, whose merchants are princes, whose traders ago. 12 In that day, the Lord, Yahweh of Armies, called are the honorable of the earth? 9 Yahweh of Armies to weeping, to mourning, to baldness, and to dressing in has planned it, to stain the pride of all glory, to bring into sackcloth; 13 and behold, there is joy and gladness, contempt all the honorable of the earth. 10 Pass through killing cattle and killing sheep, eating meat and drinking your land like the Nile, daughter of Tarshish. There is no wine: "Let's eat and drink, for tomorrow we will die." 14 restraint any more. 11 He has stretched out his hand Yahweh of Armies revealed himself in my ears, "Surely over the sea. He has shaken the kingdoms. Yahweh this iniquity will not be forgiven you until you die," says has ordered the destruction of Canaan's strongholds. the Lord, Yahweh of Armies. 15 The Lord, Yahweh of 12 He said, "You shall rejoice no more, you oppressed Armies says, "Go, get yourself to this treasurer, even virgin daughter of Sidon. Arise, pass over to Kittim. to Shebna, who is over the house, and say, 16 'What Even there you will have no rest." 13 Behold, the land of are you doing here? Who has you here, that you have the Chaldeans. This people didn't exist. The Assyrians dug out a tomb here?' Cutting himself out a tomb on founded it for those who dwell in the wilderness. They high, chiseling a habitation for himself in the rock!" 17 set up their towers. They overthrew its palaces. They Behold, Yahweh will overcome you and hurl you away made it a ruin. 14 Howl, you ships of Tarshish, for your violently. Yes, he will grasp you firmly. 18 He will surely stronghold is laid waste! 15 It will come to pass in that wind you around and around, and throw you like a ball day that Tyre will be forgotten seventy years, according into a large country. There you will die, and there the to the days of one king. After the end of seventy years it chariots of your glory will be, you disgrace of your lord's will be to Tyre like in the song of the prostitute. 16 Take house. 19 I will thrust you from your office. You will be a harp; go about the city, you prostitute that has been pulled down from your station. 20 It will happen in that forgotten. Make sweet melody. Sing many songs, that day that I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, you may be remembered. 17 It will happen after the end 21 and I will clothe him with your robe, and strengthen of seventy years that Yahweh will visit Tyre. She will him with your belt. I will commit your government into return to her wages, and will play the prostitute with all his hand; and he will be a father to the inhabitants of the kingdoms of the world on the surface of the earth. Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah. 22 I will lay the 18 Her merchandise and her wages will be holiness key of David's house on his shoulder. He will open, and to Yahweh. It will not be treasured nor laid up; for her no one will shut. He will shut, and no one will open. 23 I merchandise will be for those who dwell before Yahweh,

24 Behold, Yahweh 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. 23 The burden of Tyre. Howl, you ships of Tarshish! 3 The earth will be utterly emptied and utterly laid waste; For it is laid waste, so that there is no house, no for Yahweh has spoken this word. 4 The earth mourns entering in. From the land of Kittim it is revealed to and fades away. The world languishes and fades away. them. 2 Be still, you inhabitants of the coast, you whom The lofty people of the earth languish. 5 The earth also the merchants of Sidon that pass over the sea have is polluted under its inhabitants, because they have replenished. 3 On great waters, the seed of the Shihor, transgressed the laws, violated the statutes, and broken the harvest of the Nile, was her revenue. She was the the everlasting covenant. 6 Therefore the curse has market of nations. 4 Be ashamed, Sidon; for the sea devoured the earth, and those who dwell therein are has spoken, the stronghold of the sea, saying, "I have found guilty. Therefore the inhabitants of the earth are not travailed, nor given birth, neither have I nourished burned, and few men are left. 7 The new wine mourns. young men, nor brought up virgins." 5 When the report The vine languishes. All the merry-hearted sigh. 8 The comes to Egypt, they will be in anguish at the report of mirth of tambourines ceases. The sound of those who Tyre. 6 Pass over to Tarshish! Wail, you inhabitants of rejoice ends. The joy of the harp ceases. 9 They will the coast! 7 Is this your joyous city, whose antiquity not drink wine with a song. Strong drink will be bitter is of ancient days, whose feet carried her far away to to those who drink it. 10 The confused city is broken travel? 8 Who has planned this against Tyre, the giver down. Every house is shut up, that no man may come

wine. All joy is darkened. The mirth of the land is gone. earth, for Yahweh has spoken it. 9 It shall be said in that 12 The city is left in desolation, and the gate is struck day, "Behold, this is our God! We have waited for him, with destruction. 13 For it will be so within the earth and he will save us! This is Yahweh! We have waited among the peoples, as the shaking of an olive tree, as for him. We will be glad and rejoice in his salvation!" the gleanings when the vintage is done. 14 These shall 10 For Yahweh's hand will rest in this mountain. Moab lift up their voice. They will shout for the majesty of will be trodden down in his place, even like straw is Yahweh. They cry aloud from the sea. 15 Therefore trodden down in the water of the dunghill. 11 He will glorify Yahweh in the east, even the name of Yahweh, spread out his hands in the middle of it, like one who the God of Israel, in the islands of the sea! 16 From the swims spreads out hands to swim, but his pride will be uttermost part of the earth have we heard songs. Glory humbled together with the craft of his hands. 12 He has to the righteous! But I said, "I pine away! I pine away! brought the high fortress of your walls down, laid low, woe is me!" The treacherous have dealt treacherously. and brought to the ground, even to the dust. Yes, the treacherous have dealt very treacherously. 17 Fear, the pit, and the snare are on you who inhabit 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 middle of the pit will be taken in the snare; for the windows on high are opened, and the foundations of the earth tremble. 19 The earth is utterly broken. The earth is 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 will happen in that day that Yahweh will punish the army of the high ones on high, and the kings of the earth on the earth. 22 They will be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered in the pit, and will be shut up in the prison; and after many days they will be visited. 23 Then the moon will be confounded, and the sun ashamed; for Yahweh of Armies will reign on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem; and glory will be before his elders.

Lord Yahweh will wipe away tears from off all faces. He pain. We gave birth, it seems, only to wind. We have

in. 11 There is a crying in the streets because of the will take the reproach of his people away from off all the

 $26\,\mathrm{ln}$ that day, this song will be sung in the land of Judah: "We have a strong city. God appoints salvation for walls and bulwarks. 2 Open the gates, that the righteous nation may enter: the one which keeps faith. 3 You will keep whoever's mind is steadfast in perfect peace, because he trusts in you. 4 Trust in Yahweh forever; for in Yah, Yahweh, is an everlasting Rock. 5 For he has brought down those who dwell on high, the lofty city. He lays it low. He lays it low even to the ground. He brings it even to the dust. 6 The foot shall tread it down, even the feet of the poor and the steps of the needy." 7 The way of the just is uprightness. You who are upright make the path of the righteous level. 8 Yes, in the way of your judgments, Yahweh, we have waited for you. Your name and your renown are the desire of our soul. 9 With my soul I have desired you in the night. Yes, with my spirit within me I will seek you earnestly; for when your judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness. 10 Let favor be shown to 25 Yahweh, you are my God. I will exalt you! I will the wicked, yet he will not learn righteousness. In the praise your name, for you have done wonderful land of uprightness he will deal wrongfully, and will not things, things planned long ago, in complete faithfulness see Yahweh's majesty. 11 Yahweh, your hand is lifted and truth. 2 For you have made a city into a heap, a up, yet they don't see; but they will see your zeal for the fortified city into a ruin, a palace of strangers to be no people and be disappointed. Yes, fire will consume your city. It will never be built. 3 Therefore a strong people adversaries. 12 Yahweh, you will ordain peace for us, will glorify you. A city of awesome nations will fear for you have also done all our work for us. 13 Yahweh you. 4 For you have been a stronghold to the poor, a our God, other lords besides you have had dominion stronghold to the needy in his distress, a refuge from over us, but we will only acknowledge your name. 14 the storm, a shade from the heat, when the blast of The dead shall not live. The departed spirits shall not the dreaded ones is like a storm against the wall. 5 As rise. Therefore you have visited and destroyed them, the heat in a dry place you will bring down the noise and caused all memory of them to perish. 15 You have of strangers; as the heat by the shade of a cloud, the increased the nation, O Yahweh. You have increased song of the dreaded ones will be brought low. 6 In this the nation! You are glorified! You have enlarged all mountain, Yahweh of Armies will make all peoples a the borders of the land. 16 Yahweh, in trouble they feast of choice meat, a feast of choice wines, of choice have visited you. They poured out a prayer when your meat full of marrow, of well refined choice wines. 7 He chastening was on them. 17 Just as a woman with child, will destroy in this mountain the surface of the covering who draws near the time of her delivery, is in pain and that covers all peoples, and the veil that is spread over cries out in her pangs, so we have been before you, all nations. 8 He has swallowed up death forever! The Yahweh. 18 We have been with child. We have been in

not worked any deliverance in the earth; neither have who are overcome with wine! 2 Behold, the Lord has the inhabitants of the world fallen. 19 Your dead shall one who is mighty and strong. Like a storm of hail, a live. Their dead bodies shall arise. Awake and sing, you destroying storm, and like a storm of mighty waters who dwell in the dust; for your dew is like the dew of overflowing, he will cast them down to the earth with his herbs, and the earth will cast out the departed spirits. hand. 3 The crown of pride of the drunkards of Ephraim 20 Come, my people, enter into your rooms, and shut will be trodden under foot. 4 The fading flower of his your doors behind you. Hide yourself for a little moment, glorious beauty, which is on the head of the fertile valley, until the indignation is past. 21 For, behold, Yahweh shall be like the first-ripe fig before the summer, which comes out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the someone picks and eats as soon as he sees it. 5 In that earth for their iniquity. The earth also will disclose her day, Yahweh of Armies will become a crown of glory and blood, and will no longer cover her slain.

77 In that day, Yahweh with his hard and great and strong sword will punish leviathan, the fleeing serpent, and leviathan, the twisted serpent; and he will kill the dragon that is in the sea. 2 In that day, sing to her, "A pleasant vineyard! 3 I, Yahweh, 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 are they killed like those who killed them 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 Asherah poles 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 Yahweh will thresh from the flowing stream of the Euphrates to the brook 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 Yahweh in the holy mountain at Jerusalem.

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 in another language. 12 to whom he said, "This is the resting place. Give rest to the weary," and "This is the refreshing;" yet they would not hear. 13 Therefore Yahweh's word 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 Yahweh's word, you scoffers, that rule this people in Jerusalem: 15 "Because you have said, 'We have made a covenant with death, and we are in agreement with Sheol. 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 the Lord Yahweh says, "Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious cornerstone of a sure foundation. He who believes shall not act hastily. 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 **28** Woe to the crown of pride of the drunkards of stretch out on, and the blanket is too narrow to wrap Ephraim, and to the fading flower of his glorious oneself in. 21 For Yahweh will rise up as on Mount beauty, which is on the head of the fertile valley of those Perazim. He will be angry as in the valley of Gibeon;

that he may do his work, his unusual work, and bring to can't, for it is sealed:" 12 and the book is delivered to is wonderful in counsel, and excellent in wisdom.

29 Woe to Ariel! Ariel, the city where David encamped! 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 I will encamp against you all 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 foes 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 Yahweh of Armies 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 behold, he eats; but he awakes, and his hunger isn't satisfied; or like when a thirsty man dreams, and behold, he drinks; but he awakes, and behold, he is faint, and he is still thirsty. The multitude of all the nations that fight against Mount Zion will be like that. 9 Pause and wonder! Blind yourselves and be blind! They are drunken, but not with wine; they stagger, but not with strong drink. 10 For Yahweh has poured out on you a spirit of deep sleep, and has closed your eyes, the prophets; and he has covered your heads, the seers. 11 All vision has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed, which men deliver to one who is educated, saying, "Read this, please;" and he says, "I

pass his act, his extraordinary act. 22 Now therefore one who is not educated, saying, "Read this, please." don't be scoffers, lest your bonds be made strong; for and he says, "I can't read." 13 The Lord said, "Because I have heard a decree of destruction from the Lord, this people draws near with their mouth and honors me Yahweh of Armies, on the whole earth. 23 Give ear, and with their lips, but they have removed their heart far hear my voice! Listen, and hear my speech! 24 Does from me, and their fear of me is a commandment of he who plows to sow plow continually? Does he keep men which has been taught; 14 therefore, behold, I will turning the soil and breaking the clods? 25 When he proceed to do a marvelous work among this people, has leveled its surface, doesn't he plant the dill, and even a marvelous work and a wonder; and the wisdom scatter the cumin seed, and put in the wheat in rows, of their wise men will perish, and the understanding the barley in the appointed place, and the spelt in its of their prudent men will be hidden." 15 Woe to those place? 26 For his God instructs him in right judgment who deeply hide their counsel from Yahweh, and whose and teaches him. 27 For the dill isn't threshed with a deeds are in the dark, and who say, "Who sees us?" sharp instrument, neither is a cart wheel turned over the and "Who knows us?" 16 You turn things upside down! cumin; but the dill is beaten out with a stick, and the Should the potter be thought to be like clay, that the cumin with a rod. 28 Bread flour must be ground; so he thing made should say about him who made it, "He will not always be threshing it. Although he drives the didn't make me;" or the thing formed say of him who wheel of his threshing cart over it, his horses don't grind formed it, "He has no understanding"? 17 Isn't it yet a it. 29 This also comes out from Yahweh of Armies, who 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 book, and the eyes of the blind will see out of obscurity and out of darkness. 19 The humble also will increase their joy in Yahweh, and the poor among men 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 one who reproves in the gate, and who deprive the innocent of justice with false testimony. 22 Therefore Yahweh, who redeemed Abraham, says 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 middle 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."

> "Woe to the rebellious children", says Yahweh, "who take counsel, but not from me; and who make an alliance, but not with my Spirit, that they may add sin to sin; 2 who set out to go down into Egypt without asking for my advice, to strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, and to take refuge in the shadow of Egypt! 3 Therefore the strength of Pharaoh will be your shame, and the refuge in the shadow of Egypt your confusion. 4 For their princes are at Zoan, and their ambassadors have come to Hanes. 5 They shall all be ashamed because of a people that can't profit them, that are not a help nor profit, but a shame, and also a reproach." 6 The burden of the animals of the South. Through the land of trouble and anguish, of the lioness and the lion, the viper and fiery flying

young donkeys, and their treasures on the humps of lofty mountain and on every high hill in the day of the camels, to an unprofitable people. 7 For Egypt helps great slaughter, when the towers fall. 26 Moreover the in vain, and to no purpose; therefore I have called her light of the moon will be like the light of the sun, and Rahab who sits still. 8 Now go, write it before them the light of the sun will be seven times brighter, like the on a tablet, and inscribe it in a book, that it may be light of seven days, in the day that Yahweh binds up for the time to come forever and ever. 9 For it is a the fracture of his people, and heals the wound they rebellious people, lying children, children who will not were struck with. 27 Behold, Yahweh's name comes hear Yahweh's law; 10 who tell the seers, "Don't see!" from far away, burning with his anger, and in thick rising and the prophets, "Don't prophesy to us right things. smoke. His lips are full of indignation. His tongue is as a Tell us pleasant things. Prophesy deceits. 11 Get out devouring fire. 28 His breath is as an overflowing stream of the way. Turn away from the path. Cause the Holy that reaches even to the neck, to sift the nations with One of Israel to cease from before us." 12 Therefore the sieve of destruction. A bridle that leads to ruin will the Holy One of Israel says, "Because you despise this be in the jaws of the peoples. 29 You will have a song, word, and trust in oppression and perverseness, and as in the night when a holy feast is kept, and gladness rely on it. 13 therefore this iniquity shall be to you like a of heart, as when one goes with a flute to come to breach ready to fall, swelling out in a high wall, whose Yahweh's mountain, to Israel's Rock. 30 Yahweh will breaking comes suddenly in an instant. 14 He will break cause his glorious voice to be heard, and will show the it as a potter's vessel is broken, breaking it in pieces descent of his arm, with the indignation of his anger and without sparing, so that there won't be found among the the flame of a devouring fire, with a blast, storm, and broken pieces a piece good enough to take fire from the hailstones. 31 For through Yahweh's voice the Assyrian hearth, or to dip up water out of the cistern." 15 For will be dismayed. He will strike him with his rod. 32 thus said the Lord Yahweh, the Holy One of Israel, "You Every stroke of the rod of punishment, which Yahweh will be saved in returning and rest. Your strength will will lay on him, will be with the sound of tambourines be in quietness and in confidence." You refused, 16 and harps. He will fight with them in battles, brandishing but you said, "No, for we will flee on horses;" therefore weapons. 33 For his burning place has long been ready. you will flee; and, "We will ride on the swift;" therefore Yes, it is prepared for the king. He has made its pyre those who pursue you will be swift. 17 One thousand deep and large with fire and much wood. Yahweh's will flee at the threat of one. At the threat of five, you breath, like a stream of sulfur, kindles it, will flee until you are left like a beacon on the top of a mountain, and like a banner on a hill. 18 Therefore Yahweh will wait, that he may be gracious to you; and therefore he will be exalted, that he may have mercy on you, for Yahweh 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 any more, 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 He will give the rain for your seed, with which you will sow the ground; and bread of the increase of the ground will be rich and plentiful. In that day, your livestock will feed in large pastures. 24 The oxen likewise and the young donkeys that till the ground will eat savory feed, which has been winnowed with the shovel and with the fork.

serpent, they carry their riches on the shoulders of 25 There will be brooks and streams of water on every

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 don't look to the Holy One of Israel, and they don't seek Yahweh! 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 the help of those who work iniquity. 3 Now the Egyptians are men, and not God; and their horses flesh, and not spirit. When Yahweh 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 Yahweh says 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 their noise, so Yahweh of Armies will come down to fight on Mount Zion and on its heights. 5 As birds hovering, so Yahweh of Armies will protect Jerusalem. He will protect 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 away his idols of silver and his idols of gold-sin which your own hands have made

for you. 8 "The Assyrian will fall by the sword, not of 2 Yahweh, be gracious to us. We have waited for you. become subject to forced labor. 9 His rock will pass away by reason of terror, and his princes will be afraid his furnace in Jerusalem.

Behold, 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 covert 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 The fool will no longer be called noble, nor the scoundrel be highly respected. 6 For the fool will speak folly, and his heart will work iniquity, to practice profanity, and to utter error against Yahweh, 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 plans 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 will fail. The harvest won't come. 11 Tremble, you women who are at ease! Be troubled, you careless ones! Strip yourselves, make yourselves naked, and put sackcloth on your waist. 12 Beat your breasts for the pleasant fields, for the fruitful vine. 13 Thorns and briers 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, guietness and confidence forever. 18 My people will live in a peaceful habitation, in safe dwellings, and in quiet resting places, 19 though hail flattens the forest, and the city is leveled completely. 20 Blessed are you who sow beside all waters, who send out the feet of the ox and the donkey.

33 Woe to you who destroy, but you weren't destroyed, and who betray, but nobody betrayed you! When you have finished destroying, you will be destroyed; and when you have finished betrayal, you will be betrayed.

man; and the sword, not of mankind, shall devour him. Be our strength every morning, our salvation also in He will flee from the sword, and his young men will 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 plunder will be gathered as the of the banner," says Yahweh, whose fire is in Zion, and caterpillar gathers. Men will leap on it as locusts leap. 5 Yahweh 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 Yahweh is your treasure. 7 Behold, their valiant ones cry outside; the ambassadors of peace weep bitterly. 8 The highways are desolate. The traveling man ceases. The covenant is broken. He has despised the cities. He doesn't respect 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 Yahweh. "Now I will lift myself up. Now I will be exalted. 11 You will conceive chaff. You will give birth to 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 bloodshed, 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 Yahweh will be with us in majesty, a place of wide rivers and streams, in which no galley with oars will go, neither will any gallant ship pass by there. 22 For Yahweh is our judge. Yahweh is our lawgiver. Yahweh is 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 plunder was divided. The lame took the prey. 24 The inhabitant won't say, "I am sick." The people who dwell therein will be forgiven their iniquity.

fat. 8 For Yahweh has a day of vengeance, a year of and sighing will flee away." 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 guenched night or 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 The wild animals of the desert will meet with the wolves, and the wild goat will cry to his fellow. Yes, the night creature shall settle there, and shall find herself a place of rest. 15 The arrow snake will make her nest there, and lay, hatch, and gather under her shade. Yes, the kites will be gathered there, every one with her mate. 16 Search in the book of Yahweh, and read: not one of these will be missing. None will lack her mate. For my mouth has commanded, and his Spirit has gathered them. 17 He has cast the lot for them, and his hand has divided it to them with a measuring line. They shall possess it forever. From generation to generation they will dwell in

2 ⚠ Come near, you nations, to hear! Listen, you the weak hands, and make the feeble knees firm. 4 peoples. Let the earth and all it contains hear, the Tell those who have a fearful heart, "Be strong! Don't world, and everything that comes from it. 2 For Yahweh be afraid! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, is enraged against all the nations, and angry with all God's retribution. He will come and save you. 5 Then their armies. He has utterly destroyed them. He has the eyes of the blind will be opened, and the ears of the given them over for slaughter. 3 Their slain will also deaf will be unstopped. 6 Then the lame man will leap be cast out, and the stench of their dead bodies will like a deer, and the tongue of the mute will sing; for come up. The mountains will melt in their blood. 4 All of waters will break out in the wilderness, and streams in the army of the sky will be dissolved. The sky will be the desert. 7 The burning sand will become a pool, and rolled up like a scroll, and all its armies will fade away, the thirsty ground springs of water. Grass with reeds as a leaf fades from off a vine or a fig tree. 5 For my and rushes will be in the habitation of jackals, where sword has drunk its fill in the sky. Behold, it will come they lay. 8 A highway will be there, a road, and it will down on Edom, and on the people of my curse, for be called "The Holy Way". The unclean shall not pass judgment. 6 Yahweh's sword is filled with blood. It is over it, but it will be for those who walk in the Way. covered with fat, with the blood of lambs and goats, Wicked fools shall not go there. 9 No lion will be there, with the fat of the kidneys of rams; for Yahweh has a nor will any ravenous animal go up on it. They will not sacrifice in Bozrah, and a great slaughter in the land of be found there; but the redeemed will walk there. 10 Edom. 7 The wild oxen will come down with them, and Then Yahweh's ransomed ones will return, and come the young bulls with the mighty bulls; and their land will with singing to Zion; and everlasting joy will be on their be drunken with blood, and their dust made greasy with heads. They will obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow

36 Now in the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah, 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 agueduct from the upper pool in the fuller's field highway. 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, 'The great king, the king of Assyria, says, "What confidence is this in which you trust? 5 I say that your counsel and strength for the war are only vain words. Now in whom do you trust, that you have rebelled against me? 6 Behold, you trust in the staff of this bruised reed, even in Egypt, which 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 in him. 7 But if you tell me, 'We trust in Yahweh 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'?" 8 Now therefore, please make a pledge 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. 9 How then can you turn away the face of one captain of the least of my master's servants, and put your trust in 35 The wilderness and the dry land will be glad. Egypt for chariots and for horsemen? 10 Have I come The desert will rejoice and blossom like a rose. up now without Yahweh against this land to destroy 2 It will blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with it? Yahweh said to me, "Go up against this land, and joy and singing. Lebanon's glory will be given to it, destroy it."" 11 Then Eliakim, Shebna and Joah said to the excellence of Carmel and Sharon. They will see Rabshakeh, "Please speak to your servants in Aramaic, Yahweh's glory, the excellence of our God. 3 Strengthen for we understand it. Don't speak to us in the Jews'

language in the hearing of the people who are on the own land,"" 8 So Rabshakeh returned, and found the wall." 12 But Rabshakeh said, "Has my master sent me king of Assyria warring against Libnah, for he heard only to your master and to you, to speak these words, that he had departed from Lachish. 9 He heard news and not to the men who sit on the wall, who will eat concerning Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, "He has come their own dung and drink their own urine with you?" 13 out to fight against you." When he heard it, he sent Then Rabshakeh stood, and called out with a loud voice messengers to Hezekiah, saying, 10 "Thus you shall in the Jews' language, and said, "Hear the words of speak to Hezekiah king of Judah, saying, 'Don't let your the great king, the king of Assyria! 14 The king says, God in whom you trust deceive you, saying, "Jerusalem 'Don't let Hezekiah deceive you; for he will not be able won't be given into the hand of the king of Assyria." 11 to deliver you. 15 Don't let Hezekiah make you trust in Behold, you have heard what the kings of Assyria have Yahweh, saying, "Yahweh will surely deliver us. This city done to all lands, by destroying them utterly. Shall you won't be given into the hand of the king of Assyria." 16 be delivered? 12 Have the gods of the nations delivered Don't listen to Hezekiah, for the king of Assyria says, them, which my fathers have destroyed, Gozan, Haran, 'Make your peace with me, and come out to me; and Rezeph, and the children of Eden who were in Telassar? each of you eat from his vine, and each one from his 13 Where is the king of Hamath, and the king of Arpad, fig tree, and each one of you drink the waters of his and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, of Hena, and own cistern; 17 until I come and take you away to a Ivvah?" 14 Hezekiah received the letter from the hand land like your own land, a land of grain and new wine, a of the messengers and read it. Then Hezekiah went land of bread and vineyards. 18 Beware lest Hezekiah up to Yahweh's house, and spread it before Yahweh. persuade you, saying, "Yahweh will deliver us." Have 15 Hezekiah prayed to Yahweh, saying, 16 "Yahweh any of the gods of the nations delivered their lands of Armies, the God of Israel, who is enthroned among from the hand of the king of Assyria? 19 Where are the the cherubim, you are the God, even you alone, of all gods of Hamath and Arpad? Where are the gods of the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and Sepharvaim? Have they delivered Samaria from my earth. 17 Turn your ear, Yahweh, and hear. Open your hand? 20 Who are they among all the gods of these eyes, Yahweh, and behold. Hear all of the words of countries that have delivered their country out of my Sennacherib, who has sent to defy the living God. 18 hand, that Yahweh should deliver Jerusalem out of my Truly, Yahweh, the kings of Assyria have destroyed all hand?" 21 But they remained silent, and said nothing in the countries and their land, 19 and have cast their gods reply, for the king's commandment was, "Don't answer into the fire; for they were no gods, but the work of men's him." 22 Then Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who was over hands, wood and stone; therefore they have destroyed the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah, the them. 20 Now therefore, Yahweh our God, save us from son of Asaph the recorder, came to Hezekiah with their his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know clothes torn, and told him the words of Rabshakeh.

 $\mathbf{37}$ When King Hezekiah heard it, he tore his clothes, covered himself with sackcloth, and went into Yahweh'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, "Hezekiah says, 'Today is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and of rejection; for the children have come to the birth, and there is no strength to give birth. 4 It may be Yahweh your God will hear the words of Rabshakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master has sent to defy the living God, and will rebuke the words which Yahweh your God has heard. Therefore lift up your prayer for the remnant that is left." 5 So the servants of King Hezekiah came to Isaiah. 6 Isaiah said to them, "Tell your master, 'Yahweh says, "Don't be afraid of the words that you have heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me. 7 Behold, I will put a spirit in him and he will hear news, and will return to his own land. I will cause him to fall by the sword in his

that you are Yahweh, even you only." 21 Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, "Yahweh, the God of Israel says, 'Because you have prayed to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria, 22 this is the word which Yahweh 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? Against whom have you exalted your voice and lifted up your eyes on high? Against the Holy One of Israel. 24 By your servants, 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. I will cut down its tall cedars and its choice cypress trees. I will enter into its farthest height, the forest of its fruitful field. 25 I have dug and drunk water, and with the sole of my feet I will dry up all the rivers of Egypt." 26 "Have you not heard how I have done it long ago, and formed it in ancient times? Now I have brought it to pass, that it should be yours to destroy fortified cities, turning them into ruinous heaps. 27 Therefore

Esar Haddon his son reigned in his place.

Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, came to

their inhabitants had little power. They were dismayed backward ten steps."" So the sun returned ten steps on and confounded. They were like the grass of the field, the sundial on which it had gone down. 9 The writing of and like the green herb, like the grass on the housetops, Hezekiah king of Judah, when he had been sick, and and like a field before its crop has grown. 28 But I know had recovered of his sickness: 10 I said, "In the middle your sitting down, your going out, your coming in, and of my life I go into the gates of Sheol. I am deprived of your raging against me. 29 Because of your raging the residue of my years." (Sheol h7585) 11 I said, "I won't against me, and because your arrogance has come see Yah, Yah in the land of the living. I will see man no up into my ears, therefore I will put my hook in your more with the inhabitants of the world. 12 My dwelling is nose and my bridle in your lips, and I will turn you back removed, and is carried away from me like a shepherd's by the way by which you came. 30 "This shall be the tent. I have rolled up my life like a weaver. He will cut sign to you: You will eat this year that which grows of me off from the loom. From day even to night you will itself, and in the second year that which springs from it; make an end of me. 13 I waited patiently until morning. and in the third year sow and reap and plant vineyards. He breaks all my bones like a lion. From day even to and eat their fruit. 31 The remnant that is escaped of night you will make an end of me. 14 I chattered like the house of Judah will again take root downward, and a swallow or a crane. I moaned like a dove. My eyes bear fruit upward. 32 For out of Jerusalem a remnant weaken looking upward. Lord, I am oppressed. Be my will go out, and survivors will escape from Mount Zion. security." 15 What will I say? He has both spoken to me, The zeal of Yahweh of Armies will perform this.' 33 and himself has done it. I will walk carefully all my years "Therefore Yahweh says concerning the king of Assyria, because of the anguish of my soul. 16 Lord, men live 'He will not come to this city, nor shoot an arrow there, by these things; and my spirit finds life in all of them. neither will he come before it with shield, nor cast up You restore me, and cause me to live. 17 Behold, for a mound against it. 34 He will return the way that he peace I had great anguish, but you have in love for my came, and he won't come to this city,' says Yahweh. 35 soul delivered it from the pit of corruption; for you have 'For I will defend this city to save it, for my own sake, cast all my sins behind your back. 18 For Sheol can't and for my servant David's sake." 36 Then Yahweh's praise you. Death can't celebrate you. Those who go angel went out and struck one hundred and eighty-five down into the pit can't hope for your truth. (Sheol h7585) thousand men in the camp of the Assyrians. When men 19 The living, the living, he shall praise you, as I do arose early in the morning, behold, these were all dead today. The father shall make known your truth to the bodies. 37 So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, children. 20 Yahweh will save me. Therefore we will went away, returned to Nineveh, and stayed there. 38 sing my songs with stringed instruments all the days of As he was worshiping in the house of Nisroch his god, our life in Yahweh's house. 21 Now Isaiah had said, "Let Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons struck him with them take a cake of figs, and lay it for a poultice on the the sword; and they escaped into the land of Ararat. boil, and he shall recover." 22 Hezekiah also had said, "What is the sign that I will go up to Yahweh's house?"

38 In those days Hezekiah was sick and near death. 39 At that time, Merodach-baladan the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to him, and said to him, "Yahweh says, 'Set your house in Hezekiah, for he heard that he had been sick, and had order, for you will die, and not live." 2 Then Hezekiah recovered. 2 Hezekiah was pleased with them, and turned his face to the wall and prayed to Yahweh, 3 and showed them the house of his precious things, the said, "Remember now, Yahweh, I beg you, how I have silver, the gold, the spices, and the precious oil, and all walked before you in truth and with a perfect heart, the house of his armor, and all that was found in his and have done that which is good in your sight." Then treasures. There was nothing in his house, nor in all Hezekiah wept bitterly. 4 Then Yahweh's word came his dominion, that Hezekiah didn't show them. 3 Then to Isaiah, saying, 5 "Go, and tell Hezekiah, 'Yahweh, Isaiah the prophet came to King Hezekiah, and asked the God of David your father, says, "I have heard your him, "What did these men say? From where did they prayer. I have seen your tears. Behold, I will add fifteen come to you?" Hezekiah said, "They have come from a years to your life. 6 I will deliver you and this city out of country far from me, even from Babylon." 4 Then he the hand of the king of Assyria, and I will defend this asked, "What have they seen in your house?" Hezekiah city. 7 This shall be the sign to you from Yahweh, that answered, "They have seen all that is in my house. Yahweh will do this thing that he has spoken. 8 Behold, There is nothing among my treasures that I have not I will cause the shadow on the sundial, which has gone shown them." 5 Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, "Hear down on the sundial of Ahaz with the sun, to return the word of Yahweh of Armies: 6 'Behold, the days are

coming when all that is in your house, and that which and the goldsmith overlays it with gold, and casts silver your fathers have stored up until today, will be carried to chains for it. 20 He who is too impoverished for such Babylon. Nothing will be left,' says Yahweh. 7 'They will an offering chooses a tree that will not rot. He seeks take away your sons who will issue from you, whom a skillful workman to set up a carved image for him you shall father, and they will be eunuchs in the king of Babylon's palace." 8 Then Hezekiah said to Isaiah, "Yahweh's word which you have spoken is good." He said moreover, "For there will be peace and truth in my days."

(Comfort, comfort my people," says your God. 2 "Speak comfortably to Jerusalem, and call out to her that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received of Yahweh's hand double for all her sins." 3 The voice of one who calls out, "Prepare the way of Yahweh in the wilderness! Make a level highway in the desert for our God. 4 Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The uneven shall be made level, and the rough places a plain. 5 Yahweh's glory shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of Yahweh has spoken it." 6 The voice of one saying, "Cry out!" One 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 Yahweh's breath blows on it. Surely the people are like grass. 8 The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God 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! Don't be afraid! Say to the cities of Judah, "Behold, your God!" 10 Behold, the Lord Yahweh will come as a mighty one, and his arm will rule for him. Behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. 11 He will feed his flock like a shepherd. He will gather the lambs in his arm, and carry them in

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 army 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 speak, Israel, "My way is hidden from Yahweh, and the justice due me is disregarded by my God"? 28 Haven't you known? Haven't you heard? The everlasting God, Yahweh, the Creator of the ends 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 Yahweh 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, his bosom. He will gently lead those who have their then let them speak. Let's meet together for judgment. young. 12 Who has measured the waters in the hollow 2 Who has raised up one from the east? Who called him of his hand, and marked off the sky with his span, and to his feet in righteousness? He hands over nations to calculated the dust of the earth in a measuring basket, him and makes him rule over kings. He gives them like and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in the dust to his sword, like the driven stubble to his bow. a balance? 13 Who has directed Yahweh's Spirit, or 3 He pursues them and passes by safely, even by a way has taught him as his counselor? 14 Who did he take that he had not gone with his feet. 4 Who has worked counsel with, and who instructed him, and taught him and done it, calling the generations from the beginning? in the path of justice, and taught him knowledge, and I, Yahweh, the first, and with the last, I am he." 5 The showed him the way of understanding? 15 Behold, the islands have seen, and fear. The ends of the earth nations are like a drop in a bucket, and are regarded as tremble. They approach, and come. 6 Everyone helps a speck of dust on a balance. Behold, he lifts up the his neighbor. They say to their brothers, "Be strong!" 7 islands like a very little thing. 16 Lebanon is not sufficient So the carpenter encourages the goldsmith. He who to burn, nor its animals sufficient for a burnt offering. 17 smooths with the hammer encourages him who strikes All the nations are like nothing before him. They are the anvil, saying of the soldering, "It is good;" and he regarded by him as less than nothing, and vanity. 18 To fastens it with nails, that it might not totter. 8 "But you, whom then will you liken God? Or what likeness will you Israel, my servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the compare to him? 19 A workman has cast an image, offspring of Abraham my friend, 9 you whom I have

from its corners, and said to you, 'You are my servant. I Behold, all of their deeds are vanity and nothing. Their have chosen you and have not cast you away.' 10 Don't molten images are wind and confusion. you be afraid, for I am with you. Don't 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 Behold, 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 nonexistent thing, 13 For I. Yahweh your God, will hold your right hand, saying to you, 'Don't be afraid. I will help you.' 14 Don't be afraid, you worm Jacob, and you men of Israel. I will help you," says Yahweh. "Your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel. 15 Behold, 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 Yahweh. 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. Yahweh, will answer them, I. the God of Israel, will not forsake them. 18 I will open rivers on the bare heights, and springs in the middle 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 cypress trees, pine, and box trees together in the desert: 20 that they may see, know, consider, and understand together, that Yahweh's hand has done this, and the Holy One of Israel has created it. 21 Produce your cause." says Yahweh. "Bring out your strong reasons!" says the King of Jacob. 22 "Let them announce and declare to us what will happen! Declare the former things, what they are, that we may consider them, and know the latter end of them; or show us things to come. 23 Declare the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that you are gods. Yes, do good, or do evil, that we may be dismayed, and see it together. 24 Behold, you are nothing, and your work is nothing. He who chooses you is an abomination. 25 "I have raised up one from the north, and he has come, from the rising of the sun, one who calls on my name, and he shall come on rulers as on mortar, and as the potter treads clay, 26 Who has declared it from the beginning, that we may know? and before, that we may say, 'He is right'? Surely, there is no one who declares. Surely, there is no one who shows. Surely, there is no one who hears your words. 27 I am the first to say to Zion, 'Behold, look at them;' and I will give one who brings good news to Jerusalem. 28 When I look, there is no man, even among them there is no

taken hold of from the ends of the earth, and called counselor who, when I ask, can answer a word. 29

42 "Behold, my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights: I have put my Spirit on him. 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. He won't quench a dimly burning wick. He will faithfully bring justice. 4 He will not fail nor be discouraged, until he has set justice in the earth, and the islands wait for his law." 5 God Yahweh, 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, says: 6 "I, Yahweh, have called you in righteousness. I will hold your hand. I 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 Yahweh. That is my name. I will not give my glory to another, nor my praise to engraved images. 9 Behold, the former things have happened and I declare new things. I tell you about them before they come up." 10 Sing to Yahweh a new song, and his praise from the end of the earth, you who go down to the sea, and all that is therein, the islands and their inhabitants. 11 Let the wilderness and its cities raise their voices, 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 Yahweh, and declare his praise in the islands. 13 Yahweh 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 a travailing woman. I will both gasp and pant. 15 I will destroy mountains and hills, and dry up all their herbs. I will make the rivers islands, and will dry up the pools. 16 I will bring the blind by a way that they don't know. I will lead them in paths that they don't know. I will make darkness light before them, and crooked places straight. I will do these things, and I will not forsake them. 17 "Those who trust in engraved images, who tell molten images, 'You are our gods,' will be turned back, They will be utterly disappointed. 18 "Hear, you deaf, and look, you blind, that you may see. 19 Who is blind, but my servant? Or who is as deaf as my messenger whom I send? Who is as blind as he who is at peace, and as blind as Yahweh's servant? 20 You see many things, but don't observe. His ears are open, but he doesn't listen. 21 It pleased Yahweh, for his righteousness' sake, to

robbed and plundered people. All of them are snared path in the mighty waters, 17 who brings out the chariot in holes, and they are hidden in prisons. They have and horse, the army and the mighty man (they lie down become captives, and no one delivers, and a plunder, together, they shall not rise; they are extinct, they are and no one says, 'Restore them!' 23 Who is there quenched like a wick) says: 18 "Don't remember the among you who will give ear to this? Who will listen former things, and don't consider the things of old. 19 and hear for the time to come? 24 Who gave Jacob as Behold, I will do a new thing. It springs out now. Don't plunder, and Israel to the robbers? Didn't Yahweh, he you know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, against whom we have sinned? For they would not walk and rivers in the desert. 20 The animals of the field, the in his ways, and they disobeyed his law. 25 Therefore jackals and the ostriches, shall honor me, because I give he poured the fierceness of his anger on him, and the water in the wilderness and rivers in the desert, to give strength of battle. It set him on fire all around, but he drink to my people, my chosen, 21 the people which I didn't know. It burned him, but he didn't take it to heart."

13 But now Yahweh who created you, Jacob, and he who formed you, Israel, says: "Don't 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 flame will not scorch you. 3 For I am Yahweh 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 Don't be afraid, for I am with you. I will bring your offspring from the east, and gather you from the west. 6 I will tell the north, 'Give them up!' and tell the south, 'Don't hold them back! Bring my sons from far away, and my daughters from the ends of the earth-7 everyone who is called by my name, and whom I assembled. Who among them can declare this, and show us former things? Let them bring their witnesses, "That is true." **10** "You are my witnesses," says Yahweh, am Yahweh, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your

magnify the law and make it honorable. 22 But this is a King." 16 Yahweh, who makes a way in the sea, and a formed for myself, that they might declare 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 any 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. Declare 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 an insult."

11 Yet listen now, Jacob my servant, and Israel, whom I have chosen. 2 This is what Yahweh who have created for my glory, whom I have formed, yes, made you, and formed you from the womb, who will whom I have made." 8 Bring out the blind people who help you says: "Don't be afraid, Jacob my servant; and have eyes, and the deaf who have ears. 9 Let all the you, Jeshurun, whom I have chosen. 3 For I will pour nations be gathered together, and let the peoples be water on him who is thirsty, and streams on the dry ground. I will pour my Spirit on your descendants, and my blessing on your offspring; 4 and they will spring up that they may be justified, or let them hear, and say, among the grass, as willows by the watercourses. 5 One will say, 'I am Yahweh's.' Another will be called by the "With my servant whom I have chosen; that you may name of Jacob; and another will write with his hand 'to know and believe me, and understand that I am he. Yahweh,' and honor the name of Israel." 6 This is what Before me there was no God formed, neither will there Yahweh, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, Yahweh be after me. 11 I myself am Yahweh. Besides me, there of Armies, says: "I am the first, and I am the last; and is no savior. 12 I have declared, I have saved, and I besides me there is no God. 7 Who is like me? Who will have shown, and there was no strange god among you. call, and will declare it, and set it in order for me, since I Therefore you are my witnesses", says Yahweh, "and I established the ancient people? Let them declare the am God. 13 Yes, since the day was, I am he. There is things that are coming, and that will happen. 8 Don't no one who can deliver out of my hand. I will work, and fear, neither be afraid. Haven't I declared it to you long who can hinder it?" 14 Yahweh, your Redeemer, the ago, and shown it? You are my witnesses. Is there a Holy One of Israel says: "For your sake, I have sent to God besides me? Indeed, there is not. I don't know any Babylon, and I will bring all of them down as fugitives, other Rock." 9 Everyone who makes a carved image is even the Chaldeans, in the ships of their rejoicing. 15 l vain. The things that they delight in will not profit. Their

disappointed. 10 Who has fashioned a god, or molds an and 'I will raise up its waste places;' 27 who says to the image that is profitable for nothing? 11 Behold, all his deep, 'Be dry,' and 'I will dry up your rivers.' 28 who fellows will be disappointed; and the workmen are mere men. Let them all be gathered together. Let them stand up. They will fear. They will be put to shame together. 12 built;' and of the temple, 'Your foundation will be laid." The blacksmith takes an ax, works in the coals, fashions it 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 cypress 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 a carved 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 don't 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 I bow down to a tree trunk?" 20 He feeds on ashes. A deceived heart has turned him aside: and he can't deliver his soul, nor say, "Isn't there a lie in my right hand?" 21 Remember these things, Jacob and Israel, for you are my servant. I have formed you. You are my servant. Israel, you will not be forgotten by me. 22 I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, your transgressions, and, as a cloud, your sins. Return to me, for I have redeemed you, 23 Sing, you heavens, for Yahweh has done it! Shout, you lower parts of the earth! Break out into singing, you mountains, O forest, all of your trees, for Yahweh has redeemed Jacob, and will glorify himself in Israel. 24 Yahweh, your Redeemer, and he who formed you from the womb says: "I am Yahweh, who makes all things; who alone stretches out the heavens; who spreads out the earth by myself; 25 who frustrates the signs of the liars, and makes diviners mad: who turns wise men backward. and makes their knowledge foolish; 26 who confirms the word of his servant, and performs the counsel of his messengers; who says of Jerusalem, 'She will be

own witnesses don't see, nor know, that they may be inhabited;' and of the cities of Judah, 'They will be built,' says of Cyrus, 'He is my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure,' even saying of Jerusalem, 'She will be

> 45 Yahweh says to his anointed, to Cyrus, 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 rough places smooth. 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, Yahweh, who calls 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 given you a title, though you have not known me. 5 I am Yahweh, and there is no one else. 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 no one besides me. I am Yahweh, and there is no one else. 7 I form the light and create darkness. I make peace and create calamity. I am Yahweh, who does all these things. 8 Rain, you heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness. Let the earth open, that it may produce salvation, and let it cause righteousness to spring up with it. I, Yahweh, 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 work, 'He has no hands'? 10 Woe to him who says to a father. 'What have you become the father of?' or to a mother, 'What have you given birth to?" 11 Yahweh, the Holy One of Israel and his Maker says: "You ask me about the things that are to come, concerning my sons, and you command me concerning the work of my hands! 12 I have made the earth, and created man on it. I. even my hands, have stretched out the heavens. I have commanded all their army. 13 I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will make all his ways straight. He shall build my city, and he shall let my exiles go free. not for price nor reward," says Yahweh of Armies. 14 Yahweh says: "The labor of Egypt, and the merchandise of Ethiopia, and the Sabeans, men of stature, will come over to you, and they will be yours. They will go after you. They shall come over in chains. They will bow down to you. They will make supplication to you: 'Surely God is in you; and there is no one else. There is no other god. 15 Most certainly you are a God who has hidden yourself. God of Israel, the Savior." 16 They will be disappointed, yes, confounded, all of them. Those

formed it to be inhabited says: "I am Yahweh. There is not wait. I will grant salvation to Zion, my glory to Israel. no other. 19 I have not spoken in secret, in a place of the land of darkness. I didn't say to the offspring of Jacob, 'Seek me in vain.' I, Yahweh, 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 present it. Yes, let them take counsel together. Who has shown this from ancient time? Who has declared it of old? Haven't I, Yahweh? 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, all the ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other. 23 I have sworn by myself. The word has gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and will not be revoked, that to me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall take an oath. 24 They will say of me, 'There is righteousness and strength only in Yahweh." Even to him will men come. All those who raged against him will be disappointed. 25 All the offspring of Israel will be justified in Yahweh, and will rejoice!

from the beginning, and from ancient times things that way. There will be no one to save you. are not yet done. I say: My counsel will stand, and I

who are makers of idols will go into confusion together. will do all that I please. 11 I call a ravenous bird from 17 Israel will be saved by Yahweh with an everlasting the east, the man of my counsel from a far country. salvation. You will not be disappointed nor confounded Yes, I have spoken. I will also bring it to pass. I have to ages everlasting. 18 For Yahweh who created the planned. I will also do it. 12 Listen to me, you stubbornheavens, the God who formed the earth and made it, hearted, who are far from righteousness! 13 I bring my who established it and didn't create it a waste, who righteousness near. It is not far off, and my salvation will

"Come down and sit in the dust, virgin daughter of Babylon. Sit on the ground without a throne, daughter of the Chaldeans. For you will no longer be called tender and delicate. 2 Take the millstones and grind flour. Remove your veil, lift up your skirt, uncover your legs, and wade through the rivers. 3 Your nakedness will be uncovered. Yes, your shame will be seen. I will take vengeance, and will spare no one." 4 Our Redeemer, Yahweh of Armies is his name, is the Holy One of Israel. 5 "Sit in silence, and go into darkness, daughter of the Chaldeans. For you shall no longer 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. You laid a very heavy yoke on the aged. 7 You said, 'I will be a princess forever,' so that you didn't lay these things to your heart, nor did you remember the results. 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 one else besides me. I won't sit as a widow, neither will I know the loss of children.' 9 But these two things 46 Bel bows down. Nebo stoops. Their idols are will come to you in a moment in one day: the loss of carried by animals, and on the livestock. The children and widowhood. They will come on you in their things that you carried around are heavy loads, a burden full measure, in the multitude of your sorceries, and the for the weary. 2 They stoop and they bow down together. great abundance of your enchantments. 10 For you have They could not deliver the burden, but they have gone trusted in your wickedness. You have said, 'No one sees into captivity. 3 "Listen to me, house of Jacob, and me.' Your wisdom and your knowledge has perverted all the remnant of the house of Israel, that have been you. You have said in your heart, 'I am, and there is no carried from their birth, that have been carried from one else besides me.' 11 Therefore disaster will come the womb. 4 Even to old age I am he, and even to on you. You won't know when it dawns. Mischief will fall gray hairs I will carry you. I have made, and I will bear. on you. You won't be able to put it away. Desolation will Yes, I will carry, and will deliver. 5 "To whom will you come on you suddenly, which you don't understand. compare me, and consider my equal, and compare me, 12 "Stand now with your enchantments and with the as if we were the same? 6 Some pour out gold from multitude of your sorceries, in which you have labored the bag, and weigh silver in the balance. They hire a from your youth, as if you might profit, as if you might goldsmith, and he makes it a god. They fall down—yes, prevail. 13 You are wearied in the multitude of your they worship. 7 They bear it on their shoulder. They counsels. Now let the astrologers, the stargazers, and carry it, and set it in its place, and it stands there. It the monthly prognosticators stand up and save you from cannot move from its place. Yes, one may cry to it, yet it the things that will happen to you. 14 Behold, they are can not answer. It cannot save him out of his trouble. 8 like stubble. The fire will burn them. They won't deliver "Remember this, and show yourselves men. Bring it to themselves from the power of the flame. It won't be a mind again, you transgressors. 9 Remember the former coal to warm at or a fire to sit by. 15 The things that you things of old; for I am God, and there is no other. I am labored in will be like this: those who have trafficked God, and there is none like me. 10 I declare the end with you from your youth will each wander in his own

waters of Judah. You swear by Yahweh's name, and through the deserts. He caused the waters to flow out of make mention of the God of Israel, but not in truth, nor the rock for them. He also split the rock and the waters in righteousness— 2 for they call themselves citizens gushed out, 22 "There is no peace", says Yahweh, "for of the holy city, and rely on the God of Israel: Yahweh the wicked." of Armies is his name. 3 I have declared the former things from of old. Yes, they went out of my mouth, and I revealed them. I did them suddenly, 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. My engraved image and my molten image has commanded them.' 6 You have heard it. Now see all this. And you, won't you 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. Before today, you didn't hear them, lest you should say, 'Behold, I knew them.' 8 Yes, you didn't hear. Yes, you didn't know. Yes, from of old your ear was not opened, for I knew that you dealt very treacherously, and were called a transgressor from the womb. 9 For my name's sake. I will defer my anger. and for my praise, I hold it back for you so that I don't cut you off. 10 Behold. 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, I will do it; for how would my name be profaned? I will not give my glory to another. 12 "Listen to me. O Jacob, and Israel my called: I am he. I am the first, I am also the last, 13 Yes, my hand has laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand has spread out the heavens, when I call to them, they stand up together. 14 "Assemble yourselves, all of you, and hear! Who among them has declared these things? He whom Yahweh loves will do what he likes to Babylon, and his arm will be against the Chaldeans. 15 I, even I, have spoken. Yes, I have called him. I have brought him and he shall make his way prosperous. 16 "Come near to me and hear this: "From the beginning I have not spoken in secret; from the time that it happened, I was there." Now the Lord Yahweh has sent me with his Spirit. 17 Yahweh, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel, says: "I am Yahweh your God, who teaches you to profit, who leads you by the way that you should go. 18 Oh that you had listened to my commandments! Then your peace would have been like a river and your righteousness like the waves of the sea. 19 Your offspring also would have been as the sand and the descendants of your body like its grains. His name would not be cut off nor destroyed from before me." 20 Leave Babylon! Flee from the Chaldeans! With the sound of joyful shouting announce this, tell it even

19 "Hear this, house of Jacob, you who are called to the end of the earth; say, "Yahweh has redeemed his by the name of Israel, and have come out of the servant Jacob!" 21 They didn't thirst when he led them

> 49 Listen, islands, to me. Listen, you peoples, from afar: Yahweh has called me from the womb: from the inside of my mother, he has mentioned my name. 2 He has made my mouth like a sharp sword. He has hidden me in the shadow of his hand. He has made me a polished shaft. He has kept me close in his guiver. 3 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 in vain for nothing; yet surely the justice due to me is with Yahweh, and my reward with my God." 5 Now Yahweh, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, says to bring Jacob again to him, and to gather Israel to him, for I am honorable in Yahweh's eves, and my God has become my strength. 6 Indeed, he says, "It is too light 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 be my salvation to the end of the earth." 7 Yahweh, the Redeemer of Israel. and his Holy One, says to him whom man despises. to him whom the nation abhors, to a servant of rulers: "Kings shall see and rise up, princes, and they shall worship, because of Yahweh who is faithful, even the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you," 8 Yahweh says, "I have answered you in an acceptable time. I have helped you in a day of salvation. I will preserve you and give you for a covenant of the people, to raise up the land, to make them inherit the desolate heritage, 9 saying to those who are bound, 'Come out!'; to those who are in darkness, 'Show yourselves!' "They shall feed along the paths, and their pasture shall be on all treeless heights. 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. He will guide them by springs of water. 11 I will make all my mountains a road, and my highways shall be exalted. 12 Behold, these shall come from afar, and behold, these from the north and from the west, and these from the land of Sinim." 13 Sing, heavens, and be joyful, earth! Break out into singing, mountains! For Yahweh has comforted his people, and will have compassion on his afflicted. 14 But Zion said. "Yahweh has forsaken me, and the 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 Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands. Your walls are continually

lift up my hand to the nations, and lift up my banner to the peoples. They shall bring your sons in their bosom, and your daughters shall be carried on their shoulders. 23 Kings shall be your foster fathers, and their gueens your nursing mothers. They will bow down to you with their faces to the earth, and lick the dust of your feet. Then you will know that I am Yahweh; and those who wait for me won't be disappointed." 24 Shall the plunder be taken from the mighty, or the lawful captives be delivered? 25 But Yahweh says, "Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the plunder retrieved from the fierce, for I will contend with him who contends with you and I will save your children. 26 I will feed those who oppress you with their own flesh; and they will be drunk on their own blood, as with sweet wine. Then all flesh shall know that I. Yahweh, am your Savior and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob."

before me. 17 Your children hurry. Your destroyers and cheeks to those who plucked off the hair. I didn't hide my those who devastated you will leave you. 18 Lift up your face from shame and spitting. 7 For the Lord Yahweh eyes all around, and see: all these gather themselves will help me. Therefore I have not been confounded. together, and come to you. As I live," says Yahweh, Therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that "you shall surely clothe yourself with them all as with an I won't be disappointed. 8 He who justifies me is near. ornament, and dress yourself with them, like a bride. Who will bring charges against me? Let us stand up 19 "For, as for your waste and your desolate places, together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to and your land that has been destroyed, surely now that me. 9 Behold, the Lord Yahweh will help me! Who is he land will be too small for the inhabitants, and those who who will condemn me? Behold, they will all grow old like swallowed you up will be far away. 20 The children of a garment. The moths will eat them up. 10 Who among your bereavement will say in your ears, 'This place is you fears Yahweh and obeys the voice of his servant? too small for me. Give me a place to live in.' 21 Then He who walks in darkness and has no light, let him trust you will say in your heart, 'Who has conceived these for in Yahweh's name, and rely on his God. 11 Behold, me, since I have been bereaved of my children and am all you who kindle a fire, who adorn yourselves with alone, an exile, and wandering back and forth? Who torches around yourselves, walk in the flame of your has brought these up? Behold, I was left alone. Where fire, and among the torches that you have kindled. You were these?" 22 The Lord Yahweh says, "Behold, I will have this from my hand: you will lie down in sorrow.

51 "Listen to me, you who follow after righteousness. you who seek Yahweh. Look to the rock you were cut from, and to the quarry 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, I blessed him, and made him many. 3 For Yahweh has comforted Zion. He has comforted all her waste places, and has made her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of Yahweh. Joy and gladness will be found in them, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody. 4 "Listen to me, my people; and hear me, my nation, for a law will go out from me, and I will establish my justice for a light to the peoples. 5 My righteousness is near. My salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples. The islands will wait for me, and they will trust my arm. 6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish away like smoke, Solution for the bill of your mother's and the earth will wear out like a garment. Its inhabitants divorce, with which I have put her away? Or to will die in the same way, but my salvation will be forever, which of my creditors have I sold you? Behold, you and my righteousness will not be abolished. 7 "Listen to were sold for your iniquities, and your mother was put me, you who know righteousness, the people in whose away for your transgressions. 2 Why, when I came, was heart is my law. Don't fear the reproach of men, and there no one? When I called, why was there no one don't be dismayed at their insults. 8 For the moth will to answer? Is my hand shortened at all, that it can't eat them up like a garment, and the worm will eat them redeem? Or have I no power to deliver? Behold, at my like wool; but my righteousness will be forever, and rebuke I dry up the sea. I make the rivers a wilderness. my salvation to all generations." 9 Awake, awake, put Their fish stink because there is no water, and die of on strength, arm of Yahweh! Awake, as in the days thirst. 3 I clothe the heavens with blackness. I make of old, the generations of ancient times. Isn't it you sackcloth their covering." 4 The Lord Yahweh has given who cut Rahab in pieces, who pierced the monster? me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may 10 Isn't it you who dried up the sea, the waters of the know how to sustain with words him who is weary. He great deep; who made the depths of the sea a way awakens morning by morning, he awakens my ear to for the redeemed to pass over? 11 Those ransomed hear as those who are taught. 5 The Lord Yahweh has by Yahweh will return, and come with singing to Zion. opened my ear. I was not rebellious. I have not turned Everlasting joy shall be on their heads. They will obtain back. 6 I gave my back to those who beat me, and my gladness and joy. Sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth, and tell Yahweh's vessels. 12 For you shall not go out in haste, sword. How can I comfort you? 20 Your sons have which they had not heard. fainted. They lie at the head of all the streets, like an antelope in a net. They are full of Yahweh's wrath, the rebuke of your God. 21 Therefore now hear this, you afflicted, and drunken, but not with wine: 22 Your Lord Yahweh, your God who pleads the cause of his people, says, "Behold, I have taken out of your hand the cup of staggering, even the bowl of the cup of my wrath. You will not drink it any more. 23 I will put it into the hand of those who afflict you, who have said to your soul, 'Bow down, that we may walk over you;' and you have laid your back as the ground, like a street to those who walk our suffering; yet we considered him plagued, struck over."

12 "I, even I, am he who comforts you. Who are you, that Behold, it is I," 7 How beautiful on the mountains are you are afraid of man who shall die, and of the son of the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes man who will be made as grass? 13 Have you forgotten peace, who brings good news, who proclaims salvation, Yahweh your Maker, who stretched out the heavens, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns!" 8 Your watchmen and laid the foundations of the earth? Do you live in fear lift up their voice. Together they sing; for they shall see continually all day because of the fury of the oppressor, eye to eye when Yahweh returns to Zion. 9 Break out when he prepares to destroy? Where is the fury of the into joy! Sing together, you waste places of Jerusalem; oppressor? 14 The captive exile will speedily be freed. for Yahweh has comforted his people. He has redeemed He will not die and go down into the pit. His bread won't Jerusalem. 10 Yahweh has made his holy arm bare fail. 15 For I am Yahweh your God, who stirs up the sea in the eyes of all the nations. All the ends of the earth so that its waves roar. Yahweh of Armies is his name. have seen the salvation of our God. 11 Depart! Depart! 16 I have put my words in your mouth and have covered Go out from there! Touch no unclean thing! Go out you in the shadow of my hand, that I may plant the from among her! Cleanse yourselves, you who carry Zion, 'You are my people." 17 Awake, awake! Stand up, neither shall you go by flight; for Yahweh will go before Jerusalem, you who have drunk from Yahweh's hand you, and the God of Israel will be your rear guard. 13 the cup of his wrath. You have drunken the bowl of the Behold, my servant will deal wisely. He will be exalted cup of staggering, and drained it. 18 There is no one to and lifted up, and will be very high. 14 Just as many quide her among all the sons to whom she has given were astonished at you— his appearance was marred birth; and there is no one who takes her by the hand more than any man, and his form more than the sons of among all the sons whom she has brought up. 19 These men— 15 so he will cleanse many nations. Kings will two things have happened to you— who will grieve with shut their mouths at him; for they will see that which you?— desolation and destruction, and famine and the had not been told them, and they will understand that

53 Who has believed our message? To whom has Yahweh's arm been revealed? 2 For he grew up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of dry ground. He has no good looks or majesty. When we see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. 3 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of suffering and acquainted with disease. He was despised as one from whom men hide their face; and we didn't respect him. 4 Surely he has borne our sickness and carried by God, and afflicted. 5 But he was pierced for our transgressions. He was crushed for our iniquities. The 52 Awake, awake! Put on your strength, Zion. Put punishment that brought our peace was on him; and by on your beautiful garments, Jerusalem, the holy his wounds we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have city, for from now on the uncircumcised and the unclean gone astray. Everyone has turned to his own way; and will no more come into you. 2 Shake yourself from the Yahweh has laid on him the iniquity of us all. 7 He was dust! Arise, sit up, Jerusalem! Release yourself from the oppressed, yet when he was afflicted he didn't open his bonds of your neck, captive daughter of Zion! 3 For mouth. As a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and as a Yahweh says, "You were sold for nothing; and you will be sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he didn't open redeemed without money." 4 For the Lord Yahweh says: his mouth. 8 He was taken away by oppression and "My people went down at the first into Egypt to live there; judgment. As for his generation, who considered that and the Assyrian has oppressed them without cause. he was cut off out of the land of the living and stricken 5 "Now therefore, what do I do here," says Yahweh, for the disobedience of my people? 9 They made his "seeing that my people are taken away for nothing? grave with the wicked, and with a rich man in his death, Those who rule over them mock," says Yahweh, "and although he had done no violence, nor was any deceit my name is blasphemed continually all day long. 6 in his mouth. 10 Yet it pleased Yahweh to bruise him. Therefore my people shall know my name. Therefore He has caused him to suffer. When you make his soul they shall know in that day that I am he who speaks. an offering for sin, he will see his offspring. He will

prolong his days and Yahweh's pleasure will prosper weapon that is formed against you will prevail; and you in his hand. 11 After the suffering of his soul, he will will condemn every tongue that rises against you in see the light and be satisfied. My righteous servant judgment. This is the heritage of Yahweh's servants, will justify many by the knowledge of himself; and he and their righteousness is of me," says Yahweh. will bear their iniquities. 12 Therefore I will give him a portion with the great. He will divide the plunder with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was counted with the transgressors; yet he bore the sins of many and made intercession for the transgressors.

tossed with storms, and not comforted, behold, I will set Yahweh, for an everlasting sign that will not be cut off." your stones in beautiful colors, and lay your foundations with sapphires. 12 I will make your pinnacles of rubies, your gates of sparkling jewels, and all your walls of precious stones. 13 All your children will be taught by Yahweh, and your children's peace will be great. 14 You will be established in righteousness. You will be far from oppression, for you will not be afraid, and far from terror, for it shall not come near you. 15 Behold, they may gather together, but not by me. Whoever gathers together against you will fall because of you. 16 "Behold, I have created the blacksmith who fans the coals into flame, and forges a weapon for his work; and I have created the destroyer to destroy. 17 No.

55 "Hey! 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? 54 "Sing, barren, you who didn't give birth! Break out Listen diligently to me, and eat that which is good, and into singing, and cry aloud, you who didn't travail let your soul delight itself in richness. 3 Turn your ear, with child! For more are the children of the desolate and come to me. Hear, and your soul will live. I will than the children of the married wife," says Yahweh. 2 make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure "Enlarge the place of your tent, and let them stretch out mercies of David. 4 Behold, I have given him for a the curtains of your habitations; don't spare; lengthen witness to the peoples, a leader and commander to the your cords, and strengthen your stakes. 3 For you will peoples. 5 Behold, you shall call a nation that you don't spread out on the right hand and on the left; and your know; and a nation that didn't know you shall run to you, offspring will possess the nations and settle in desolate because of Yahweh your God, and for the Holy One of cities. 4 "Don't be afraid, for you will not be ashamed. Israel; for he has glorified you." 6 Seek Yahweh while Don't be confounded, for you will not be disappointed. he may be found. Call on him while he is near. 7 Let the For you will forget the shame of your youth. You will wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his remember the reproach of your widowhood no more. 5 thoughts, Let him return to Yahweh, and he will have For your Maker is your husband; Yahweh of Armies is mercy on him, to our God, for he will freely pardon. 8 his name. The Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer. He "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, and your ways will be called the God of the whole earth. 6 For Yahweh are not my ways," says Yahweh. 9 "For as the heavens has called you as a wife forsaken and grieved in spirit, are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than even a wife of youth, when she is cast off," says your your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. 10 God. 7 "For a small moment I have forsaken you, but For as the rain comes down and the snow from the I will gather you with great mercies. 8 In overflowing sky, and doesn't return there, but waters the earth, and wrath I hid my face from you for a moment, but with makes it grow and bud, and gives seed to the sower everlasting loving kindness I will have mercy on you," and bread to the eater; 11 so is my word that goes says Yahweh your Redeemer. 9 "For this is like the out of my mouth: it will not return to me void, but it will waters of Noah to me; for as I have sworn that the accomplish that which I please, and it will prosper in the waters of Noah will no more go over the earth, so I thing I sent it to do. 12 For you shall go out with joy, and have sworn that I will not be angry with you, nor rebuke be led out with peace. The mountains and the hills will you. 10 For the mountains may depart, and the hills be break out before you into singing; and all the trees of removed, but my loving kindness will not depart from the fields will clap their hands. 13 Instead of the thorn you, and my covenant of peace will not be removed," the cypress tree will come up; and instead of the brier says Yahweh who has mercy on you. 11 "You afflicted, the myrtle tree will come up. It will make a name for

> **56** Yahweh says: "Maintain justice and do what is right, for my salvation is near and my righteousness will soon be revealed. 2 Blessed is the man who does this, and the son of man who holds it fast; who keeps the Sabbath without profaning it and keeps his hand from doing any evil." 3 Let no foreigner who has joined himself to Yahweh speak, saying, "Yahweh will surely separate me from his people." Do not let the eunuch say, "Behold, I am a dry tree." 4 For Yahweh says, "To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths, choose the things that please me, and hold fast to my covenant, 5 I will give them in my house and within my walls a memorial and a

name better than of sons and of daughters. I will give fear me? 12 I will declare your righteousness; and as for them an everlasting name that will not be cut off. 6 Also your works, they will not benefit you. 13 When you cry, the foreigners who join themselves to Yahweh to serve let those whom you have gathered deliver you, but the him, and to love Yahweh's name, to be his servants, wind will take them. A breath will carry them all away, everyone who keeps the Sabbath from profaning it, and but he who takes refuge in me will possess the land, holds fast my covenant, 7 I will bring these to my holy and will inherit my holy mountain." 14 He will say, "Build mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer. up, build up, prepare the way! Remove the stumbling-Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted block out of the way of my people." 15 For the high and on my altar; for my house will be called a house of lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy, prayer for all peoples." 8 The Lord Yahweh, who gathers says: "I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also him, in addition to his own who are gathered." 9 All you of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite. animals of the field, come to devour, all you animals 16 For I will not contend forever, neither will I always in the forest. 10 His watchmen are blind. They are all be angry; for the spirit would faint before me, and the without knowledge. They are all mute dogs. They can't souls whom I have made. 17 I was angry because of bark— dreaming, lying down, loving to slumber. 11 Yes, the iniquity of his covetousness and struck him. I hid the dogs are greedy. They can never have enough. myself and was angry; and he went on backsliding in They are shepherds who can't understand. They have the way of his heart. 18 I have seen his ways, and will all turned to their own way, each one to his gain, from heal him. I will lead him also, and restore comforts to every quarter. 12 "Come," they say, "I will get wine, and him and to his mourners. 19 I create the fruit of the lips: we will fill ourselves with strong drink; and tomorrow will Peace, peace, to him who is far off and to him who is be as today, great beyond measure."

57 The righteous perish, and no one lays it to heart. Merciful men are taken away, and no one considers 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, prostitutes. 4 Whom do you mock? Against whom do you make a wide mouth and stick out your tongue? falsehood, 5 you who inflame yourselves among the oaks, under every green tree; who kill the children in the valleys, 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 sacrifice. 8 You have set up your memorial behind the doors and the posts, for you have exposed yourself to someone besides me, and have gone up. You have enlarged your bed and made you a covenant with them. You loved what you saw on their bed. 9 You went to the king with oil, increased your perfumes, sent your ambassadors far off, and degraded yourself even to Sheol. (Sheol h7585) 10 You were wearied with the length of your ways; yet you didn't say, 'It is in vain.' You found a reviving of your strength; therefore you weren't faint. 11 "Whom have you dreaded and feared, so that you lie, and have not remembered me, nor laid it to your heart?

the outcasts of Israel, says, "I will yet gather others to who is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit near," says Yahweh; "and I will heal them." 20 But the wicked are like the troubled sea; for it can't rest and its waters cast up mire and mud. 21 "There is no peace", says my God, "for the wicked."

58 "Cry aloud! Don't spare! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Declare to my people their disobedience, you sons of a sorceress, you offspring of adulterers and and to the house of Jacob their sins. 2 Yet they seek me daily, and delight to know my ways. As a nation that did righteousness, and didn't forsake the ordinance of Aren't you children of disobedience and offspring of their God, they ask of me righteous judgments. They delight to draw near to God. 3 'Why have we fasted,' they say, 'and you don't see? Why have we afflicted our soul, and you don't notice?' "Behold, in the day of your fast you find pleasure, and oppress all your laborers. 4 Behold, you fast for strife and contention, and to strike with the fist of wickedness. You don't fast today so as for these things? 7 On a high and lofty mountain you to make your voice to be heard on high. 5 Is this the have set your bed. You also went up there to offer fast that I have chosen? A day for a man to humble his soul? Is it to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under himself? Will you call this a fast, and an acceptable day to Yahweh? 6 "Isn't this the fast that I have chosen: to release the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the voke, to let the oppressed go free, and that you break every yoke? 7 Isn't it to distribute your bread to the hungry, and that you bring the poor who are cast out to your house? When you see the naked, that you cover him; and that you not hide yourself from your own flesh? 8 Then your light will break out as the morning, and your healing will appear quickly; then your righteousness shall go before Haven't I held my peace for a long time, and you don't you, and Yahweh's glory will be your rear guard. 9 Then you will call, and Yahweh will answer. You will cry for

spoken it.

59 Behold, Yahweh's hand is not shortened, that it can't save; nor his ear dull, that it can't hear. 2 But your iniquities have separated you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear. 3 For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity. Your lips have spoken lies. Your tongue mutters wickedness. 4 No one sues in in vanity and speak lies. They conceive mischief and

help, and he will say, 'Here I am.' "If you take away and denying Yahweh, and turning away from following from among you the yoke, finger pointing, and speaking our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving wickedly; 10 and if you pour out your soul to the hungry, and uttering from the heart words of falsehood. 14 and satisfy the afflicted soul, then your light will rise in Justice is turned away backward, and righteousness darkness, and your obscurity will be as the noonday; 11 stands far away; for truth has fallen in the street, and and Yahweh will guide you continually, satisfy your soul uprightness can't enter. 15 Yes, truth is lacking; and he in dry places, and make your bones strong. You will be who departs from evil makes himself a prey. Yahweh like a watered garden, and like a spring of water whose saw it, and it displeased him that there was no justice. waters don't fail. 12 Those who will be of you will build 16 He saw that there was no man, and wondered that the old waste places. You will raise up the foundations there was no intercessor. Therefore his own arm brought of many generations. You will be called Repairer of the salvation to him; and his righteousness sustained him. Breach, Restorer of Paths with Dwellings. 13 "If you 17 He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a turn away your foot from the Sabbath, from doing your helmet of salvation on his head. He put on garments of pleasure on my holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight, vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a and the holy of Yahweh honorable, and honor it, not mantle. 18 According to their deeds, he will repay as doing your own ways, nor finding your own pleasure, appropriate: wrath to his adversaries, recompense to nor speaking your own words, 14 then you will delight his enemies. He will repay the islands their due. 19 So yourself in Yahweh, and I will make you to ride on the they will fear Yahweh's name from the west, and his high places of the earth, and I will feed you with the glory from the rising of the sun; for he will come as a heritage of Jacob your father;" for Yahweh's mouth has rushing stream, which Yahweh's breath drives. 20 "A Redeemer will come to Zion, and to those who turn from disobedience in Jacob," says Yahweh. 21 "As for me, this is my covenant with them," says Yahweh. "My Spirit who is on you, and my words which I have put in your mouth shall not depart out of your mouth, nor out of the mouth of your offspring, nor out of the mouth of your offspring's offspring," says Yahweh, "from now on and forever."

righteousness, and no one pleads in truth. They trust 60 "Arise, shine; for your light has come, and Yahweh's glory has risen on you! 2 For behold, give birth to iniquity. 5 They hatch adders' eggs and darkness will cover the earth, and thick darkness the weave the spider's web. He who eats of their eggs dies; peoples; but Yahweh will arise on you, and his glory and that which is crushed breaks out into a viper. 6 shall be seen on you. 3 Nations will come to your light, Their webs won't become garments. They won't cover and kings to the brightness of your rising. 4 "Lift up your themselves with their works. Their works are works of eyes all around, and see: they all gather themselves iniquity, and acts of violence are in their hands. 7 Their together. They come to you. Your sons will come from feet run to evil, and they hurry to shed innocent blood. far away, and your daughters will be carried in arms. 5 Their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity. Desolation and Then you shall see and be radiant, and your heart will destruction are in their paths. 8 They don't know the thrill and be enlarged; because the abundance of the way of peace; and there is no justice in their ways. They sea will be turned to you. The wealth of the nations will have made crooked paths for themselves; whoever come to you. 6 A multitude of camels will cover you, goes in them doesn't know peace. 9 Therefore justice is the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah. All from Sheba far from us, and righteousness doesn't overtake us. We will come. They will bring gold and frankincense, and look for light, but see darkness; for brightness, but we will proclaim the praises of Yahweh. 7 All the flocks walk in obscurity. 10 We grope for the wall like the blind. of Kedar will be gathered together to you. The rams Yes, we grope as those who have no eyes. We stumble of Nebaioth will serve you. They will be accepted as at noon as if it were twilight. Among those who are offerings on my altar; and I will beautify my glorious strong, we are like dead men. 11 We all roar like bears house. 8 "Who are these who fly as a cloud, and as the and moan sadly like doves. We look for justice, but there doves to their windows? 9 Surely the islands will wait for is none, for salvation, but it is far off from us. 12 For our me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring your sons transgressions are multiplied before you, and our sins from far away, their silver and their gold with them, for testify against us; for our transgressions are with us, and the name of Yahweh your God, and for the Holy One of as for our iniquities, we know them: 13 transgressing Israel, because he has glorified you. 10 "Foreigners will

you, I will make you an eternal excellency, a joy of garland and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. the Mighty One of Jacob. 17 For bronze I will bring spring up before all the nations. gold; for iron I will bring silver; for wood, bronze, and for stones, iron. I will also make peace your governor, and righteousness your ruler. 18 Violence shall no more be heard in your land, nor desolation or destruction within your borders; but you will call your walls Salvation, and your gates Praise. 19 The sun will be no more your light by day, nor will the brightness of the moon give light to you, but Yahweh will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory. 20 Your sun will not go down any more, nor will your moon withdraw itself; for Yahweh will be your everlasting light, and the days of your mourning will end. 21 Then your people will all be righteous. They will inherit the land forever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified. 22 The little one will become a thousand, and the small one a strong nation. I, Yahweh, will do this quickly in its time."

The Lord Yahweh's Spirit is on me, because Yahweh has anointed me to preach good news to the humble. He has sent me to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to those who are bound, 2 to proclaim the year of Yahweh's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, mourn in Zion, to give to them a garland for ashes, the spirit of heaviness, that they may be called trees Foreigners will work your fields and your vineyards. 6

build up your walls, and their kings will serve you; for in But you will be called Yahweh's priests. Men will call you my wrath I struck you, but in my favor I have had mercy the servants of our God. You will eat the wealth of the on you. 11 Your gates also shall be open continually; nations. You will boast in their glory. 7 Instead of your they shall not be shut day nor night, that men may bring shame you will have double. Instead of dishonor, they to you the wealth of the nations, and their kings led will rejoice in their portion. Therefore in their land they captive. 12 For that nation and kingdom that will not will possess double. Everlasting joy will be to them. 8 serve you shall perish; yes, those nations shall be utterly "For I, Yahweh, love justice. I hate robbery and iniquity. wasted. 13 "The glory of Lebanon shall come to you, I will give them their reward in truth and I will make the cypress tree, the pine, and the box tree together, to an everlasting covenant with them. 9 Their offspring beautify the place of my sanctuary; and I will make the will be known among the nations, and their offspring place of my feet glorious. 14 The sons of those who among the peoples. All who see them will acknowledge afflicted you will come bowing to you; and all those who them, that they are the offspring which Yahweh has despised you will bow themselves down at the soles of blessed." 10 I will greatly rejoice in Yahweh! My soul your feet. They will call you Yahweh's City, the Zion of will be joyful in my God, for he has clothed me with the the Holy One of Israel. 15 "Whereas you have been garments of salvation. He has covered me with the robe forsaken and hated, so that no one passed through of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a many generations. 16 You will also drink the milk of the 11 For as the earth produces its bud, and as the garden nations, and will nurse from royal breasts. Then you will causes the things that are sown in it to spring up, so the know that I, Yahweh, am your Savior, your Redeemer, Lord Yahweh will cause righteousness and praise to

62 For Zion's sake I will not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her righteousness shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning lamp. 2 The nations will see your righteousness, and all kings your glory. You will be called by a new name, which Yahweh's mouth will name. 3 You will also be a crown of beauty in Yahweh's hand, and a royal diadem in your God's hand. 4 You will not be called Forsaken any more, nor will your land be called Desolate any more; but you will be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; for Yahweh delights in you, and your land will be married. 5 For as a young man marries a virgin, so your sons will marry you. As a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so your God will rejoice over you. 6 I have set watchmen on your walls, Jerusalem. They will never be silent day nor night. You who call on Yahweh, take no rest, 7 and give him no rest until he establishes, and until he makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth. 8 Yahweh 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 will not drink your new wine, for which you have labored, 9 to comfort all who mourn, 3 to provide for those who but those who have harvested it will eat it, and praise Yahweh. Those who have gathered it will drink it in the the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for courts of my sanctuary." 10 Go through, go through the gates! Prepare the way of the people! Build up, build up of righteousness, the planting of Yahweh, that he may the highway! Gather out the stones! Lift up a banner for be glorified. 4 They will rebuild the old ruins. They will the peoples. 11 Behold, Yahweh has proclaimed to the raise up the former devastated places. They will repair end of the earth: "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold. the ruined cities that have been devastated for many your salvation comes! Behold, his reward is with him, generations. 5 Strangers will stand and feed your flocks. and his recompense before him!" 12 They will call them

called "Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken".

63 Who is this who comes from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? Who is 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 is your clothing red, and your garments like him who treads in the wine vat? 3 "I have trodden the wine press alone. Of the peoples, no one was with me. Yes, I trod them in my anger and trampled them in my wrath. Their lifeblood is sprinkled on my garments, and I have stained all my clothing. 4 For the day of vengeance was in my heart, and the year of my redeemed has come. 5 I looked, and there was no one to help; and I wondered that there was no one to uphold. Therefore my own arm brought salvation to me. My own wrath upheld me. 6 I trod down the peoples in my anger and made them drunk in my wrath. I poured their lifeblood out on the earth." 7 I will tell of the loving kindnesses of Yahweh and the praises of Yahweh, according to all that Yahweh has given to us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which he has given to 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 became 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. He bore them, and carried them all the days of old. 10 But they rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit. Therefore he turned and became 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 among them?" 12 Who caused his glorious arm to be at Moses' right hand? Who divided the waters before them, to make himself an everlasting name? 13 Who led them through the depths, like a horse in the wilderness, so that they didn't stumble? 14 As the livestock that go down into the valley, Yahweh's Spirit 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, Yahweh, are our Father. Our Redeemer from everlasting is your name. 17 O Yahweh, why do you make us wander 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

"The Holy People, Yahweh's Redeemed", You will be adversaries have trodden down your sanctuary, 19 We have become like those over whom you never ruled, like 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 quake at your presence— 2 as when fire kindles the brushwood, and the fire causes the water to boil. Make your name known to your adversaries, that the nations may tremble at your presence! 3 When you did awesome things which we didn't look for, you came down, and the mountains quaked at your presence. 4 For from of old men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, nor has the eye seen a God besides you, who works for him who waits for him. 5 You meet him who rejoices and does righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned. We have been in sin for a long time. Shall we be saved? 6 For we have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteousness is like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. 7 There is no one who calls on your name, who stirs himself up to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have consumed us by means of our iniquities. 8 But now, Yahweh, you are our Father. We are the clay and you our potter. We all are the work of your hand. 9 Don't be furious, Yahweh. Don't remember iniquity forever. Look and see, we beg you, we are all your people. 10 Your holy cities have become a wilderness. Zion has become a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation. 11 Our holy and our beautiful house where our fathers praised you is burned with fire. All our pleasant places are laid waste. 12 Will you hold yourself back for these things, Yahweh? Will you keep silent and punish us very severely?

> ${\bf 65}\,^{\text{``I}}$ am inquired of by those who didn't ask. I am found by those who didn't seek me. I said, 'See me, see me,' to a nation that was not called by my name. 2 I have spread out my hands all day to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, after their own thoughts; 3 a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens, and burning incense on bricks; 4 who sit among the graves, and spend nights in secret places; who eat pig's meat, and broth of abominable things is in their vessels; 5 who say, 'Stay by yourself, don't come near to me, for I am holier than you.' These are smoke in my nose, a fire that burns all day. 6 "Behold, it is written before me: I will not keep silence, but will repay, yes, I will repay into their bosom 7 your own iniquities and the iniquities of your fathers together", says Yahweh, "who have burned incense on the mountains, and blasphemed me on the hills. Therefore I will first measure their work into their

in the cluster, and one says, 'Don't destroy it, for a all these things, and so all these things came to be," blessing is in it:' so I will do for my servants' sake, that I says Yahweh: "but I will look to this man, even to he may not destroy them all. 9 I will bring offspring out of who is poor and of a contrite spirit, and who trembles Jacob, and out of Judah an inheritor of my mountains. at my word. 3 He who kills an ox is as he who kills a My chosen will inherit it, and my servants will dwell man; he who sacrifices a lamb, as he who breaks a there. 10 Sharon will be a fold of flocks, and the valley dog's neck; he who offers an offering, as he who offers of Achor a place for herds to lie down in, for my people pig's blood; he who burns frankincense, as he who who have sought me. 11 "But you who forsake Yahweh, blesses an idol. Yes, they have chosen their own ways, who forget my holy mountain, who prepare a table for and their soul delights in their abominations. 41 also Fortune, and who fill up mixed wine to Destiny; 12 I will will choose their delusions, and will bring their fears destine you to the sword, and you will all bow down to on them, because when I called, no one answered; the slaughter; because when I called, you didn't answer. when I spoke, they didn't listen, but they did that which When I spoke, you didn't listen; but you did that which was evil in my eyes, and chose that in which I didn't was evil in my eyes, and chose that in which I didn't delight." 5 Hear Yahweh's word, you who tremble at delight." 13 Therefore the Lord Yahweh says, "Behold, his word: "Your brothers who hate you, who cast you my servants will eat, but you will be hungry; behold, my out for my name's sake, have said, 'Let Yahweh be servants will drink, but you will be thirsty. Behold, my glorified, that we may see your joy;' but it is those who servants will rejoice, but you will be disappointed. 14 shall be disappointed. 6 A voice of tumult from the Behold, my servants will sing for joy of heart, but you city, a voice from the temple, a voice of Yahweh that will cry for sorrow of heart, and will wail for anguish of repays his enemies what they deserve. 7 "Before she spirit. 15 You will leave your name for a curse to my travailed, she gave birth. Before her pain came, she chosen, and the Lord Yahweh will kill you. He will call his delivered a son. 8 Who has heard of such a thing? servants by another name, 16 so that he who blesses Who has seen such things? Shall a land be born in one himself in the earth will bless himself in the God of truth; day? Shall a nation be born at once? For as soon as and he who swears in the earth will swear by the God of Zion travailed, she gave birth to her children. 9 Shall truth; because the former troubles are forgotten, and I bring to the birth, and not cause to be delivered?" because they are hidden from my eyes. 17 "For, behold, says Yahweh. "Shall I who cause to give birth shut the I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former womb?" says your God. 10 "Rejoice with Jerusalem, things will not be remembered, nor come into mind. 18 and be glad for her, all you who love her. Rejoice for But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; joy with her, all you who mourn over her; 11 that you for, behold, I create Jerusalem to be a delight, and her may nurse and be satisfied at the comforting breasts; people a joy. 19 I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight that you may drink deeply, and be delighted with the in my people; and the voice of weeping and the voice of abundance of her glory." 12 For Yahweh says, "Behold, I crying will be heard in her no more. 20 "No more will will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the there be an infant who only lives a few days, nor an old nations like an overflowing stream, and you will nurse. man who has not filled his days; for the child will die one You will be carried on her side, and will be dandled on hundred years old, and the sinner being one hundred her knees. 13 As one whom his mother comforts, so I years old will be accursed. 21 They will build houses will comfort you. You will be comforted in Jerusalem." and inhabit them. They will plant vineyards and eat their 14 You will see it, and your heart shall rejoice, and fruit. 22 They will not build and another inhabit. They will your bones will flourish like the tender grass. Yahweh's not plant and another eat; for the days of my people will hand will be known among his servants; and he will be like the days of a tree, and my chosen will long enjoy have indignation against his enemies. 15 For, behold, the work of their hands. 23 They will not labor in vain Yahweh will come with fire, and his charjots will be nor give birth for calamity; for they are the offspring of like the whirlwind; to render his anger with fierceness, Yahweh's blessed and their descendants with them. 24 and his rebuke with flames of fire. 16 For Yahweh will It will happen that before they call, I will answer; and execute judgment by fire and by his sword on all flesh; while they are yet speaking, I will hear. 25 The wolf and and those slain by Yahweh will be many. 17 "Those the lamb will feed together. The lion will eat straw like who sanctify themselves and purify themselves to go to the ox. Dust will be the serpent's food. They will not hurt the gardens, following one in the middle, eating pig's nor destroy in all my holy mountain," says Yahweh.

66 Yahweh says: "Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. What kind of house will you

bosom." 8 Yahweh says. "As the new wine is found build to me? Where will I rest? 2 For my hand has made meat, abominable things, and the mouse, they shall come to an end together," says Yahweh. 18 "For I know their works and their thoughts. The time comes that

I will gather all nations and languages, and they will come, and will see my glory. 19 "I will set a sign among them, and I will send those who escape of them to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to far-away islands, who have not heard my fame, nor have seen my glory; and they shall declare my glory among the nations. 20 They shall bring all your brothers out of all the nations for an offering to Yahweh, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, and on camels, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says Yahweh, as the children of Israel bring their offering in a clean vessel into Yahweh's house. 21 Of them I will also select priests and Levites," says Yahweh. 22 "For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me," says Yahweh, "so your offspring and your name shall remain. 23 It shall happen that from one new moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, all flesh will come to worship before me," says Yahweh. 24 "They will go out, and look at the dead bodies of the men who have transgressed against me; for their worm will not die, nor will their fire be guenched, and they will be loathsome to all mankind."

Jeremiah

1 The words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiah, one of the priests who were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin. 2 Yahweh's word came to him 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 Yahweh's word came to me, saving, 5 "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you. Before you were born, I sanctified you. I have appointed you a prophet to the nations." 6 Then I said. "Ah. Lord Yahweh! Behold. I don't know how to speak; for I am a child." 7 But Yahweh said to me, "Don't say, 'I am a child;' for you must go to whomever I send you, and you must say whatever I command you. 8 Don't be afraid because of them, for I am with you to rescue you," says Yahweh. 9 Then Yahweh stretched out his hand and touched my mouth. Then Yahweh said to me, "Behold, I have put my words in your mouth. 10 Behold, I have today set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, to uproot and to tear down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant." 11 Moreover Yahweh's word came to me, saving, "Jeremiah, what do you see?" I said, "I see a branch of an almond tree." 12 Then Yahweh said to me, "You have seen well; for I watch over my word to perform it." 13 Yahweh's word came to me the second time, saying, "What do you see?" I said, "I see a boiling cauldron; and it is tipping away from the north." 14 Then Yahweh said to me, "Out of the north, evil will break out on all the inhabitants of the land. 15 For behold, I will call all the families of the kingdoms of the north," says Yahweh. "They will come, and they will 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 concerning 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 say to them all that I command you. Don't be dismayed at them, lest I dismay you before them, 18 For behold, I have made you today a fortified city, 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 Yahweh, "to rescue you."

2 Yahweh's word came to me, saying, 2 "Go and proclaim in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, 'Yahweh

says, "I remember for you the kindness of your youth, your love as a bride, how you went after me in the wilderness, in a land that was not sown. 3 Israel was holiness to Yahweh, the first fruits of his increase. All who devour him will be held guilty. Evil will come on them," says Yahweh." 4 Hear Yahweh's word, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel! 5 Yahweh says, "What unrighteousness have your fathers found in me, that they have gone far from me, and have walked after worthless vanity, and have become worthless? 6 They didn't say, 'Where is Yahweh who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, who led us through the wilderness, through a land of deserts and of pits, through a land of drought and of the shadow of death, through a land that no one 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 didn't say, 'Where is Yahweh?' and those who handle the law didn't know me. The rulers also transgressed against me, and the prophets prophesied by Baal and followed things that do not profit. 9 "Therefore I will yet contend with you," savs Yahweh, "and I will contend with your children's children. 10 For pass over to the islands of Kittim, and see. 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 doesn't profit. 12 "Be astonished, you heavens, at this and be horribly afraid. Be very desolate," says Yahweh. 13 "For my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the spring of living waters, and cut out cisterns for themselves: broken cisterns that can't hold water. 14 Is Israel a slave? Is he born into slavery? Why has he become a captive? 15 The young lions have roared at him and raised their voices. They have made his land waste. His cities are burned up, without inhabitant. 16 The children also of Memphis and Tahpanhes have broken the crown of your head. 17 "Haven't you brought this on yourself, in that you have forsaken Yahweh your God, when he led you by the way? 18 Now what do you gain by going to Egypt, to drink the waters of the Shihor? Or why do you go on the way to Assyria, to drink the waters of the River? 19 "Your own wickedness will correct you, and your backsliding will rebuke you. Know therefore and see that it is an evil and bitter thing. that you have forsaken Yahweh your God, and that my fear is not in you," says the Lord, Yahweh of Armies. 20 "For long ago I broke off your yoke, and burst your bonds. You said, 'I will not serve;' for on every high hill and under every green tree you bowed yourself, playing the prostitute. 21 Yet I had planted you a noble vine, a

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you won't prosper with them.

? "They say, 'If a man puts away his wife, and she goes from him, and becomes another man's, should he return to her again?' Wouldn't that land be greatly polluted? But you have played the prostitute with many lovers; yet return again to me," says Yahweh. 2 "Lift up your eyes to the bare heights, and see! Where have you not been lain with? You have sat waiting for

pure and faithful seed. How then have you turned into them by the road, as an Arabian in the wilderness. You the degenerate branches of a foreign vine to me? 22 For have polluted the land with your prostitution and with though you wash yourself with lye, and use much soap, your wickedness. 3 Therefore the showers have been yet your iniquity is marked before me," says the Lord withheld and there has been no latter rain; yet you Yahweh. 23 "How can you say, 'I am not defiled. I have have had a prostitute's forehead and you refused to not gone after the Baals'? See your way in the valley. be ashamed. 4 Will you not from this time cry to me, Know what you have done. You are a swift dromedary 'My Father, you are the guide of my youth!'? 5 "'Will he traversing her ways, 24 a wild donkey used to the retain his anger forever? Will he keep it to the end?' wilderness, that sniffs the wind in her craving. When Behold, you have spoken and have done evil things, she is in heat, who can turn her away? All those who and have had your way." 6 Moreover, Yahweh said to seek her will not weary themselves. In her month, they me in the days of Josiah the king, "Have you seen that will find her. 25 "Keep your feet from being bare, and which backsliding Israel has done? She has gone up on your throat from thirst. But you said, 'It is in vain. No, for every high mountain and under every green tree, and I have loved strangers, and I will go after them.' 26 As has played the prostitute there. 7 I said after she had the thief is ashamed when he is found, so the house of done all these things, 'She will return to me;' but she Israel is ashamed—they, their kings, their princes, their didn't return, and her treacherous sister Judah saw it. 8 priests, and their prophets, 27 who tell wood, 'You are I saw when, for this very cause, that backsliding Israel my father,' and a stone, 'You have given birth to me,' for had committed adultery, I had put her away and given they have turned their back to me, and not their face, but her a certificate of divorce, yet treacherous Judah, her in the time of their trouble they will say, 'Arise, and save sister, had no fear, but she also went and played the us!' 28 "But where are your gods that you have made prostitute. 9 Because she took her prostitution lightly, for yourselves? Let them arise, if they can save you in the land was polluted, and she committed adultery with the time of your trouble, for you have as many gods as stones and with wood. 10 Yet for all this her treacherous you have towns, O Judah. 29 "Why will you contend sister, Judah, has not returned to me with her whole with me? You all have transgressed against me," says heart, but only in pretense," says Yahweh. 11 Yahweh Yahweh. 30 "I have struck your children in vain. They said to me, "Backsliding Israel has shown herself more received no correction. Your own sword has devoured righteous than treacherous Judah. 12 Go, and proclaim your prophets, like a destroying lion. 31 Generation, these words toward the north, and say, 'Return, you consider Yahweh's word. Have I been a wilderness to backsliding Israel,' says Yahweh; 'I will not look in anger Israel? Or a land of thick darkness? Why do my people on you, for I am merciful,' says Yahweh. 'I will not say, 'We have broken loose. We will come to you no keep anger forever. 13 Only acknowledge your iniquity, more'? 32 "Can a virgin forget her ornaments, or a bride that you have transgressed against Yahweh your God, her attire? Yet my people have forgotten me for days and have scattered your ways to the strangers under without number. 33 How well you prepare your way to every green tree, and you have not obeyed my voice," seek love! Therefore you have even taught the wicked says Yahweh. 14 "Return, backsliding children," says women your ways. 34 Also the blood of the souls of the Yahweh, "for I am a husband to you. I will take one of innocent poor is found in your skirts. You didn't find them you from a city, and two from a family, and I will bring breaking in, but it is because of all these things. 35 "Yet you to Zion. 15 I will give you shepherds according you said, 'I am innocent. Surely his anger has turned to my heart, who will feed you with knowledge and away from me.' "Behold, I will judge you, because you understanding. 16 It will come to pass, when you are say, 'I have not sinned.' 36 Why do you go about so multiplied and increased in the land in those days," says much to change your ways? You will be ashamed of Yahweh, "they will no longer say, 'the ark of Yahweh's Egypt also, as you were ashamed of Assyria. 37 You covenant!' It will not come to mind. They won't remember will also leave that place with your hands on your head; it. They won't miss it, nor will another be made. 17 At for Yahweh has rejected those in whom you trust, and that time they will call Jerusalem 'Yahweh's Throne,' and all the nations will be gathered to it, to Yahweh's name, to Jerusalem. They will no longer walk after the stubbornness of their evil heart. 18 In those days the house of Judah will walk with the house of Israel, and they will come together out of the land of the north to the land that I gave for an inheritance to your fathers. 19 "But I said, 'How I desire to put you among the children, and give you a pleasant land, a goodly heritage of the armies of the nations!' and I said. 'You shall call me I will also utter judgments against them." 13 Behold, he me.' 20 "Surely as a wife treacherously departs from whirlwind. His horses are swifter than eagles. Woe to house of Israel," says Yahweh. 21 A voice is heard from wickedness, that you may be saved. How long Return, you backsliding children, and I will heal your Jerusalem, 'Watchers come from a far country, and raise Yahweh our God. 23 Truly help from the hills, the tumult a field, they are against her all around, because she have not obeyed Yahweh our God's voice."

▲ "If you will return, Israel," says Yahweh, "if you will return to me, and if you will put away your abominations out of my sight; then you will not be removed; 2 and you will swear, 'As Yahweh lives,' in truth, in justice, and in righteousness. The nations will bless themselves in him, and they will glory in him." 3 For Yahweh says to the men of Judah and to Jerusalem, "Break up your fallow ground, and don't sow among thorns. 4 Circumcise vourselves to Yahweh, and take away the foreskins of your heart, you men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem; lest my wrath go out like fire, and burn so that no one 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's go into the fortified cities!' 6 Set up a standard toward Zion. Flee for safety! Don't wait; for I will bring evil from the north, and a great destruction," 7 A lion has gone up from his thicket, and a destroyer of nations. He is on his way. He has gone out 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 Yahweh hasn't turned back from us. 9 "It will happen at that day," says Yahweh, "that the heart of the king will perish, along with the heart of the princes. The priests will be astonished. and the prophets will wonder." 10 Then I said, "Ah, Lord Yahweh! Surely you have greatly deceived this people and Jerusalem, saying, 'You will have peace;' whereas the sword reaches to the heart." 11 At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem. "A hot wind blows from the bare heights in the wilderness toward the daughter of my people, not to winnow, nor to

"My Father", and shall not turn away from following will come up as clouds, and his chariots will be as the her husband, so you have dealt treacherously with me. us! For we are ruined. 14 Jerusalem, wash your heart on the bare heights, the weeping and the petitions of will your evil thoughts lodge within you? 15 For a voice the children of Israel; because they have perverted declares from Dan, and publishes evil from the hills of their way, they have forgotten Yahweh their God. 22 Ephraim: 16 "Tell the nations, behold, publish against backsliding. "Behold, we have come to you; for you are their voice against the cities of Judah. 17 As keepers of on the mountains, is in vain. Truly the salvation of Israel has been rebellious against me," says Yahweh. 18 is in Yahweh our God. 24 But the shameful thing has "Your way and your doings have brought these things devoured the labor of our fathers from our youth, their to you. This is your wickedness, for it is bitter, for it flocks and their herds, their sons and their daughters. reaches to your heart." 19 My anguish, my anguish! I 25 Let us lie down in our shame, and let our confusion am pained at my very heart! My heart trembles within cover us; for we have sinned against Yahweh our God, me. I can't hold my peace, because you have heard, O we and our fathers, from our youth even to this day. We my soul, the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war, 20 Destruction on destruction is decreed, for the whole land is laid waste. Suddenly my tents are destroyed, and my curtains gone in a moment. 21 How long will I see the standard and hear the sound of the trumpet? 22 "For my people are foolish. They don't know me. They are foolish children, and they have no understanding. They are skillful in doing evil, but they don't know how to do good." 23 I saw the earth and, behold, it was waste and void, and the heavens, and they had no light. 24 I saw the mountains, and behold, they trembled, and all the hills moved back and forth. 25 I saw, and behold. there was no man, and all the birds of the sky had fled. 26 I saw, and behold, the fruitful field was a wilderness, and all its cities were broken down at the presence of Yahweh, before his fierce anger. 27 For Yahweh says. "The whole land will be a desolation; yet 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 planned it, and I have not repented, neither will I turn back from it." 29 Every city flees for the noise of the horsemen and archers. They go into the thickets and climb up on the rocks. Every city is forsaken, and not a man dwells therein. 30 You, when you are made desolate, what will you do? Though you clothe yourself with scarlet, though you deck yourself with ornaments of gold, though you enlarge your eyes with makeup, you make yourself beautiful in vain. Your lovers despise you. They seek your life. 31 For I have heard a voice as of a woman in travail, the anguish as of her who gives birth to her first child, the voice of the daughter of Zion, who gasps for breath, who spreads her hands, saying, "Woe is me now! For my soul faints before the murderers."

5 "Run back and forth through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek in its wide places, cleanse. 12 A full wind from these will come for me. Now if you can find a man, if there is anyone who does justly,

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there will be torn in pieces, because their transgressions a trap. They catch men. 27 As a cage is full of birds, can I pardon you? Your children have forsaken me, become great, and grew rich. 28 They have grown fat. and sworn by what are no gods. When I had fed them They shine; yes, they excel in deeds of wickedness. to the full, they committed adultery, and assembled They don't plead the cause, the cause of the fatherless, the house of Israel and the house of Judah have dealt end of it? very treacherously against me," says Yahweh. 12 They have denied Yahweh, and said, "It is not he. Evil won't come on us. We won't see sword or famine. 13 The prophets will become wind, and the word is not in them. Thus it will be done to them." 14 Therefore Yahweh, the God of Armies says, "Because you speak this word, behold, I will make my words in your mouth fire, and this people wood, and it will devour them. 15 Behold, I will bring a nation on you from far away, house of Israel," says Yahweh. "It is a mighty nation. It is an ancient nation, a nation whose language you don't know and don't understand what they say. 16 Their quiver is an open tomb. They are all mighty men. 17 They will eat up your harvest and your bread, which your sons and your daughters should eat. They will eat up your flocks and your herds. They will eat up your vines and your fig trees. They will beat down your fortified cities in which you trust with the sword. 18 "But even in those days," says Yahweh, "I will not make a full end of you. 19 It will happen when you say, 'Why has Yahweh our God done all these things to us?' Then you shall say to them, 'Just as you have forsaken me and served foreign gods in your land, so you will 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 this now, foolish

who seeks truth, then I will pardon her. 2 Though they people without understanding, who have eyes, and don't say, 'As Yahweh lives,' surely they swear falsely." 3 see, who have ears, and don't hear: 22 Don't you fear O Yahweh, don't your eyes look on truth? You have me?' says Yahweh; 'Won't you tremble at my presence, stricken them, but they were not grieved. You have who have placed the sand for the bound of the sea by a consumed them, but they have refused to receive perpetual decree, that it can't pass it? Though its waves correction. They have made their faces harder than a toss themselves, yet they can't prevail. Though they rock. They have refused to return. 4 Then I said, "Surely roar, they still can't pass over it.' 23 "But this people has these are poor. They are foolish; for they don't know a revolting and a rebellious heart. They have revolted Yahweh's way, nor the law of their God. 5 I will go to the and gone. 24 They don't say in their heart, 'Let's now great men and will speak to them, for they know the fear Yahweh our God, who gives rain, both the former way of Yahweh, and the law of their God." But these and the latter, in its season, who preserves to us the with one accord have broken the yoke, and burst the appointed weeks of the harvest.' 25 "Your iniquities have bonds. 6 Therefore a lion out of the forest will kill them. turned away these things, and your sins have withheld A wolf of the evenings will destroy them. A leopard good from you. 26 For wicked men are found among will watch against their cities. Everyone who goes out my people. They watch, as fowlers lie in wait. They set are many and their backsliding has increased. 7 "How so are their houses full of deceit. Therefore they have themselves in troops at the prostitutes' houses. 8 They that they may prosper; and they don't defend the rights were as fed horses roaming at large. Everyone neighed of the needy. 29 "Shouldn't I punish for these things?" after his neighbor's wife. 9 Shouldn't I punish them says Yahweh. "Shouldn't my soul be avenged on such a for these things?" says Yahweh. "Shouldn't my soul nation as this? 30 "An astonishing and horrible thing be avenged on such a nation as this? 10 "Go up on has happened in the land. 31 The prophets prophesy her walls, and destroy, but don't make a full end. Take falsely, and the priests rule by their own authority; and away her branches, for they are not Yahweh's. 11 For my people love to have it so. What will you do in the

> "Flee for safety, you children of Benjamin, out of the middle of Jerusalem! Blow the trumpet in Tekoa and raise up a signal on Beth Haccherem, for evil looks out from the north with a great destruction. 2 I will cut off the beautiful and delicate one, the daughter of Zion. 3 Shepherds with their flocks will come to her. They will pitch their tents against her all around. They will feed everyone in his place." 4 "Prepare war against her! Arise! Let's go up at noon. Woe to us! For the day declines, for the shadows of the evening are stretched out. 5 Arise! Let's go up by night, and let's destroy her palaces." 6 For Yahweh of Armies said, "Cut down trees, and cast up a mound against Jerusalem. This is the city to be visited. She is filled with oppression within herself. 7 As a well produces its waters, so she produces her wickedness. Violence and destruction is heard in her. Sickness and wounds are continually before me. 8 Be instructed, Jerusalem, lest my soul be alienated from you, lest I make you a desolation, an uninhabited land." 9 Yahweh of Armies says, "They will thoroughly glean the remnant of Israel like a vine. Turn again your hand as a grape gatherer into the baskets." 10 To whom should I speak and testify, that they may hear? Behold, their ear is uncircumcised, and they can't listen. Behold, Yahweh's word has become a reproach

full of Yahweh's wrath. I am weary with holding it in. "Pour it out on the children in the street, and on the assembly of young men together; for even the husband with the wife will be taken, the aged with him who is full of days. 12 Their houses will be turned to others, their fields and their wives together; for I will stretch out my hand on the inhabitants of the land, says Yahweh." 13 "For from their least even to their greatest, everyone is given to covetousness. 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 will fall among those who fall. When I visit them. they will be cast down," says Yahweh. 16 Yahweh says, "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 you, saving, 'Listen to the sound of the trumpet!' But they said, 'We will not listen!' 18 Therefore hear, you nations, and know, congregation, what is among them. 19 Hear, earth! Behold, I will bring evil 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 does frankincense from Sheba come to me, and the sweet cane from a far country? Your burnt offerings are not acceptable, and your sacrifices are not pleasing to me." 21 Therefore Yahweh says, "Behold, I will lay stumbling blocks before this people. The fathers and the sons together will stumble against them. The neighbor and his friend will perish." 22 Yahweh says, "Behold, a people comes from the north country. A great nation will 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 hold of us, and pains as of a woman in labor, 25 Don't go out into the field or walk by the way; for the sword of the enemy and terror are on every side. 26 Daughter of my people, clothe yourself with sackcloth, and wallow in ashes! Mourn, as for an only son, most bitter lamentation, for the destroyer will suddenly come on us. 27 "I have made you a tester of metals and a fortress among my people, that you may know and try their way. 28 They are all grievous rebels, going around to slander. They are bronze and iron. All of them deal corruptly. 29 The bellows blow fiercely. The lead is consumed in the fire. In vain they go on refining, for

to them. They have no delight in it. 11 Therefore I am the wicked are not plucked away. 30 Men will call them full of Yahweh's wrath. I am weary with holding it in. rejected silver, because Yahweh has rejected them."

7 The word that came to Jeremiah from Yahweh, saying, 2 "Stand in the gate of Yahweh's house, and proclaim this word there, and say, 'Hear Yahweh's word, all you of Judah, who enter in at these gates to worship Yahweh." 3 Yahweh of Armies, the God of Israel says, "Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place. 4 Don't trust in lying words. saying, 'Yahweh's temple, Yahweh's temple, Yahweh'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 don't oppress the foreigner, the fatherless, and the widow, and don't shed innocent blood in this place, and don't walk after other gods to your own hurt, 7 then I will cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers, from of old even forever more. 8 Behold, you trust in lying words that can't profit. 9 Will you steal, murder, commit adultery, swear falsely, burn incense to Baal, and walk after other gods that you have not known, 10 then 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 Has this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, I myself have seen it," says Yahweh. 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 you have done all these works," says Yahweh, "and I spoke to you, rising up early and speaking, but you didn't hear; and I called you, but you didn't 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, even the whole offspring of Ephraim. 16 "Therefore don't pray for this people. Don't lift up a cry or prayer for them or make intercession to me; for I will not hear you. 17 Don't you see what they do in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem? 18 The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead the dough, to make cakes to the gueen of the sky, and to pour out drink offerings to other gods, that they may provoke me to anger. 19 Do they provoke me to anger?" says Yahweh. "Don't they provoke themselves, to the confusion of their own faces?" 20 Therefore the Lord Yahweh says: "Behold, my anger and my wrath will be poured out on this place, on man, on animal, on the trees of the field, and on the fruit of the ground; and it will burn and will not be guenched." 21 Yahweh of Armies, the God of Israel says: "Add your burnt offerings to your sacrifices

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the bride; for the land will become a waste."

8 "At that time," says Yahweh, "they will bring the bones of the kings of Judah, the bones of his princes, the bones of the priests, the bones of the prophets, and the bones of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, out of their graves. 2 They will spread them before the sun, the moon, and all the army of the sky, which they have loved, which they have served, after which they have walked, which they have sought, and which they have worshiped. They will not be gathered or be buried. They will be like dung on the surface of the earth. 3 Death will 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 Yahweh of Armies. 4 "Moreover

and eat meat. 22 For I didn't speak to your fathers or you shall tell them. 'Yahweh says: "'Do men fall, and not command them in the day that I brought them out of the rise up again? Does one turn away, and not return? 5 land of Egypt concerning burnt offerings or sacrifices; Why then have the people of Jerusalem fallen back by a 23 but this thing I commanded them, saying, 'Listen to perpetual backsliding? They cling to deceit. They refuse my voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be my to return. 6 I listened and heard, but they didn't say people. Walk in all the way that I command you, that it what is right. No one repents of his wickedness, saying, may be well with you.' 24 But they didn't listen or turn "What have I done?" Everyone turns to his course, their ear, but walked in their own counsels and in the as a horse that rushes headlong in the battle. 7 Yes, stubbornness of their evil heart, and went backward, and the stork in the sky knows her appointed times. The not forward. 25 Since the day that your fathers came turtledove, the swallow, and the crane observe the time out of the land of Egypt to this day, I have sent to you of their coming; but my people don't know Yahweh's law. all my servants the prophets, daily rising up early and 8 "How do you say, "We are wise, and Yahweh's law is sending them. 26 Yet they didn't listen to me or incline with us"? But, behold, the false pen of the scribes has their ear, but made their neck stiff. They did worse than made that a lie. 9 The wise men are disappointed. They their fathers. 27 "You shall speak all these words to are dismayed and trapped. Behold, they have rejected them, but they will not listen to you. You shall also call Yahweh's word. What kind of wisdom is in them? 10 to them, but they will not answer you. 28 You shall tell Therefore I will give their wives to others and their fields them, 'This is the nation that has not listened to Yahweh to those who will possess them. For everyone from the their God's voice, nor received instruction. Truth has least even to the greatest is given to covetousness; perished, and is cut off from their mouth.' 29 Cut off your from the prophet even to the priest everyone deals hair, and throw it away, and take up a lamentation on the falsely. 11 They have healed the hurt of the daughter bare heights; for Yahweh has rejected and forsaken the of my people slightly, saying, "Peace, peace," when generation of his wrath. 30 "For the children of Judah there is no peace. 12 Were they ashamed when they have done that which is evil in my sight," says Yahweh. had committed abomination? No, they were not at all "They have set their abominations in the house which ashamed. They couldn't blush. Therefore they will fall is called by my name, to defile it. 31 They have built among those who fall. In the time of their visitation the high places of Topheth, which is in the valley of the they will be cast down, says Yahweh. 13 "I will utterly son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters consume them, says Yahweh. No grapes will be on the in the fire, which I didn't command, nor did it come vine, no figs on the fig tree, and the leaf will fade. The into my mind. 32 Therefore behold, the days come", things that I have given them will pass away from them." says Yahweh, "that it will no more be called 'Topheth' or 14 "Why do we sit still? Assemble yourselves! Let's 'The valley of the son of Hinnom', but 'The valley of enter into the fortified cities, and let's be silent there; Slaughter'; for they will bury in Topheth until there is no for Yahweh our God has put us to silence, and given place to bury. 33 The dead bodies of this people will be us poisoned water to drink, because we have sinned food for the birds of the sky, and for the animals of the against Yahweh. 15 We looked for peace, but no good earth. No one will frighten them away. 34 Then I will came; and for a time of healing, and behold, dismay! cause to cease from the cities of Judah and from the 16 The snorting of his horses is heard from Dan. The streets of Jerusalem the voice of mirth and the voice of whole land trembles at the sound of the neighing of his gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of strong ones; for they have come, and have devoured the land and all that is in it, the city and those who dwell therein." 17 "For, behold, I will send serpents, adders among you, which will not be charmed; and they will bite you," says Yahweh. 18 Oh that I could comfort myself against sorrow! My heart is faint within me. 19 Behold, the voice of the cry of the daughter of my people from a land that is very far off: "Isn't Yahweh in Zion? Isn't her King in her?" "Why have they provoked me to anger with their engraved images, and with foreign idols?" 20 "The harvest is past. The summer has ended, and we are not saved." 21 For the hurt of the daughter of my people, I am hurt. I mourn. Dismay has taken hold of me. 22 Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician people recovered?

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 their bow, for falsehood, They have grown strong in the land, but not for truth; for they proceed from evil to evil, and they don't know me," says Yahweh. 4 "Everyone beware of his neighbor, and don't trust in any brother; for every brother will utterly supplant, and every neighbor will go around like a slanderer. 5 Friends deceive each other, and will not speak the truth. They have taught their tongue to speak lies. They weary themselves committing iniquity. 6 Your habitation is in the middle of deceit. Through deceit. they refuse to know me," says Yahweh. 7 Therefore Yahweh of Armies says, "Behold, I will melt them and test them; for how should I deal with 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 waits to ambush him. 9 Shouldn't I punish them for these things?" says Yahweh. "Shouldn't my soul be avenged on a nation such as this? 10 I will weep and wail for the mountains, and lament for the pastures of the wilderness, because they are burned up, so that no one passes through: Men can't hear the voice of the livestock. 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. I will make the cities of Judah a desolation, without inhabitant." 12 Who is wise enough to understand this? Who is he to whom the mouth of Yahweh has spoken. that he may declare it? Why has the land perished and burned up like a wilderness, so that no one passes through? 13 Yahweh says, "Because they have forsaken my law which I set before them, and have not obeyed my voice or walked in my ways, 14 but have walked after the stubbornness of their own heart and after the Baals, which their fathers taught them." 15 Therefore Yahweh of Armies, the God of Israel, says, "Behold, I will feed them, even this people, with wormwood and give them poisoned water to drink. 16 I will scatter them also among the nations, whom neither they nor their fathers have known. I will send the sword after them, until I have consumed them." 17 Yahweh of Armies says, "Consider, and call for the mourning women, that they may come. Send for the skillful women, that they may come. 18 Let them make haste and take up a wailing for us, that our eyes may run down with tears and our eyelids gush out with waters. 19 For a voice of

there? Why then isn't the health of the daughter of my wailing is heard out of Zion. 'How we are ruined! We are greatly confounded because we have forsaken the land, because they have cast down our dwellings." 20 Yet hear Yahweh's word, you women. Let your ear receive the word of his mouth. Teach your daughters wailing. Everyone teach her neighbor a lamentation. 21 For death has come up into our windows. It has entered into our palaces to cut off the children from outside, and the young men from the streets. 22 Speak, "Yahweh says, "The dead bodies of men will fall as dung on the open field, and as the handful after the harvester. No one will gather them." 23 Yahweh says, "Don't let the wise man glory in his wisdom. Don't let the mighty man glory in his might. Don't let the rich man glory in his riches. 24 But let him who glories glory in this, that he has understanding, and knows me, that I am Yahweh who exercises loving kindness, justice, and righteousness in the earth, for I delight in these things," says Yahweh. 25 "Behold, the days come," says Yahweh, "that I will punish all those who are circumcised only in their flesh: 26 Egypt, Judah, Edom, the children of Ammon, Moab, and all who 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."

> Near the word which Yahweh speaks to you. house of Israel! 2 Yahweh says, "Don't learn the way of the nations, and don't 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 ax. 4 They deck it with silver and with gold. They fasten it with nails and with hammers, so that it can't move. 5 They are like a palm tree, of turned work, and don't speak. They must be carried, because they can't move. Don't be afraid of them; for they can't do evil, neither is it in them to do good." 6 There is no one like you, Yahweh. You are great, and your name is great in might. 7 Who shouldn't fear you, King of the nations? For it belongs to you. Because among all the wise men of the nations, and in all their royal estate, there is no one like you. 8 But they are together brutish and foolish, instructed by idols! It is just wood. 9 There is silver beaten into plates, which is brought from Tarshish, and gold from Uphaz, the work of the engraver and of the hands of the goldsmith. Their clothing is blue and purple. They are all the work of skillful men. 10 But Yahweh is the true God. He is the living God, and an everlasting King. At his wrath, the earth trembles. The nations aren't able to withstand his indignation. 11 "You shall say this to them: 'The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth will perish from the earth. and from under the heavens." 12 God has made the

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11 The word that came to Jeremiah from Yahweh, 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, Yahweh, the God of Israel says: '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 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 it is today." Then I answered, and said, "Amen, Yahweh." 6 Yahweh said to me, "Proclaim all these words in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, saying, 'Hear the words of this covenant, and do them.

earth by his power. He has established the world by his 7 For I earnestly protested to your fathers in the day wisdom, and by his understanding has he stretched out that I brought them up out of the land of Egypt, even the heavens. 13 When he utters his voice, the waters in to this day, rising early and protesting, saying, "Obey the heavens roar, and he causes the vapors to ascend my voice." 8 Yet they didn't obey, nor turn their ear, from the ends of the earth. He makes lightnings for the but everyone walked in the stubbornness of their evil rain, and brings the wind out of his treasuries. 14 Every heart. Therefore I brought on them all the words of this man has become brutish and without knowledge. Every covenant, which I commanded them to do, but they goldsmith is disappointed by his engraved image; for his didn't do them." 9 Yahweh said to me, "A conspiracy molten image is falsehood, and there is no breath in is found among the men of Judah, and among the them. 15 They are vanity, a work of delusion. In the inhabitants of Jerusalem. 10 They have turned back to time of their visitation they will perish. 16 The portion the iniquities of their forefathers, who refused to hear of Jacob is not like these; for he is the maker of all my words. They have gone after other gods to serve things; and Israel is the tribe of his inheritance. Yahweh them. The house of Israel and the house of Judah have of Armies is his name. 17 Gather up your wares out broken my covenant which I made with their fathers. of the land, you who live under siege. 18 For Yahweh 11 Therefore Yahweh says, 'Behold, I will bring evil on says, "Behold, I will sling out the inhabitants of the land them which they will not be able to escape; and they will at this time, and will distress them, that they may feel cry to me, but I will not listen to them. 12 Then the cities it." 19 Woe is me because of my injury! My wound is of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem will go and serious; but I said, "Truly this is my grief, and I must cry to the gods to which they offer incense, but they will bear it." 20 My tent has been destroyed, and all my not save them at all in the time of their trouble. 13 For cords are broken. My children have gone away from according to the number of your cities are your gods, me, and they are no more. There is no one to spread Judah; and according to the number of the streets of my tent any more, to set up my curtains. 21 For the Jerusalem you have set up altars to the shameful thing, shepherds have become brutish, and have not inquired even altars to burn incense to Baal.' 14 "Therefore don't of Yahweh. Therefore they have not prospered, and pray for this people. Don't lift up cry or prayer for them; all their flocks have scattered. 22 The voice of news, for I will not hear them in the time that they cry to me behold, it comes, and a great commotion out of the because of their trouble. 15 What has my beloved to north country, to make the cities of Judah a desolation, do in my house, since she has behaved lewdly with a dwelling place of jackals. 23 Yahweh, I know that the many, and the holy flesh has passed from you? When way of man is not in himself. It is not in man who walks you do evil, then you rejoice." 16 Yahweh called your to direct his steps. 24 Yahweh, correct me, but gently; name, "A green olive tree, beautiful with goodly fruit." not in your anger, lest you reduce me to nothing. 25 With the noise of a great roar he has kindled fire on it, Pour out your wrath on the nations that don't know you, and its branches are broken. 17 For Yahweh of Armies, and on the families that don't call on your name; for who planted you, has pronounced evil against you, they have devoured Jacob. Yes, they have devoured because of the evil of the house of Israel and of the house of Judah, which they have done to themselves in provoking me to anger by offering incense to Baal. 18 Yahweh gave me knowledge of it, and I knew it. Then you showed me their doings. 19 But I was like a gentle lamb that is led to the slaughter. I didn't know that they had devised plans against me, saying, "Let's destroy the tree with its fruit, and let's cut him off from the land of the living, that his name may be no more remembered." 20 But, Yahweh of Armies, who judges righteously, who tests the heart and the mind, I will see your vengeance on them; for to you I have revealed my cause. 21 "Therefore Yahweh says concerning the men of Anathoth, who seek your life, saying, 'You shall not prophesy in Yahweh's name, that you not die by our hand'— 22 therefore Yahweh of Armies says, 'Behold, I will punish them. The young men will die by the sword. Their sons and their daughters will die by famine. 23 the men of Anathoth, even the year of their visitation."

12 You are righteous, Yahweh, when I contend with you; yet I would like to plead a case with you. Why does the way of the wicked prosper? Why are they all at ease who deal very treacherously? 2 You have planted them. Yes, they have taken root. They grow. Yes, they produce fruit. You are near in their mouth, and far from their heart. 3 But you, Yahweh. know me. You see me, and test my heart toward you. Pull them out like sheep for the slaughter, and prepare them for the day of slaughter. 4 How long will the land mourn, and the herbs of the whole country wither? Because of the wickedness of those who dwell therein, the animals and birds are consumed; because they said, "He won't see our latter end." 5 "If you have run with the footmen, and they have wearied you, then how can you contend with horses? Though in a land of peace you are secure, yet how will you do in the pride of the Jordan? 6 For even your brothers, and the house of your father, even they have dealt treacherously with you! Even they have cried aloud after you! Don't believe them, though they speak beautiful words to you. 7 "I have forsaken my house. I have cast off my heritage. I have given the dearly beloved of my soul into the hand of her enemies. 8 My heritage has become to me as a lion in the forest. She has uttered her voice against me. Therefore I have hated her. 9 Is my heritage to me as a speckled bird of prey? Are the birds of prey against her all around? Go, assemble all the animals of the field. Bring them to devour. 10 Many shepherds have destroyed my vineyard. They have trodden my portion under foot. They have made my pleasant portion a desolate wilderness. 11 They have made it a desolation. It mourns to me, being desolate. The whole land is made desolate, because no one cares. 12 Destroyers have come on all the bare heights in the wilderness; for the sword of Yahweh devours from the one end of the land even to the other end of the land. No flesh has peace. 13 They have sown wheat, and have reaped thorns. They have exhausted themselves, and profit nothing. You will be ashamed of your fruits, because of Yahweh's fierce anger." 14 Yahweh says, "Concerning all my evil neighbors, who touch the inheritance which I have caused my people Israel to inherit: Behold, I will pluck them up from off their land, and will pluck up the house of Judah from among them. 15 It will happen that after I have plucked them up, I will return and have compassion on them. I will bring them again, every man to his heritage, and every man to his land. 16 lt will happen, if they will diligently learn the ways of my people, to swear by my name, 'As Yahweh lives;' even as they taught my people to swear by Baal, then they

There will be no remnant to them, for I will bring evil on will be built up in the middle of my people. 17 But if they will not hear, then I will pluck up that nation, plucking up and destroying it," says Yahweh.

> 13 Yahweh said to me, "Go, and buy yourself a linen belt, and put it on your waist, and don't put it in water." 2 So I bought a belt according to Yahweh's word, and put it on my waist. 3 Yahweh's word came to me the second time, saying, 4 "Take the belt that you have bought, which is on your waist, and arise, go to the Euphrates, and hide it there in a cleft of the rock." 5 So I went and hid it by the Euphrates, as Yahweh commanded me. 6 After many days, Yahweh said to me, "Arise, go to the Euphrates, and take the belt from there, which I commanded you to hide there." 7 Then I went to the Euphrates, and dug, and took the belt from the place where I had hidden it; and behold, the belt was ruined. It was profitable for nothing. 8 Then Yahweh's word came to me, saying, 9 "Yahweh says, 'In this way I will ruin the pride of Judah, and the great pride of Jerusalem. 10 This evil people, who refuse to hear my words, who walk in the stubbornness of their heart, and have gone after other gods to serve them and to worship them, will even be as this belt, which is profitable for nothing. 11 For as the belt clings to the waist of a man, so I have caused the whole house of Israel and the whole house of Judah to cling to me,' says Yahweh; 'that they may be to me for a people, for a name, for praise, and for glory; but they would not hear.' 12 "Therefore you shall speak to them this word: 'Yahweh, the God of Israel says, "Every container should be filled with wine." They will tell you, 'Do we not certainly know that every container should be filled with wine?' 13 Then tell them, 'Yahweh says, "Behold, I will fill all the inhabitants of this land, even the kings who sit on David's throne, the priests, the prophets, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, with drunkenness. 14 I will dash them one against another, even the fathers and the sons together," says Yahweh: "I will not pity, spare, or have compassion, that I should not destroy them."" 15 Hear, and give ear. Don't be proud, for Yahweh has spoken. 16 Give glory to Yahweh your God, before he causes darkness, and before your feet stumble on the dark mountains, and while you look for light, he turns it into the shadow of death, and makes it deep darkness. 17 But if you will not hear it, my soul will weep in secret for your pride. My eye will weep bitterly, and run down with tears, because Yahweh's flock has been taken captive. 18 Say to the king and to the gueen mother, "Humble yourselves. Sit down, for your crowns have come down, even the crown of your glory. 19 The cities of the South are shut up, and there is no one to open them. Judah is carried away captive: all of them.

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They are wholly carried away captive. 20 Lift up your them by the sword, by famine, and by pestilence." 13 eyes, and see those who come from the north. Where is Then I said, "Ah, Lord Yahweh! Behold, the prophets tell the flock that was given to you, your beautiful flock? them, 'You will not see the sword, neither will you have 21 What will you say when he sets over you as head famine; but I will give you assured peace in this place." those whom you have yourself taught to be friends to 14 Then Yahweh said to me, "The prophets prophesy you? Won't sorrows take hold of you, as of a woman in lies in my name. I didn't send them. I didn't command travail? 22 If you say in your heart, "Why have these them. I didn't speak to them. They prophesy to you a things come on me?" Your skirts are uncovered because lying vision, divination, and a thing of nothing, and the of the greatness of your iniquity, and your heels suffer deceit of their own heart. 15 Therefore Yahweh says violence. 23 Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the concerning the prophets who prophesy in my name, but leopard his spots? Then may you also do good, who I didn't send them, yet they say, 'Sword and famine will are accustomed to do evil. 24 "Therefore I will scatter not be in this land.' Those prophets will be consumed them as the stubble that passes away by the wind of by sword and famine. 16 The people to whom they the wilderness. 25 This is your lot, the portion measured prophesy will be cast out in the streets of Jerusalem to you from me," says Yahweh, "because you have because of the famine and the sword. They will have forgotten me, and trusted in falsehood." 26 Therefore no one to bury them—them, their wives, their sons, or I will also uncover your skirts on your face, and your their daughters, for I will pour their wickedness on them. shame will appear. 27 I have seen your abominations, 17 "You shall say this word to them: "'Let my eyes run even your adulteries and your neighing, the lewdness of down with tears night and day, and let them not cease; your prostitution, on the hills in the field. Woe to you, for the virgin daughter of my people is broken with a Jerusalem! You will not be made clean. How long will it great breach, with a very grievous wound. 18 If I go out yet be?"

1 ⚠ This is Yahweh's word that came to Jeremiah concerning the drought: 2 "Judah mourns, and its gates languish. They sit in black on the ground. The cry of Jerusalem goes 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 are disappointed. They cover their heads. 5 Yes, the doe in the field also calves and forsakes her young, because there is no grass. 6 The wild donkeys stand on the bare heights. They pant for air like jackals. Their eyes fail, because there is no vegetation. 7 Though our iniquities testify against us, work for your name's sake, Yahweh; for our rebellions are many. We have sinned against you. 8 You hope of Israel, its Savior in the time of trouble, why should you be as a foreigner in the land, and as a wayfaring man who turns aside to stay for a night? 9 Why should you be like a scared man, as a mighty man who can't save? Yet you, Yahweh, are in the middle of us, and we are called by your name. Don't leave us. 10 Yahweh says to this people: "Even so they have loved to wander. They have not restrained their feet. Therefore Yahweh does not accept them. Now he will remember their iniquity, and punish them for their sins." 11 Yahweh said to me, "Don't pray for this people for their good. 12 When they fast, I will not

into the field, then behold, the slain with the sword! If I enter into the city, then behold, 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 behold, dismay! 20 We acknowledge, Yahweh, our wickedness, and the iniquity of our fathers; for we have sinned against you. 21 Do not abhor us, for your name's sake. Do not disgrace the throne of your glory. Remember, and don't break your covenant with us. 22 Are there any among the vanities of the nations that can cause rain? Or can the sky give showers? Aren't you he, Yahweh our God? Therefore we will wait for you; for you have made all these things.

15 Then Yahweh said to me, "Though Moses and Samuel stood before me, yet my mind would not turn toward this people. Cast them out of my sight, and let them go out! 2 It will happen when they ask you, 'Where shall we go out?' then you shall tell them, 'Yahweh says: "Such as are for death, to death; such as are for the sword, to the sword; 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 Yahweh: "the sword to kill, the dogs to tear, the birds of the sky, and the animals of the earth, to devour and to destroy. 41 will cause them to be tossed back and forth among all the kingdoms of the earth, because hear their cry; and when they offer burnt offering and of Manasseh, the son of Hezekiah, king of Judah, for meal offering, I will not accept them; but I will consume that which he did in Jerusalem. 5 For who will have pity on you, Jerusalem? Who will mourn you? Who will says Yahweh. "You have gone backward. Therefore I bore them, and concerning their fathers who became have stretched out my hand against you and destroyed their father in this land: 4 "They will die grievous deaths. you. I am weary of showing compassion. 7 I have They will not be lamented, neither will they be buried. winnowed them with a fan in the gates of the land. They will be as dung on the surface of the ground. They I have bereaved them of children. I have destroyed will be consumed by the sword and by famine. Their my people. They didn't return from their ways. 8 Their dead bodies will be food for the birds of the sky and for widows are increased more than the sand of the seas. I the animals of the earth." 5 For Yahweh says, "Don't have brought on them against the mother of the young enter into the house of mourning. Don't go to lament. men a destroyer at noonday. I have caused anguish and Don't bemoan them, for I have taken away my peace terrors to fall on her suddenly. 9 She who has borne from this people," says Yahweh, "even loving kindness seven languishes. She has given up the spirit. Her sun and tender mercies. 6 Both great and small will die in has gone down while it was yet day. She has been this land. They will not be buried. Men won't lament disappointed and confounded. I will deliver their residue for them, cut themselves, or make themselves bald for to the sword before their enemies," says Yahweh. 10 them. 7 Men won't break bread for them in mourning, to Woe is me, my mother, that you have borne me, a man comfort them for the dead. Men won't give them the cup of strife, and a man of contention to the whole earth! I of consolation to drink for their father or for their mother. have not lent, neither have men lent to me; yet every 8 "You shall not go into the house of feasting to sit with one of them curses me. 11 Yahweh said, "Most certainly them, to eat and to drink." 9 For Yahweh of Armies, the I will strengthen you for good. Most certainly I will cause God of Israel says: "Behold, I will cause to cease out of the enemy to make supplication to you in the time of this place, before your eyes and in your days, the voice evil and in the time of affliction. 12 Can one break of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the iron, even iron from the north, and bronze? 13 I will bridegroom and the voice of the bride. 10 It will happen, give your substance and your treasures for a plunder when you tell this people all these words, and they ask without price, and that for all your sins, even in all your you, 'Why has Yahweh pronounced all this great evil borders. 14 I will make them to pass with your enemies against us?' or 'What is our iniquity?' or 'What is our sin into a land which you don't know; for a fire is kindled that we have committed against Yahweh our God?' 11 in my anger, which will burn on you." 15 Yahweh, you then you shall tell them, 'Because your fathers have know. Remember me, visit me, and avenge me of my forsaken me,' says Yahweh, 'and have walked after persecutors. You are patient, so don't take me away, other gods, have served them, have worshiped them, Know that for your sake I have suffered reproach. 16 have forsaken me, and have not kept my law. 12 You Your words were found, and I ate them. Your words have done evil more than your fathers, for behold, you were to me a joy and the rejoicing of my heart, for I each walk after the stubbornness of his evil heart, so am called by your name, Yahweh, God of Armies. 17 that you don't listen to me. 13 Therefore I will cast you I didn't sit in the assembly of those who make merry out of this land into the land that you have not known, and rejoice. I sat alone because of your hand, for you neither you nor your fathers. There you will serve other have filled me with indignation. 18 Why is my pain gods day and night, for I will show you no favor.' 14 perpetual, and my wound incurable, which refuses to be "Therefore behold, the days come," says Yahweh, "that healed? Will you indeed be to me as a deceitful brook, it will no more be said, 'As Yahweh lives, who brought like waters that fail? 19 Therefore Yahweh says, "If you up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt;" 15 but, return, then I will bring you again, that you may stand 'As Yahweh lives, who brought up the children of Israel before me: and if you take out the precious from the from the land of the north, and from all the countries vile, you will be as my mouth. They will return to you, where he had driven them.' I will bring them again into but you will not return to them. 20 I will make you to this their land that I gave to their fathers, 16 "Behold, I will people a fortified bronze wall. They will fight against send for many fishermen," says Yahweh, "and they will you, but they will not prevail against you; for I am with fish them up. Afterward I will send for many hunters, you to save you and to deliver you," says Yahweh. 21"I and they will hunt them from every mountain, from every will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and I will hill, and out of the clefts of the rocks. 17 For my eyes redeem you out of the hand of the terrible."

16 Then Yahweh's word came to me, saying, 2 "You shall not take a wife, neither shall you have sons or daughters, in this place." 3 For Yahweh says concerning the sons and concerning the daughters who

come to ask of your welfare? 6 You have rejected me," are born in this place, and concerning their mothers who are on all their ways. They are not hidden from my face. Their iniquity isn't concealed from my eyes. 18 First I will recompense their iniquity and their sin double, because they have polluted my land with the carcasses of their detestable things, and have filled my inheritance

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with their abominations." 19 Yahweh, my strength, my stronghold, and my refuge in the day of affliction, the nations will come to you from the ends of the earth, and Yahweh said this to me: "Go and stand in the gate of will say, "Our fathers have inherited nothing but lies, the children of the people, through which the kings of vanity and things in which there is no profit. 20 Should a Judah come in and by which they go out, and in all the man make to himself gods which yet are no gods?" 21 you kings of Judah, all Judah, and all the inhabitants of will cause them to know my hand and my might. Then they will know that my name is Yahweh."

"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 Even their children remember their altars and their Asherah poles 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 plunder, and your high places, because of sin, throughout all your borders. 4 You, even of yourself, will discontinue from your heritage that I gave you. I will cause you to serve your enemies in the land which you don't know, for you have kindled a fire in my anger which will burn forever." 5 Yahweh says: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man, relies on strength of flesh, and whose heart departs from Yahweh. 6 For he will be like a bush in the desert, and will not see when good comes, but will inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, an uninhabited salt land. 7 "Blessed is the man who trusts in Yahweh, and whose confidence is in Yahweh. 8 For he will be as a tree planted by the waters, who spreads out its roots by the river, and will not fear when heat comes, but its leaf will be green, and will not be concerned in the year of drought. It won't cease from yielding fruit. 9 The heart is deceitful above all things and it is exceedingly corrupt. Who can know it? 10 "I, Yahweh, search the mind. I try the heart, even to give every man according to his ways, according to eggs which she has not laid, so is he who gets riches,

says, "Be careful, and bear no burden on the Sabbath day, nor bring it in by the gates of Jerusalem. 22 Don't carry a burden out of your houses on the Sabbath day. Don't do any work, but make the Sabbath day holy, as I commanded your fathers. 23 But they didn't listen. They didn't turn their ear, but made their neck stiff, that they might not hear, and might not receive instruction. 24 It will happen, if you diligently listen to me," says Yahweh, "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 therein; 25 then there will enter in by the gates of this city kings and princes sitting on David's throne, riding in chariots and on horses, they and their princes, the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and this city will remain forever. 26 They will come from the cities of Judah, and from the places around Jerusalem, from the land of Benjamin, from the lowland, from the hill country, and from the South, bringing burnt offerings, sacrifices, meal offerings, and frankincense, and bringing sacrifices of thanksgiving to Yahweh's house. 27 But if you will not listen to me to make the Sabbath day holy, and not to bear a burden and enter in at the gates of Jerusalem on the Sabbath day, then I will kindle a fire in its gates, and it will devour the palaces of Jerusalem. It will not be guenched.""

1 R The word which came to Jeremiah from Yahweh, saying, 2 "Arise, and go down to the potter's the fruit of his doings." 11 As the partridge that sits on house, and there I will cause you to hear my words." 3 Then I went down to the potter's house, and behold, and not by right. In the middle of his days, they will he was making something on the wheels. 4 When the leave him. At his end, he will be a fool. 12 A glorious vessel that he made of the clay was marred in the throne, set on high from the beginning, is the place of hand of the potter, he made it again another vessel, as our sanctuary. 13 Yahweh, the hope of Israel, all who seemed good to the potter to make it. 5 Then Yahweh's forsake you will be disappointed. Those who depart word came to me, saying, 6 "House of Israel, can't I from me will be written in the earth, because they have do with you as this potter?" says Yahweh. "Behold, as forsaken Yahweh, the spring of living waters. 14 Heal the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, me, O Yahweh, and I will be healed. Save me, and I will house of Israel. 7 At the instant I speak concerning a be saved; for you are my praise. 15 Behold, they ask nation, and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up and to me, "Where is Yahweh's word? Let it be fulfilled now." break down and to destroy it, 8 if that nation, concerning 16 As for me, I have not hurried from being a shepherd which I have spoken, turns from their evil, I will repent after you. I haven't desired the woeful day. You know. of the evil that I thought to do to them. 9 At the instant I That which came out of my lips was before your face. speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, 17 Don't be a terror to me. You are my refuge in the day to build and to plant it, 10 if they do that which is evil in of evil. 18 Let them be disappointed who persecute me, my sight, that they not obey my voice, then I will repent but don't let me be disappointed. Let them be dismayed, of the good with which I said I would benefit them. 11

me to kill me. Don't forgive their iniquity. Don't blot out my words." their sin from your sight, Let them be overthrown before

20 Now Pashhur, the son of Immer the priest, who was

"Now therefore, speak to the men of Judah, and to and have built the high places of Baal to burn their the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying, 'Yahweh says: children in the fire for burnt offerings to Baal, which I "Behold, I frame evil against you, and devise a plan didn't command, nor speak, which didn't even enter against you. Everyone return from his evil way now, and into my mind. 6 Therefore, behold, the days come." amend your ways and your doings." 12 But they say, 'It says Yahweh, "that this place will no more be called is in vain; for we will walk after our own plans, and we 'Topheth', nor 'The Valley of the son of Hinnom', but will each follow the stubbornness of his evil heart." 13 'The valley of Slaughter'. 7 ""I will make the counsel of Therefore Yahweh says: "Ask now among the nations, Judah and Jerusalem void in this place. I will cause 'Who has heard such things?' The virgin of Israel has them to fall by the sword before their enemies, and by done a very horrible thing. 14 Will the snow of Lebanon the hand of those who seek their life. I will give their fail from the rock of the field? Will the cold waters that dead bodies to be food for the birds of the sky and flow down from afar be dried up? 15 For my people for the animals of the earth. 8 I will make this city an have forgotten me. They have burned incense to false astonishment and a hissing. Everyone who passes by it gods. They have been made to stumble in their ways will be astonished and hiss because of all its plagues. 9 in the ancient paths, to walk in byways, in a way not I will cause them to eat the flesh of their sons and the built up, 16 to make their land an astonishment, and a flesh of their daughters. They will each eat the flesh of perpetual hissing. Everyone who passes by it will be his friend in the siege and in the distress with which astonished, and shake his head. 17 I will scatter them their enemies, and those who seek their life, will distress as with an east wind before the enemy, I will show them them." 10 "Then you shall break the container in the the back, and not the face, in the day of their calamity. sight of the men who go with you, 11 and shall tell 18 Then they said, "Come! Let's devise plans against them, 'Yahweh of Armies says: "Even so I will break this Jeremiah; for the law won't perish from the priest, nor people and this city as one breaks a potter's vessel, that counsel from the wise, nor the word from the prophet. can't be made whole again. They will bury in Topheth Come, and let's strike him with the tongue, and let's not until there is no place to bury. 12 This is what I will give heed to any of his words." 19 Give heed to me, do to this place," says Yahweh, "and to its inhabitants, Yahweh, and listen to the voice of those who contend even making this city as Topheth. 13 The houses of with me. 20 Should evil be recompensed for good? For Jerusalem and the houses of the kings of Judah, which they have dug a pit for my soul. Remember how I stood are defiled, will be as the place of Topheth, even all before you to speak good for them, to turn away your the houses on whose roofs they have burned incense wrath from them. 21 Therefore deliver up their children to all the army of the sky and have poured out drink to the famine, and give them over to the power of the offerings to other gods."" 14 Then Jeremiah came from sword. Let their wives become childless and widows. Topheth, where Yahweh had sent him to prophesy, and Let their men be killed and their young men struck by he stood in the court of Yahweh's house, and said to all the sword in battle. 22 Let a cry be heard from their the people: 15 "Yahweh of Armies, the God of Israel houses when you bring a troop suddenly on them; for says, 'Behold, I will bring on this city and on all its towns they have dug a pit to take me and hidden snares for my all the evil that I have pronounced against it, because feet. 23 Yet, Yahweh, you know all their counsel against they have made their neck stiff, that they may not hear

chief officer in Yahweh's house, heard Jeremiah 19 Thus said Yahweh, "Go, and buy a potter's earthen prophesying these things. 2 Then Pashhur struck container, and take some of the elders of the Jeremiah the prophet and put him in the stocks that were people and of the elders of the priests; 2 and go out to in the upper gate of Benjamin, which was in Yahweh's the valley of the son of Hinnom, which is by the entry of house. 3 On the next day, Pashhur released Jeremiah the gate Harsith, and proclaim there the words that I will out of the stocks. Then Jeremiah said to him, "Yahweh tell you. 3 Say, 'Hear Yahweh's word, kings of Judah has not called your name Pashhur, but Magormissabib. and inhabitants of Jerusalem: Yahweh of Armies, the 4 For Yahweh says, 'Behold, I will make you a terror God of Israel says, "Behold, I will bring evil on this place, to yourself and to all your friends. They will fall by the which whoever hears, his ears will tingle. 4 Because sword of their enemies, and your eyes will see it. I will they have forsaken me, and have defiled this place, and give all Judah into the hand of the king of Babylon. have burned incense in it to other gods that they didn't and he will carry them captive to Babylon, and will kill know—they, their fathers, and the kings of Judah—and them with the sword. 5 Moreover I will give all the have filled this place with the blood of innocents, 5 riches of this city, and all its gains, and all its precious

to my father, saying, "A boy is born to you," making forest, and it will devour all that is around her." him very glad. 16 Let that man be as the cities which Yahweh overthrew, and didn't repent. Let him hear a cry in the morning, and shouting at noontime, 17 because he didn't kill me from the womb. So my mother would have been my grave, and her womb always great. 18 Why did I come out of the womb to see labor and sorrow, that my days should be consumed with shame?

things, yes. I will give all the treasures of the kings of who besiege you outside the walls; and I will gather Judah into the hand of their enemies. They will make them into the middle of this city. 5 I myself will fight them captives, take them, and carry them to Babylon. against you with an outstretched hand and with a strong 6 You, Pashhur, and all who dwell in your house will arm, even in anger, in wrath, and in great indignation. 6 go into captivity. You will come to Babylon, and there I will strike the inhabitants of this city, both man and you will die, and there you will be buried, you, and all animal. They will die of a great pestilence. 7 Afterward," your friends, to whom you have prophesied falsely." 7 says Yahweh, "I will deliver Zedekiah king of Judah, his Yahweh, you have persuaded me, and I was persuaded. servants, and the people, even those who are left in You are stronger than I, and have prevailed. I have this city from the pestilence, from the sword, and from become a laughingstock all day. Everyone mocks me. 8 the famine, into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of For as often as I speak, I cry out; I cry, "Violence and Babylon, and into the hand of their enemies, and into destruction!" because Yahweh's word has been made a the hand of those who seek their life. He will strike them reproach to me, and a derision, all day. 9 If I say that I with the edge of the sword. He will not spare them, have will not make mention of him, or speak any more in his pity, or have mercy." 8 "You shall say to this people, name, then there is in my heart as it were a burning 'Yahweh says: "Behold, I set before you the way of life fire shut up in my bones. I am weary with holding it and the way of death. 9 He who remains in this city will in. I can't. 10 For I have heard the defaming of many: die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, "Terror on every side! Denounce, and we will denounce but he who goes out and passes over to the Chaldeans him!" say all my familiar friends, those who watch for my who besiege you, he will live, and he will escape with fall. "Perhaps he will be persuaded, and we will prevail his life. 10 For I have set my face on this city for evil, against him, and we will take our revenge on him." 11 and not for good," says Yahweh. "It will be given into the But Yahweh is with me as an awesome mighty one. hand of the king of Babylon, and he will burn it with Therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they won't fire." 11 "Concerning the house of the king of Judah, prevail. They will be utterly disappointed because they hear Yahweh's word: 12 House of David, Yahweh says, have not dealt wisely, even with an everlasting dishonor 'Execute justice in the morning, and deliver him who is which will never be forgotten. 12 But Yahweh of Armies, robbed out of the hand of the oppressor, lest my wrath who tests the righteous, who sees the heart and the go out like fire, and burn so that no one can quench mind, let me see your vengeance on them, for I have it, because of the evil of your doings. 13 Behold, I am revealed my cause to you. 13 Sing to Yahweh! Praise against you, O inhabitant of the valley, and of the rock Yahweh, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from of the plain,' says Yahweh. 'You that say, "Who would the hand of evildoers. 14 Cursed is the day in which I come down against us?" or, "Who would enter into our was born. Don't let the day in which my mother bore me homes?" 14 I will punish you according to the fruit of be blessed. 15 Cursed is the man who brought news your doings,' says Yahweh; 'and I will kindle a fire in her

22 Yahweh said, "Go down to the house of the king of Judah, and speak this word there: 2 'Hear Yahweh's word, king of Judah, who sits on David's throne—you, your servants, and your people who enter in by these gates. 3 Yahweh says: "Execute justice and righteousness, and deliver him who is robbed out of the hand of the oppressor. Do no wrong. Do no violence to **21** The word which came to Jeremiah from Yahweh, the foreigner, the fatherless, or the widow. Don't shed when King Zedekiah sent to him Pashhur the son innocent blood in this place. 4 For if you do this thing of Malchijah, and Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah, the indeed, then kings sitting on David's throne will enter in priest, saying, 2 "Please inquire of Yahweh for us; for by the gates of this house, riding in chariots and on Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon makes war against us. horses—they, their servants, and their people. 5 But if Perhaps Yahweh will deal with us according to all his you will not hear these words, I swear by myself," says wondrous works, that he may withdraw from us." 3 Then Yahweh, "that this house will become a desolation."" 6 Jeremiah said to them, "Tell Zedekiah: 4 'Yahweh, the For Yahweh says concerning the house of the king of God of Israel says, "Behold, I will turn back the weapons Judah: "You are Gilead to me, the head of Lebanon. of war that are in your hands, with which you fight Yet surely I will make you a wilderness, cities which against the king of Babylon, and against the Chaldeans are not inhabited. 7 I will prepare destroyers against your choice cedars, and cast them into the fire. 8 "Many vessel? Is he a vessel in which no one delights? Why nations will pass by this city, and they will each ask his are they cast out, he and his offspring, and cast into a neighbor, 'Why has Yahweh done this to this great city?' land which they don't know? 29 O earth, earth, earth, 9 Then they will answer, 'Because they abandoned the hear Yahweh's word! 30 Yahweh says, "Record this man covenant of Yahweh their God, worshiped other gods, as childless, a man who will not prosper in his days; for and served them." 10 Don't weep for the dead. Don't no more will a man of his offspring prosper, sitting on bemoan him; but weep bitterly for him who goes away. for he will return no more, and not see his native country. 11 For Yahweh says touching Shallum the son of Josiah, king of Judah, who reigned instead of Josiah his father, and who went out of this place: "He won't return there any more. 12 But he will die in the place where they have led him captive. He will see this land no more." 13 "Woe to him who builds his house by unrighteousness, and his rooms by injustice: who uses his neighbor's service without wages, and doesn't give him his hire; 14 who says. 'I will build myself a wide house and spacious rooms,' and cuts out windows for himself, with a cedar ceiling, and painted with red. 15 "Should you reign because you strive to excel in cedar? Didn't your father eat and drink, and do justice and righteousness? Then it was well with him. 16 He judged the cause of the poor and needy: so then it was well. Wasn't this to know me? says Yahweh. 17 But your eyes and your heart are only for your covetousness, for shedding innocent blood. for oppression, and for doing violence." 18 Therefore Yahweh says concerning Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah: "They won't lament for him, saving, 'Ah my brother!' or, 'Ah sister!' They won't lament for him, saying 'Ah lord!' or, 'Ah his glory!' 19 He will be buried with the burial of a donkey, drawn and cast out beyond the gates of Jerusalem." 20 "Go up to Lebanon, and cry out. Lift up your voice in Bashan, and cry from Abarim; for all your lovers have been destroyed. 21 I spoke to you in your prosperity, but you said, 'I will not listen.' This has been your way from your youth, that you didn't obey my voice. 22 The wind will feed all your shepherds, and your lovers will 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 to be pitied you will be when pangs come on you, the pain as of a woman in travail! 24 "As I live." says Yahweh. "though Conjah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah were the signet on my right hand, I would still pluck you from there. 25 I would 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 with your mother who bore you into another country, where vou were not born; and there you will die. 27 But to the land to which their soul longs to return, there they will

you, everyone with his weapons, and they will cut down not return." 28 Is this man Coniah a despised broken David's throne and ruling in Judah."

> "Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!" says Yahweh. 2 Therefore Yahweh, the God of Israel, says against the shepherds who feed my people: "You have scattered my flock, driven them away, and have not visited them. Behold, I will visit on you the evil of your doings," says Yahweh. 3 "I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds: and they will be fruitful and multiply. 4 I will set up shepherds over them who will feed them. They will no longer be afraid or dismayed, neither will any be lacking," says Yahweh. 5 "Behold, the days come," says Yahweh, "that I will raise to David a righteous Branch; and he will reign as king and deal wisely, and will execute justice and righteousness in the land. 6 In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell safely. This is his name by which he will be called: Yahweh our righteousness. 7 "Therefore, behold, the days come," says Yahweh, "that they will no more say, 'As Yahweh lives, who brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt;' 8 but, 'As Yahweh lives, who brought up and who led the offspring of the house of Israel out of the north country, and from all the countries where I had driven them.' Then they will dwell in their own land." 9 Concerning the prophets: My heart within me is broken. All my bones shake. I am like a drunken man, and like a man whom wine has overcome, because of Yahweh, and because of his holy words. 10 "For the land is full of adulterers: for because of the curse the land mourns. The pastures of the wilderness have dried up. Their course is evil, and their might is not right; 11 for both prophet and priest are profane. Yes, in my house I have found their wickedness," says Yahweh. 12 Therefore their way will be to them as slippery places in the darkness. They will be driven on, and fall therein; for I will bring evil on them, even the year of their visitation," says Yahweh. 13 "I have seen folly in the prophets of Samaria. They prophesied by Baal, and caused my people Israel to err. 14 In the prophets of Jerusalem I have also seen a horrible thing: they commit adultery and walk in lies. They strengthen the hands of evildoers, so that no one returns from his wickedness. They have all become to me as Sodom, and its inhabitants as Gomorrah."

prophets: "Behold, I will feed them with wormwood, and to his brother, 'What has Yahweh answered?' and, 'What make them drink poisoned water; for from the prophets has Yahweh said?' 36 You will mention the message of Jerusalem ungodliness has gone out into all the land." from Yahweh no more, for every man's own word has 16 Yahweh of Armies says, "Don't listen to the words become his message; for you have perverted the words of the prophets who prophesy to you. They teach you of the living God, of Yahweh of Armies, our God. 37 You vanity. They speak a vision of their own heart, and not will say to the prophet, 'What has Yahweh answered out of the mouth of Yahweh. 17 They say continually to you?' and, 'What has Yahweh spoken?' 38 Although you those who despise me, 'Yahweh has said, "You will have say, 'The message from Yahweh,' therefore Yahweh peace;" and to everyone who walks in the stubbornness says: 'Because you say this word, "The message from of his own heart they say, 'No evil will come on you.' 18 Yahweh," and I have sent to you, telling you not to say, For who has stood in the council of Yahweh, that he "The message from Yahweh," 39 therefore behold, I will should perceive and hear his word? Who has listened to utterly forget you, and I will cast you off with the city my word, and heard it? 19 Behold, Yahweh's storm, his that I gave to you and to your fathers, away from my wrath, has gone out. Yes, a whirling storm! It will burst presence. 40 I will bring an everlasting reproach on you, on the head of the wicked. 20 Yahweh's anger will not and a perpetual shame, which will not be forgotten." return until he has executed and performed the intents of his heart. In the latter days, you will understand it perfectly. 21 I didn't send these prophets, yet they ran. I didn't speak to them, yet they prophesied. 22 But if they had stood in my council, then they would have caused my people to hear my words, and would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings. 23 "Am I a God at hand," says Yahweh, "and not a God afar off? 24 Can anyone hide himself in secret places so that I can't see him?" says Yahweh. "Don't I fill heaven and earth?" says Yahweh. 25 "I have heard what the prophets have said, who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I had a dream! I had a dream!' 26 How long will this be in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, even the prophets of the deceit of their own heart? 27 They intend to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which they each tell his neighbor, as their fathers forgot my name because of Baal. 28 The prophet who has a dream, let him tell a dream; and he who has my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the straw to the wheat?" says Yahweh. 29 "Isn't my word like fire?" says Yahweh; "and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces? 30 "Therefore behold, I am against the prophets," says Yahweh, "who each steal my words from his neighbor. 31 Behold. I am against the prophets," says Yahweh. "who use their tongues, and say, 'He says.' 32 Behold, I am against those who prophesy lying dreams," says Yahweh, "who tell them, and cause my people to err by their lies, and by their vain boasting; yet I didn't send them or command them. They don't profit this people at all," says Yahweh. 33 "When this people, or the prophet, or a priest, asks you, saying, 'What is the message from Yahweh?' Then you shall tell them, "What message? I will cast you off," says Yahweh.' 34 As for the prophet, the priest, and the people, who say, 'The message from Yahweh,' I will even punish that man and his household.

15 Therefore Yahweh of Armies says concerning the 35 You will say everyone to his neighbor, and everyone

24 Yahweh showed me, and behold, two baskets of figs were set before Yahweh's temple, after Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had carried away captive Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, and the princes 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 Yahweh asked me, "What do you see, Jeremiah?" I said, "Figs. The good figs are very good, and the bad are very bad, so bad that they can't be eaten." 4 Yahweh's word came to me, saying, 5 "Yahweh, the God of Israel says: 'Like these good figs, so I will regard the captives of Judah. whom I have sent out of this place into the land of the Chaldeans, as good. 6 For I will set my eyes on them for good, and I will bring them again to this land. I will build them, and not pull them down. I will plant them, and not pluck them up. 7 I will give them a heart to know me, that I am Yahweh. They will be my people, and I will be their God; for they will return to me with their whole heart. 8 "'As the bad figs, which can't be eaten, they are so bad,' surely Yahweh says, 'So I will give up Zedekiah the king of Judah, and his princes, and the remnant of Jerusalem who remain in this land, and those who dwell in the land of Egypt. 9 I will even give them up to be tossed back and forth among all the kingdoms of the earth for evil, to be a reproach and a proverb, a taunt and a curse, in all places where I will drive them. 10 I will send the sword, the famine, and the pestilence among them, until they are 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 (this was the first year of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon), 2 which Jeremiah

all the inhabitants of Jerusalem: 3 From the thirteenth and the remnant of Ashdod; 21 Edom, Moab, and the year of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, even to children of Ammon; 22 and all the kings of Tyre, all this day, these twenty-three years, Yahweh's word has the kings of Sidon, and the kings of the isle which is come to me, and I have spoken to you, rising up early beyond the sea; 23 Dedan, Tema, Buz, and all who and speaking; but you have not listened. 4 Yahweh has have the corners of their beard cut off; 24 and all the sent to you all his servants the prophets, rising up early kings of Arabia, all the kings of the mixed people who and sending them (but you have not listened or inclined dwell in the wilderness; 25 and all the kings of Zimri, all your ear to hear), 5 saying, "Return now everyone from the kings of Elam, and all the kings of the Medes; 26 his evil way, and from the evil of your doings, and dwell and all the kings of the north, far and near, one with in the land that Yahweh has given to you and to your another; and all the kingdoms of the world, which are on fathers, from of old and even forever more. 6 Don't go the surface of the earth. The king of Sheshach will drink after other gods to serve them or worship them, and after them. 27 "You shall tell them, 'Yahweh of Armies, don't provoke me to anger with the work of your hands; the God of Israel says: "Drink, and be drunk, vomit, fall, then I will do you no harm." 7 "Yet you have not listened and rise no more, because of the sword which I will to me," says Yahweh, "that you may provoke me to send among you." 28 It shall be, if they refuse to take anger with the work of your hands to your own hurt." 8 the cup at your hand to drink, then you shall tell them, Therefore Yahweh of Armies says: "Because you have 'Yahweh of Armies says: "You shall surely drink. 29 For, not heard my words, 9 behold, I will send and take all behold, I begin to work evil at the city which is called by the families of the north," says Yahweh, "and I will send my name; and should you be utterly unpunished? You to Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, will not be unpunished; for I will call for a sword on all and will bring them against this land, and against its the inhabitants of the earth, says Yahweh of Armies." inhabitants, and against all these nations around. I will 30 "Therefore prophesy against them all these words, utterly destroy them, and make them an astonishment, and tell them, "'Yahweh will roar from on high, and utter and a hissing, and perpetual desolations. 10 Moreover I his voice from his holy habitation. He will mightily roar will take from them the voice of mirth and the voice of against his fold. He will give a shout, as those who gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice tread grapes, against all the inhabitants of the earth. of the bride, the sound of the millstones, and the light 31 A noise will come even to the end of the earth; for of the lamp. 11 This whole land will be a desolation, Yahweh has a controversy with the nations. He will enter and an astonishment; and these nations will serve the into judgment with all flesh. As for the wicked, he will king of Babylon seventy years. 12 "It will happen, when give them to the sword," says Yahweh." 32 Yahweh seventy years are accomplished, that I will punish the of Armies says, "Behold, evil will go out from nation to king of Babylon and that nation," says Yahweh, "for nation, and a great storm will be raised up from the their iniquity. I will make the land of the Chaldeans uttermost parts of the earth." 33 The slain of Yahweh desolate forever. 13 I will bring on that land all my words will be at that day from one end of the earth even to which I have pronounced against it, even all that is the other end of the earth. They won't be lamented. written in this book, which Jeremiah has prophesied They won't be gathered or buried. They will be dung against all the nations. 14 For many nations and great on the surface of the ground. 34 Wail, you shepherds, kings will make bondservants of them, even of them. I and cry. Wallow in dust, you leader of the flock; for the will recompense them according to their deeds, and days of your slaughter and of your dispersions have according to the work of their hands." 15 For Yahweh, fully come, and you will fall like fine pottery. 35 The the God of Israel, says to me: "Take this cup of the wine shepherds will have no way to flee. The leader of the of wrath from my hand, and cause all the nations to flock will have no escape. 36 A voice of the cry of the whom I send you to drink it. 16 They will drink, and reel shepherds, and the wailing of the leader of the flock, back and forth, and be insane, because of the sword for Yahweh destroys their pasture. 37 The peaceful that I will send among them." 17 Then I took the cup at folds are brought to silence because of the fierce anger Yahweh's hand, and made all the nations to drink, to of Yahweh. 38 He has left his covert, as the lion; for whom Yahweh had sent me: 18 Jerusalem, and the their land has become an astonishment because of the cities of Judah, with its kings and its princes, to make fierceness of the oppression, and because of his fierce them a desolation, an astonishment, a hissing, and a anger. curse, as it is today; 19 Pharaoh king of Egypt, with his servants, his princes, and all his people; 20 and all 26 In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah this word came

the prophet spoke to all the people of Judah, and to all the kings of the Philistines, Ashkelon, Gaza, Ekron,

son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came the mixed people, and all the kings of the land of Uz, from Yahweh: 2 "Yahweh says: 'Stand in the court of

which come to worship in Yahweh's house, all the words We would commit great evil against our own souls that that I command you to speak to them. Don't omit a way!" 20 There was also a man who prophesied in word. 3 It may be they will listen, and every man turn Yahweh's name, Uriah the son of Shemaiah of Kiriath from his evil way, that I may relent from the evil which I Jearim; and he prophesied against this city and against 4 You shall tell them, "Yahweh says: 'If you will not listen When Jehoiakim the king, with all his mighty men and to me, to walk in my law which I have set before you, all the princes heard his words, the king sought to put 5 to listen to the words of my servants the prophets him to death; but when Uriah heard it, he was afraid, whom I send to you, even rising up early and sending and fled, and went into Egypt. 22 Then Jehoiakim the them—but you have not listened— 6 then I will make king sent Elnathan the son of Achbor and certain men this house like Shiloh, and will make this city a curse with him into Egypt. 23 They fetched Uriah out of Egypt to all the nations of the earth." 7 The priests and the and brought him to Jehoiakim the king, who killed him prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking with the sword and cast his dead body into the graves of these words in Yahweh's house. 8 When Jeremiah had the common people. 24 But the hand of Ahikam the son finished speaking all that Yahweh had commanded him of Shaphan was with Jeremiah, so that they didn't give to speak to all the people, the priests and the prophets him into the hand of the people to put him to death. and all the people seized him, saying, "You shall surely die! 9 Why have you prophesied in Yahweh's name, saying, 'This house will be like Shiloh, and this city will be desolate, without inhabitant'?" All the people were crowded around Jeremiah in Yahweh's house. 10 When the princes of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's house to Yahweh's house; and they sat in the entry of the new gate of Yahweh's house. 11 Then the priests and the prophets spoke to the princes and to all the people, saying, "This man is worthy of death, for he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your ears." 12 Then Jeremiah spoke to all the princes and to all the people, saying, "Yahweh sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city all the words that you have heard. 13 Now therefore amend your ways and your doings, and obey Yahweh your God's voice; then Yahweh will relent from the evil that he has pronounced against you. 14 But as for me, behold, I am in your hand. Do with me what is good and right in your eyes. 15 Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood on yourselves, on this city, and on its inhabitants: for in truth Yahweh has sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears." 16 Then the princes and all the people said to the priests and to the prophets: "This man is not worthy of death; for he has spoken to us in the name of Yahweh our God." 17 Then certain of the elders of the land rose up, and spoke to all the assembly of the people, saying, 18 "Micah the Morashtite prophesied in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah; and he spoke to all the people of Judah, saying, 'Yahweh of Armies says: "Zion will be plowed as a field, and Jerusalem will 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? Didn't he fear Yahweh. and entreat the favor of Yahweh, and Yahweh relented

Yahweh's house, and speak to all the cities of Judah of the disaster which he had pronounced against them? intend to do to them because of the evil of their doings." this land according to all the words of Jeremiah. 21

> **27** In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came to Jeremiah from Yahweh, saying, 2 Yahweh says to me: "Make bonds and bars, and put them on your neck. 3 Then send them to the king of Edom, to the king of Moab, to the king of the children of Ammon, 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 Give them a command to their masters, saying, 'Yahweh of Armies, the God of Israel says, "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. give it to whom it seems right to me. 6 Now I have given all these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my servant. I have also given the animals of the field to him to serve him. 7 All the nations will serve him, his son, and his son's son, until the time of his own land comes. Then many nations and great kings will make him their bondservant. 8 """It will happen that I will punish the nation and the kingdom which will not serve the same Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and that will not put their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon,' says Yahweh, 'with the sword, with famine, and with pestilence, until I have consumed them by his hand. 9 But as for you, don't listen to your prophets, to your diviners, to your dreams, to your soothsayers, or to your sorcerers, who speak to you, saying, "You shall not serve the king of Babylon:" 10 for they prophesy a lie to you, to remove you far from your land, so that I would drive you out, and you would perish. 11 But the nation that brings their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon and serves him, that nation I will let remain in their own land,' says Yahweh; 'and they will till it and dwell in it.'"" 12 I spoke

them up, and restore them to this place."

Zedekiah king of Judah, in the fourth year, in the

to Zedekiah king of Judah according to all these words. all the people who stood in Yahweh's house. 6 even saying, "Bring your necks under the yoke of the king of the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May Yahweh do Babylon, and serve him and his people, and live. 13 so. May Yahweh perform your words which you have Why will you die, you and your people, by the sword, prophesied, to bring again the vessels of Yahweh's by the famine, and by the pestilence, as Yahweh has house, and all those who are captives, from Babylon to spoken concerning the nation that will not serve the king this place. 7 Nevertheless listen now to this word that I of Babylon? 14 Don't listen to the words of the prophets speak in your ears, and in the ears of all the people: 8 who speak to you, saying, 'You shall not serve the king The prophets who have been before me and before you of Babylon;' for they prophesy a lie to you. 15 For I have of old prophesied against many countries, and against not sent them," says Yahweh, "but they prophesy falsely great kingdoms, of war, of evil, and of pestilence. 9 in my name; that I may drive you out, and that you may As for the prophet who prophesies of peace, when perish, you, and the prophets who prophesy to you." the word of the prophet happens, then the prophet will 16 Also I spoke to the priests and to all this people, be known, that Yahweh has truly sent him." 10 Then saying, Yahweh says, "Don't listen to the words of your Hananiah the prophet took the bar from off the prophet prophets who prophesy to you, saying, 'Behold, the Jeremiah's neck, and broke it. 11 Hananiah spoke in vessels of Yahweh's house will now shortly be brought the presence of all the people, saying, "Yahweh says: again from Babylon;' for they prophesy a lie to you. 17 'Even so I will break the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar king Don't listen to them. Serve the king of Babylon, and live. of Babylon from off the neck of all the nations within two Why should this city become a desolation? 18 But if full years." Then the prophet Jeremiah went his way. 12 they are prophets, and if Yahweh's word is with them, Then Yahweh's word came to Jeremiah, after Hananiah let them now make intercession to Yahweh of Armies, the prophet had broken the bar from off the neck of the that the vessels which are left in Yahweh's house, in the prophet Jeremiah, saying, 13 "Go, and tell Hananiah, house of the king of Judah, and at Jerusalem, don't go saying, 'Yahweh says, "You have broken the bars of to Babylon. 19 For Yahweh of Armies says concerning wood, but you have made in their place bars of iron." 14 the pillars, concerning the sea, concerning the bases, For Yahweh of Armies, the God of Israel says, "I have and concerning the rest of the vessels that are left in this put a yoke of iron on the neck of all these nations, that city, 20 which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon didn't they may serve Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; and take when he carried away captive Jeconiah the son of they will serve him. I have also given him the animals Jehoiakim, king of Judah, from Jerusalem to Babylon, of the field."" 15 Then the prophet Jeremiah said to and all the nobles of Judah and Jerusalem- 21 yes, Hananiah the prophet, "Listen, Hananiah! Yahweh has Yahweh of Armies, the God of Israel, says concerning not sent you, but you make this people trust in a lie. 16 the vessels that are left in Yahweh's house, and in the Therefore Yahweh says, 'Behold, I will send you away house of the king of Judah, and at Jerusalem: 22 'They from off the surface of the earth. This year you will die, will be carried to Babylon, and there they will be, until because you have spoken rebellion against Yahweh." the day that I visit them,' says Yahweh; 'then I will bring 17 So Hananiah the prophet died the same year in the seventh month.

28 That same year, in the beginning of the reign of **29** Now these are the words of the letter that Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem to the residue fifth month, Hananiah the son of Azzur, the prophet, of the elders of the captivity, and to the priests, to the who was of Gibeon, spoke to me in Yahweh's house, prophets, and to all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar in the presence of the priests and of all the people, had carried away captive from Jerusalem to Babylon, 2 saying, 2 "Yahweh of Armies, the God of Israel, says, 'I (after Jeconiah the king, the queen mother, the eunuchs, have broken the yoke of the king of Babylon. 3 Within the princes of Judah and Jerusalem, the craftsmen, two full years I will bring again into this place all the and the smiths had departed from Jerusalem), 3 by vessels of Yahweh's house that Nebuchadnezzar king the hand of Elasah the son of Shaphan and Gemariah of Babylon took away from this place and carried to the son of Hilkiah, (whom Zedekiah king of Judah sent Babylon. 4 I will bring again to this place Jeconiah the to Babylon to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon). It son of Jehojakim, king of Judah, with all the captives said: 4 Yahweh of Armies, the God of Israel, says to all of Judah, who went to Babylon,' says Yahweh; 'for I the captives whom I have caused to be carried away will break the yoke of the king of Babylon." 5 Then captive from Jerusalem to Babylon: 5 "Build houses the prophet Jeremiah said to the prophet Hananiah and dwell in them. Plant gardens and eat their fruit. 6 in the presence of the priests, and in the presence of Take wives and father sons and daughters. Take wives

that they may bear sons and daughters. Multiply there, command them. I am he who knows, and am witness," and don't be diminished. 7 Seek the peace of the city says Yahweh. 24 Concerning Shemaiah the Nehelamite where I have caused you to be carried away captive, you shall speak, saying, 25 "Yahweh of Armies, the God and pray to Yahweh for it; for in its peace you will have of Israel, says, 'Because you have sent letters in your peace." 8 For Yahweh of Armies, the God of Israel own name to all the people who are at Jerusalem, and says: "Don't let your prophets who are among you and to Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah, the priest, and to all your diviners deceive you. Don't listen to your dreams the priests, saying, 26 "Yahweh has made you priest which you cause to be dreamed. 9 For they prophesy in the place of Jehoiada the priest, that there may be falsely to you in my name. I have not sent them," says officers in Yahweh's house, for every man who is crazy Yahweh. 10 For Yahweh says, "After seventy years are and makes himself a prophet, that you should put him in accomplished for Babylon, I will visit you and perform the stocks and in shackles. 27 Now therefore, why have my good word toward you, in causing you to return you not rebuked Jeremiah of Anathoth, who makes to this place. 11 For I know the thoughts that I think himself a prophet to you, 28 because he has sent to us toward you," says Yahweh, "thoughts of peace, and in Babylon, saying, The captivity is long. Build houses, not of evil, to give you hope and a future. 12 You shall and dwell in them. Plant gardens, and eat their fruit?"" call on me, and you shall go and pray to me, and I 29 Zephaniah the priest read this letter in the hearing of will listen to you. 13 You shall seek me and find me, Jeremiah the prophet. 30 Then Yahweh's word came to when you search for me with all your heart. 14 I will Jeremiah, saying, 31 "Send to all of the captives, saying, be found by you," says Yahweh, "and I will turn again 'Yahweh says concerning Shemaiah the Nehelamite: your captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations, "Because Shemaiah has prophesied to you, and I didn't and from all the places where I have driven you, says send him, and he has caused you to trust in a lie," 32 Yahweh. I will bring you again to the place from where I therefore Yahweh says, "Behold, I will punish Shemaiah caused you to be carried away captive." 15 Because the Nehelamite and his offspring. He will not have a you have said, "Yahweh has raised us up prophets in man to dwell among this people. He won't see the good Babylon," 16 Yahweh says concerning the king who sits that I will do to my people," says Yahweh, "because he on David's throne, and concerning all the people who has spoken rebellion against Yahweh."" dwell in this city, your brothers who haven't gone with you into captivity, 17 Yahweh of Armies says: "Behold, I will send on them the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, and will make them like rotten figs that can't be eaten, they are so bad. 18 I will pursue after them with the sword, with the famine, and with the pestilence. and will deliver them to be tossed back and forth among all the kingdoms of the earth, to be an object of horror, an astonishment, a hissing, and a reproach among all the nations where I have driven them, 19 because they have not listened to my words," says Yahweh, "with which I sent to them my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them; but you would not hear," says Yahweh. 20 Hear therefore Yahweh's word, all you captives whom I have sent away from Jerusalem to Babylon. 21 Yahweh of Armies, the God of Israel, says concerning Ahab the son of Kolaiah, and concerning Zedekiah the son of Maaseiah, who prophesy a lie to you in my name: "Behold, I will deliver them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; and he will kill them before your eyes. 22 A curse will be taken up about them by all the captives of Judah who are in Babylon, saying, 'Yahweh make you like Zedekiah and like Ahab, whom the king of Babylon roasted in the fire;' 23 because they have done foolish things in Israel, and have committed adultery with their neighbors' wives, and

for your sons, and give your daughters to husbands. have spoken words in my name falsely, which I didn't

30 The word that came to Jeremiah from Yahweh, saying, 2 "Yahweh, the God of Israel, says, 'Write all the words that I have spoken to you in a book. 3 For, behold, the days come,' says Yahweh, 'that I will reverse the captivity of my people Israel and Judah,' says Yahweh. 'I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they will possess it." 4 These are the words that Yahweh spoke concerning Israel and concerning Judah. 5 For Yahweh says: "We have heard a voice of trembling; a voice of fear, and not of peace. 6 Ask now, and see whether a man travails with child. Why do I see every man with his hands on his waist, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned pale? 7 Alas, for that day is great, so that none is like it! It is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he will be saved out of it. 8 It will come to pass in that day, says Yahweh of Armies, that I will break his yoke from off your neck, and will burst your bonds. Strangers will no more make them their bondservants; 9 but they will serve Yahweh their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up to them. 10 Therefore don't be afraid, O Jacob my servant, says Yahweh. Don't be dismayed, Israel. For, behold, I will save you from afar, and save your offspring from the land of their captivity. Jacob will return, and will be guiet and at ease. No one will make him afraid. 11 For I am with you, says Yahweh, to save you; for I will make a full end of all the nations where watchmen on the hills of Ephraim cry. 'Arise! Let's go I have scattered you, but I will not make a full end of up to Zion to Yahweh our God." 7 For Yahweh says, you; but I will correct you in measure, and will in no way "Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout for the chief of leave you unpunished." 12 For Yahweh says, "Your hurt the nations. Publish, praise, and say, 'Yahweh, save is incurable. Your wound is grievous. 13 There is no your people, the remnant of Israel!' 8 Behold, I will one to plead your cause, that you may be bound up. bring them from the north country, and gather them You have no healing medicines. 14 All your lovers have from the uttermost parts of the earth, along with the forgotten you. They don't seek you. For I have wounded blind and the lame, the woman with child and her who you with the wound of an enemy, with the chastisement travails with child together. They will return as a great of a cruel one, for the greatness of your iniquity, because company. 9 They will come with weeping. I will lead your sins were increased. 15 Why do you cry over your them with petitions. I will cause them to walk by rivers of injury? Your pain is incurable. For the greatness of your waters, in a straight way in which they won't stumble; iniquity, because your sins have increased, I have done for I am a father to Israel. Ephraim is my firstborn. 10 these things to you. 16 Therefore all those who devour "Hear Yahweh's word, you nations, and declare it in the you will be devoured. All your adversaries, everyone of distant islands. Say, 'He who scattered Israel will gather them, will go into captivity. Those who plunder you will him, and keep him, as a shepherd does his flock.' 11 be plunder. I will make all who prey on you become For Yahweh has ransomed Jacob, and redeemed him prev. 17 For I will restore health to you, and I will heal from the hand of him who was stronger than he. 12 you of your wounds," says Yahweh, "because they have They will come and sing in the height of Zion, and will called you an outcast, saying, 'It is Zion, whom no man flow to the goodness of Yahweh, to the grain, to the seeks after." 18 Yahweh says: "Behold, I will reverse new wine, to the oil, and to the young of the flock and the captivity of Jacob's tents, and have compassion on of the herd. Their soul will be as a watered garden. his dwelling places. The city will be built on its own hill, They will not sorrow any more at all. 13 Then the virgin and the palace will be inhabited in its own place. 19 will rejoice in the dance, the young men and the old Thanksgiving will proceed out of them with the voice of together; for I will turn their mourning into joy, and will those who make merry. I will multiply them, and they will comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow. not be few: I will also glorify them, and they will not be 14 I will satiate the soul of the priests with fatness, and small. 20 Their children also will be as before, and their my people will be satisfied with my goodness," says congregation will be established before me. I will punish Yahweh. 15 Yahweh says: "A voice is heard in Ramah, all who oppress them. 21 Their prince will be one of lamentation and bitter weeping, Rachel weeping for her them, and their ruler will proceed from among them. I children. She refuses to be comforted for her children, will cause him to draw near, and he will approach me; because they are no more." 16 Yahweh says: "Refrain for who is he who has had boldness to approach me?" your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears, for says Yahweh. 22 "You shall be my people, and I will your work will be rewarded," says Yahweh. "They will be your God. 23 Behold, Yahweh's storm, his wrath, come again from the land of the enemy. 17 There is has gone out, a sweeping storm; it will burst on the hope for your latter end," says Yahweh. "Your children head of the wicked. 24 The fierce anger of Yahweh will will come again to their own territory. 18 "I have surely not return until he has accomplished, and until he has heard Ephraim grieving thus, 'You have chastised me, performed the intentions of his heart. In the latter days and I was chastised, as an untrained calf. Turn me, you will understand it."

31 "At that time," says Yahweh, "I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they will be my people." 2 Yahweh says, "The people who survive the sword found favor in the wilderness; even Israel, when I went to cause him to rest." 3 Yahweh appeared of old to me, saying, "Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love. Therefore I have drawn you with loving kindness. 4 I will build you again, and you will be built, O virgin of Israel. You will again be adorned with your tambourines, and will go out in the dances of those who make merry. 5 Again you will plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria. The planters will plant, and will enjoy its fruit. 6 For there will be a day that the

and I will be turned, for you are Yahweh my God. 19 Surely after that I was turned. I repented. After that I was instructed, I struck my thigh, I was ashamed. yes, even confounded, because I bore the reproach of my youth.' 20 Is Ephraim my dear son? Is he a darling child? For as often as I speak against him, I still earnestly remember him. Therefore my heart yearns for him. I will surely have mercy on him," says Yahweh. 21 "Set up road signs. Make guideposts. Set your heart toward the highway, even the way by which you went. Turn again, virgin of Israel. Turn again to these your cities. 22 How long will you go here and there, you backsliding daughter? For Yahweh has created a new thing in the earth: a woman will encompass a man." 23

Yahweh of Armies, the God of Israel, says: "Yet again they will use this speech in the land of Judah and in its Yahweh in the tenth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, they will use this speech in the land of Judah and in its cities, when I reverse their captivity: 'Yahweh bless you, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. habitation of righteousness, mountain of holiness.' 24 2 Now at that time the king of Babylon's army was Judah and all its cities will dwell therein together, the besieging Jerusalem. Jeremiah the prophet was shut farmers, and those who go about with flocks. 25 For I up in the court of the guard, which was in the king of have satiated the weary soul, and I have replenished Judah's house. 3 For Zedekiah king of Judah had shut every sorrowful soul." 26 On this I awakened, and saw; him up, saying, "Why do you prophesy, and say, 'Yahweh and my sleep was sweet to me. 27 "Behold, the days says, "Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the come," says Yahweh, "that I will sow the house of Israel king of Babylon, and he will take it; 4 and Zedekiah king and the house of Judah with the seed of man and with of Judah won't escape out of the hand of the Chaldeans, the seed of animal. 28 It will happen that, like as I have but will surely be delivered into the hand of the king of watched over them to pluck up and to break down and Babylon, and will speak with him mouth to mouth, and to overthrow and to destroy and to afflict, so I will watch his eyes will see his eyes; 5 and he will bring Zedekiah over them to build and to plant," says Yahweh. 29 "In to Babylon, and he will be there until I visit him," says those days they will say no more, "'The fathers have Yahweh, "though you fight with the Chaldeans, you eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on will not prosper"?" 6 Jeremiah said, "Yahweh's word edge.' 30 But everyone will die for his own iniquity. Every came to me, saying, 7 'Behold, Hanamel the son of man who eats the sour grapes, his teeth will be set on Shallum your uncle will come to you, saying, "Buy my edge. 31 "Behold, the days come," says Yahweh, "that field that is in Anathoth; for the right of redemption is I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, yours to buy it."" 8 "So Hanamel my uncle's son came and with the house of Judah, 32 not according to the to me in the court of the guard according to Yahweh's covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I word, and said to me, 'Please buy my field that is in took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Anathoth, which is in the land of Benjamin; for the right Egypt, which covenant of mine they broke, although I of inheritance is yours, and the redemption is yours. was a husband to them," says Yahweh. 33 "But this is Buy it for yourself.' "Then I knew that this was Yahweh's the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel word. 9 I bought the field that was in Anathoth of after those days," says Yahweh: "I will put my law in Hanamel my uncle's son, and weighed him the money, their inward parts, and I will write it in their heart. I will even seventeen shekels of silver. 10 I signed the deed, be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 They will sealed it, called witnesses, and weighed the money no longer each teach his neighbor, and every man teach in the balances to him. 11 So I took the deed of the his brother, saying, 'Know Yahweh;' for they will all know purchase, both that which was sealed, containing the me, from their least to their greatest," says Yahweh, "for terms and conditions, and that which was open; 12 I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin and I delivered the deed of the purchase to Baruch the no more." 35 Yahweh, who gives the sun for a light by son of Neriah, the son of Mahseiah, in the presence of day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars Hanamel my uncle's son, and in the presence of the for a light by night, who stirs up the sea, so that its witnesses who signed the deed of the purchase, before waves roar—Yahweh of Armies is his name, says: 36 "If all the Jews who sat in the court of the guard. 13 "I these ordinances depart from before me," says Yahweh, commanded Baruch before them, saying, 14 Yahweh of "then the offspring of Israel also will cease from being a Armies, the God of Israel, says: 'Take these deeds, this nation before me forever." 37 Yahweh says: "If heaven deed of the purchase which is sealed, and this deed above can be measured, and the foundations of the which is open, and put them in an earthen vessel, that earth searched out beneath, then I will also cast off all they may last many days.' 15 For Yahweh of Armies, the the offspring of Israel for all that they have done," says God of Israel says: 'Houses and fields and vineyards Yahweh. 38 "Behold, the days come," says Yahweh, will yet again be bought in this land.' 16 Now after I "that the city will be built to Yahweh from the tower of had delivered the deed of the purchase to Baruch the Hananel to the gate of the corner. 39 The measuring son of Neriah, I prayed to Yahweh, saying, 17 "Ah Lord line will go out further straight onward to the hill Gareb, Yahweh! Behold, you have made the heavens and the and will turn toward Goah. 40 The whole valley of the earth by your great power and by your outstretched dead bodies and of the ashes, and all the fields to the arm. There is nothing too hard for you. 18 You show brook Kidron, to the corner of the horse gate toward the loving kindness to thousands, and repay the iniquity of east, will be holy to Yahweh. It will not be plucked up or the fathers into the bosom of their children after them. thrown down any more forever."

The great, the mighty God, Yahweh of Armies is your

eyes are open to all the ways of the children of men, to Israel, says concerning this city, about which you say, give everyone according to his ways, and according "It is given into the hand of the king of Babylon by to the fruit of his doings; 20 who performed signs and the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence:" 37 wonders in the land of Egypt, even to this day, both "Behold, I will gather them out of all the countries where in Israel and among other men; and made yourself a I have driven them in my anger, and in my wrath, and name, as it is today; 21 and brought your people Israel in great indignation; and I will bring them again to this out of the land of Egypt with signs, with wonders, with a place. I will cause them to dwell safely. 38 Then they will strong hand, with an outstretched arm, and with great be my people, and I will be their God. 39 I will give them terror; 22 and gave them this land, which you swore one heart and one way, that they may fear me forever, to their fathers to give them, a land flowing with milk for their good and the good of their children after them. and honey. 23 They came in and possessed it, but they 40 I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that didn't obey your voice and didn't walk in your law. They I will not turn away from following them, to do them have done nothing of all that you commanded them good. I will put my fear in their hearts, that they may not to do. Therefore you have caused all this evil to come depart from me. 41 Yes, I will rejoice over them to do upon them. 24 "Behold, siege ramps have been built, them good, and I will plant them in this land assuredly against the city to take it. The city is given into the hand with my whole heart and with my whole soul." 42 For of the Chaldeans who fight against it, because of the Yahweh says: "Just as I have brought all this great evil sword, of the famine, and of the pestilence. What you on this people, so I will bring on them all the good that I have spoken has happened. Behold, you see it. 25 You have promised them. 43 Fields will be bought in this have said to me, Lord Yahweh, 'Buy the field for money, land, about which you say, 'It is desolate, without man and call witnesses;' whereas the city is given into the or animal. It is given into the hand of the Chaldeans.' 44 hand of the Chaldeans." 26 Then Yahweh's word came Men will buy fields for money, sign the deeds, seal them, to Jeremiah, saving. 27 "Behold, I am Yahweh, the and call witnesses, in the land of Benjamin, and in the God of all flesh. Is there anything too hard for me? 28 places around Jerusalem, in the cities of Judah, in the Therefore Yahweh says: Behold, I will give this city cities of the hill country, in the cities of the lowland, and into the hand of the Chaldeans, and into the hand of in the cities of the South; for I will cause their captivity to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and he will take it. 29 be reversed," says Yahweh. The Chaldeans, who fight against this city, will 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 children of Judah have done only that which was evil in my sight from their youth; for the children of Israel have only provoked me to anger with the work of their hands, says Yahweh. 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, so that I should remove it from before my face, 32 because of all the evil of the children of Israel and of the children of Judah, which they have done to provoke me to anger—they, their kings, their princes, their priests, their prophets, the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem. 33 They have turned their backs to me, and not their faces. Although I taught them, rising up early and teaching them, yet they have not listened to receive instruction. 34 But they set their abominations in the house which is called by my name, to defile it. 35 They built the high places of Baal, which are in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to cause their sons and their daughters to pass through fire to Molech, which I didn't command them. It didn't even come into my mind, that they should do this abomination, to cause

name: 19 great in counsel, and mighty in work; whose Judah to sin." 36 Now therefore Yahweh, the God of

33 Moreover Yahweh's word came to Jeremiah the second time, while he was still locked up in the court of the guard, saying, 2 "Yahweh who does it, Yahweh who forms it to establish it-Yahweh is his name, says: 3 'Call to me, and I will answer you, and will show you great and difficult things, which you don't know.' 4 For Yahweh, the God of Israel, says 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 whose wickedness I have hidden my face from this city, 6 behold, I will bring it health and healing, and I will cure them; and I will reveal to them abundance of peace and truth. 7 I will restore the fortunes of Judah and Israel, and will build them as at the first. 8 I will cleanse them from all their iniquity by which they have sinned against me. I will pardon all their iniquities by which they have sinned against me and by which they have transgressed against me. 9 This city will be to me for a name of joy, for praise, and for glory, before all the nations of the earth, which will hear all the good that I do to them. and will fear and tremble for all the good and for all the

there will be heard in this place, about which you say, 'It have mercy on them." is waste, without man and without animal, even in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, that are desolate, without man and without inhabitant and without animal,' 11 the voice of joy and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the voice of those who say, 'Give thanks to Yahweh of Armies, for Yahweh is good, for his loving kindness endures forever;' who bring thanksgiving into Yahweh's house. For I will cause the captivity of the land to be reversed as at the first," says Yahweh. 12 Yahweh of Armies says: "Yet again there will be in this place, which is waste, without man and without animal, and in all its cities, a habitation of shepherds causing their flocks to lie down. 13 In the cities of the hill country, in the cities of the lowland, in the cities of the South, in the land of Benjamin, in the places around Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, the flocks will again pass under the hands of him who counts them," says Yahweh. 14 "Behold, the days come," says Yahweh, "that I will perform that good word which I have spoken concerning the house of Israel and concerning the house of Judah. 15 "In those days and at that time, I will cause a Branch of righteousness to grow up to David. He will execute justice and righteousness in the land. 16 In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell safely. This is the name by which she will be called: Yahweh our righteousness." 17 For Yahweh says: "David will never lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel. 18 The Levitical priests won't lack a man before me to offer burnt offerings, to burn meal offerings, and to do sacrifice continually." 19 Yahweh's word came to Jeremiah, saying, 20 "Yahweh says: 'If you can break my covenant of the day and my covenant of the night, so that there will not be day and night in their time, 21 then my covenant could also be broken with David my servant, that he won't have a son to reign on his throne; and with the Levitical priests, my ministers. 22 As the army of the sky can't be counted, and the sand of the sea can't be measured, so I will multiply the offspring of David my servant and the Levites who minister to me." 23 Yahweh's word came to Jeremiah, saying, 24 "Don't consider what this people has spoken, saying, 'Has Yahweh cast off the two families which he chose?' Thus they despise my people, that they should be no more a nation before them." 25 Yahweh says: "If my covenant of day and night fails, if I have not appointed the ordinances of heaven and earth, 26 then I will also cast away the offspring of Jacob, and of David my servant, so that I will not take of his offspring to be rulers over the offspring of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob;

peace that I provide to it." 10 Yahweh says: "Yet again for I will cause their captivity to be reversed and will

34 The word which came to Jeremiah from Yahweh, when Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, with all his army, all the kingdoms of the earth that were under his dominion, and all the peoples, were fighting against Jerusalem and against all its cities, saying: 2 "Yahweh, the God of Israel, says, 'Go, and speak to Zedekiah king of Judah, and tell him, Yahweh says, "Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon and he will burn it with fire. 3 You won't escape out of his hand, but will surely be taken and delivered into his hand. Your eyes will see the eyes of the king of Babylon, and he will speak with you mouth to mouth. You will go to Babylon." 4 "Yet hear Yahweh's word, O Zedekiah king of Judah. Yahweh says concerning you, 'You won't die by the sword. 5 You will die in peace; and with the burnings of your fathers, the former kings who were before you, so they will make a burning for you. They will lament you, saying, "Ah Lord!" for I have spoken the word,' says Yahweh." 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 came to Jeremiah from Yahweh, after 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 or a Hebrewess, go free, that no one should make bondservants of them, of a Jew his brother. 10 All the princes 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 no one should make bondservants of them any more. They obeyed and let them go, 11 but afterwards they turned, and caused the servants and the handmaids whom they had let go free to return, and brought them into subjection for servants and for handmaids. 12 Therefore Yahweh's word came to Jeremiah from Yahweh, saying, 13 "Yahweh, the God of Israel, says: 'I made a covenant with your fathers in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage, saying: 14 At the end of seven years, every man of you shall release his brother who is a Hebrew, who has been sold to you, and has served you six years. You shall let him go free from you. But your fathers didn't listen to me, and didn't incline their ear. 15 You had now turned, and had done that which is right in my eyes, in every man proclaiming liberty to his neighbor. You had made a covenant before me in the house which is called by handmaid, whom you had let go free at their pleasure, according to all that Jonadab our father commanded us. you be tossed back and forth among all the kingdoms of the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the earth. 18 I will give the men who have transgressed "Will you not receive instruction to listen to my words?" cut the calf in two and passed between its parts: 19 wine, are performed; and to this day they drink none, them into the hand of their enemies and into the hand my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending princes into the hands of their enemies, into the hands land which I have given to you and to your fathers," desolation, without inhabitant."

35 The word which came to Jeremiah from Yahweh 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 Yahweh's house, into one of the rooms, and give them wine to drink." 3 Then I took Jaazaniah the son of Jeremiah, the son of Habazziniah, with his brothers, all his sons, and the whole house of the Rechabites; 4 and I brought them into Yahweh's house, into the room of the sons of Hanan the son of Igdaliah, the man of God, which was by the room of the princes, which was above 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 children, forever. 7 You shall not build a house, sow seed, plant a vineyard, or have any; but all your days you shall dwell in tents, that you may live many days in the land in which you live as nomads.' 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

my name: 16 but you turned and profaned my name. to dwell in. We have no vineyard, field, or seed: 10 but and every man caused his servant and every man his we have lived in tents, and have obeyed, and done to return. You brought them into subjection, to be to you 11 But when Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up for servants and for handmaids." 17 Therefore Yahweh into the land, we said, 'Come! Let's go to Jerusalem for says: "You have not listened to me, to proclaim liberty, fear of the army of the Chaldeans, and for fear of the every man to his brother, and every man to his neighbor. army of the Syrians; so we will dwell at Jerusalem." Behold, I proclaim to you a liberty," says Yahweh, "to the 12 Then Yahweh's word came to Jeremiah, saying, 13 sword, to the pestilence, and to the famine. I will make "Yahweh of Armies, the God of Israel, says: 'Go and tell my covenant, who have not performed the words of says Yahweh. 14 "The words of Jonadab the son of the covenant which they made before me when they Rechab that he commanded his sons, not to drink the princes of Judah, the princes of Jerusalem, the for they obey their father's commandment; but I have eunuchs, the priests, and all the people of the land, who spoken to you, rising up early and speaking, and you passed between the parts of the calf. 20 I will even give have not listened to me. 15 I have sent also to you all of those who seek their life. Their dead bodies will be them, saying, 'Every one of you must return now from food for the birds of the sky and for the animals of the his evil way, amend your doings, and don't go after earth. 21 "I will give Zedekiah king of Judah and his other gods to serve them. Then you will dwell in the of those who seek their life and into the hands of the but you have not inclined your ear, nor listened to king of Babylon's army, who has gone away from you, me. 16 The sons of Jonadab the son of Rechab have 22 Behold, I will command," says Yahweh, "and cause performed the commandment of their father which he them to return to this city. They will fight against it, take commanded them, but this people has not listened to it, and burn it with fire, I will make the cities of Judah a me." 17 "Therefore Yahweh, the God of Armies, the God of Israel, says: 'Behold, I will bring on Judah and on all the inhabitants of Jerusalem all the evil that I have pronounced against them, because I have spoken to them, but they have not heard; and I have called to them, but they have not answered." 18 Jeremiah said to the house of the Rechabites, "Yahweh of Armies, the God of Israel, says: 'Because you have obeyed the commandment of Jonadab your father, and kept all his precepts, and done according to all that he commanded you,' 19 therefore Yahweh of Armies, the God of Israel, says: 'Jonadab the son of Rechab will not lack a man to stand before me forever."

36 In the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came to Jeremiah from Yahweh, saying, 2 "Take a scroll of a book, and write in it all the words that I have spoken to you against Israel, 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 intend to do to them, that they may each return 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 Yahweh's words, which he had spoken to him, on a scroll of a book. 5 Jeremiah commanded Baruch, our daughters; 9 and not to build houses for ourselves saying, "I am restricted. I can't go into Yahweh's house.

have written from my mouth, Yahweh's words, in the the brazier, until all the scroll was consumed in the fire ears of the people in Yahweh's house on the fast day. that was in the brazier. 24 The king and his servants Also you shall read them in the ears of all Judah who who heard all these words were not afraid, and didn't come out of their cities. 7 It may be they will present tear their garments. 25 Moreover Elnathan and Delaiah their supplication before Yahweh, and will each return and Gemariah had made intercession to the king that from his evil way; for Yahweh has pronounced great he would not burn the scroll; but he would not listen to anger and wrath against this people." 8 Baruch the son them. 26 The king commanded Jerahmeel the king's of Neriah did according to all that Jeremiah the prophet son, and Seraiah the son of Azriel, and Shelemiah the commanded him, reading in the book Yahweh's words son of Abdeel, to arrest Baruch the scribe and Jeremiah the son of Josiah, king of Judah, in the ninth month, all word came to Jeremiah, after the king had burned the the people in Jerusalem and all the people who came scroll, and the words which Baruch wrote at the mouth from the cities of Judah to Jerusalem, proclaimed a of Jeremiah, saying, 28 "Take again another scroll, and fast before Yahweh. 10 Then Baruch read the words of write in it all the former words that were in the first Jeremiah from the book in Yahweh's house, in the room scroll, which Jehoiakim the king of Judah has burned. of Gemariah the son of Shaphan the scribe, in the upper 29 Concerning Jehoiakim king of Judah you shall say, court, at the entry of the new gate of Yahweh's house, 'Yahweh says: "You have burned this scroll, saying, of Gemariah, the son of Shaphan, had heard out of the Babylon will certainly come and destroy this land, and book all Yahweh's words, 12 he went down into the will cause to cease from there man and animal"?" 30 king's house, into the scribe's room; and behold, all the Therefore Yahweh says concerning Jehoiakim king of the son of Shemaiah, Elnathan the son of Achbor, dead body will be cast out in the day to the heat, and in Hananiah, and all the princes. 13 Then Micaiah declared and his servants for their iniquity. I will bring on them, on to them all the words that he had heard, when Baruch the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and on the men of Judah, read the book in the ears of the people. 14 Therefore all all the evil that I have pronounced against them, but they the princes sent Jehudi the son of Nethaniah, the son of didn't listen."" 32 Then Jeremiah took another scroll, Shelemiah, the son of Cushi, to Baruch, saying, "Take in and gave it to Baruch the scribe, the son of Neriah, who your hand the scroll in which you have read in the ears wrote therein from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the people, and come." So Baruch the son of Neriah of the book which Jehoiakim king of Judah had burned took the scroll in his hand, and came to them. 15 They in the fire; and many similar words were added to them. said to him, "Sit down now, and read it in our hearing." So Baruch read it in their hearing. 16 Now when they had heard 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 dictated all these words to me with his mouth, and I wrote them with ink in the book." 19 Then the princes said to Baruch. "You and Jeremiah go hide. Don't let anyone know where you are." 20 They went in to the king into the court, but they had laid up the scroll in the room of Elishama the scribe. Then they told all the words in the hearing 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 hearing of the king, and in the hearing of all the princes 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 When Jehudi had read three or four columns, the king cut it

6 Therefore you go, and read from the scroll which you with the penknife, and cast it into the fire that was in in Yahweh's house. 9 Now in the fifth year of Jehoiakim the prophet; but Yahweh hid them. 27 Then Yahweh's in the ears of all the people. 11 When Micaiah the son 'Why have you written therein, saving, "The king of princes were sitting there, Elishama the scribe, Delaiah Judah: "He will have no one to sit on David's throne. His Gemariah the son of Shaphan, Zedekiah the son of the night to the frost. 31 I will punish him, his offspring,

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 Yahweh's words, 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 Yahweh 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 out of Egypt; and when the Chaldeans who were besigging Jerusalem heard news of them, they withdrew from Jerusalem. 6 Then Yahweh's word came to the prophet Jeremiah, saying, 7 "Yahweh, the God of Israel, says, 'You shall tell the king of Judah, who sent you to me to inquire of me: "Behold, Pharaoh's army, which has come out to help you, will return to Egypt into their own land. 8 The Chaldeans will come again, and fight against this city. They will take it and burn it with fire." 9 "Yahweh says, 'Don't deceive yourselves, saying, "The speaking such words to them; for this man doesn't seek Chaldeans will surely depart from us;" for they will not the welfare of this people, but harm." 5 Zedekiah the depart. 10 For though you had struck the whole army of king said, "Behold, he is in your hand; for the king can't the Chaldeans who fight against you, and only wounded do anything to oppose you." 6 Then they took Jeremiah men remained among them, they would each rise up in and threw him into the dungeon of Malchijah the king's his tent and burn this city with fire." 11 When the army son, that was in the court of the guard. They let down of the Chaldeans had withdrawn from Jerusalem for Jeremiah with cords. In the dungeon there was no water. fear of Pharaoh's army, 12 then Jeremiah went out of but mire; and Jeremiah sank in the mire. 7 Now when Jerusalem to go into the land of Benjamin, to receive Ebedmelech the Ethiopian, a eunuch, who was in the his portion there, in the middle of the people. 13 When king's house, heard that they had put Jeremiah in the he was in Benjamin's gate, a captain of the guard was dungeon (the king was then sitting in Benjamin's gate), there, whose name was Irijah, the son of Shelemiah, the 8 Ebedmelech went out of the king's house, and spoke son of Hananiah; and he seized Jeremiah the prophet, to the king, saying, 9 "My lord the king, these men have saying, "You are defecting to the Chaldeans!" 14 Then done evil in all that they have done to Jeremiah the Jeremiah said, "That is false! I am not defecting to prophet, whom they have cast into the dungeon. He the Chaldeans." But he didn't listen to him: so Irijah is likely to die in the place where he is, because of seized Jeremiah, and brought him to the princes. 15 the famine; for there is no more bread in the city." 10 The princes were angry with Jeremiah, and struck him, Then the king commanded Ebedmelech the Ethiopian, and put him in prison in the house of Jonathan the saying, "Take from here thirty men with you, and take up scribe; for they had made that the prison. 16 When Jeremiah the prophet out of the dungeon, before he Jeremiah had come into the dungeon house and into dies." 11 So Ebedmelech took the men with him, and the cells, and Jeremiah had remained there many days, went into the house of the king under the treasury, and 17 then Zedekiah the king sent and had him brought out. took from there rags and worn-out garments, and let The king asked him secretly in his house, "Is there any them down by cords into the dungeon to Jeremiah, 12 word from Yahweh?" Jeremiah said, "There is." He also Ebedmelech the Ethiopian said to Jeremiah, "Now put said, "You will be delivered into the hand of the king of these rags and worn-out garments under your armpits Babylon." 18 Moreover Jeremiah said to King Zedekiah, under the cords." Jeremiah did so. 13 So they lifted "How have I sinned against you, against your servants, Jeremiah up with the cords, and took him up out of or against this people, that you have put me in prison? the dungeon; and Jeremiah remained in the court of 19 Now where are your prophets who prophesied to you, the guard. 14 Then Zedekiah the king sent and took saying, 'The king of Babylon will not come against you, Jeremiah the prophet to himself into the third entry that nor against this land'? 20 Now please hear, my lord the is in Yahweh's house. Then the king said to Jeremiah, "I king: please let my supplication be presented before will ask you something. Hide nothing from me." 15 Then you, that you not cause me to return to the house of Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, "If I declare it to you, will you Jonathan the scribe, lest I die there." 21 Then Zedekiah not surely put me to death? If I give you counsel, you the king commanded, and they committed Jeremiah into will not listen to me." 16 So Zedekiah the king swore the court of the guard. They gave him daily a loaf of secretly to Jeremiah, saying, "As Yahweh lives, who bread out of the bakers' street, until all the bread in the made our souls, I will not put you to death, neither will I city was gone. Thus Jeremiah remained in the court of give you into the hand of these men who seek your life." the quard.

38 Shephatiah the son of Mattan, Gedaliah the son of Pashhur, Jucal the son of Shelemiah, and Pashhur the son of Malchiiah heard the words that Jeremiah spoke to all the people, saving, 2 "Yahweh says, 'He who remains in this city will die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, but he who goes out to the Chaldeans will live. He will escape with his life and he will live.' 3 Yahweh says, 'This city will surely be given into the hand of the army of the king of Babylon, and he will take it." 4 Then the princes 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

17 Then Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, "Yahweh, the God of Armies, the God of Israel, says: 'If you will go out to the king of Babylon's princes, then your soul will live. and this city will not be burned with fire. You will live, along with your house. 18 But if you will not go out to the king of Babylon's princes, then this city will be given into the hand of the Chaldeans, and they will burn it with fire, and you won't escape out of their hand." 19 Zedekiah the king said to Jeremiah, "I am afraid of the Jews who have defected to the Chaldeans, lest they deliver me into their hand, and they mock me." 20 But Jeremiah said, "They won't deliver you. Obey, I beg you, Yahweh's voice, in that which I speak to you; so it will be well with you, and your soul will live. 21 But

day that Jerusalem was taken.

the tenth month, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon also who fell away to him, and the rest of the people Gedaliah the son of Ahikam governor in the land, and

if you refuse to go out, this is the word that Yahweh who remained. 10 But Nebuzaradan the captain of the has shown me: 22 'Behold, all the women who are left guard left of the poor of the people, who had nothing, in the king of Judah's house will be brought out to the in the land of Judah, and gave them vineyards and king of Babylon's princes, and those women will say, fields at the same time. 11 Now Nebuchadnezzar king "Your familiar friends have turned on you, and have of Babylon commanded Nebuzaradan the captain of the prevailed over you. Your feet are sunk in the mire, they guard concerning Jeremiah, saying, 12 "Take him and have turned away from you." 23 They will bring out all take care of him. Do him no harm; but do to him even your wives and your children to the Chaldeans. You as he tells you." 13 So Nebuzaradan the captain of the won't escape out of their hand, but will be taken by guard, Nebushazban, Rabsaris, and Nergal Sharezer, the hand of the king of Babylon. You will cause this Rabmag, and all the chief officers of the king of Babylon city to be burned with fire." 24 Then Zedekiah said to 14 sent and took Jeremiah out of the court of the guard, Jeremiah, "Let no man know of these words, and you and committed him to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the won't die. 25 But if the princes hear that I have talked son of Shaphan, that he should bring him home. So with you, and they come to you, and tell you, 'Declare to he lived among the people. 15 Now Yahweh's word us now what you have said to the king; don't hide it came to Jeremiah while he was shut up in the court of from us, and we will not put you to death; also tell us the guard, saying, 16 "Go, and speak to Ebedmelech what the king said to you;' 26 then you shall tell them, the Ethiopian, saying, 'Yahweh of Armies, the God of 'I presented my supplication before the king, that he Israel, says: "Behold, I will bring my words on this city would not cause me to return to Jonathan's house, to for evil, and not for good; and they will be accomplished die there." 27 Then all the princes came to Jeremiah, before you in that day. 17 But I will deliver you in that and asked him; and he told them according to all these day," says Yahweh; "and you will not be given into the words that the king had commanded. So they stopped hand of the men of whom you are afraid. 18 For I will speaking with him, for the matter was not perceived. 28 surely save you. You won't fall by the sword, but you will So Jeremiah stayed in the court of the guard until the escape with your life, because you have put your trust in me," says Yahweh."

 $oldsymbol{39}$ In the ninth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, in $oldsymbol{40}$ The word which came to Jeremiah from Yahweh, after Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard had and all his army came against Jerusalem, and besieged let him go from Ramah, when he had taken him being it. 2 In the eleventh year of Zedekiah, in the fourth bound in chains among all the captives of Jerusalem month, the ninth day of the month, a breach was made and Judah who were carried away captive to Babylon. 2 in the city. 3 All the princes of the king of Babylon The captain of the guard took Jeremiah and said to him, came in, and sat in the middle gate: Nergal Sharezer, "Yahweh your God pronounced this evil on this place; Samgarnebo, Sarsechim the Rabsaris, Nergal Sharezer 3 and Yahweh has brought it, and done according as the Rabmag, with all the rest of the princes of the king he spoke. Because you have sinned against Yahweh, of Babylon. 4 When Zedekiah the king of Judah and all and have not obeyed his voice, therefore this thing has the men of war saw them, then they fled and went out come on you. 4 Now, behold, I release you today from of the city by night, by the way of the king's garden, the chains which are on your hand. If it seems good to through the gate between the two walls; and he went you to come with me into Babylon, come, and I will take out toward the Arabah. 5 But the army of the Chaldeans care of you; but if it seems bad to you to come with me pursued them, and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of into Babylon, don't. Behold, all the land is before you. Jericho. When they had taken him, they brought him Where it seems good and right to you to go, go there." up to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon to Riblah in 5 Now while he had not yet gone back, "Go back then," the land of Hamath; and he pronounced judgment on he said, "to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of him. 6 Then the king of Babylon killed Zedekiah's sons Shaphan, whom the king of Babylon has made governor in Riblah before his eyes. The king of Babylon also over the cities of Judah, and dwell with him among the killed all the nobles of Judah. 7 Moreover he put out people; or go wherever it seems right to you to go." So Zedekiah's eyes and bound him in fetters, to carry him the captain of the guard gave him food and a present, to Babylon. 8 The Chaldeans burned the king's house and let him go. 6 Then Jeremiah went to Gedaliah the and the people's houses with fire and broke down the son of Ahikam to Mizpah, and lived with him among the walls of Jerusalem. 9 Then Nebuzaradan the captain of people who were left in the land. 7 Now when all the the guard carried away captive into Babylon the rest captains of the forces who were in the fields, even they of the people who remained in the city, the deserters and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made had committed to him men, women, children, and of frankincense in their hand, to bring them to Yahweh's the poorest of the land, of those who were not carried house. 6 Ishmael the son of Nethaniah went out from not do this thing, for you speak falsely of Ishmael."

1 Now in the seventh month, Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama, of the royal offspring 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 Ishmael the son of Nethaniah arose, 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 Gedaliah at Mizpah, and the Chaldean men of war who were found there. 4 The second day after he had killed Gedaliah, and no man knew it, 5 men came 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

away captive to Babylon, 8 then Ishmael the son of Mizpah to meet them, weeping all along as he went, and Nethaniah, and Johanan and Jonathan the sons of as he met them, he said to them, "Come to Gedaliah Kareah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth, and the the son of Ahikam." 7 It was so, when they came into sons of Ephai the Netophathite, and Jezaniah the son of the middle of the city, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah the Maacathite, they and their men came to Gedaliah killed them, and cast them into the middle of the pit, to Mizpah. 9 Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of he, and the men who were with him. 8 But ten men Shaphan swore to them and to their men, saying, "Don't were found among those who said to Ishmael, "Don't be afraid to serve the Chaldeans. Dwell in the land, kill us; for we have stores hidden in the field, of wheat, and serve the king of Babylon, and it will be well with and of barley, and of oil, and of honey." So he stopped, you. 10 As for me, behold, I will dwell at Mizpah, to and didn't kill them among their brothers. 9 Now the pit stand before the Chaldeans who will come to us; but in which Ishmael cast all the dead bodies of the men you, gather wine and summer fruits and oil, and put whom he had killed, by the side of Gedaliah (this was them in your vessels, and dwell in your cities that you that which Asa the king had made for fear of Baasha have taken." 11 Likewise when all the Jews who were in king of Israel). Ishmael the son of Nethaniah filled it with Moab, and among the children of Ammon, and in Edom, those who were killed. 10 Then Ishmael carried away and who were in all the countries, heard that the king of captive all of the people who were left in Mizpah, even Babylon had left a remnant of Judah, and that he had the king's daughters, and all the people who remained set over them Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of in Mizpah, whom Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard Shaphan, 12 then all the Jews returned out of all places had committed to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam. Ishmael where they were driven, and came to the land of Judah, the son of Nethaniah carried them away captive, and to Gedaliah, to Mizpah, and gathered very much wine departed to go over to the children of Ammon. 11 But and summer fruits. 13 Moreover Johanan the son of when Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains Kareah, and all the captains of the forces who were in of the forces who were with him, heard of all the evil the fields, came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, 14 and said to that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah had done, 12 then him, "Do you know that Baalis the king of the children of they took all the men, and went to fight with Ishmael the Ammon has sent Ishmael the son of Nethaniah to take son of Nethaniah, and found him by the great waters your life?" But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam didn't believe that are in Gibeon. 13 Now when all the people who them. 15 Then Johanan the son of Kareah spoke to were with Ishmael saw Johanan the son of Kareah, and Gedaliah in Mizpah secretly, saying, "Please let me go, all the captains of the forces who were with him, then and I will kill Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and no man they were glad. 14 So all the people who Ishmael had will know it. Why should he take your life, that all the carried away captive from Mizpah turned about and Jews who are gathered to you should be scattered, and came back, and went to Johanan the son of Kareah. the remnant of Judah perish?" 16 But Gedaliah the son 15 But Ishmael the son of Nethaniah escaped from of Ahikam said to Johanan the son of Kareah, "You shall Johanan with eight men, and went to the children of Ammon. 16 Then Johanan the son of Kareah and all the captains of the forces who were with him took all the remnant of the people whom he had recovered from Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, from Mizpah, after he had killed Gedaliah the son of Ahikam—the men of war. with the women, the children, and the eunuchs, whom he had brought back from Gibeon. 17 They departed and lived in Geruth Chimham, 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.

> 12 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,

and pray for us to Yahweh your God, even for all this Know certainly that I have testified to you today. 20 For remnant, for we are left but a few of many, as your you have dealt deceitfully against your own souls; for eyes see us, 3 that Yahweh your God may show us the you sent me to Yahweh your God, saying, 'Pray for us way in which we should walk, and the things that we to Yahweh our God; and according to all that Yahweh should do." 4 Then Jeremiah the prophet said to them, our God says, so declare to us, and we will do it.' 21 I "I have heard you. Behold, I will pray to Yahweh your have declared it to you today; but you have not obeyed God according to your words; and it will happen that Yahweh your God's voice in anything for which he has whatever thing Yahweh answers you, I will declare it to sent me to you. 22 Now therefore know certainly that you. I will keep nothing back from you." 5 Then they you will die by the sword, by the famine, and by the said to Jeremiah, "May Yahweh be a true and faithful pestilence in the place where you desire to go to live." witness among us, if we don't do according to all the word with which Yahweh your God sends you to tell us. 6 Whether it is good, or whether it is bad, we will obey the voice of Yahweh our God, to whom we send you; that it may be well with us, when we obey the voice of Yahweh our God." 7 After ten days, Yahweh's word came to Jeremiah. 8 Then he called Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces who were with him, and all the people from the least even to the greatest, 9 and said to them, "Yahweh, the God of Israel, to whom you sent me to present your supplication before him, says: 10 'If you will still live in this land, then I will build you, and not pull you down, and I will plant you, and not pluck you up; for I grieve over the distress that I have brought on you. 11 Don't be afraid of the king of Babylon, of whom you are afraid. Don't be afraid of him,' says Yahweh, 'for I am with you to save you, and to deliver you from his hand. 12 I will grant you mercy, that he may have mercy on you, and cause you to return to your own land. 13 "But if you say, "We will not dwell in this land," so that you don't obey Yahweh your God's voice, 14 saying, "No, but we will go into the land of Egypt, where we will see no war, nor hear the sound of the trumpet, nor have hunger of bread; and there we will dwell;" 15 now therefore hear Yahweh's word, O remnant of Judah! Yahweh of Armies, the God of Israel, says, 'If you indeed set your faces to enter into Egypt, and go to live there, 16 then it will happen that the sword, which you fear, will overtake you there in the land of Egypt; and the famine, about which you are afraid, will follow close behind you there in Egypt; and you will die there. 17 So will it be with all the men who set their faces to go into Egypt to live there. They will die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence. None of them will remain or escape from the evil that I will bring on them.' 18 For Yahweh of Armies, the God of Israel, says: 'As my anger and my wrath has been poured out on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so my wrath will be poured out on you, when you enter into Egypt; and you will be an object of horror, an astonishment, a curse, and a reproach; and you will see this place no more.' 19 "Yahweh has spoken

"Please let our supplication be presented before you, concerning you, remnant of Judah, 'Don't go into Egypt!"

43 When Jeremiah had finished speaking to all the people all the words of Yahweh their God, with which Yahweh their God had sent him to them, even all these words, 2 then Azariah the son of Hoshaiah, Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the proud men spoke, saying to Jeremiah, "You speak falsely. Yahweh our God has not sent you to say, 'You shall not go into Egypt to live there;' 3 but Baruch the son of Neriah has turned you against us, to deliver us into the hand of the Chaldeans, that they may put us to death or carry us away captive to Babylon." 4 So Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces, and all the people, didn't obey Yahweh's voice, to dwell in the land of Judah. 5 But Johanan the son of Kareah and all the captains of the forces took all the remnant of Judah, who had returned from all the nations where they had been driven, to live in the land of Judah— 6 the men, the women, the children, the king's daughters, and every person who Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard had left with Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan; and Jeremiah the prophet, and Baruch the son of Neriah. 7 They came into the land of Egypt, for they didn't obey Yahweh's voice; and they came to Tahpanhes. 8 Then Yahweh's word came to Jeremiah in Tahpanhes, saying, 9 "Take great stones in your hand and hide them in mortar in the brick work which is at the entry of Pharaoh's house in Tahpanhes, in the sight of the men of Judah. 10 Tell them, Yahweh of Armies, the God of Israel, says: 'Behold, I will send and take Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and will set his throne on these stones that I have hidden: and he will spread his royal pavilion over them. 11 He will come, and will strike the land of Egypt; such as are for death will be put to death, and such as are for captivity to captivity, and such as are for the sword to the sword. 12 I will kindle a fire in the houses of the gods of Egypt. He will burn them, and carry them away captive. He will array himself with the land of Egypt, as a shepherd puts on his garment; and he will go out from there in peace. 13 He will also break the pillars of Beth Shemesh that is in the land of Egypt; and he will burn the houses of the gods of Egypt with fire."

11 The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all will escape." 15 Then all the men who knew that their at Migdol, and at Tahpanhes, and at Memphis, and in who stood by, a great assembly, even all the people the country of Pathros, saying, 2 "Yahweh of Armies, who lived in the land of Egypt, in Pathros, answered the God of Israel, says: 'You have seen all the evil that Jeremiah, saying, 16 "As for the word that you have I have brought on Jerusalem, and on all the cities of spoken to us in Yahweh's name, we will not listen to Judah. Behold, today they are a desolation, and no man you. 17 But we will certainly perform every word that has dwells in them, 3 because of their wickedness which gone out of our mouth, to burn incense to the gueen of they have committed to provoke me to anger, in that the sky and to pour out drink offerings to her, as we have they went to burn incense, to serve other gods that they done, we and our fathers, our kings and our princes, in didn't know, neither they, nor you, nor your fathers. 4 the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem; for However I sent to you all my servants the prophets, then we had plenty of food, and were well, and saw no rising up early and sending them, saying, "Oh, don't evil. 18 But since we stopped burning incense to the do this abominable thing that I hate." 5 But they didn't queen of the sky, and pouring out drink offerings to her, listen and didn't incline their ear. They didn't turn from we have lacked all things, and have been consumed their wickedness, to stop burning incense to other gods, by the sword and by the famine." 19 The women said. 6 Therefore my wrath and my anger was poured out, "When we burned incense to the queen of the sky and and was kindled in the cities of Judah and in the streets poured out drink offerings to her, did we make her of Jerusalem; and they are wasted and desolate, as it is cakes to worship her, and pour out drink offerings to today.' 7 "Therefore now Yahweh, the God of Armies, her, without our husbands?" 20 Then Jeremiah said to the God of Israel, says: 'Why do you commit great evil all the people—to the men and to the women, even to against your own souls, to cut off from yourselves man all the people who had given him an answer, saying, 21 and woman, infant and nursing child out of the middle "The incense that you burned in the cities of Judah, of Judah, to leave yourselves no one remaining, 8 in and in the streets of Jerusalem, you and your fathers, that you provoke me to anger with the works of your your kings and your princes, and the people of the land, hands, burning incense to other gods in the land of didn't Yahweh remember them, and didn't it come into Egypt where you have gone to live, that you may be his mind? 22 Thus Yahweh could no longer bear it, cut off, and that you may be a curse and a reproach because of the evil of your doings and because of the among all the nations of the earth? 9 Have you forgotten abominations which you have committed. Therefore your the wickedness of your fathers, the wickedness of the land has become a desolation, an astonishment, and a kings of Judah, the wickedness of their wives, your own curse, without inhabitant, as it is today. 23 Because you wickedness, and the wickedness of your wives which have burned incense and because you have sinned they committed in the land of Judah and in the streets against Yahweh, and have not obeyed Yahweh's voice, of Jerusalem? 10 They are not humbled even to this nor walked in his law, nor in his statutes, nor in his day, neither have they feared, nor walked in my law, testimonies; therefore this evil has happened to you, as nor in my statutes, that I set before you and before it is today." 24 Moreover Jeremiah said to all the people, your fathers.' 11 "Therefore Yahweh of Armies, the including all the women, "Hear Yahweh's word, all Judah God of Israel, says: 'Behold, I will set my face against who are in the land of Egypt! 25 Yahweh of Armies, you for evil, even to cut off all Judah. 12 I will take the God of Israel, says, 'You and your wives have both the remnant of Judah that have set their faces to go spoken with your mouths, and with your hands have into the land of Egypt to live there, and they will all be fulfilled it, saying, "We will surely perform our vows that consumed. They will fall in the land of Egypt, They will we have vowed, to burn incense to the gueen of the be consumed by the sword and by the famine. They sky, and to pour out drink offerings to her." "Establish will die, from the least even to the greatest, by the then your vows, and perform your vows.' 26 "Therefore sword and by the famine. They will be an object of hear Yahweh's word, all Judah who dwell in the land of horror, an astonishment, a curse, and a reproach. 13 Egypt: 'Behold, I have sworn by my great name,' says For I will punish those who dwell in the land of Egypt, Yahweh, 'that my name will no more be named in the as I have punished Jerusalem, by the sword, by the mouth of any man of Judah in all the land of Egypt, famine, and by the pestilence; 14 so that none of the saying, "As the Lord Yahweh lives." 27 Behold, I watch remnant of Judah, who have gone into the land of Egypt over them for evil, and not for good; and all the men of to live there, will escape or be left to return into the Judah who are in the land of Egypt will be consumed by land of Judah, to which they have a desire to return the sword and by the famine, until they are all gone. 28 to dwell there; for no one will return except those who Those who escape the sword will return out of the land

the Jews who lived in the land of Egypt, who lived wives burned incense to other gods, and all the women

of Egypt into the land of Judah few in number. All the 11 Go up into Gilead, and take balm, virgin daughter Babylon, who was his enemy and sought his life."

15 The message that Jeremiah the prophet spoke to Baruch the son of Neriah, when he wrote these words in a book at the mouth of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, saying, 2 "Yahweh, the God of Israel, says to you, Baruch: 3 'You said, "Woe is me now! For Yahweh has added sorrow to my pain! I am weary with my groaning, and I find no rest." 4 "You shall tell him, Yahweh says: 'Behold, that which I have built, I will break down, and that which I have planted I will pluck up; and this in the whole land. 5 Do you seek great things for yourself? Don't seek them; for, behold, I will bring evil on all flesh,' says Yahweh, 'but I will let you escape with your life wherever you go."

of their blood; for the Lord, Yahweh of Armies, has a measure, and will in no way leave you unpunished." sacrifice in the north country by the river Euphrates.

remnant of Judah, who have gone into the land of Egypt of Egypt. You use many medicines in vain. There is to live there, will know whose word will stand, mine or no healing for you. 12 The nations have heard of your theirs. 29 "This will be the sign to you,' says Yahweh, shame, and the earth is full of your cry; for the mighty that I will punish you in this place, that you may know man has stumbled against the mighty, they both fall that my words will surely stand against you for evil.' together." 13 The word that Yahweh spoke to Jeremiah 30 Yahweh says, 'Behold, I will give Pharaoh Hophra the prophet, how that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon king of Egypt into the hand of his enemies and into the should come and strike the land of Egypt: 14 "Declare in hand of those who seek his life, just as I gave Zedekiah Egypt, publish in Migdol, and publish in Memphis and in king of Judah into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Tahpanhes; say, 'Stand up, and prepare, for the sword has devoured around you.' 15 Why are your strong ones swept away? They didn't stand, because Yahweh pushed them. 16 He made many to stumble. Yes, they fell on one another. They said, 'Arise! Let's go again to our own people, and to the land of our birth, from the oppressing sword.' 17 They cried there, 'Pharaoh king of Egypt is but a noise; he has let the appointed time pass by.' 18 "As I live," says the King, whose name is Yahweh of Armies, "surely like Tabor among the mountains, and like Carmel by the sea, so he will come. 19 You daughter who dwells in Egypt, furnish yourself to go into captivity; for Memphis will become a desolation, and will be burned up, without inhabitant. 20 "Egypt is a very beautiful heifer; but destruction out of the north has come. It has come. 21 Also her hired men in the middle of her are like calves of the stall, for they 16 Yahweh's word which came to Jeremiah the also are turned back. They have fled away together. prophet concerning the nations. 2 Of Egypt: They didn't stand, for the day of their calamity has come concerning the army of Pharaoh Necoh king of Egypt, on them, the time of their visitation. 22 Its sound will which was by the river Euphrates in Carchemish, which go like the serpent, for they will march with an army, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon struck in the fourth and come against her with axes, as wood cutters. 23 year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah. 3 They will cut down her forest," says Yahweh, "though "Prepare the buckler and shield, and draw near to battle! it can't be searched; because they are more than the 4 Harness the horses, and get up, you horsemen, and locusts, and are innumerable. 24 The daughter of Egypt stand up with your helmets. Polish the spears, put on the will be disappointed; she will be delivered into the hand coats of mail. 5 Why have I seen it? They are dismayed of the people of the north." 25 Yahweh of Armies, the and are turned backward. Their mighty ones are beaten God of Israel, says: "Behold, I will punish Amon of down, have fled in haste, and don't look back. Terror No, and Pharaoh, and Egypt, with her gods and her is on every side," says Yahweh. 6 "Don't let the swift kings, even Pharaoh, and those who trust in him. 26 l flee away, nor the mighty man escape. In the north by will deliver them into the hand of those who seek their the river Euphrates they have stumbled and fallen. 7 lives, and into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of "Who is this who rises up like the Nile, like rivers whose Babylon, and into the hand of his servants. Afterwards it waters surge? 8 Egypt rises up like the Nile, like rivers will be inhabited, as in the days of old," says Yahweh. whose waters surge. He says, 'I will rise up. I will cover 27 "But don't you be afraid, Jacob my servant. Don't the earth. I will destroy cities and its inhabitants.' 9 Go be dismayed, Israel; for, behold, I will save you from up, you horses! Rage, you chariots! Let the mighty men afar, and your offspring from the land of their captivity. go out: Cush and Put, who handle the shield; and the Jacob will return, and will be quiet and at ease. No one Ludim, who handle and bend the bow. 10 For that day is will make him afraid. 28 Don't be afraid, O Jacob my of the Lord, Yahweh of Armies, a day of vengeance, servant," says Yahweh, "for I am with you; for I will make that he may avenge himself of his adversaries. The a full end of all the nations where I have driven you, but sword will devour and be satiated, and will drink its fill I will not make a full end of you, but I will correct you in 17 Yahweh's word that came to Jeremiah the prophet off, and they will pour him off; and they will empty his has appointed it."

49 Of Moab. Yahweh of Armies, the God of Israel, says: "Woe to Nebo! For it is laid waste. Kiriathaim is disappointed. It is taken. Misgab is put to shame and broken down. 2 The praise of Moab is no more. In Heshbon they have devised evil against her: 'Come! Let's cut her off from being a nation.' You also, Madmen, will be brought to silence. The sword will pursue you. 3 The sound of a cry from Horonaim, desolation and great destruction! 4 Moab is destroyed. Her little ones have caused a cry to be heard. 5 For they will go up by the ascent of Luhith with continual weeping. For at the descent of Horonaim they have heard the distress of the cry of destruction. 6 Flee! Save your lives! Be like the iuniper bush in the wilderness. 7 For, because you have trusted in your works and in your treasures, you also will be taken. Chemosh will go out into captivity, his priests and his princes together. 8 The destroyer will come on every city, and no city will escape; the valley also will perish, and the plain will be destroyed, as Yahweh has spoken. 9 Give wings to Moab, that she may fly and get herself away: and her cities will become a desolation, without anyone to dwell in them. 10 "Cursed is he who does the work of Yahweh 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 dregs, 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 behold, the days come," says Yahweh, "that I will send to him those who pour

concerning the Philistines, before Pharaoh struck vessels, and break their containers in pieces. 13 Moab Gaza. 2 Yahweh says: "Behold, waters rise up out of will be ashamed of Chemosh, as the house of Israel the north, and will become an overflowing stream, and was ashamed of Bethel, their confidence. 14 "How do will overflow the land and all that is therein, the city you say, 'We are mighty men, and valiant men for the and those who dwell therein. The men will cry, and all war'? 15 Moab is laid waste, and they have gone up the inhabitants of the land will wail. 3 At the noise of into his cities, and his chosen young men have gone the stamping of the hoofs of his strong ones, at the down to the slaughter," says the King, whose name is rushing of his chariots, at the rumbling of his wheels, Yahweh of Armies. 16 "The calamity of Moab is near the fathers don't look back for their children because to come, and his affliction hurries fast. 17 All you who their hands are so feeble, 4 because of the day that are around him, bemoan him; and all you who know comes to destroy all the Philistines, to cut off from his name, say, 'How the strong staff is broken, the Tyre and Sidon every helper who remains; for Yahweh beautiful rod!' 18 "You daughter who dwells in Dibon, will destroy the Philistines, the remnant of the isle of come down from your glory, and sit in thirst; for the Caphtor. 5 Baldness has come on Gaza; Ashkelon is destroyer of Moab has come up against you. He has brought to nothing. You remnant of their valley, how destroyed your strongholds. 19 Inhabitant of Aroer, long will you cut yourself? 6 "'You sword of Yahweh, stand by the way and watch. Ask him who flees, and her how long will it be before you are quiet? Put yourself who escapes; say, 'What has been done?' 20 Moab is back into your scabbard; rest, and be still.' 7 "How can disappointed; for it is broken down. Wail and cry! Tell it you be quiet, since Yahweh has given you a command? by the Arnon, that Moab is laid waste. 21 Judgment has Against Ashkelon, and against the seashore, there he come on the plain country—on Holon, on Jahzah, on Mephaath, 22 on Dibon, on Nebo, on Beth Diblathaim, 23 on Kiriathaim, on Beth Gamul, on Beth Meon, 24 on Kerioth, 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 Yahweh. 26 "Make him drunk, for he magnified himself against Yahweh, Moab will wallow in his vomit, and he also will 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. 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 in his loftiness, his pride, his arrogance, and the arrogance of his heart. 30 I know his wrath," says Yahweh, "that it is nothing; his boastings have done nothing. 31 Therefore I will wail for Moab. Yes, I will cry out for all Moab. They will mourn for the men of Kir Heres. 32 With more than the weeping of Jazer I will weep for you, vine of Sibmah. Your branches passed over the sea. They reached even to the sea of Jazer. The destrover has fallen on your summer fruits and on your vintage. 33 Gladness and joy is taken away from the fruitful field and from the land of Moab. I have caused wine to cease from the wine presses. No one will tread with shouting. The shouting will be no shouting. 34 From the cry of Heshbon even to Elealeh, even to Jahaz they have uttered their voice, from Zoar even to Horonaim, to Eglath Shelishiyah; for the waters of Nimrim will also become desolate. 35 Moreover I will cause to cease in Moab," says Yahweh, "him who offers in the high place, and him who burns incense to his gods. 36 Therefore my heart sounds

for Moab like flutes, and my heart sounds like flutes. Has their wisdom vanished? 8 Flee! Turn back! Dwell taken away captive, and your daughters into captivity. 47 "Yet I will reverse the captivity of Moab in the latter days," says Yahweh. Thus far is the judgment of Moab.

▲Q Of the children of Ammon. Yahweh says: "Has Israel no sons? Has he no heir? Why then does Malcam possess Gad, and his people dwell in its cities? 2 Therefore behold, the days come," says Yahweh, "that I will cause an alarm of war to be heard against Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and it will become a desolate heap, and her daughters will be burned with fire; then Israel will possess those who possessed him," says Yahweh. 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 Malcam will go into captivity, his priests and his princes together. 4 Why do you boast in the valleys, your flowing valley, backsliding daughter? You trusted in her treasures, saying, 'Who will come to me?' 5 Behold, I will bring a terror on you," says the Lord, Yahweh of Armies, "from all who are around you. All of you will be driven completely out, and there will be no one to gather together the fugitives. 6 "But afterward I will reverse the captivity of the children of Ammon," says Yahweh. 7 Of Edom, Yahweh of Armies says: "Is wisdom no more in Teman? Has counsel perished from the prudent?

for the men of Kir Heres. Therefore the abundance in the depths, inhabitants of Dedan; for I will bring the that he has gotten has perished. 37 For every head calamity of Esau on him when I visit him. 9 If grape is bald, and every beard clipped. There are cuttings gatherers came to you, would they not leave some on all the hands, and sackcloth on the waist. 38 On gleaning grapes? If thieves came by night, wouldn't they all the housetops of Moab, and in its streets, there is steal until they had enough? 10 But I have made Esau lamentation everywhere; for I have broken Moab like a bare, I have uncovered his secret places, and he will vessel in which no one delights," says Yahweh. 39 "How not be able to hide himself. His offspring is destroyed, it is broken down! How they wail! How Moab has turned with his brothers and his neighbors; and he is no more. the back with shame! So will Moab become a derision 11 Leave your fatherless children. I will preserve them and a terror to all who are around him." 40 For Yahweh alive. Let your widows trust in me." 12 For Yahweh says: says: "Behold, he will fly as an eagle, and will spread "Behold, they to whom it didn't pertain to drink of the cup out his wings against Moab. 41 Kerioth is taken, and the will certainly drink; and are you he who will altogether strongholds are seized. The heart of the mighty men go unpunished? You won't go unpunished, but you of Moab at that day will be as the heart of a woman will surely drink. 13 For I have sworn by myself," says in her pangs. 42 Moab will be destroyed from being Yahweh, "that Bozrah will become an astonishment, a people, because he has magnified himself against a reproach, a waste, and a curse. All its cities will be Yahweh. 43 Terror, the pit, and the snare are on you, perpetual wastes." 14 I have heard news from Yahweh, inhabitant of Moab," says Yahweh. 44 "He who flees and an ambassador is sent among the nations, saying, from the terror will fall into the pit; and he who gets up "Gather yourselves together! Come against her! Rise up out of the pit will be taken in the snare, for I will bring on to the battle!" 15 "For, behold, I have made you small him, even on Moab, the year of their visitation," says among the nations, and despised among men. 16 As for Yahweh. 45 "Those who fled stand without strength your terror, the pride of your heart has deceived you, O under the shadow of Heshbon; for a fire has gone out of you who dwell in the clefts of the rock, who hold the Heshbon, and a flame from the middle of Sihon, and height of the hill, though you should make your nest as has devoured the corner of Moab, and the crown of the high as the eagle, I will bring you down from there," head of the tumultuous ones. 46 Woe to you, O Moab! says Yahweh. 17 "Edom will become an astonishment. The people of Chemosh are undone; for your sons are Everyone who passes by it will be astonished, and will hiss at all its plagues. 18 As in the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah and its neighbor cities," says Yahweh, "no man will dwell there, neither will any son of man live therein. 19 "Behold, he will 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, I will appoint him over it. For who is like me? Who will appoint me a time? Who is the shepherd who will stand before me?" 20 Therefore hear the counsel of Yahweh, that he has taken against Edom, and his purposes that he has purposed against the inhabitants of Teman: Surely they will drag them away, the little ones of the flock. Surely he will 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 Behold, he will come up and fly as the eagle. and spread out his wings against Bozrah. The heart of the mighty men of Edom at that day will be as the heart of a woman in her pangs. 23 Of Damascus: "Hamath and Arpad are confounded, for they have heard evil news. They have melted away. There is sorrow on the sea. It can't be quiet. 24 Damascus has grown feeble, she turns herself to flee, and trembling has seized 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 inquire concerning Zion with their faces turned toward it. men will fall in her streets, and all the men of war will be saying, 'Come, and join yourselves to Yahweh in an brought to silence in that day," says Yahweh of Armies. everlasting covenant that will not be forgotten.' 6 My 27 "I will kindle a fire in the wall of Damascus, and it people have been lost sheep. Their shepherds have will devour the palaces of Ben Hadad." 28 Of Kedar, caused them to go astray. They have turned them away and of the kingdoms of Hazor, which Nebuchadnezzar on the mountains. They have gone from mountain to king of Babylon struck, Yahweh says: "Arise, go up to hill. They have forgotten their resting place. 7 All who Kedar, and destroy the children of the east. 29 They found them have devoured them. Their adversaries said, will take their tents and their flocks. they will carry 'We are not guilty, because they have sinned against away for themselves their curtains, all their vessels, Yahweh, the habitation of righteousness, even Yahweh, and their camels; and they will cry to them, 'Terror the hope of their fathers.' 8 "Flee out of the middle of on every side!' 30 Flee! Wander far off! Dwell in the Babylon! Go out of the land of the Chaldeans, and be as depths, you inhabitants of Hazor," says Yahweh; "for the male goats before the flocks. 9 For, behold, I will stir Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon has taken counsel up and cause to come up against Babylon a company against you, and has conceived a purpose against you. of great nations from the north country; and they will set 31 Arise! Go up to a nation that is at ease, that dwells themselves in array against her. She will be taken from without care," says Yahweh: "that has neither gates there. Their arrows will be as of an expert mighty man. nor bars, that dwells alone. 32 Their camels will be a None of them will return in vain. 10 Chaldea will be a booty, and the multitude of their livestock a plunder. prey. All who prey on her will be satisfied," says Yahweh. I will scatter to all winds those who have the corners 11 "Because you are glad, because you rejoice, O you of their beards cut off; and I will bring their calamity who plunder my heritage, because you are wanton as a from every side of them," says Yahweh. 33 Hazor will heifer that treads out the grain, and neigh as strong be a dwelling place of jackals, a desolation forever. horses, 12 your mother will be utterly disappointed. She No man will dwell there, neither will any son of man who bore you will be confounded. Behold, she will be live therein." 34 Yahweh's word that came to Jeremiah the least of the nations, a wilderness, a dry land, and a the prophet concerning Elam, in the beginning of the desert. 13 Because of Yahweh's wrath she won't be reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, saving, 35 "Yahweh of inhabited, but she will be wholly desolate. Everyone who Armies says: 'Behold, I will break the bow of Elam, the goes by Babylon will be astonished, and hiss at all her chief of their might. 36 I will bring on Elam the four winds plaques. 14 Set yourselves in array against Babylon all from the four quarters of the sky, and will scatter them around, all you who bend the bow; shoot at her. Spare toward all those winds. There will be no nation where no arrows, for she has sinned against Yahweh. 15 Shout the outcasts of Elam will not come. 37 I will cause Elam against her all around. She has submitted herself. Her to be dismayed before their enemies, and before those bulwarks have fallen. Her walls have been thrown down. who seek their life. I will bring evil on them, even my for it is the vengeance of Yahweh. Take vengeance on fierce anger,' says Yahweh; 'and I will send the sword her. As she has done, do to her. 16 Cut off the sower after them, until I have consumed them. 38 I will set from Babylon, and him who handles the sickle in the my throne in Elam, and will destroy from there king time of harvest. For fear of the oppressing sword, they and princes,' says Yahweh. 39 'But it will happen in the will each return to their own people, and they will each latter days that I will reverse the captivity of Elam,' says flee to their own land. 17 "Israel is a hunted sheep. The Yahweh."

50 The word that Yahweh 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 don't conceal; say, 'Babylon has been taken, Bel is disappointed, Merodach is dismayed! Her images are disappointed. Her idols are dismayed.' 3 For a nation comes up out of the north against her, which will make her land desolate, and no one will dwell in it. They have fled. They are gone, both man and animal. 4 "In those days, and in that time," says Yahweh, "the children of Israel will come, they and the children of Judah together: they will go on their way weeping, and will seek Yahweh their God. 5 They will

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 Yahweh of Armies, the God of Israel, says: "Behold, 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 will feed on Carmel and Bashan. His soul will be satisfied on the hills of Ephraim and in Gilead. 20 In those days, and in that time," says Yahweh, "the iniquity of Israel will be sought for, and there will be none, also the sins of Judah, and they won't 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

back according to her work. According to all that she taking of Babylon. The cry is heard among the nations. has done, do to her; for she has been proud against Yahweh, against the Holy One of Israel. 30 Therefore her young men will fall in her streets. All her men of war will be brought to silence in that day," says Yahweh. 31 "Behold, I am against you, you proud one," says the Lord, Yahweh of Armies; "for your day has come, the time that I will visit you. 32 The proud one will stumble and fall, and no one will raise him up. I will kindle a fire in his cities, and it will devour all who are around him." 33 Yahweh of Armies says: "The children of Israel and the children of Judah are oppressed together. All who took them captive hold them fast. They refuse to let them go. 34 Their Redeemer is strong. Yahweh of Armies is his name. He will thoroughly plead their cause, that he may give rest to the earth, and disquiet the inhabitants of Babylon. 35 "A sword is on the Chaldeans," says Yahweh, "and on the inhabitants of Babylon, on her princes, and on her wise men. 36 A sword is on the boasters, and they will become fools. A sword is on her mighty men, and they will be dismayed. 37 A sword is on their horses, on their chariots, and on all the mixed people who are in the middle of her; and they will become as women. A sword is on her treasures, and they will be robbed. 38 A drought is on her waters, and they will be dried up; for it is a land of engraved images, and they are mad over idols. 39 Therefore the wild animals of the desert with the wolves will dwell there. The ostriches will dwell therein. It will be inhabited no more forever, neither will it be lived in from generation to generation. 40 As when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah and its neighbor cities," says Yahweh, "so no

destroy after them," says Yahweh, "and do according to man will dwell there, neither will any son of man live all that I have commanded you. 22 A sound of battle therein. 41 "Behold, a people comes from the north. A is in the land, and of great destruction. 23 How the great nation and many kings will be stirred up from the hammer of the whole earth is cut apart and broken! How uttermost parts of the earth. 42 They take up bow and Babylon has become a desolation among the nations! spear. They are cruel, and have no mercy. Their voice 24 I have laid a snare for you, and you are also taken, roars like the sea. They ride on horses, everyone set in Babylon, and you weren't aware. You are found, and array, as a man to the battle, against you, daughter of also caught, because you have fought against Yahweh. Babylon. 43 The king of Babylon has heard the news of 25 Yahweh has opened his armory, and has brought out them, and his hands become feeble. Anguish has taken the weapons of his indignation; for the Lord, Yahweh of hold of him, pains as of a woman in labor. 44 Behold, the Armies, has a work to do in the land of the Chaldeans. enemy will come up like a lion from the thickets of the 26 Come against her from the farthest border. Open Jordan against the strong habitation; for I will suddenly her storehouses. Cast her up as heaps. Destroy her make them run away from it. Whoever is chosen, I will utterly. Let nothing of her be left. 27 Kill all her bulls. Let appoint him over it, for who is like me? Who will appoint them go down to the slaughter. Woe to them! For their me a time? Who is the shepherd who can stand before day has come, the time of their visitation. 28 Listen to me?" 45 Therefore hear the counsel of Yahweh that those who flee and escape out of the land of Babylon, to he has taken against Babylon; and his purposes that declare in Zion the vengeance of Yahweh our God, the he has purposed against the land of the Chaldeans: vengeance of his temple. 29 "Call together the archers Surely they will drag them away, even the little ones of against Babylon, all those who bend the bow. Encamp the flock. Surely he will make their habitation desolate against her all around. Let none of it escape. Pay her over them. 46 The earth trembles at the noise of the

> **51** Yahweh says: "Behold, I will raise up against Babylon, and against those who dwell in Lebkamai, a destroying wind. 2 I will send to Babylon strangers, who will winnow her. They will empty her land; for in the day of trouble they will be against her all around. 3 Against him who bends, let the archer bend his bow, also against him who lifts himself up in his coat of mail. Don't spare her young men! Utterly destroy all her army! 4 They will fall down slain in the land of the Chaldeans, and thrust through in her streets. 5 For Israel is not forsaken, nor Judah, by his God, by Yahweh of Armies; though their land is full of guilt against the Holy One of Israel. 6 "Flee out of the middle of Babylon! Everyone save his own life! Don't be cut off in her iniquity, for it is the time of Yahweh's vengeance. He will render to her a recompense. 7 Babylon has been a golden cup in Yahweh's hand, who made all the earth drunk. The nations have drunk of her wine; therefore the nations have gone mad. 8 Babylon has suddenly fallen and been destroyed! Wail for her! Take balm for her pain. Perhaps she may be healed. 9 "We would have healed Babylon, but she is not healed. Forsake her, and let's each go into his own country; for her judgment reaches to heaven, and is lifted up even to the skies. 10 'Yahweh has produced our righteousness. Come, and let's declare in Zion the work of Yahweh our God.' 11 "Make the arrows sharp! Hold the shields firmly! Yahweh 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 Yahweh, the vengeance of his temple. 12 Set up a

standard against the walls of Babylon! Make the watch has failed. They have become as women. Her dwelling strong! Set the watchmen, and prepare the ambushes; places are set on fire. Her bars are broken. 31 One for Yahweh has both purposed and done that which he runner will run to meet another, and one messenger spoke concerning the inhabitants of Babylon. 13 You to meet another, to show the king of Babylon that his who dwell on many waters, abundant in treasures, your city is taken on every guarter. 32 So the passages are end has come, the measure of your covetousness. 14 seized. They have burned the reeds with fire. The men Yahweh of Armies has sworn by himself, saying, 'Surely of war are frightened." 33 For Yahweh of Armies, the I will fill you with men, as with locusts, and they will lift God of Israel says: "The daughter of Babylon is like up a shout against you.' 15 "He has made the earth by a threshing floor at the time when it is trodden. Yet a his power. He has established the world by his wisdom. little while, and the time of harvest comes for her." 34 By his understanding he has stretched out the heavens. "Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon has devoured 16 When he utters his voice, there is a roar of waters me. He has crushed me. He has made me an empty in the heavens, and he causes the vapors to ascend vessel. He has, like a monster, swallowed me up. He from the ends of the earth. He makes lightning for the has filled his mouth with my delicacies. He has cast me rain, and brings the wind out of his treasuries. 17 "Every out. 35 May the violence done to me and to my flesh man has become stupid and without knowledge. Every be on Babylon!" the inhabitant of Zion will say; and, goldsmith is disappointed by his image, for his molten "May my blood be on the inhabitants of Chaldea!" will images are falsehood, and there is no breath in them. Jerusalem say. 36 Therefore Yahweh says: "Behold, 18 They are vanity, a work of delusion. In the time of I will plead your cause, and take vengeance for you. their visitation, they will perish. 19 The portion of Jacob I will dry up her sea, and make her fountain dry. 37 is not like these, for he formed all things, including the Babylon will become heaps, a dwelling place for jackals, tribe of his inheritance. Yahweh of Armies is his name. an astonishment, and a hissing, without inhabitant. 38 20 "You are my battle ax and weapons of war. With They will roar together like young lions. They will growl you I will break the nations into pieces. With you I will as lions' cubs. 39 When they are inflamed, I will make destroy kingdoms. 21 With you I will break in pieces the their feast, and I will make them drunk, that they may horse and his rider. 22 With you I will break in pieces rejoice, and sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake up," the chariot and him who rides therein. With you I will says Yahweh. 40 "I will bring them down like lambs break in pieces man and woman. With you I will break in to the slaughter, like rams with male goats. 41 "How pieces the old man and the youth. With you I will break Sheshach is taken! How the praise of the whole earth is in pieces the young man and the virgin. 23 With you I seized! How Babylon has become a desolation among will break in pieces the shepherd and his flock. With you the nations! 42 The sea has come up on Babylon. She I will break in pieces the farmer and his yoke. With you I is covered with the multitude of its waves. 43 Her cities will break in pieces governors and deputies. 24 "I will have become a desolation, a dry land, and a desert, a render to Babylon and to all the inhabitants of Chaldea land in which no man dwells. No son of man passes by all their evil that they have done in Zion in your sight," it. 44 I will execute judgment on Bel in Babylon, and I says Yahweh. 25 "Behold, I am against you, destroying will bring out of his mouth that which he has swallowed mountain," says Yahweh, "which destroys all the earth. up. The nations will not flow any more to him. Yes, the I will stretch out my hand on you, roll you down from wall of Babylon will fall. 45 "My people, go away from the rocks, and will make you a burned mountain. 26 the middle of her, and each of you save yourselves They won't take a cornerstone from you, nor a stone from Yahweh's fierce anger. 46 Don't let your heart for foundations; but you will be desolate forever," says faint. Don't fear for the news that will be heard in the Yahweh, 27 "Set up a standard in the land! Blow the land. For news will come one year, and after that in trumpet among the nations! Prepare the nations against another year news will come, and violence in the land, her! Call together against her the kingdoms of Ararat, ruler against ruler. 47 Therefore behold, the days come Minni, and Ashkenaz! Appoint a marshal against her! that I will execute judgment on the engraved images Cause the horses to come up as the swarming locusts! of Babylon; and her whole land will be confounded. 28 Prepare against her the nations, the kings of the All her slain will fall in the middle of her. 48 Then the Medes, its governors, and all its deputies, and all the heavens and the earth, and all that is therein, will sing land of their dominion! 29 The land trembles and is for joy over Babylon; for the destroyers will come to in pain; for the purposes of Yahweh against Babylon her from the north," says Yahweh. 49 "As Babylon has stand, to make the land of Babylon a desolation, without caused the slain of Israel to fall, so the slain of all the inhabitant. 30 The mighty men of Babylon have stopped land will fall at Babylon. 50 You who have escaped fighting, they remain in their strongholds. Their might the sword, go! Don't stand still! Remember Yahweh

from afar, and let Jerusalem come into your mind." 51 encamped against it; and they built forts against it round be weary." Thus far are the words of Jeremiah.

52 Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he began to reign. He reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah. 2 He did that which was evil in Yahweh's sight, according to all that Jehoiakim had done. 3 For through Yahweh's anger this happened in Jerusalem and Judah, until he had cast them out from his presence. Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon. 4 In the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, he and all his army, against Jerusalem, and

"We are confounded because we have heard reproach. about. 5 So the city was besieged to the eleventh year Confusion has covered our faces, for strangers have of King Zedekiah. 6 In the fourth month, in the ninth come into the sanctuaries of Yahweh's house." 52 day of the month, the famine was severe in the city, so "Therefore behold, the days come," says Yahweh, "that that there was no bread for the people of the land. 7 I will execute judgment on her engraved images; and Then a breach was made in the city, and all the men through all her land the wounded will groan. 53 Though of war fled, and went out of the city by night by the Babylon should mount up to the sky, and though she way of the gate between the two walls, which was by should fortify the height of her strength, yet destroyers the king's garden. Now the Chaldeans were against will come to her from me," says Yahweh. 54 "The sound the city all around. The men of war went toward the of a cry comes from Babylon, and of great destruction Arabah, 8 but the army of the Chaldeans pursued the from the land of the Chaldeans! 55 For Yahweh lays king, and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho; Babylon waste, and destroys out of her the great voice! and all his army was scattered from him. 9 Then they Their waves roar like many waters. The noise of their took the king, and carried him up to the king of Babylon voice is uttered. 56 For the destroyer has come on her, to Riblah in the land of Hamath; and he pronounced even on Babylon. Her mighty men are taken. Their bows judgment on him. 10 The king of Babylon killed the are broken in pieces, for Yahweh is a God of retribution. sons of Zedekiah before his eyes. He also killed all the He will surely repay. 57 I will make her princes, her princes of Judah in Riblah. 11 He put out the eyes of wise men, her governors, her deputies, and her mighty Zedekiah; and the king of Babylon bound him in fetters, men drunk. They will sleep a perpetual sleep, and not and carried him to Babylon, and put him in prison until wake up," says the King, whose name is Yahweh of the day of his death. 12 Now in the fifth month, in the Armies. 58 Yahweh of Armies says: "The wide walls of tenth day of the month, which was the nineteenth year Babylon will be utterly overthrown. Her high gates will of King Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, Nebuzaradan be burned with fire. The peoples will labor for vanity, the captain of the guard, who stood before the king of and the nations for the fire; and they will be weary." Babylon, came into Jerusalem. 13 He burned Yahweh's 59 The word which Jeremiah the prophet commanded house, and the king's house; and all the houses of Seraiah the son of Neriah, the son of Mahseiah, when Jerusalem, even every great house, he burned with he went with Zedekiah the king of Judah to Babylon fire. 14 All the army of the Chaldeans, who were with in the fourth year of his reign. Now Seraiah was chief the captain of the guard, broke down all the walls of quartermaster. 60 Jeremiah wrote in a book all the evil Jerusalem all around. 15 Then Nebuzaradan the captain that should come on Babylon, even all these words that of the guard carried away captive of the poorest of are written concerning Babylon. 61 Jeremiah said to the people, and the rest of the people who were left Seraiah, "When you come to Babylon, then see that you in the city, and those who fell away, who defected to read all these words, 62 and say, 'Yahweh, you have the king of Babylon, and the rest of the multitude. 16 spoken concerning this place, to cut it off, that no one But Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard left of the will dwell in it, neither man nor animal, but that it will be poorest of the land to be vineyard keepers and farmers. desolate forever.' 63 It will be, when you have finished 17 The Chaldeans broke the pillars of bronze that were reading this book, that you shall bind a stone to it, and in Yahweh's house and the bases and the bronze sea cast it into the middle of the Euphrates. 64 Then you that were in Yahweh's house in pieces, and carried all shall say, 'Thus will Babylon sink, and will not rise again of their bronze to Babylon. 18 They also took away the because of the evil that I will bring on her; and they will pots, the shovels, the snuffers, the basins, the spoons, and all the vessels of bronze with which they ministered. 19 The captain of the quard took away the cups, the fire pans, the basins, the pots, the lamp stands, the spoons, and the bowls; that which was of gold, as gold, and that which was of silver, as silver. 20 They took the two pillars, the one sea, and the twelve bronze bulls that were under the bases, which King Solomon had made for Yahweh's house. The bronze of all these vessels was without weight. 21 As for the pillars, the height of the one pillar was eighteen cubits; and a line of twelve cubits encircled it; and its thickness was four fingers. It was hollow. 22 A capital of bronze was on it;

and the height of the one capital was five cubits, with network and pomegranates on the capital all around, all of bronze. The second pillar also had the same, with pomegranates. 23 There were ninety-six 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 middle 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 number of 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 twenty-third year of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive of the Jews seven hundred forty-five people. All the people numbered four thousand six hundred. 31 In the thirty-seventh year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, in the twenty-fifth day of the month, Evilmerodach king of Babylon, in the first year of his reign, lifted up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah, and released him from prison. 32 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. Jehoiachin ate bread before him continually all the days of his life. 34 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 slave! 2 She weeps bitterly in the night. Her tears are on her cheeks. Among all her lovers she has no one to comfort her. All her friends have dealt treacherously with her. They have become her enemies. 3 Judah has gone into captivity because of affliction and because of great servitude. She dwells among the nations. She finds no rest. All her persecutors overtook her in her distress. 4 The roads to Zion mourn, because no one comes to the solemn assembly. All her gates are desolate. Her priests sigh. Her virgins are afflicted, and she herself is in bitterness. 5 Her adversaries have become the head. Her enemies prosper; for Yahweh 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 princes have become like deer that find no pasture. They have gone without strength before the pursuer. 7 Jerusalem remembers in the days of her affliction and of her miseries all her pleasant 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 unclean. All who honored her despise her. because they have seen her nakedness. Yes, she sighs and turns backward. 9 Her filthiness was in her skirts. She didn't remember her latter end. Therefore she has come down astoundingly. She has no comforter. "See, Yahweh, my affliction; for the enemy has magnified himself." 10 The adversary has spread out his hand on all her pleasant 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 pleasant things for food to refresh their soul. "Look, Yahweh, and see, for I have become 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 Yahweh has afflicted me in the day of his fierce anger. 13 "From on high has he sent fire into my bones, and it prevails against them. He has spread a net for my feet. He has turned me back. He has made me desolate and I faint all day long. 14 "The yoke of my transgressions is bound by his hand. They are knit together. They have come up on my neck. He made my strength fail. The Lord has delivered me into their hands, against whom I am

my mighty men within me. He has called a solemn assembly against me to crush my young men. The Lord has trodden the virgin daughter of Judah as in a wine press. 16 "For these things I weep. My eye, my eye runs down with water, because the comforter who should refresh my soul is far from me. My children are desolate, because the enemy has prevailed." 17 Zion spreads out her hands. There is no one to comfort her. Yahweh has commanded concerning Jacob, that those who are around him should be his adversaries. Jerusalem is among them as an unclean thing. 18 "Yahweh is righteous, for I have rebelled against his commandment. Please hear all you peoples, and see my sorrow. 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 gave up the spirit in the city, while they sought food for themselves to refresh their souls. 20 "Look, Yahweh; for I am in distress. My heart is troubled. My heart turns over within me, for I have grievously rebelled. Abroad, the sword bereaves. At home, it is like death. 21 "They have heard that I sigh. There is no one to comfort me. All my enemies have heard of my trouble. They are glad that you have done it. You will bring the day that you have proclaimed, and they will be 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 sighs are many, and my heart is faint.

2 How has the Lord covered the daughter of Zion with a cloud in his anger! He has cast the beauty of Israel down from heaven to the earth, and hasn't remembered his footstool in the day of his anger. 2 The Lord has swallowed up all the dwellings of Jacob without pity. He has thrown down in his wrath the strongholds of the daughter of Judah. He has brought them down to the ground. He has profaned the kingdom and its princes. 3 He has cut off all the horn of Israel in fierce anger. He has drawn back his right hand from before the enemy. He has burned up Jacob like a flaming fire, which devours all around. 4 He has bent his bow like an enemy. He has stood with his right hand as an adversary. He has 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. He has destroyed his strongholds. He has multiplied mourning and lamentation in the daughter of Judah. 6 He has violently taken away his tabernacle, as if it were a garden. He has destroyed his place of assembly. Yahweh has caused solemn assembly and Sabbath to be forgotten in Zion. In the indignation of his anger, he has despised the king and the priest. 7 The Lord has cast off his altar. He has not able to stand. 15 "The Lord has set at nothing all abhorred his sanctuary. He has given the walls of her

noise in Yahweh's house, as in the day of a solemn them in the day of your anger. You have slaughtered, assembly. 8 Yahweh has purposed to destroy the wall and not pitied. 22 "You have called, as in the day of a of the daughter of Zion. He has stretched out the line. solemn assembly, my terrors on every side. There was He has not withdrawn his hand from destroying; He no one that escaped or remained in the day of Yahweh's has made the rampart and wall lament. They languish anger. My enemy has consumed those whom I have together. 9 Her gates have sunk into the ground. He cared for and brought up. has destroyed and broken her bars. Her king and her princes are among the nations where the law is not. Yes. her prophets find no vision from Yahweh. 10 The elders of the daughter of Zion sit on the ground. They keep 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 fail with tears. My heart is troubled. My bile is poured on the earth, because of the destruction of the daughter of my people, because the young children and the infants swoon in the streets of the city. 12 They ask their mothers, "Where is grain and wine?" when they swoon as the wounded in the streets of the city, when their soul is poured out into their mothers' bosom. 13 What shall I testify to 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 breach is as big as the sea. Who can heal you? 14 Your prophets have seen false and foolish visions for you. They have not uncovered your iniquity, to reverse your captivity, but have seen for you false revelations and causes of banishment. 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 their mouth wide against you. They hiss and gnash their teeth. They say, "We have swallowed her up. Certainly this is the day that we looked for. We have found it. We have seen it." 17 Yahweh has done that which he planned. 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 rejoice over you. He has 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 yourself no relief. Don't let your eves rest. 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, who faint for hunger at the head of every street. 20 "Look, Yahweh, and see to whom you have done thus! Should the women eat their offspring, the children that they held and bounced on their knees? Should 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

palaces into the hand of the enemy. They have made a young men have fallen by the sword. You have killed

 ${\bf 3}\,{\mbox{I}}$ am the man who 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 he turns his hand against me again and again all day long. 4 He has made my flesh and my skin old. He has broken my bones. 5 He has built against me, and surrounded me with bitterness and hardship. 6 He has made me dwell in dark places, as those who have been long dead. 7 He has walled me about, so that I can't go out. He has made my chain 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 turned away my path, and pulled me in pieces. He has made me desolate. 12 He has bent his bow, and set me as a mark for the arrow. 13 He has caused the shafts of his guiver to enter into my kidneys. 14 l have become a derision to all my people, and their song all day long. 15 He has filled me with bitterness. He has stuffed me with wormwood. 16 He has also broken my teeth with gravel. He has covered me with ashes. 17 You have removed my soul far away from peace. I forgot prosperity. 18 I said, "My strength has perished, along with my expectation from Yahweh." 19 Remember my affliction and my misery, the wormwood and the bitterness. 20 My soul still remembers them, and is bowed down within me. 21 This I recall to my mind: therefore I have hope. 22 It is because of Yahweh's loving kindnesses that we are not consumed, because his mercies don't fail. 23 They are new every morning. Great is your faithfulness. 24 "Yahweh is my portion," says my soul. "Therefore I will hope in him." 25 Yahweh is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. 26 It is good that a man should hope and guietly wait for the salvation of Yahweh. 27 It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth. 28 Let him sit alone and keep silence, because he has laid it on him. 29 Let him put his mouth in the dust, if it is so that there may be hope. 30 Let him give his cheek to him who strikes him. Let him be filled full of reproach. 31 For the Lord will not cast off forever. 32 For though he causes grief, yet he will have compassion according to the multitude of his loving kindnesses. 33 For he does not afflict willingly, nor grieve the children of men. 34 To crush under foot all the prisoners of the earth, 35 to turn away the right of a man before the face of the Most

⚠ How the gold has become dim! 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 esteemed as earthen pitchers, the work of the hands of the potter! 3 Even the jackals offer their breast. They nurse their young ones. But the daughter of my people has become cruel, like the ostriches in the wilderness. 4 The tongue of the nursing child clings to the roof of his mouth for thirst. The young children ask for bread, and no one breaks it for them. 5 Those who ate delicacies

High. 36 to subvert a man in his cause, the Lord doesn't are desolate in the streets. Those who were brought up approve. 37 Who is he who says, and it comes to pass, in purple embrace dunghills. 6 For the iniquity of the when the Lord doesn't command it? 38 Doesn't evil and daughter of my people is greater than the sin of Sodom, good come out of the mouth of the Most High? 39 Why which was overthrown as in a moment. No hands were should a living man complain, a man for the punishment laid on her. 7 Her nobles were purer than snow. They of his sins? 40 Let us search and try our ways, and were whiter than milk. They were more ruddy in body turn again to Yahweh. 41 Let's lift up our heart with our than rubies. Their polishing was like sapphire. 8 Their hands to God in the heavens. 42 "We have transgressed appearance is blacker than a coal. They are not known and have rebelled. You have not pardoned. 43 "You in the streets. Their skin clings to their bones. It is have covered us with anger and pursued us. You have withered. It has become like wood. 9 Those who are killed. You have not pitied. 44 You have covered yourself killed with the sword are better than those who are killed with a cloud, so that no prayer can pass through. 45 with hunger; for these pine away, stricken through, for You have made us an off-scouring and refuse in the lack of the fruits of the field. 10 The hands of the pitiful middle of the peoples. 46 "All our enemies have opened women have boiled their own children. They were their their mouth wide against us. 47 Terror and the pit have food in the destruction of the daughter of my people. 11 come on us, devastation and destruction." 48 My eye Yahweh has accomplished his wrath. He has poured runs down with streams of water, for the destruction out his fierce anger. He has kindled a fire in Zion, which of the daughter of my people. 49 My eye pours down has devoured its foundations. 12 The kings of the earth and doesn't cease, without any intermission, 50 until didn't believe, neither did all the inhabitants of the world, Yahweh looks down, and sees from heaven. 51 My that the adversary and the enemy would enter into the eye affects my soul, because of all the daughters of gates of Jerusalem. 13 It is because of the sins of her my city. 52 They have chased me relentlessly like a prophets and the iniquities of her priests, that have bird, those who are my enemies without cause. 53 They shed the blood of the just in the middle of her. 14 They have cut off my life in the dungeon, and have cast a wander as blind men in the streets. They are polluted stone on me. 54 Waters flowed over my head. I said, "I with blood, So that men can't touch their garments. 15 am cut off." 55 I called on your name, Yahweh, out of "Go away!" they cried to them. "Unclean! Go away! Go the lowest dungeon. 56 You heard my voice: "Don't hide away! Don't touch! When they fled away and wandered, your ear from my sighing, and my cry." 57 You came men said among the nations, "They can't live here any near in the day that I called on you. You said, "Don't be more." 16 Yahweh's anger has scattered them. He will afraid." 58 Lord, you have pleaded the causes of my not pay attention to them any more. They didn't respect soul. You have redeemed my life. 59 Yahweh, you have the persons of the priests. They didn't favor the elders. seen my wrong. Judge my cause. 60 You have seen all 17 Our eyes still fail, looking in vain for our help. In our their vengeance and all their plans against me. 61 You watching we have watched for a nation that could not have heard their reproach, Yahweh, and all their plans save. 18 They hunt our steps, so that we can't go in our against me, 62 the lips of those that rose up against me, streets. Our end is near. Our days are fulfilled, for our and their plots against me all day long. 63 You see their end has come. 19 Our pursuers were swifter than the sitting down and their rising up. I am their song. 64 You eagles of the sky. They chased us on the mountains. will pay them back, Yahweh, according to the work of They set an ambush for us in the wilderness. 20 The their hands. 65 You will give them hardness of heart, breath of our nostrils, the anointed of Yahweh, was your curse to them. 66 You will pursue them in anger, taken in their pits; of whom we said, under his shadow and destroy them from under the heavens of Yahweh. we will live among the nations. 21 Rejoice and be glad, daughter of Edom, who dwells in the land of Uz. The cup will pass through to you also. You will be drunken, and will 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, Yahweh, what has come on us. Look, and see our reproach. 2 Our inheritance has been turned over to strangers, our houses to aliens. 3 We are orphans and fatherless. Our mothers are as widows. 4 We must pay for water to drink. Our wood is sold to us. 5 Our pursuers are on our necks. We are weary,

and have no rest. 6 We have given our hands to the Egyptians, and to the Assyrians, to be satisfied with bread. 7 Our fathers sinned, and are no more. We have borne their iniquities. 8 Servants rule over us. There is no one 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 black like an oven, because of the burning heat of famine. 11 They ravished the women in Zion, the virgins in the cities of Judah. 12 Princes were hanged up by their hands. The faces of elders were not honored. 13 The young men carry millstones. The children stumbled under loads of wood. 14 The elders have ceased from the gate, and the young men from their music. 15 The joy of our heart has ceased. Our dance is turned into mourning. 16 The crown has fallen from our head. Woe to us, for we have sinned! 17 For this our heart is faint. For these things our eyes are dim: 18 for the mountain of Zion, which is desolate. The foxes walk on it. 19 You, Yahweh, remain forever. Your throne is from generation to generation. 20 Why do you forget us forever, and forsake us for so long a time? 21 Turn us to yourself, Yahweh, and we will be turned. Renew our days as of old. 22 But you have utterly rejected us. You are very angry against us.

Ezekiel

1 Now in the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I was among the captives by the river Chebar, 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 Yahweh's word came to Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar: and Yahweh's hand was there on him. 4 I looked, and behold, a stormy wind came out of the north: a great cloud, with flashing lightning, and a brightness around it, and out of the middle of it as it were glowing metal, out of the middle of the fire. 5 Out of its center came the likeness of four living creatures. This was their appearance: They had the likeness of a man. 6 Everyone had four faces, and each one of them had four wings. 7 Their feet were straight feet. 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. The four of them had their faces and their wings like this: 9 Their wings were joined to one 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. The four of them had the face of a lion on the right side. 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 was to go, they went. They didn't turn when they went. 13 As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was like burning coals of fire, like the appearance of torches. The fire went up and down among the living creatures. The fire was bright, and lightning went out of the fire. 14 The living creatures ran and returned as the appearance of a flash of lightning. 15 Now as I saw the living creatures, behold, there was one wheel on the earth beside the living creatures, for each of the four faces of it. 16 The appearance of the wheels and their work was like a beryl. The four of them had one likeness. Their appearance and their work was as it were a wheel within a wheel. 17 When they went, they went in their four directions. They didn't turn when they went. 18 As for their rims, they were high and dreadful; and the four of them had their rims full of eyes all around. 19 When the living creatures went, the wheels went beside them. When the living creatures were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up. 20 Wherever the spirit was to go, they went. The spirit was to go there. The wheels were lifted up beside them; for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels.

21 When those went, these went. When those stood. these stood. When those were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up beside them; for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels. 22 Over the head of the living creature there was the likeness of an expanse, like an awesome crystal to look at, stretched out over their heads above. 23 Under the expanse, their wings were straight, one toward the other. Each one had two which covered on this side, and each one had two which covered their bodies on that side. 24 When they went, I heard the noise of their wings like the noise of great waters, like the voice of the Almighty, a noise of tumult like the noise of an army. When they stood, they let down their wings. 25 There was a voice above the expanse that was over their heads. When they stood, they let down their wings. 26 Above the expanse that was over their heads was the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire stone. 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 Yahweh's glory. When I saw it, I fell on my face, and I heard a voice of one that spoke.

The said to me, "Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you." 2 The Spirit entered into me when he spoke to me, and set me on my feet; and I heard him who spoke to me. 3 He said to me, "Son of man, I send you to the children of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me even to this very day. 4 The children are impudent and stiff-hearted. I am sending you to them, and you shall tell them, 'This is what the Lord Yahweh says.' 5 They, whether they will hear, or whether they will refuse—for they are a rebellious house—yet they will know that there has been a prophet among them. 6 You, son of man, don't be afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, though briers and thorns are with you, and you dwell among scorpions. Don't be afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they are a rebellious house. 7 You shall speak my words to them, whether they will hear or whether they will refuse; for they are most rebellious. 8 But you, son of man, hear what I tell you. Don't be rebellious like that rebellious house. Open your mouth, and eat that which I give you." 9 When I looked, behold, a hand was stretched out to

and lamentations, mourning, and woe were written in it.

3 He said to me, "Son of man, eat what 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, eat this scroll that I give you and fill your belly and your bowels with it." Then I ate it. 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't 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 Behold, I have made your face hard against their faces, and your forehead hard against their foreheads. 9 I have made your forehead as a diamond, harder than flint. Don't be afraid of them, neither be dismayed at their looks, though they are a rebellious house." 10 Moreover he said to me, "Son of man, receive in your heart and hear with your ears all my words that I speak to you. 11 Go to them of the captivity, to the children of your people, and speak to them, and tell them, 'This is what the Lord Yahweh says,' whether they will hear, or whether they will refuse." 12 Then the Spirit lifted me up, and I heard behind me the voice of a great rushing, saving, "Blessed be Yahweh's glory from his place." 13 I heard the noise of the wings of the living creatures as they touched one another, and the noise of the wheels beside them, even the noise of a great rushing. 14 So the Spirit lifted me up, and took me away; and I went in bitterness, in the heat of my spirit; and Yahweh's hand was strong on me. 15 Then I came to them of the captivity at Tel Aviv who lived by the river Chebar, and to where they lived; and I sat there overwhelmed among them seven days. 16 At the end of seven days, Yahweh's word came to me, saying, 17 "Son of man, I have made you a watchman to the house of Israel. Therefore hear the word from my mouth, and warn them from me. 18 When I tell the wicked, 'You will surely die;' and you give him no warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life, that wicked man will die in his iniquity; but I will require his blood at your hand. 19 Yet if you warn the wicked, and he doesn't turn from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he will die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul." 20 "Again, when a righteous man turns from his righteousness and commits iniquity, and I lay a stumbling block before him,

me; and behold, a scroll of a book was in it. 10 He he will die, Because vou have not given him warning, he spread it before me. It was written within and without; will die in his sin, and his righteous deeds which he has done will not be remembered; but I will require his blood at your hand. 21 Nevertheless if you warn the righteous man, that the righteous not sin, and he does not sin, he will surely live, because he took warning; and you have delivered your soul." 22 Yahweh's hand was there on me; and he said to me, "Arise, go out into the plain, and I will talk with you there." 23 Then I arose, and went out into the plain, and behold, Yahweh's glory stood there, like the glory which I saw by the river Chebar. Then I fell on my face. 24 Then the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet. He spoke with me, and said to me, "Go, shut yourself inside your house. 25 But you, son of man, behold, they will put ropes on you, and will bind you with them, and you will not go out among them. 26 I will make your tongue stick to the roof of your mouth so that you will be mute and will not be able to correct them, for they are a rebellious house. 27 But when I speak with you, I will open your mouth, and you shall tell them, 'This is what the Lord Yahweh says.' He who hears, let him hear; and he who refuses, let him refuse; for they are a rebellious house."

> ▲ "You also, son of man, take a tile, and lay it before yourself, and portray on it a city, even Jerusalem. 2 Lay siege against it, build forts against it, and cast up a mound against it. Also set camps against it and plant battering rams against it all around. 3 Take for yourself an iron pan and set it for a wall of iron between you and the city. Then set your face toward it. It will be besieged, and you shall lay siege against it. This shall be a sign to the house of Israel. 4 "Moreover lie on your left side, and lay the iniquity of the house of Israel on it. According to the number of the days that you shall lie on it, you shall bear their iniquity. 5 For I have appointed the years of their iniquity to be to you a number of days, even three hundred ninety days. So you shall bear the iniquity of the house of Israel. 6 "Again, when you have accomplished these, you shall lie on your right side, and shall bear the iniquity of the house of Judah. I have appointed forty days, each day for a year, to you. 7 You shall set your face toward the siege of Jerusalem, with your arm uncovered; and you shall prophesy against it. 8 Behold, I put ropes on you, and you shall not turn yourself from one side to the other, until you have accomplished the days of your siege. 9 "Take for yourself also wheat, barley, beans, lentils, millet, and spelt, and put them in one vessel. Make bread of it. According to the number of the days that you will lie on your side, even three hundred ninety days, you shall eat of it. 10 Your food which you shall eat shall be by weight, twenty shekels a day. From time to time you shall eat it. 11 You shall drink water by

and in dismay; 17 that they may lack bread and water, on you in anger and in wrath, and in wrathful rebukes—I, iniquity.

5 "You, son of man, take a sharp sword. You shall take it as a barber's razor to yourself, and shall cause it to pass over your head and over your beard. Then take balances to weigh and divide the hair. 2 A third part you shall burn in the fire in the middle of the city, when the days of the siege are fulfilled. You shall take a third part, and strike with the sword around it. A third

measure, the sixth part of a hin. From time to time you and with all your abominations, therefore I will also shall drink. 12 You shall eat it as barley cakes, and you diminish you. My eye won't spare, and I will have no shall bake it in their sight with dung that comes out of pity. 12 A third part of you will die with the pestilence, man." 13 Yahweh said, "Even thus will the children of and they will be consumed with famine within you. A Israel eat their bread unclean, among the nations where third part will fall by the sword around you. A third part I I will drive them." 14 Then I said, "Ah Lord Yahweh! will scatter to all the winds, and will draw out a sword Behold, my soul has not been polluted; for from my after them. 13 "Thus my anger will be accomplished, youth up even until now I have not eaten of that which and I will cause my wrath toward them to rest, and I dies of itself, or is torn of animals. No abominable meat will be comforted. They will know that I, Yahweh, have has come into my mouth!" 15 Then he said to me, spoken in my zeal, when I have accomplished my wrath "Behold, I have given you cow's dung for man's dung, on them. 14 "'Moreover I will make you a desolation and and you shall prepare your bread on it." 16 Moreover he a reproach among the nations that are around you, in said to me, "Son of man, behold, I will break the staff the sight of all that pass by. 15 So it will be a reproach of bread in Jerusalem. They will eat bread by weight, and a taunt, an instruction and an astonishment, to the and with fearfulness. They will drink water by measure, nations that are around you, when I execute judgments be dismayed one with another, and pine away in their Yahweh, have spoken it- 16 when I send on them the evil arrows of famine that are for destruction, which I will send to destroy you. I will increase the famine on you and will break your staff of bread. 17 I will send on you famine and evil animals, and they will bereave you. Pestilence and blood will pass through you. I will bring the sword on you. I, Yahweh, have spoken it."

6 Yahweh's word came to me, saying, 2 "Son of man, set your face toward the mountains of Israel, part you shall scatter to the wind, and I will draw out and prophesy to them, 3 and say, 'You mountains of a sword after them. 3 You shall take a small number Israel, hear the word of the Lord Yahweh! The Lord of these and bind them in the folds of your robe. 4 Yahweh says to the mountains and to the hills, to the Of these again you shall take, and cast them into the watercourses and to the valleys: "Behold, I, even I, middle of the fire, and burn them in the fire. From it a will bring a sword on you, and I will destroy your high fire will come out into all the house of Israel. 5 "The places. 4 Your altars will become desolate, and your Lord Yahweh says: 'This is Jerusalem. I have set her incense altars will be broken. I will cast down your slain in the middle of the nations, and countries are around men before your idols. 5 I will lay the dead bodies of her. 6 She has rebelled against my ordinances in doing the children of Israel before their idols. I will scatter wickedness more than the nations, and against my your bones around your altars. 6 In all your dwelling statutes more than the countries that are around her; places, the cities will be laid waste and the high places for they have rejected my ordinances, and as for my will be desolate, so that your altars may be laid waste statutes, they have not walked in them.' 7 "Therefore and made desolate, and your idols may be broken and the Lord Yahweh says: 'Because you are more turbulent cease, and your incense altars may be cut down, and than the nations that are around you, and have not your works may be abolished. 7 The slain will fall among walked in my statutes, neither have kept my ordinances, you, and you will know that I am Yahweh. 8 ""Yet I will neither have followed the ordinances of the nations that leave a remnant, in that you will have some that escape are around you; 8 therefore the Lord Yahweh says: the sword among the nations, when you are scattered 'Behold, I, even I, am against you; and I will execute through the countries. 9 Those of you that escape will judgments among you in the sight of the nations. 91 remember me among the nations where they are carried will do in you that which I have not done, and which captive, how I have been broken with their lewd heart, I will not do anything like it any more, because of all which has departed from me, and with their eyes, which your abominations. 10 Therefore the fathers will eat the play the prostitute after their idols. Then they will loathe sons within you, and the sons will eat their fathers. I themselves in their own sight for the evils which they will execute judgments on you; and I will scatter the have committed in all their abominations. 10 They will whole remnant of you to all the winds. 11 Therefore as I know that I am Yahweh. I have not said in vain that live,' says the Lord Yahweh, 'surely, because you have I would do this evil to them." 11 "The Lord Yahweh defiled my sanctuary with all your detestable things, says: 'Strike with your hand, and stamp with your foot,

and say, "Alas!", because of all the evil abominations famine and pestilence. 16 But of those who escape, by the famine, and by the pestilence. 12 He who is far of the valleys, all of them moaning, everyone in his off will die of the pestilence. He who is near will fall iniquity. 17 All hands will be feeble, and all knees will be by the sword. He who remains and is besieged will weak as water. 18 They will also clothe themselves with die by the famine. Thus I will accomplish my wrath on sackcloth, and horror will cover them. Shame will be on them. 13 You will know that I am Yahweh when their all faces, and baldness on all their heads. 19 They will slain men are among their idols around their altars, on cast their silver in the streets, and their gold will be as an every high hill, on all the tops of the mountains, under unclean thing. Their silver and their gold won't be able where they offered pleasant aroma to all their idols. 14 I satisfy their souls or fill their bellies; because it has been will stretch out my hand on them and make the land the stumbling block of their iniquity. 20 As for the beauty desolate and waste, from the wilderness toward Diblah, of his ornament, he set it in majesty; but they made the throughout all their habitations. Then they will know that images of their abominations and their detestable things I am Yahweh."

7 Moreover Yahweh's word came to me, saying, 2 "You, son of man, the Lord Yahweh says to the land of Israel, 'An end! The end has come on the four corners of the land. 3 Now the end is on you, and I will send my anger on you, and will judge you according to your ways. I will bring on you all your abominations. 4 My eve will not spare you, neither will I have pity; but I will bring your ways on you, and your abominations will be among you. Then you will know that I am Yahweh.' 5 "The Lord Yahweh says: 'A disaster! A unique disaster! Behold, it comes. 6 An end has come. The end has come! It awakes against you, Behold, 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 I will shortly pour out my wrath on you, and accomplish my anger against you, and will judge you according to your ways. I will bring on you all your abominations. 9 My eve won't spare, neither will I have pity. I will punish you according to your ways. Your abominations will be among you. Then you will know that I, Yahweh, strike. 10 "Behold, the day! Behold, it comes! Your doom has gone out. The rod has blossomed. Pride has budded. 11 Violence has risen up into a rod of wickedness. None of them will remain, nor of their multitude, nor of their wealth. There will be nothing of value among them. 12 The time has come! The day draws near. Don't let the buyer rejoice, nor the seller mourn; for wrath is on all its multitude. 13 For the seller won't return to that which is sold, although they are still alive; for the vision concerns the whole multitude of it. None will return. None will strengthen himself in the iniquity of his life. 14 They have blown the trumpet, and have made all ready; but no one goes to the battle, for my wrath is on all its multitude. 15 "The sword is outside, and the pestilence and the famine within. He who is in the field will die by the sword. He who is in the city will be devoured by

of the house of Israel; for they will fall by the sword, they will escape and will be on the mountains like doves every green tree, and under every thick oak—the places to deliver them in the day of Yahweh's wrath. They won't therein. Therefore I have made it to them as an unclean thing. 21 I will give it into the hands of the strangers for a prey, and to the wicked of the earth for a plunder; and they will profane it. 22 I will also turn my face from them. and they will profane my secret place. Robbers will enter into it, and profane it. 23 "Make chains, 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 will possess their houses. I will also make the pride of the strong to cease. Their holy places will be profaned. 25 Destruction comes! They will seek peace, and there will be none. 26 Mischief will come on mischief, and rumor will be on rumor. They will seek a vision of the prophet; but the law will perish from the priest, and counsel from the elders. 27 The king will mourn, and the prince will be clothed with desolation. The hands of the people of the land will be troubled. I will do to them after their way, and according to their own judgments I will iudge them. Then they will know that I am Yahweh."

8 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, the Lord Yahweh's hand fell on me there. 2 Then I saw, and behold, a likeness as the appearance of fire—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 stretched out 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 Behold, the glory of the God of Israel was there, according to the appearance that I saw in the plain. 5 Then he said to me, "Son of man, lift up your eyes now the way toward the north." So I lifted up my eyes the way toward the north, and saw, northward of the gate of the altar this image of jealousy in the entry. 6 He said to me, "Son of man, do you see what they do? Even

of Yahweh's house which was toward the north; and I done as you have commanded me." saw the women sit there weeping for Tammuz. 15 Then he said to me. "Have you seen this, son of man? You will again see yet greater abominations than these." 16 He brought me into the inner court of Yahweh's house; and I saw at the door of Yahweh's temple, between the porch and the altar, there were about twenty-five men with their backs toward Yahweh's temple and their faces toward the east. They were worshiping 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. Behold, they put the branch to their nose. 18 Therefore I will also deal in wrath. My eye won't spare, neither will I have pity. Though they cry in my ears with a loud voice, yet I will not hear them."

Jerusalem, and set a mark on the foreheads of the men

the great abominations that the house of Israel commit that sign and that cry over all the abominations that are here, that I should go far off from my sanctuary? But done within it." 5 To the others he said in my hearing, you will again see yet other great abominations." 7 He "Go through the city after him, and strike. Don't let your brought me to the door of the court; and when I looked, eye spare, neither have pity. 6 Kill utterly the old man, behold, a hole in the wall. 8 Then he said to me, "Son the young man, the virgin, little children and women; of man, dig now in the wall." When I had dug in the but don't come near any man on whom is the mark. wall, I saw a door. 9 He said to me, "Go in, and see the Begin at my sanctuary." Then they began at the old wicked abominations that they do here." 10 So I went men who were before the house. 7 He said to them, in and looked, and saw every form of creeping things, "Defile the house, and fill the courts with the slain. Go abominable animals, and all the idols of the house of out!" They went out, and struck in the city. 8 While they Israel, portrayed around on the wall. 11 Seventy men of were killing, and I was left, I fell on my face, and cried, the elders of the house of Israel stood before them. In and said, "Ah Lord Yahweh! Will you destroy all the the middle of them Jaazaniah the son of Shaphan stood, residue of Israel in your pouring out of your wrath on every man with his censer in his hand; and the smell Jerusalem?" 9 Then he said to me, "The iniquity of the of the cloud of incense went up. 12 Then he said to house of Israel and Judah is exceedingly great, and the me. "Son of man, have you seen what the elders of the land is full of blood, and the city full of perversion; for house of Israel do in the dark, every man in his rooms of they say, 'Yahweh has forsaken the land, and Yahweh imagery? For they say, 'Yahweh doesn't see us. Yahweh doesn't see.' 10 As for me also, my eye won't spare, has forsaken the land." 13 He said also to me, "You neither will I have pity, but I will bring their way on their will again see more of the great abominations which head." 11 Behold, the man clothed in linen, who had the they do." 14 Then he brought me to the door of the gate inkhorn by his side, reported the matter, saying, "I have

1 Then I looked, and see, 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 cherub, 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 Yahweh's glory 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 Yahweh's glory. 5 The sound of the wings of the cherubim was heard even to the outer court, as the voice of God Almighty when he speaks. 6 It came to pass, when he commanded the Then he cried in my ears with a loud voice, saying, man clothed in linen, saying, "Take fire from between "Cause those who are in charge of the city to draw the whirling wheels, from between the cherubim," that near, each man with his destroying weapon in his hand." he went in and stood beside a wheel. 7 The cherub 2 Behold, six men came from the way of the upper stretched out his hand from between the cherubim to gate, which lies toward the north, every man with his the fire that was between the cherubim, and took some slaughter weapon in his hand. One man in the middle of of it, and put it into the hands of him who was clothed them was clothed in linen, with a writer's inkhorn by in linen, who took it and went out. 8 The form of a his side. They went in, and stood beside the bronze man's hand appeared here in the cherubim under their altar. 3 The glory of the God of Israel went up from the wings. 9 I looked, and behold, there were four wheels cherub, whereupon it was, to the threshold of the house; beside the cherubim, one wheel beside one cherub, and and he called to the man clothed in linen, who had the another wheel beside another cherub. The appearance writer's inkhorn by his side. 4 Yahweh said to him, "Go of the wheels was like a beryl stone. 10 As for their through the middle of the city, through the middle of appearance, the four of them had one likeness, like a

wheel within a wheel. 11 When they went, they went in middle of it, and deliver you into the hands of strangers. their four directions. They didn't turn as they went, but to and will execute judgments among you. 10 You will fall the place where the head looked they followed it. They by the sword. I will judge you in the border of Israel. didn't turn as they went. 12 Their whole body, including Then you will know that I am Yahweh. 11 This will not be their backs, their hands, their wings, and the wheels, your cauldron, neither will you be the meat in the middle were full of eyes all around, even the wheels that the of it. I will judge you in the border of Israel. 12 You will four of them had. 13 As for the wheels, they were called know that I am Yahweh, for you have not walked in in my hearing, "the whirling wheels". 14 Every one of my statutes. You have not executed my ordinances, them had four faces. The first face was the face of the but have done after the ordinances of the nations that cherub. The second face was the face of a man. The are around you."" 13 When I prophesied, Pelatiah the third face was the face of a lion. The fourth was the face son of Benaiah died. Then I fell down on my face, and of an eagle. 15 The cherubim mounted up. This is the cried with a loud voice, and said, "Ah Lord Yahweh! living creature that I saw by the river Chebar. 16 When Will you make a full end of the remnant of Israel?" 14 the cherubim went, the wheels went beside them; and Yahweh's word came to me, saying, 15 "Son of man, when the cherubim lifted up their wings to mount up your brothers, even your brothers, the men of your from the earth, the wheels also didn't turn from beside relatives, and all the house of Israel, all of them, are the them. 17 When they stood, these stood. When they ones to whom the inhabitants of Jerusalem have said, mounted up, these mounted up with them; for the spirit 'Go far away from Yahweh. This land has been given of the living creature was in them. 18 Yahweh's glory to us for a possession.' 16 "Therefore say, 'The Lord went out from over the threshold of the house and stood Yahweh says: "Whereas I have removed them far off over the cherubim. 19 The cherubim lifted up their wings among the nations, and whereas I have scattered them and mounted up from the earth in my sight when they among the countries, yet I will be to them a sanctuary went out, with the wheels beside them. Then they stood for a little while in the countries where they have come." at the door of the east gate of Yahweh's house; and 17 "Therefore say, 'The Lord Yahweh says: "I will gather the glory of the God of Israel was over them above. 20 you from the peoples, and assemble you out of the This is the living creature that I saw under the God of countries where you have been scattered, and I will give Israel by the river Chebar; and I knew that they were you the land of Israel." 18 "They will come there, and cherubim. 21 Every one had four faces, and every one they will take away all its detestable things and all its four wings. The likeness of the hands of a man was abominations from there. 19 I will give them one heart, under their wings. 22 As for the likeness of their faces, and I will put a new spirit within them. I will take the they were the faces which I saw by the river Chebar, stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them a heart their appearances and themselves. They each went of flesh, 20 that they may walk in my statutes, and keep straight forward.

11 Moreover the Spirit lifted me up and brought me to the east gate of Yahweh's house, which looks eastward. Behold, twenty-five men were at the door of the gate; and I saw among them Jaazaniah the son of Azzur, and Pelatiah the son of Benaiah, princes 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 cauldron, and we are the meat.' 4 Therefore prophesy against them. Prophesy, son of man." 5 Yahweh's Spirit fell on me, and he said to me, "Speak, 'Yahweh says: "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 city, and you have filled its streets with the slain." 7 "Therefore the Lord Yahweh says: "Your slain whom you have laid in the middle of it, they are the meat, and this is the cauldron; but you will be brought out of the middle of it. 8 You have feared the sword; and I will bring the sword on

my ordinances, and do them. They will 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 Yahweh." 22 Then the cherubim lifted up their wings, and the wheels were beside them. The glory of the God of Israel was over them above. 23 Yahweh's glory went up from the middle 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 the captives. So the vision that I had seen went up from me. 25 Then I spoke to the captives all the things that Yahweh had shown me.

2 Yahweh's word also came to me, saying, 2 "Son of man, you dwell in the middle of the rebellious house, who have eves to see, and don't see, who have ears to hear, and don't hear; for they are a rebellious house. 3 "Therefore, you son of man, prepare your baggage for moving, and move by day in their sight. you," says the Lord Yahweh. 9 "I will bring you out of the You shall move from your place to another place in their

rebellious house. 4 You shall bring out your baggage by will be no more any false vision nor flattering divination day in their sight, as baggage for moving. You shall go within the house of Israel. 25 For I am Yahweh. I will out yourself at evening in their sight, as when men go speak, and the word that I speak will be performed. It out into exile. 5 Dig through the wall in their sight, and will be no more deferred; for in your days, rebellious carry your baggage out that way. 6 In their sight you house, I will speak the word and will perform it," says shall bear it on your shoulder, and carry it out in the Lord Yahweh." 26 Again Yahweh's word came to dark. You shall cover your face, so that you don't see me, saying, 27 "Son of man, behold, they of the house the land, for I have set you for a sign to the house of of Israel say, 'The vision that he sees is for many days Israel." 7 I did so as I was commanded. I brought out to come, and he prophesies of times that are far off.' 28 my baggage by day, as baggage for moving, and in the "Therefore tell them, 'The Lord Yahweh says: "None of evening I dug through the wall with my hand. I brought my words will be deferred any more, but the word which it out in the dark, and bore it on my shoulder in their I speak will be performed," says the Lord Yahweh." sight. 8 In the morning, Yahweh's word came to me, saying, 9 "Son of man, hasn't the house of Israel, the rebellious house, said to you, 'What are you doing?' 10 "Say to them, 'The Lord Yahweh says: "This burden concerns the prince in Jerusalem, and all the house of Israel among whom they are." 11 "Say, 'I am your sign. As I have done, so will it be done to them. They will go into exile, into captivity. 12 "The prince who is among them will bear his baggage on his shoulder in the dark, and will go out. They will dig through the wall to carry things out that way. He will cover his face, because he will not see the land with his eyes. 13 I will also spread my net on him, and he will be taken in my snare. I will bring him to Babylon to the land of the Chaldeans: yet he will not see it, though he will die there. 14 I will scatter toward every wind all who are around him to help him, and all his bands. I will draw out the sword after them. 15 "They will know that I am Yahweh when I 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. Then they will know that I am Yahweh." 17 Moreover Yahweh's word came to me, saying, 18 "Son of man, eat your bread with quaking, and drink your water with trembling and with fearfulness. 19 Tell the people of the land, 'The Lord Yahweh says concerning the inhabitants of Jerusalem and the land of Israel: "They will eat their bread with fearfulness and drink their water in dismay, that her land may be desolate, and all that is therein, because of the violence of all those who dwell therein. 20 The cities that are inhabited will be laid waste, and the land will be a desolation. Then you will know that I am Yahweh.""" 21 Yahweh's word came to me, saying, 22 "Son of man, what is this proverb that you have in the land of Israel, saying, 'The days are prolonged, and every vision fails'? 23 Tell them therefore, 'The Lord Yahweh says: "I will make this proverb to cease, and they will no more use it as a proverb in Israel;" but tell them, "The days are at

sight. It may be they will consider, though they are a hand, and the fulfillment of every vision, 24 For there

3 Yahweh's word 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 Yahweh's word: 3 The Lord Yahweh says, "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 gaps or built up the wall for the house of Israel, to stand in the battle in Yahweh's day. 6 They have seen falsehood and lying divination, who say, 'Yahweh says;' but Yahweh has not sent them. 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, 'Yahweh says;' but I have not spoken?" 8 "'Therefore the Lord Yahweh says: "Because you have spoken falsehood and seen lies, therefore, behold, I am against you," says the Lord Yahweh. 9 "My hand will be against the prophets who see false visions and who utter lying divinations. They will not be in the council of my people, neither will they be written in the writing of the house of Israel, neither will they enter into the land of Israel. Then you will know that I am the Lord Yahweh." 10 "Because, even because they have seduced my people, saying, "Peace;" and there is no peace. When one builds up a wall, behold, they plaster it with whitewash. 11 Tell those who plaster it with whitewash that it will fall. There will be an overflowing shower; and you, great hailstones, will fall. A stormy wind will tear it. 12 Behold, when the wall has fallen, won't it be said to you, "Where is the plaster with which you have plastered it?" 13 "Therefore the Lord Yahweh says: "I will even tear it with a stormy wind in my wrath. There will be an overflowing shower in my anger, and great hailstones in wrath to consume it. 14 So I will break down the wall that you have plastered with whitewash, and bring it down to the ground, so that its foundation will be uncovered. It will fall, and you will be consumed in the middle of it. Then you will know that I am Yahweh. 15 Thus I will accomplish my wrath on the wall, and on those who have plastered it with

whitewash. I will tell you, 'The wall is no more, nor those him off from among my people. Then you will know that who plastered it— 16 to wit, the prophets of Israel who I am Yahweh. 9 ""If the prophet is deceived and speaks prophesy concerning Jerusalem, and who see visions of a word, I, Yahweh, have deceived that prophet, and I peace for her, and there is no peace," says the Lord will stretch out my hand on him, and will destroy him Yahweh." 17 You, son of man, set your face against the from among my people Israel. 10 They will bear their daughters of your people, who prophesy out of their own iniquity. The iniquity of the prophet will be even as the heart; and prophesy against them, 18 and say, "The iniquity of him who seeks him, 11 that the house of Lord Yahweh says: 'Woe to the women who sew magic Israel may no more go astray from me, neither defile bands on all elbows and make veils for the head of themselves any more with all their transgressions; but persons of every stature to hunt souls! Will you hunt the that they may be my people, and I may be their God," souls of my people and save souls alive for yourselves? says the Lord Yahweh." 12 Yahweh's word came to me, 19 You have profaned me among my people for handfuls saying, 13 "Son of man, when a land sins against me by of barley and for pieces of bread, to kill the souls who committing a trespass, and I stretch out my hand on it, should not die and to save the souls alive who should and break the staff of its bread and send famine on it, not live, by your lying to my people who listen to lies.' 20 and cut off from it man and animal— 14 though these "Therefore the Lord Yahweh says: 'Behold, I am against three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they would your magic bands, with which you hunt the souls to deliver only their own souls by their righteousness," make them fly, and I will tear them from your arms. I will says the Lord Yahweh. 15 "If I cause evil animals to let the souls fly free, even the souls whom you ensnare pass through the land, and they ravage it and it is made like birds. 21 I will also tear your veils and deliver my desolate, so that no man may pass through because of people out of your hand; and they will no longer be in the animals— 16 though these three men were in it, as I your hand to be ensnared. Then you will know that I am live," says the Lord Yahweh, "they would deliver neither Yahweh. 22 Because with lies you have grieved the sons nor daughters. They only would be delivered, but heart of the righteous, whom I have not made sad; and the land would be desolate, 17 "Or if I bring a sword strengthened the hands of the wicked, that he should on that land, and say, 'Sword, go through the land, not return from his wicked way, and be saved alive. so that I cut off from it man and animal'— 18 though 23 Therefore you shall no more see false visions nor these three men were in it, as I live," says the Lord practice divination. I will deliver my people out of your Yahweh, "they would deliver neither sons nor daughters, hand. Then you will know that I am Yahweh."

1 1 Then some of the elders of Israel came to me and sat before me. 2 Yahweh's word came to me, saving, 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, 'The Lord Yahweh says: "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 then comes to the prophet, I Yahweh will answer him there 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, 'The Lord Yahweh says: "Return, and turn yourselves from your idols! Turn away your faces from all your abominations. 7 ""For everyone of the house of Israel, or of the strangers who live in Israel, who separates himself from me and takes his idols into his heart, and puts the stumbling block of his iniquity before his face, and comes to the prophet to inquire for himself of me, I Yahweh will answer him by myself. 8 I will set my face against that man and will make him an astonishment, for a sign and a proverb, and I will cut

but they only would be delivered 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 Yahweh, "they would deliver neither son nor daughter; they would deliver only their own souls by their righteousness." 21 For the Lord Yahweh says: "How much more when I send my four severe judgments on Jerusalem—the sword, the famine, the evil animals, and the pestilence—to cut off from it man and animal! 22 Yet, behold, there will be left a remnant in it that will be carried out, both sons and daughters. Behold, they will come out to you, and you will see their way and their doings. Then you will be comforted concerning the evil that I have brought on Jerusalem, even concerning all that I have brought on it. 23 They will comfort you, when you see their way and their doings; then you will know that I have not done all that I have done in it without cause," says the Lord Yahweh.

15 Yahweh's word 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 Will wood be taken of it to make anything? Will men take a pin of it to hang any vessel on it? 4 Behold, it is cast into the fire for fuel; the fire has devoured both

its ends, and the middle of it is burned. Is it profitable your prostitution on everyone who passed by. It was for any work? 5 Behold, when it was whole, it was his. 16 You took some of your garments, and made for suitable for no work. How much less, when the fire yourselves high places decked with various colors, and has devoured it, and it has been burned, will it yet be played the prostitute on them. This shouldn't happen, suitable for any work?" 6 Therefore the Lord Yahweh neither shall it be. 17 You also took your beautiful jewels says: "As the vine wood among the trees of the forest, of my gold and of my silver, which I had given you, which I have given to the fire for fuel, so I will give the inhabitants of Jerusalem. 7 I will set my face against them. They will go out from the fire, but the fire will still garments, covered them, and set my oil and my incense devour them. Then you will know that I am Yahweh, before them. 19 My bread also which I gave you, fine when I set my face against them. 8 I will make the land flour, oil, and honey, with which I fed you, you even set desolate, because they have acted unfaithfully," says it before them for a pleasant aroma; and so it was," says the Lord Yahweh. 20 ""Moreover you have taken

16 Again Yahweh's word came to me, saying, 2 "Son of man, cause Jerusalem to know her abominations; 3 and say, 'The Lord Yahweh says to Jerusalem: "Your origin and your birth is of the land of the Canaanite. An Amorite was your father, and your mother was a Hittite. 4 As for your birth, in the day you were born your navel was not cut. You weren't washed in water to cleanse you. You weren't salted at all, nor wrapped in blankets 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, because you were abhorred in the day that you were born. 6 ""When I passed by you, and saw you wallowing in your blood, I said to you, 'Though you are in your blood, live!' Yes, I said to you, 'Though you are 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 beauty. Your breasts were formed, and your hair grew; yet you were naked and bare. 8 ""Now when I passed by you, and looked at you, behold, your time was the time of love; and I spread my garment over you and covered your nakedness. Yes, I pledged myself to you and entered into a covenant with you," says the Lord Yahweh, "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 put leather sandals on you. I dressed you with fine linen and covered you with silk. 11 I decked you with ornaments, put bracelets on your hands, and put a chain on your neck. 12 l put a ring on your nose, earrings in your ears, and a beautiful crown on your head. 13 Thus you were decked with gold and silver. Your clothing was of fine linen, silk, and embroidered work. You ate fine flour, honey, and oil. You were exceedingly beautiful, and you prospered to royal estate. 14 Your renown went out among the nations for your beauty; for it was perfect, through my majesty which I had put on you," says the Lord Yahweh. 15 ""But you trusted in your beauty, and played the prostitute because of your renown, and poured out

says the Lord Yahweh. 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 Yahweh— 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 portion, and delivered you to the will of those who hate you, the daughters of the Philistines, who are ashamed of your lewd way. 28 You have played the 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 Yahweh, "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 not been as a prostitute, in that you scorn pay. 32 ""Adulterous wife, who takes strangers instead of her husband! 33 People give gifts to all prostitutes; but you give your gifts to all your lovers, and bribe them, that they may come to you on every side for your prostitution. 34 You are different from other women in your prostitution, in that no one follows you to play the prostitute; and whereas you give hire, and no hire is

prostitute, hear Yahweh's word: 36 'The Lord Yahweh your abominations which you have done. 52 You also says, "Because your filthiness was poured out, and bear your own shame yourself, in that you have given your nakedness uncovered through your prostitution judgment for your sisters; through your sins that you with your lovers; and because of all the idols of your have committed more abominable than they, they are abominations, and for the blood of your children, that more righteous than you. Yes, be also confounded, you gave to them; 37 therefore see, I will gather all your and bear your shame, in that you have justified your lovers, with whom you have taken pleasure, and all sisters. 53 """ will reverse their captivity, the captivity of those whom you have loved, with all those whom you Sodom and her daughters, and the captivity of Samaria have hated. I will even gather them against you on every and her daughters, and the captivity of your captives side, and will uncover your nakedness to them, that among them; 54 that you may bear your own shame, they may see all your nakedness. 38 I will judge you as and may be ashamed because of all that you have women who break wedlock and shed blood are judged; done, in that you are a comfort to them. 55 Your sisters, and I will bring on you the blood of wrath and jealousy. Sodom and her daughters, will return to their former 39 I will also give you into their hand, and they will throw estate; and Samaria and her daughters will return to down your vaulted place, and break down your lofty their former estate; and you and your daughters will places. They will strip you of your clothes and take your return to your former estate. 56 For your sister Sodom beautiful jewels. They will leave you naked and bare. 40 was not mentioned by your mouth in the day of your They will also bring up a company against you, and they pride, 57 before your wickedness was uncovered, as at will stone you with stones, and thrust you through with the time of the reproach of the daughters of Syria, and of their swords. 41 They will burn your houses with fire, and all who are around her, the daughters of the Philistines, execute judgments on you in the sight of many women. who despise you all around. 58 You have borne your I will cause you to cease from playing the prostitute, lewdness and your abominations," says Yahweh. 59 and you will also give no hire any more. 42 So I will "For the Lord Yahweh says: "I will also deal with you as cause my wrath toward you to rest, and my jealousy will you have done, who have despised the oath in breaking depart from you. I will be quiet, and will not be angry the covenant. 60 Nevertheless I will remember my any more. 43 ""Because you have not remembered the covenant with you in the days of your youth, and I will days of your youth, but have raged against me in all establish an everlasting covenant with you. 61 Then these things; therefore, behold, I also will bring your way you will remember your ways and be ashamed when on your head," says the Lord Yahweh: "and you shall you receive your sisters, your elder sisters and your not commit this lewdness with all your abominations. younger; and I will give them to you for daughters, but 44 ""Behold, everyone who uses proverbs will use this not by your covenant. 62 I will establish my covenant proverb against you, saying, 'As is the mother, so is with you. Then you will know that I am Yahweh; 63 that her daughter.' 45 You are the daughter of your mother, you may remember, and be confounded, and never who loathes her husband and her children; and you are open your mouth any more because of your shame, the sister of your sisters, who loathed their husbands when I have forgiven you all that you have done," says and their children. Your mother was a Hittite, and your the Lord Yahweh." 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 with her daughters. 47 Yet you have not walked in their ways, nor done their abominations; but soon you were more corrupt than they in all your ways. 48 As I live." says the Lord Yahweh. "Sodom your sister has not done, she nor her daughters, as you have done, you and your daughters. 49 ""Behold, this was the iniquity of your sister Sodom: pride, fullness of bread, and prosperous ease was in her and in her daughters. She also didn't strengthen the hand of the poor and needy. 50 They were arrogant and committed abomination before me. Therefore I took them away when I saw it. 51 Samaria hasn't committed half of your sins; but you have multiplied your abominations

given to you, therefore you are different," 35 "Therefore, more than they, and have justified your sisters by all

Yahweh's word came to me, saying, 2 "Son of man, tell a riddle, and speak a parable to the house of Israel; 3 and say, 'The Lord Yahweh says: "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 its young twigs, and carried it to a land of traffic. He planted it in a city of merchants. 5 ""He also took some of the seed of the land and planted it in fruitful soil. He placed it beside many waters. He set it as a willow tree. 6 It grew and became a spreading vine of low stature, whose branches turned toward him, and its roots were under him. So it became a vine, produced branches, and shot out sprigs. 7 ""There was also another great eagle with great wings and many feathers. Behold, this vine bent its roots toward him.

where it was planted, that he might water it. 8 It was and have done it." planted in a good soil by many waters, that it might produce branches and that it might bear fruit, that it might be a good vine." 9 "Say, 'The Lord Yahweh says: "Will it prosper? Won't he pull up its roots and cut off its fruit, that it may wither, that all its fresh springing leaves may wither? It can't be raised from its roots by a strong arm or many people. 10 Yes, behold, being planted, will it prosper? Won't it utterly wither when the east wind touches it? It will wither in the ground where it grew."" 11 Moreover Yahweh's word came to me, saying, 12 "Say now to the rebellious house, 'Don't you know what these things mean?' Tell them, 'Behold, the king of Babylon came to Jerusalem, and took its king, and its princes, and brought them to him to Babylon. 13 He took one of the royal offspring, 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 brought low, 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 Egypt, that they might give him horses and many people. Will he prosper? Will he who does such things escape? Will he break the covenant, and still escape? 16 "As I live,' says the Lord Yahweh, '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 middle of Babylon he will die. 17 Pharaoh with his mighty army and great company won't 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 behold, he had given his hand, and yet has done all these things. He won't escape. 19 "Therefore the Lord Yahweh says: 'As I live, I will surely bring on his own head my oath that he has despised and my covenant that he has broken. 20 I will spread my net on him, and he will be taken in my snare. 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 his fugitives in all his bands will fall by the sword, and those who remain will be scattered toward every wind. Then you will know that I, Yahweh, have spoken it.' 22 "The Lord Yahweh says: 'I will also take some of the lofty top of the cedar, and will plant it. I will crop off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. 23 I will plant it in the mountain of the height of Israel; and it will produce boughs, and bear fruit, and be a good cedar. Birds of every kind will dwell in the shade of its branches. 24 All the trees of the field will know that I, Yahweh, have brought down the high tree, have exalted the low tree, have dried up the green tree, and have

and shot out its branches toward him, from the ground made the dry tree flourish. "I, Yahweh, have spoken

8 Yahweh's word 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 Yahweh, "you shall not use this proverb any more in Israel. 4 Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine. The soul 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, hasn't lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, hasn't defiled his neighbor's wife, hasn't come near 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 hasn't lent to them with interest, hasn't taken any increase from them, 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 Yahweh. 10 "If he fathers a son who is a robber who sheds blood, and who does any one of these things, 11 or who does not do any of those things but has eaten at the mountain shrines 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 eyes to the idols, has committed abomination, 13 has lent with interest, and has taken increase from the poor, shall he then live? He shall not live. He has done all these abominations. He shall surely die. His blood will be on him. 14 "Now, behold, if he fathers a son who sees all his father's sins which he has done, and fears, and doesn't do likewise, 15 who hasn't eaten on the mountains, hasn't lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, hasn't defiled his neighbor's wife, 16 hasn't wronged any, hasn't taken anything to pledge, hasn't 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 hasn't received interest or increase, has executed my ordinances, has walked in my statutes; he shall not die for the iniquity of his father. He shall surely live. 18 As for his father, because he cruelly oppressed, robbed his brother, and did that which is not good among his people, behold, he will die in his iniquity. 19 "Yet you say, 'Why doesn't the son bear the iniquity of the father?' When the son has done that which is lawful and right, and has kept all my statutes, and has done them, he will surely live. 20 The soul who sins, he shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of

not equal? Aren't your ways unequal? 26 When the This is a lamentation, and shall be for a lamentation." righteous man turns away from his righteousness, and commits iniquity, and dies in it, then he dies in his iniquity that he has done. 27 Again, when the wicked man turns away from his wickedness that he has committed, and does that which is lawful and right, he will 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 fair.' House of Israel, aren't my ways fair? Aren't your ways unfair? 30 "Therefore I will judge you, house of Israel, everyone according to his ways," says the Lord Yahweh. "Return, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions, so iniquity will 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 Yahweh. "Therefore turn yourselves, and live!

the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of because of the noise of his roaring, 8 Then the nations the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be attacked him on every side from the provinces. They on him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be on spread their net over him. He was taken in their pit. 9 him. 21 "But if the wicked turns from all his sins that he They put him in a cage with hooks, and brought him to has committed, and keeps all my statutes, and does the king of Babylon. They brought him into strongholds, that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live. He so that his voice should no more be heard on the shall not die. 22 None of his transgressions that he mountains of Israel. 10 "'Your mother was like a vine in has committed will be remembered against him. In his your blood, planted by the waters. It was fruitful and righteousness that he has done, he shall live. 23 Have I full of branches by reason of many waters. 11 It had any pleasure in the death of the wicked?" says the Lord strong branches for the scepters of those who ruled. Yahweh, "and not rather that he should return from his Their stature was exalted among the thick boughs. They way, and live? 24 "But when the righteous turns away were seen in their height with the multitude of their from his righteousness, and commits iniquity, and does branches. 12 But it was plucked up in fury. It was cast according to all the abominations that the wicked man down to the ground, and the east wind dried up its does, should he live? None of his righteous deeds that fruit. Its strong branches were broken off and withered. he has done will be remembered. In his trespass that The fire consumed them. 13 Now it is planted in the he has trespassed, and in his sin that he has sinned, wilderness, in a dry and thirsty land. 14 Fire has gone in them he shall die. 25 "Yet you say, 'The way of the out of its branches. It has devoured its fruit, so that Lord is not equal.' Hear now, house of Israel: Is my way there is in it no strong branch to be a scepter to rule.'

20 In the seventh year, in the fifth month, the tenth day of the month, some of the elders of Israel came to inquire of Yahweh, and sat before me. 2 Yahweh's word came to me, saying, 3 "Son of man, speak to the elders of Israel, and tell them, 'The Lord Yahweh says: "Is it to inquire of me that you have come? As I live," says the Lord Yahweh, "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 Tell them, 'The Lord Yahweh says: "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, saying, 'I am Yahweh your God;' 6 in that day I swore to them to bring them 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, 'Each of you throw away the abominations of his eyes. Don't defile yourselves with the idols of Egypt. I am 19 "Moreover, take up a lamentation for the princes Yahweh your God.' 8 ""But they rebelled against me of Israel, 2 and say, 'What was your mother? A and wouldn't listen to me. They didn't all throw away the lioness. She couched among lions, in the middle of the abominations of their eyes. They also didn't forsake young lions she nourished her cubs. 3 She brought up the idols of Egypt. Then I said I would pour out my one of her cubs. He became a young lion. He learned wrath on them, to accomplish my anger against them in to catch the prey. He devoured men. 4 The nations the middle of the land of Egypt. 9 But I worked for my also heard of him. He was taken in their pit; and they name's sake, that it should not be profaned in the sight brought him with hooks to the land of Egypt. 5 "Now of the nations among which they were, in whose sight I when she saw that she had waited, and her hope was made myself known to them in bringing them out of the lost, then she took another of her cubs, and made him a land of Egypt. 10 So I caused them to go out of the land young lion. 6 He went up and down among the lions. He of Egypt and brought them into the wilderness. 11 I gave became a young lion. He learned to catch the prey. He them my statutes and showed them my ordinances, devoured men. 7 He knew their palaces, and laid waste which if a man does, he will live in them. 12 Moreover their cities. The land was desolate with its fullness, also I gave them my Sabbaths, to be a sign between me

and them, that they might know that I am Yahweh who 'What does the high place where you go mean?' So its sanctifies them. 13 ""But the house of Israel rebelled name is called Bamah to this day." 30 "Therefore tell statutes and they rejected my ordinances, which if a pollute yourselves in the way of your fathers? Do you man keeps, he shall live in them. They greatly profaned play the prostitute after their abominations? 31 When my Sabbaths. Then I said I would pour out my wrath you offer your gifts, when you make your sons pass on them in the wilderness, to consume them. 14 But through the fire, do you pollute yourselves with all your I worked for my name's sake, that it should not be idols to this day? Should I be inquired of by you, house profaned in the sight of the nations, in whose sight I of Israel? As I live, says the Lord Yahweh, I will not be brought them out. 15 Moreover also I swore to them in inquired of by you! 32 ""That which comes into your the wilderness that I would not bring them into the land mind will not be at all, in that you say, 'We will be as which I had given them, flowing with milk and honey, the nations, as the families of the countries, to serve which is the glory of all lands, 16 because they rejected wood and stone.' 33 As I live," says the Lord Yahweh, my ordinances, and didn't walk in my statutes, and "surely with a mighty hand, with an outstretched arm, profaned my Sabbaths; for their heart went after their and with wrath poured out, I will be king over you. 34 I destroy them. I didn't make a full end of them in the out of the countries in which you are scattered with a wilderness. 18 I said to their children in the wilderness, mighty hand, with an outstretched arm, and with wrath their ordinances or defile yourselves with their idols. 19 I the peoples, and there I will enter into judgment with am Yahweh your God. Walk in my statutes, keep my you face to face. 36 Just as I entered into judgment They shall be a sign between me and you, that you may so I will enter into judgment with you," says the Lord know that I am Yahweh your God.' 21 ""But the children Yahweh. 37 "I will cause you to pass under the rod, does, he shall live in them. They profaned my Sabbaths. who disobey me. I will bring them out of the land where accomplish my anger against them in the wilderness. Then you will know that I am Yahweh." 39 "As for you, 22 Nevertheless I withdrew my hand and worked for house of Israel, the Lord Yahweh says: "Go, everyone my name's sake, that it should not be profaned in the serve his idols, and hereafter also, if you will not listen sight of the nations, in whose sight I brought them out. to me; but you shall no more profane my holy name 23 Moreover I swore to them in the wilderness, that I with your gifts and with your idols. 40 For in my holy would scatter them among the nations and disperse mountain, in the mountain of the height of Israel," says them through the countries, 24 because they had not the Lord Yahweh, "there all the house of Israel, all of executed my ordinances, but had rejected my statutes, them, shall serve me in the land. There I will accept after their fathers' idols. 25 Moreover also I gave them fruits of your offerings, with all your holy things. 41 I will statutes that were not good, and ordinances in which accept you as a pleasant aroma when I bring you out they couldn't live. 26 I polluted them in their own gifts, from the peoples and gather you out of the countries in in that they caused all that opens the womb to pass which you have been scattered. I will be sanctified in through the fire, that I might make them desolate, to you in the sight of the nations. 42 You will know that I the end that they might know that I am Yahweh." 27 am Yahweh when I bring you into the land of Israel, into "Therefore, son of man, speak to the house of Israel, the country which I swore to give to your fathers. 43 and tell them, 'The Lord Yahweh says: "Moreover, in There you will remember your ways, and all your deeds this your fathers have blasphemed me, in that they in which you have polluted yourselves. Then you will have committed a trespass against me. 28 For when I loathe yourselves in your own sight for all your evils had brought them into the land which I swore to give that you have committed. 44 You will know that I am to them, then they saw every high hill and every thick Yahweh, when I have dealt with you for my name's tree, and they offered there their sacrifices, and there sake, not according to your evil ways, nor according to they presented the provocation of their offering. There your corrupt doings, you house of Israel," says the Lord they also made their pleasant aroma, and there they Yahweh." 45 Yahweh's word came to me, saying, 46 poured out their drink offerings. 29 Then I said to them, "Son of man, set your face toward the south, and preach

against me in the wilderness. They didn't walk in my the house of Israel, 'The Lord Yahweh says: "Do you idols. 17 Nevertheless my eye spared them, and I didn't will bring you out from the peoples, and will gather you 'Don't walk in the statutes of your fathers. Don't observe poured out. 35 I will bring you into the wilderness of ordinances, and do them. 20 Make my Sabbaths holy. with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, rebelled against me. They didn't walk in my statutes, and and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant. 38 I didn't keep my ordinances to do them, which if a man will purge out from among you the rebels and those Then I said I would pour out my wrath on them, to they live, but they shall not enter into the land of Israel. and had profaned my Sabbaths, and their eyes were them, and there I will require your offerings and the first

a speaker of parables?"

21 Yahweh's word came to me, saying, 2 "Son of man, set your face toward Jerusalem, and preach toward the sanctuaries, and prophesy against the land of Israel. 3 Tell the land of Israel, 'Yahweh says: "Behold, I am against you, and will draw 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 my sword will go out of its sheath against all flesh from the south to the north. 5 All flesh will know that I, Yahweh, have drawn my sword out of its sheath. It will not return any more." 6 "Therefore sigh, you son of man. You shall sigh before their eyes with a broken heart and with bitterness. 7 It shall be, when they ask you, 'Why do you sigh?' that you shall say, 'Because of the news, for it comes! Every heart will melt, all hands will be feeble, every spirit will faint, and all knees will be weak as water. Behold, it comes, and it shall be done, says the Lord Yahweh." 8 Yahweh's word came to me, saying, 9 "Son of man, prophesy, and say, 'Yahweh says: "A sword! A sword! It is sharpened, and also polished. 10 It is sharpened that it may make a slaughter. It is polished that it may be as lightning. Should we then make mirth? The rod of my son condemns every tree. 11 It is given to be polished, that it may be handled. The sword is sharpened. Yes, it is polished 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 people. Therefore beat your thigh. 13 "For there is a trial. What if even the rod that condemns will be no more?" says the Lord Yahweh. 14 "You therefore, son of man, prophesy, and strike your hands together. Let the sword be doubled the third time, the sword of the fatally wounded. It is the sword of the great one who is fatally wounded, which enters into their rooms. 15 I have set the threatening sword against all their gates, that their heart may melt, and their stumblings be multiplied. Ah! It is made as lightning. It is pointed for slaughter. 16 Gather yourselves together. Go to the right. Set yourselves in array. Go to the left, wherever your face is set. 17 I will also strike my hands together, and I will cause my wrath to rest. I, Yahweh, have spoken it." 18

toward the south, and prophesy against the forest of Yahweh's word came to me again, saving, 19 "Also, you the field in the south. 47 Tell the forest of the south, son of man, appoint two ways, that the sword of the 'Hear Yahweh's word: The Lord Yahweh says, "Behold, king of Babylon may come. They both will come out of I will kindle a fire in you, and it will devour every green one land, and mark out a place. Mark it out at the head tree in you, and every dry tree. The burning flame will of the way to the city. 20 You shall appoint a way for the not be guenched, and all faces from the south to the sword to come to Rabbah of the children of Ammon, north will be burned by it. 48 All flesh will see that I, and to Judah in Jerusalem the fortified. 21 For the king Yahweh, have kindled it. It will not be quenched."" 49 of Babylon stood at the parting of the way, at the head Then I said, "Ah Lord Yahweh! They say of me, 'Isn't he 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 lot 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, and to build forts. 23 It will 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 the Lord Yahweh says: 'Because you have caused your iniquity to be remembered, in that your transgressions are uncovered, so that in all your doings your sins appear; because you have come to memory, you will 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 the Lord Yahweh says: "Remove the turban, and take off the crown. This will not be as it was. Exalt that which is low, and humble that which is high. 27 I will overturn, overturn, overturn it. This also will be no more, until he comes whose right it is; and I will give it." 28 "You, son of man, prophesy and say, 'The Lord Yahweh says this concerning the children of Ammon, and concerning their reproach: "A sword! A sword is drawn! It is polished for the slaughter, 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, I will judge you. 31 I will pour out my indignation on you. I will blow on you with the fire of my wrath. I will deliver you into the hand of brutish men. skillful to destroy. 32 You will be for fuel to the fire. Your blood will be in the middle of the land. You will be remembered no more; for I, Yahweh, have spoken it.""

22 Moreover Yahweh's word 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, 'The Lord Yahweh says: "A city that sheds blood within herself, 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! You have caused your days to draw near, and have

you a reproach to the nations, and a mocking to all the between the holy and the common, neither have they countries. 5 Those who are near and those who are far caused men to discern between the unclean and the from you will mock you, you infamous one, full of tumult. clean, and have hidden their eyes from my Sabbaths. 6 ""Behold, the princes of Israel, everyone according to So I am profaned among them. 27 Her princes within it his power, have been in you to shed blood. 7 In you are like wolves ravening the prey, to shed blood and have they treated father and mother with contempt. to destroy souls, that they may get dishonest gain. 28 Among you they have oppressed the foreigner. In you Her prophets have plastered for them with whitewash, they have wronged the fatherless and the widow. 8 You seeing false visions, and divining lies to them, saying, have despised my holy things, and have profaned my 'The Lord Yahweh says,' when Yahweh has not spoken. Sabbaths. 9 Slanderous men have been in you to shed 29 The people of the land have used oppression and blood. In you they have eaten on the mountains. They exercised robbery. Yes, they have troubled the poor and have committed lewdness among you. 10 In you have needy, and have oppressed the foreigner wrongfully. they uncovered their fathers' nakedness. In you have 30 "I sought for a man among them who would build they humbled her who was unclean in her impurity. 11 up the wall and stand in the gap before me for the One has committed abomination with his neighbor's land, that I would not destroy it; but I found no one, 31 wife, and another has lewdly defiled his daughter-in- Therefore I have poured out my indignation on them. I law. Another in you has humbled his sister, his father's have consumed them with the fire of my wrath. I have daughter. 12 In you have they taken bribes to shed brought their own way on their heads," says the Lord blood. You have taken interest and increase, and you Yahweh. have greedily gained of your neighbors by oppression, and have forgotten me," says the Lord Yahweh. 13 ""Behold, therefore I have struck my hand at your dishonest gain which you have made, and at the blood which has been shed within you. 14 Can your heart endure, or can your hands be strong, in the days that I will deal with you? I. Yahweh, have spoken it, and will do it. 15 I will scatter you among the nations, and disperse you through the countries. I will purge your filthiness out of you. 16 You will be profaned in yourself in the sight of the nations. Then you will know that I am Yahweh."" 17 Yahweh's word came to me, saying, 18 "Son of man, the house of Israel has become dross to me. All of them are bronze, tin, iron, and lead in the middle of the furnace. They are the dross of silver. 19 Therefore the Lord Yahweh says: 'Because you have all become dross, therefore, behold, I will gather you into the middle of Jerusalem. 20 As they gather silver, bronze, iron, lead, and tin into the middle of the furnace, to blow the fire on it, to melt it, so I will gather you in my anger and in my wrath, and I will lay you there and melt you. 21 Yes. I will gather you, and blow on you with the fire of my wrath, and you will be melted in the middle of it. 22 As silver is melted in the middle of the furnace, so you will be melted in the middle of it; and you will know that I, Yahweh, have poured out my wrath on you." Yahweh's word 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 There is a conspiracy of her prophets within it, like a roaring lion ravening the prey. They have devoured souls. They take treasure and precious things. They have made many widows within it. 26 Her priests have done violence to my law and have

come to the end of your years. Therefore I have made profaned my holy things. They have made no distinction

23 Yahweh's word came again to me, saying, 2 "Son of man, there were two women, the daughters of one mother. 3 They played the prostitute in Egypt. They played the prostitute in their youth. Their breasts were fondled there, and their youthful nipples were caressed there. 4 Their names were Oholah the elder, and Oholibah her sister. 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. 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 gave herself as a prostitute to them, all of them the choicest men of Assyria. She defiled herself with the idols of whomever she lusted after. 8 She hasn't left her prostitution since leaving Egypt; for in her youth they lay with her. They caressed her youthful nipples and they poured out their prostitution on her. 9 "Therefore I delivered her into the hand of her lovers, into the hand of the Assyrians on whom she doted. 10 These uncovered her nakedness. They took her sons and her daughters, and they killed her with the sword. She became a byword among women; for they executed judgments on her. 11 "Her sister Oholibah saw this, yet she was more corrupt in her lusting than she, and in her prostitution which was more depraved than the prostitution of her sister. 12 She lusted after the Assyrians, governors and rulers—her neighbors, clothed most gorgeously, horsemen riding on horses, all of them desirable young men. 13 I saw that she was defiled. They both went the same way. 14 "She increased her prostitution; for she saw men portrayed on the wall,

the images of the Chaldeans portraved with red. 15 ridiculed and held in derision. It contains much. 33 You dressed with belts on their waists, with flowing turbans will be filled with drunkenness and sorrow, with the cup on their heads, all of them looking like princes, after the of astonishment and desolation, with the cup of your likeness of the Babylonians in Chaldea, the land of their sister Samaria. 34 You will even drink it and drain it out. birth. 16 As soon as she saw them, she lusted after You will gnaw the broken pieces of it, and will tear your them and sent messengers to them into Chaldea. 17 breasts; for I have spoken it,' says the Lord Yahweh. 35 The Babylonians came to her into the bed of love, and "Therefore the Lord Yahweh says: 'Because you have they defiled her with their prostitution. She was polluted forgotten me and cast me behind your back, therefore with them, and her soul was alienated from them. 18 you also bear your lewdness and your prostitution." 36 So she uncovered her prostitution and uncovered her Yahweh said moreover to me: "Son of man, will you nakedness. Then my soul was alienated from her, just judge Oholah and Oholibah? Then declare to them their like my soul was alienated from her sister. 19 Yet she abominations. 37 For they have committed adultery, and multiplied her prostitution, remembering the days of her blood is in their hands. They have committed adultery youth, in which she had played the prostitute in the with their idols. They have also caused their sons, whom land of Egypt. 20 She lusted after their lovers, whose they bore to me, to pass through the fire to them to flesh is as the flesh of donkeys, and whose issue is like be devoured. 38 Moreover this they have done to me: the issue of horses. 21 Thus you called to memory the they have defiled my sanctuary in the same day, and lewdness of your youth, in the caressing of your nipples have profaned my Sabbaths. 39 For when they had by the Egyptians because of your youthful breasts. 22 slain their children to their idols, then they came the "Therefore, Oholibah, the Lord Yahweh says: 'Behold, I same day into my sanctuary to profane it; and behold, will raise up your lovers against you, from whom your they have done this in the middle of my house. 40 soul is alienated, and I will bring them against you on "Furthermore you sisters have sent for men who come every side: 23 the Babylonians and all the Chaldeans, from far away, to whom a messenger was sent, and Pekod, Shoa, Koa, and all the Assyrians with them; all behold, they came; for whom you washed yourself, of them desirable young men, governors and rulers, painted your eyes, decorated yourself with ornaments, princes and men of renown, all of them riding on horses. 41 and sat on a stately bed, with a table prepared before 24 They will come against you with weapons, chariots, it, whereupon you set my incense and my oil. 42 "The and wagons, and with a company of peoples. They will voice of a multitude being at ease was with her. With set themselves against you with buckler, shield, and men of the common sort were brought drunkards from helmet all around. I will commit the judgment to them, the wilderness; and they put bracelets on their hands, and they will judge you according to their judgments. 25 and beautiful crowns on their heads. 43 Then I said I will set my jealousy against you, and they will deal of her who was old in adulteries, 'Now they will play with you in fury. They will take away your nose and the prostitute with her, and she with them.' 44 They your ears. Your remnant will fall by the sword. They went in to her, as they go in to a prostitute. So they will take your sons and your daughters; and the rest went in to Oholah and to Oholibah, the lewd women. 45 of you will be devoured by the fire. 26 They will also Righteous men will judge them with the judgment of strip you of your clothes and take away your beautiful adulteresses and with the judgment of women who shed jewels. 27 Thus I will make your lewdness to cease blood, because they are adulteresses, and blood is in from you, and remove your prostitution from the land of their hands. 46 "For the Lord Yahweh says: 'I will bring Egypt, so that you will not lift up your eyes to them, nor up a mob against them, and will give them to be tossed remember Egypt any more.' 28 "For the Lord Yahweh" back and forth and robbed. 47 The company will stone says: 'Behold, I will deliver you into the hand of them them with stones and dispatch them with their swords. whom you hate, into the hand of them from whom your. They will kill their sons and their daughters, and burn up soul is alienated. 29 They will deal with you in hatred, their houses with fire. 48 "'Thus I will cause lewdness to and will take away all your labor, and will leave you cease out of the land, that all women may be taught naked and bare. The nakedness of your prostitution will not to be lewd like you. 49 They will recompense your be uncovered, both your lewdness and your prostitution. lewdness on you, and you will bear the sins of your 30 These things will be done to you because you have idols. Then you will know that I am the Lord Yahweh." played the prostitute after the nations, and because you are polluted with their idols. 31 You have walked in the way of your sister; therefore I will give her cup into your hand.' 32 "The Lord Yahweh says: 'You will drink of

24 Again, in the ninth year, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, Yahweh's word came to me, saying, 2 "Son of man, write the name of the your sister's cup, which is deep and large. You will be day, this same day. The king of Babylon drew close

rebellious house, and tell them, 'The Lord Yahweh says, has done, you will do. When this comes, then you will "Put the cauldron on the fire. Put it on, and also pour know that I am the Lord Yahweh.""" 25 "You, son of water into it. 4 Gather its pieces into it, even every good man, shouldn't it be in the day when I take from them piece: the thigh and the shoulder. Fill it with the choice their strength, the joy of their glory, the desire of their bones. 5 Take the choice of the flock, and also a pile of eyes, and that whereupon they set their heart—their wood for the bones under the cauldron. Make it boil sons and their daughters— 26 that in that day he who well. Yes, let its bones be boiled within it." 6 "Therefore escapes will come to you, to cause you to hear it with the Lord Yahweh says: "Woe to the bloody city, to the your ears? 27 In that day your mouth will be opened to cauldron whose rust is in it, and whose rust hasn't gone him who has escaped, and you will speak and be no out of it! Take out of it piece after piece without casting more mute. So you will be a sign to them. Then they will lots for it. 7 ""For the blood she shed is in the middle of know that I am Yahweh." 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 the Lord Yahweh says: "Woe to the bloody city! I also will make the pile great. 10 Heap on the wood. Make the fire hot. Boil the meat well. Make the broth thick, and let the bones be burned. 11 Then set it empty on its coals, that it may be hot, and its bronze may burn, and that its filthiness may be molten in it, that its rust may be consumed. 12 She is weary with toil; yet her great rust, rust by fire, doesn't leave her. 13 ""In your filthiness is lewdness. Because I have cleansed you and you weren't cleansed, you won't be cleansed from your filthiness any more, until I have caused my wrath toward you to rest. 14 ""I, Yahweh, have spoken it. It will happen, and I will do it. I won't go back. I won't spare. I won't repent. According to your ways and according to your doings, they will judge you," says the Lord Yahweh." 15 Also Yahweh's word came to me, saying, 16 "Son of man, behold, I will take away from you the desire of your eyes with one stroke; yet you shall neither mourn nor weep, neither shall your tears run down. 17 Sigh, but not aloud. Make no mourning for the dead. Bind your headdress on you, and put your sandals on your feet. Don't cover your lips, and don't eat mourner's bread." 18 So I spoke to the people in the morning, and at evening my wife died. So I did in the morning as I was commanded. 19 The people asked me. "Won't you tell us what these things mean to us. that you act like this?" 20 Then I said to them, "Yahweh's word came to me, saying, 21 'Speak to the house of Israel, "The Lord Yahweh says: 'Behold, I will profane my sanctuary, the pride of your power, the desire of your eyes, and that which your soul pities; and your sons and your daughters whom you have left behind will fall by the sword. 22 You will do as I have done. You won't cover your lips or eat mourner's bread. 23 Your turbans will be on your heads, and your sandals on your feet. You won't mourn or weep; but you will pine away in your iniquities, and moan one toward another. 24 Thus

to Jerusalem this same day, 3 Utter a parable to the Ezekiel will be a sign to you; according to all that he

25 Yahweh's word came to me, saying, 2 "Son of man, set your face toward the children of Ammon, and prophesy against them. 3 Tell the children of Ammon, 'Hear the word of the Lord Yahweh! The Lord Yahweh says, "Because you said, 'Aha!' against my sanctuary when it was profaned, and against the land of Israel when it was made desolate, and against the house of Judah when they went into captivity, 4 therefore, behold, I will deliver you to the children of the east for a possession. They will set their encampments in you and make their dwellings in you. They will eat your fruit and they will drink your milk. 5 I will make Rabbah a stable for camels and the children of Ammon a resting place for flocks. Then you will know that I am Yahweh." 6 For the Lord Yahweh says: "Because you have clapped your hands, stamped with the feet, and rejoiced with all the contempt of your soul against the land of Israel, 7 therefore, behold, I have stretched out my hand on you, and will deliver you for a plunder to the nations. I will cut you off from the peoples, and I will cause you to perish out of the countries. I will destroy you. Then you will know that I am Yahweh." 8 "The Lord Yahweh says: "Because Moab and Seir say, 'Behold, the house of Judah is like all the nations,' 9 therefore, behold, I will open the side of Moab from the cities, from his cities which are on its frontiers, the glory of the country, Beth Jeshimoth, Baal Meon, and Kiriathaim, 10 to the children of the east, to go against the children of Ammon; and I will give them for a possession, that the children of Ammon may not be remembered among the nations. 11 I will execute judgments on Moab. Then they will know that I am Yahweh." 12 "The Lord Yahweh says: "Because Edom has dealt against the house of Judah by taking vengeance, and has greatly offended, and taken revenge on them," 13 therefore the Lord Yahweh says, "I will stretch out my hand on Edom, and will cut off man and animal from it; and I will make it desolate from Teman. They will fall by the sword even to Dedan. 14 I will lay my vengeance on Edom by the hand of my people Israel. They will do in Edom according to my anger and according to my wrath. Then

lay my vengeance on them.""

26 In the eleventh year, in the first of the month, Yahweh's word came to me, saying, 2 "Son of man, because Tyre has said against Jerusalem, 'Aha! She is broken! She who was the gateway of the peoples has been returned to me. I will be replenished, now that she is laid waste;' 3 therefore the Lord Yahweh says, 'Behold, 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 will 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 will be a place for the spreading of nets in the middle of the sea; for I have spoken it,' says the Lord Yahweh. 'She will become plunder for the nations. 6 Her daughters who are in the field will be slain with the sword. Then they will know that I am Yahweh.' 7 "For the Lord Yahweh

they will know my vengeance," says the Lord Yahweh, groan, when the slaughter is made within you? 16 Then 15 "The Lord Yahweh says: "Because the Philistines all the princes of the sea will come down from their have taken revenge, and have taken vengeance with thrones, and lay aside their robes, and strip off their contempt of soul to destroy with perpetual hostility," 16 embroidered garments. They will clothe themselves with therefore the Lord Yahweh says, "Behold, I will stretch trembling. They will sit on the ground, and will tremble out my hand on the Philistines, and I will cut off the every moment, and be astonished at you. 17 They will Cherethites, and destroy the remnant of the sea coast. take up a lamentation over you, and tell you, "How you 17 I will execute great vengeance on them with wrathful are destroyed, who were inhabited by seafaring men, rebukes. Then they will know that I am Yahweh, when I the renowned city, who was strong in the sea, she and her inhabitants, who caused their terror to be on all who lived there!" 18 Now the islands will tremble in the day of your fall. Yes, the islands that are in the sea will be dismayed at your departure.' 19 "For the Lord Yahweh says: 'When I make you a desolate city, like the cities that are not inhabited, when I bring up the deep on you, and the great waters cover you, 20 then I will bring you down with those who descend into the pit, to the people of old time, and will make you 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 will no more have any being. Though you are sought for, yet you will never be found again,' says the Lord Yahweh."

27 Yahweh's word came again to me, saying, 2 "You, son of man, take up a lamentation over Tyre; 3 says: 'Behold, I will bring on Tyre Nebuchadnezzar king and tell Tyre, 'You who dwell at the entry of the sea, of Babylon, king of kings, from the north, with horses, who are the merchant of the peoples to many islands, with chariots, with horsemen, and an army with many the Lord Yahweh says: "You, Tyre, have said, 'I am people. 8 He will kill your daughters in the field with perfect in beauty.' 4 Your borders are in the heart of the the sword. He will make forts against you, cast up a seas. Your builders have perfected your beauty. 5 They mound against you, and raise up the buckler against have made all your planks of cypress trees from Senir. you. 9 He will set his battering engines against your They have taken a cedar from Lebanon to make a mast walls, and with his axes he will break down your towers. for you. 6 They have made your oars of the oaks of 10 By reason of the abundance of his horses, their dust Bashan. They have made your benches of ivory inlaid in will cover you. Your walls will shake at the noise of the cypress wood from the islands of Kittim. 7 Your sail was horsemen, of the wagons, and of the chariots, when he of fine linen with embroidered work from Egypt, that it enters into your gates, as men enter into a city which is might be to you for a banner. Blue and purple from the broken open. 11 He will tread down all your streets with islands of Elishah was your awning. 8 The inhabitants the hoofs of his horses. He will kill your people with the of Sidon and Arvad were your rowers. Your wise men. sword. The pillars of your strength will go down to the Tyre, were in you. They were your pilots. 9 The old men ground. 12 They will make a plunder of your riches and of Gebal and its wise men were your repairers of ship make a prey of your merchandise. They will break down seams in you. All the ships of the sea with their mariners your walls and destroy your pleasant houses. They will were in you to deal in your merchandise. 10 ""Persia, lay your stones, your timber, and your dust in the middle Lud, and Put were in your army, your men of war. They of the waters. 13 I will cause the noise of your songs to hung the shield and helmet in you. They showed your cease. The sound of your harps won't be heard any beauty. 11 The men of Arvad with your army were on more. 14 I will make you a bare rock. You will be a place your walls all around, and valiant men were in your for the spreading of nets. You will be built no more; towers. They hung their shields on your walls all around. for I Yahweh have spoken it,' says the Lord Yahweh. They have perfected your beauty. 12 ""Tarshish was 15 "The Lord Yahweh says to Tyre: 'Won't the islands your merchant by reason of the multitude of all kinds shake at the sound of your fall, when the wounded of riches. They traded for your wares with silver, iron,

tin, and lead. 13 ""Javan, Tubal, and Meshech were the earth with the multitude of your riches and of your your traders. They traded the persons of men and merchandise. 34 In the time that you were broken by the vessels of bronze for your merchandise. 14 ""They seas, in the depths of the waters, your merchandise and of the house of Togarman traded for your wares with all your company fell within you. 35 All the inhabitants of horses, war horses, and mules. 15 ""The men of Dedan the islands are astonished at you, and their kings are traded with you. Many islands were the market of your horribly afraid. They are troubled in their face. 36 The hand. They brought you horns of ivory and ebony in merchants among the peoples hiss at you. You have exchange. 16 ""Syria was your merchant by reason come to a terrible end, and you will be no more."" of the multitude of your handiworks. They traded for your wares with emeralds, purple, embroidered work, fine linen, coral, and rubies. 17 ""Judah and the land of Israel were your traders. They traded wheat of Minnith, confections, honey, oil, and balm for your merchandise. 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; wrought iron, cassia, and calamus were among your merchandise. 20 ""Dedan was your merchant in precious saddle blankets for riding. 21 ""Arabia and all the princes of Kedar were your favorite dealers in lambs, rams, and goats. In these, they were your merchants. 22 ""The traders of Sheba and Raamah were your traders. They traded for your wares with the best of all spices, all precious stones, and gold. 23 ""Haran, Canneh, Eden, the traders of Sheba, Asshur and Chilmad, were your traders. 24 These were your traders in choice wares, in wrappings of blue and embroidered work, and in cedar chests of rich clothing bound with cords, among your merchandise. 25 ""The ships of Tarshish were your caravans for your merchandise. 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, your wares, your merchandise, your mariners, your pilots, your repairers of ship seams, the dealers in your merchandise, and all your men of war who are in you, with all your company which is among you, will fall into the heart of the seas in the day of your ruin. 28 At the sound of the cry of your pilots, the pasture lands will shake. 29 All who handle the oars, the mariners and all the pilots of the sea, will come down from their ships. They will stand on the land, 30 and will cause their voice to be heard over you, and will cry bitterly. They will cast up dust on their heads. They will wallow in the ashes. 31 They will make themselves bald for you, and clothe themselves with sackcloth. They will weep for you in bitterness of soul, with bitter mourning. 32 In their wailing they will take up a lamentation for you, and lament over you, saying, 'Who is there like Tyre, like her who is brought to silence in the middle of the sea?' 33 When your wares came from the seas, you filled many peoples. You enriched the kings of

28 Yahweh's word came again to me, saying, 2 "Son of man, tell the prince of Tyre, 'The Lord Yahweh says: "Because your heart is lifted up, and you have said, 'I am a god, I sit in the seat of God, in the middle of the seas;' yet you are man, and no god, though you set your heart as the heart of a god- 3 behold, 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 treasuries. 5 By your great wisdom and by your trading you have increased your riches, and your heart is lifted up because of your riches—" 6 "therefore the Lord Yahweh says: "Because you have set your heart as the heart of God, 7 therefore, behold, I will bring strangers on you, the terrible of the nations. They will draw their swords against the beauty of your wisdom. They will defile your brightness. 8 They will bring you down to the pit. You will 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 God'? But you are man, and not God, in the hand of him who wounds you. 10 You will die the death of the uncircumcised by the hand of strangers; for I have spoken it," says the Lord Yahweh." 11 Moreover Yahweh's word came to me. saying, 12 "Son of man, take up a lamentation over the king of Tyre, and tell him, 'The Lord Yahweh says: "You were the seal of full measure, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. 13 You were in Eden, the garden of God. Every precious stone adorned you: ruby, topaz, emerald, chrysolite, onyx, jasper, sapphire, turquoise, and beryl. Gold work of tambourines and of pipes was in you. They were prepared in the day that you were created. 14 You were the anointed cherub who covers. Then I set you up on the holy mountain of God. You have walked up and down in the middle of the stones of fire. 15 You were perfect in your ways from the day that you were created, until unrighteousness was found in you. 16 By the abundance of your commerce, your insides were filled with violence, and you have sinned. Therefore I have cast you as profane out of God's mountain. I have destroyed you, covering cherub, from the middle of the stones of fire. 17 Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty. You have corrupted your wisdom by reason of your splendor. I have cast you to

the ground. I have laid you before kings, that they may sword on you, and will cut off man and animal from you. see you. 18 By the multitude of your iniquities, in the 9 The land of Egypt will be a desolation and a waste. unrighteousness of your commerce, you have profaned Then they will know that I am Yahweh. ""Because he your sanctuaries. Therefore I have brought out a fire has said, 'The river is mine, and I have made it,' 10 from the middle of you. It has devoured you. I have therefore, behold, I am against you and against your turned you to ashes on the earth in the sight of all those rivers. I will make the land of Egypt an utter waste who see you. 19 All those who know you among the and desolation, from the tower of Seveneh even to the peoples will be astonished at you. You have become a border of Ethiopia. 11 No foot of man will pass through terror, and you will exist no more."" 20 Yahweh's word it, nor will any animal foot pass through it. It won't be came to me, saying, 21 "Son of man, set your face inhabited for forty years. 12 I will make the land of toward Sidon, and prophesy against it, 22 and say, 'The Egypt a desolation in the middle of the countries that Lord Yahweh says: "Behold, I am against you, Sidon. I are desolate. Her cities among the cities that are laid will be glorified among you. Then they will know that I waste will be a desolation forty years. I will scatter the am Yahweh, when I have executed judgments in her, Egyptians among the nations, and will disperse them and am sanctified in her. 23 For I will send pestilence through the countries." 13 "For the Lord Yahweh says: into her, and blood into her streets. The wounded will "At the end of forty years I will gather the Egyptians from fall within her, with the sword on her on every side. Then the peoples where they were scattered. 14 I will reverse they will know that I am Yahweh. 24 ""There will no the captivity of Egypt, and will cause them to return into longer be a pricking brier to the house of Israel, nor a the land of Pathros, into the land of their birth. There hurting thorn of any that are around them that scorned they will be a lowly kingdom. 15 It will be the lowest of them. Then they will know that I am the Lord Yahweh." the kingdoms. It won't lift itself up above the nations any 25 "The Lord Yahweh says: "When I have gathered the more. I will diminish them so that they will no longer rule house of Israel from the peoples among whom they are over the nations. 16 It will no longer be the confidence scattered, and am shown as holy among them in the of the house of Israel, bringing iniquity to memory, when sight of the nations, then they will dwell in their own land they turn to look after them. Then they will know that I which I gave to my servant Jacob. 26 They will dwell in am the Lord Yahweh."" 17 It came to pass in the twentyit securely. Yes, they will build houses, plant vineyards, seventh year, in the first month, in the first day of the and will dwell securely when I have executed judgments month, Yahweh's word came to me, saying, 18 "Son of on all those around them who have treated them with man, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon caused his army contempt. Then they will know that I am Yahweh their to serve a great service against Tyre. Every head was God.""

20 In the tenth year, in the tenth month, on the twelfth day of the month, Yahweh's word came to me, saying, 2 "Son of man, set your face against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and prophesy against him and against all Egypt. 3 Speak and say, 'The Lord Yahweh says: "Behold, I am against you, Pharaoh king of Egypt, the great monster that lies in the middle of his rivers, that has said, 'My river is my own, and I have made it for myself.' 4 I will put hooks in your jaws, and I will make the fish of your rivers stick to your scales. I will bring you up out of the middle of your rivers, with all the fish of your rivers which stick to your scales. 5 I'll cast you out into the wilderness, you and all the fish of your rivers. You'll fall on the open field. You won't be brought together or gathered. I have given you for food to the animals of the earth and to the birds of the sky. 6 ""All the inhabitants of Egypt will know that I am Yahweh, because they have been a staff of reed to the house of Israel. 7 When they took hold of you by your hand, you broke and tore all their shoulders. When they leaned on you, you broke and paralyzed all of their thighs." 8

made bald, and every shoulder was worn; yet he had no wages, nor did his army, from Tyre, for the service that he had served against it. 19 Therefore the Lord Yahweh says: 'Behold, I will give the land of Egypt to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon. He will carry off her multitude, take her plunder, and take her prey. That will be the wages for his army. 20 I have given him the land of Egypt as his payment for which he served, because they worked for me,' says the Lord Yahweh. 21 "In that day I will cause a horn to sprout for the house of Israel, and I will open your mouth among them. Then they will know that I am Yahweh."

30 Yahweh's word came again to me, saying, 2 "Son of man, prophesy, and say, 'The Lord Yahweh says: "Wail, 'Alas for the day!' 3 For the day is near, even Yahweh's day is near. It will be a day of clouds, a time of the nations. 4 A sword will come on Egypt, and anguish will be in Ethiopia, when the slain fall in Egypt. They take away her multitude, and her foundations are broken down. 5 ""Ethiopia, Put, Lud, all the mixed people, Cub, and the children of the land that is allied with them, will fall with them by the sword." 6 "'Yahweh "Therefore the Lord Yahweh says: "Behold, I will bring a says: "They also who uphold Egypt will fall. The pride of

it from the tower of Seveneh," says the Lord Yahweh. 7 the Egyptians among the nations and disperse them "They will be desolate in the middle of the countries through the countries. Then they will know that I am that are desolate. Her cities will be among the cities Yahweh." that are wasted. 8 They will know that I am Yahweh when I have set a fire in Egypt, and all her helpers are destroyed. 9 ""In that day messengers will go out from before me in ships to make the careless Ethiopians afraid. There will be anguish on them, as in the day of Egypt; for, behold, it comes." 10 "The Lord Yahweh says: "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, will be brought in to destroy the land. They will 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. I will make the land desolate, and all that is therein, by the hand of foreigners. I, Yahweh, have spoken it." 13 "The Lord Yahweh says: "I will also destroy the idols, and I will cause the images to cease from Memphis. There will be no more a prince from the land of Egypt. 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. I will cut off the multitude of No. 16 I will set a fire in Egypt Sin will be in great anguish. No will be broken up. Memphis will have adversaries in the daytime. 17 The young men of Aven and of Pibeseth will fall by the sword. They will go into captivity. 18 At Tehaphnehes also the day will withdraw itself, when I break the yokes of Egypt there. The pride of her power will cease in her. As for her, a cloud will cover her, and her daughters will go into captivity. 19 Thus I will execute judgments on Egypt. Then they will know that I am Yahweh."" 20 In the eleventh year, in the first month, in the seventh day of the month, Yahweh's word came to me, saying, 21 "Son of man, I have broken the arm of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Behold, it has not been bound up, to apply medicines, to put a bandage to bind it, that it may become strong to hold the sword. 22 Therefore the Lord Yahweh says: 'Behold, I am against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and will break his arms, the strong arm, and that which was broken. 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 will groan before the king of Babylon with the groaning of a mortally wounded man. 25 I will hold up the arms of the king of Babylon, but the arms of Pharaoh will fall down. Then they will know that I am Yahweh when I put my sword into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he

her power will come down. They will fall by the sword in stretches it out on the land of Egypt. 26 I will scatter

31 In the eleventh year, in the third month, in the first day of the month, Yahweh's word came to me, saying, 2 "Son of man, tell Pharaoh king of Egypt and his multitude: 'Whom are you like in your greatness? 3 Behold, the Assyrian was a cedar in Lebanon with beautiful branches, and with a forest-like shade, 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. 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. Its branches became long by reason of many waters, when it spread them out. 6 All the birds of the sky made their nests in its boughs. Under its branches, all the animals of the field gave birth to their young. All great nations lived under its shadow. 7 Thus it was 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 cypress trees were not like its branches. The pine trees were not like 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 in the garden of God, envied it.' 10 "Therefore thus said the Lord Yahweh: 'Because he is exalted in stature, and he has set his top among the thick branches, and his heart is lifted up in his height, 11 I will deliver him into the hand of the mighty one of the nations. He will surely deal with him. I have driven him out for his wickedness. 12 Foreigners, the tyrants of the nations, have cut him off and have left him. His branches have fallen on the mountains and in all the valleys, and his boughs are broken by all the watercourses of the land. All the peoples of the earth have gone down from his shadow and have left him. 13 All the birds of the sky will dwell on his ruin, and all the animals of the field will be on his branches, 14 to the end that none of all the trees by the waters exalt themselves in their stature, and don't set their top among the thick boughs. Their mighty ones don't stand up on their height, even all who drink water; for they are all delivered to death, to the lower parts of the earth, among the children of men, with those who go down to the pit.' 15 "The Lord Yahweh says: 'In the day when he went down to Sheol, I caused a mourning. I covered the deep for him, and I restrained its rivers. The great waters were stopped. I caused Lebanon to mourn for him, and all the trees of the field fainted for him. (Sheol h7585) 16 I made the nations to shake at the sound of his fall, when I cast him down to Sheol with

those who descend into the pit. All the trees of Eden. Yahweh. 16 ""This is the lamentation with which they Yahweh."

32 In the twelfth year, in the twelfth month, in the first day of the month, "Yahweh's word 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; yet you are as a monster in the seas. You broke out with your rivers, and troubled the waters with your feet, and fouled their rivers." 3 The Lord Yahweh says: "I will spread out my net on you with a company of many peoples. They will bring you up in my net. 4 I will leave you on the land. I will cast you out on the open field, and will cause all the birds of the sky to settle on you. 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 the land in which you swim with your blood, even to the mountains. The watercourses will be full of you. 7 When I extinguish you, I will cover the heavens and make its stars dark. I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon won't give its light. 8 I will make all the bright lights of the sky dark over you, and set darkness on your land," says the Lord Yahweh. 9 "I will also trouble the hearts of many peoples, when I bring your destruction among the nations, into the countries which you have not known. 10 Yes. I will make many peoples amazed at you, and their kings will be horribly afraid for you, when I brandish my sword before them. They will tremble at every moment, every man for his own life. in the day of your fall." 11 For the Lord Yahweh says: "The sword of the king of Babylon will come on you. 12 I will cause your multitude to fall by the swords of the mighty. They are all the ruthless of the nations. They will bring the pride of Egypt to nothing, and all its multitude will be destroyed. 13 I will destroy also all its animals from beside many waters. The foot of man won't trouble them any more, nor will the hoofs of animals trouble them. 14 Then I will make their waters clear, and cause their rivers to run like oil," says the Lord Yahweh. 15 "When I make the land of Egypt desolate and waste, a land destitute of that of which it was full, when I strike all those who dwell therein, then they will know that I am

the choice and best of Lebanon, all that drink water, will lament. The daughters of the nations will lament were comforted in the lower parts of the earth. (Sheol with this. They will lament with it over Egypt, and over h7585) 17 They also went down into Sheol with him to all her multitude," says the Lord Yahweh." 17 Also in the those who are slain by the sword; yes, those who were twelfth year, in the fifteenth day of the month, Yahweh's his arm, who lived under his shadow in the middle of word came to me, saying, 18 "Son of man, wail for the the nations. (Sheol h7585) 18 "To whom are you thus like multitude of Egypt, and cast them down, even her and in glory and in greatness among the trees of Eden? Yet the daughters of the famous nations, to the lower parts you will be brought down with the trees of Eden to the of the earth, with those who go down into the pit. 19 lower parts of the earth. You will lie in the middle of the Whom do you pass in beauty? Go down, and be laid uncircumcised, with those who are slain by the sword. with the uncircumcised. 20 They will fall among those "This is Pharaoh and all his multitude,' says the Lord who are slain by the sword. She is delivered to the sword. Draw her away with all her multitudes. 21 The strong among the mighty will speak to him out of the middle of Sheol with those who help him. They have gone down. The uncircumcised lie still, slain by the sword. (Sheol h7585) 22 "Asshur is there with all her company. Her graves are all around her. All of them are 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 have 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 made Elam a bed among the slain with all her multitude. Her graves are around her, all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword; for their terror was caused in the land of the living, and they have borne their shame with those who go down to the pit. He is put among those who are slain. 26 "There is Meshech, Tubal, and all their multitude. Their graves are around them, all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword; for they caused their terror in the land of the living. 27 They will not lie with the mighty who are fallen of the uncircumcised, who have gone down to Sheol with their weapons of war and have laid their swords under their heads. Their iniquities are on their bones; for they were the terror of the mighty in the land of the living. (Sheol h7585) 28 "But you will be broken among the uncircumcised, and will lie with those who are slain by the sword. 29 "There is Edom, her kings, and all her princes, who in their might are laid with those who are slain by the sword. They will lie with the uncircumcised, and with those who go down to the pit. 30 "There are the princes of the north, all of them, and all the Sidonians, who have gone down with the slain. They are put to shame in the terror which they caused by their might. They lie uncircumcised with those who are slain by the sword, and bear their shame with those who go down to the pit. 31 "Pharaoh will see them and will be comforted over all his multitude, even

the living. He will be laid among the uncircumcised, with those who are slain by the sword, even Pharaoh and all his multitude," says the Lord Yahweh.

33 Yahweh's word 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 blows the trumpet and warns the people. 4 then whoever hears the sound of the trumpet and doesn't heed the warning, if the sword comes and takes him away, his blood will be on his own head. 5 He heard the sound of the trumpet and didn't take warning. His blood will be on him: whereas if he had heeded the 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 takes any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity, but his blood I will 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 from my mouth, and give them warnings from me. 8 When I tell the wicked, 'O wicked man, you will surely die,' and you don't speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man will die in his iniquity, but I will require his blood at your hand. 9 Nevertheless, if you warn the wicked of his way to turn from it, and he doesn't turn from his way; he will die in his iniquity, but you have delivered your soul. 10 "You, son of man, tell the house of Israel: 'You say this, "Our transgressions and our sins are on us, and we pine away in them. How then can we live?" 11 Tell them, "As I live," says the Lord Yahweh, "I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways! For why will you die, house of Israel?" 12 "You, son of man, tell the children of your people, 'The righteousness of the righteous will not deliver him in the day of his disobedience. And as for the wickedness of the wicked, he will not fall by it in the day that he turns from his wickedness; neither will he who is righteous be able to live by it in the day that he sins. 13 When I tell the righteous that he will surely live, if he trusts in his righteousness and commits iniquity, none of his righteous deeds will be remembered; but he will die in his iniquity that he has committed. 14 Again. when I say to the wicked, "You will surely die," if he turns from his sin and does that which is lawful and right, 15 if the wicked restore the pledge, give again that which he had taken by robbery, walk in the statutes of life, committing no iniquity, he will surely live. He will not die. 16 None of his sins that he has committed will be

Pharaoh and all his army, slain by the sword," says the remembered against him. He has done that which is Lord Yahweh. 32 "For I have put his terror in the land of lawful and right. He will surely live. 17 "'Yet the children of your people say, "The way of the Lord is not fair:" but as for them, their way is not fair. 18 When the righteous turns from his righteousness and commits iniquity, he will even die therein. 19 When the wicked turns from his wickedness and does that which is lawful and right, he will live by it. 20 Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is not fair." House of Israel, I will judge every one of you after his ways." 21 In the twelfth year of our captivity, in the tenth month, in the fifth day of the month, one who had escaped out of Jerusalem came to me, saying, "The city has been defeated!" 22 Now Yahweh's hand had been on me in the evening, before he who had 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 longer mute. 23 Yahweh's word came to me, saying, 24 "Son of man, those who inhabit the 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, 'The Lord Yahweh says: "You eat with the blood, and lift up your eyes to your idols, and shed blood. So should you possess the land? 26 You stand on your sword, you work abomination, and every one of you defiles his neighbor's wife. So should you possess the land?" 27 "You shall tell them, 'The Lord Yahweh says: "As I live, surely those who are in the waste places will fall by the sword. I will give whoever is in the open field to the animals to be devoured, and those who are in the strongholds and in the caves will die of the pestilence. 28 I will make the land a desolation and an astonishment. The pride of her power will cease. The mountains of Israel will be desolate, so that no one will pass through. 29 Then they will know that I am Yahweh, when I have made the land a desolation and an astonishment because of all their abominations which they have committed." 30 "As for you, son of man, the children of your people talk about you by the walls and in the doors of the houses, and speak to one another, everyone to his brother, saying, 'Please come and hear what the word is that comes out from Yahweh." 31 They come to you as the people come, and they sit before you as my people, and they hear your words. but don't do them; for with their mouth they show much love, but their heart goes after their gain. 32 Behold, you are to them as a very lovely song of one who has a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument; for they hear your words, but they don't do them. 33 "When this comes to pass—behold, it comes—then they will know that a prophet has been among them."

> ⚠ Yahweh's word came to me, saying, 2 "Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel.

Lord Yahweh says: "Woe to the shepherds of Israel with your feet? 19 As for my sheep, they eat that which who feed themselves! Shouldn't the shepherds feed you have trodden with your feet, and they drink that the sheep? 3 You eat the fat. You clothe yourself with which you have fouled with your feet.' 20 "Therefore the the wool. You kill the fatlings, but you don't feed the Lord Yahweh says to them: 'Behold, I, even I, will judge sheep. 4 You haven't strengthened the diseased. You between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. 21 Because haven't healed that which was sick. You haven't bound you thrust with side and with shoulder, and push all up that which was broken. You haven't brought back the diseased with your horns, until you have scattered that which was driven away. You haven't sought that them abroad, 22 therefore I will save my flock, and they which was lost, but you have ruled over them with will no more be a prey. I will judge between sheep and force and with rigor. 5 They were scattered, because sheep. 23 I will set up one shepherd over them, and there was no shepherd. They became food to all the he will feed them, even my servant David. He will feed animals of the field, and were scattered. 6 My sheep them, and he will be their shepherd. 24 I, Yahweh, will wandered through all the mountains and on every high be their God, and my servant David prince among them. hill. Yes, my sheep were scattered on all the surface of 1, Yahweh, have spoken it. 25 "'I will make with them the earth. There was no one who searched or sought." a covenant of peace, and will cause evil animals to 7 "Therefore, you shepherds, hear Yahweh's word: 8 cease out of the land. They will dwell securely in the "As I live," says the Lord Yahweh, "surely because my wilderness and sleep in the woods. 26 I will make them sheep became a prey, and my sheep became food to all and the places around my hill a blessing. I will cause the animals of the field, because there was no shepherd, the shower to come down in its season. There will be and my shepherds didn't search for my sheep, but the showers of blessing. 27 The tree of the field will yield its shepherds fed themselves, and didn't feed my sheep, 9 fruit, and the earth will yield its increase, and they will therefore, you shepherds, hear Yahweh's word!" 10 The be secure in their land. Then they will know that I am Lord Yahweh says: "Behold, I am against the shepherds. Yahweh, when I have broken the bars of their voke, I will require my sheep at their hand, and cause them to and have delivered them out of the hand of those who cease from feeding the sheep. The shepherds won't made slaves of them. 28 They will no more be a prey to feed themselves any more. I will deliver my sheep from the nations, neither will the animals of the earth devour their mouth, that they may not be food for them." 11 "For them; but they will dwell securely, and no one will make the Lord Yahweh says: "Behold, I myself, even I, will them afraid. 29 I will raise up to them a plantation for search for my sheep, and will seek them out. 12 As a renown, and they will no more be consumed with famine shepherd seeks out his flock in the day that he is among in the land, and not bear the shame of the nations any his sheep that are scattered abroad, so I will seek out more. 30 They will know that I, Yahweh, their God am my sheep. I will deliver them out of all places where with them, and that they, the house of Israel, are my they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day. people, says the Lord Yahweh. 31 You my sheep, the 13 I will bring them out from the peoples, and gather sheep of my pasture, are men, and I am your God, them from the countries, and will bring them into their says the Lord Yahweh." own land. I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited places of the country. 14 I will feed them with good pasture, and their fold will be on the mountains of the height of Israel. There they will lie down in a good fold. They will feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. 15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will cause them to lie down," says the Lord Yahweh. 16 "I will seek that which was lost, and will bring back that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick; but I will destroy the fat and the strong. I will feed them in justice." 17 "As for you, O my flock, the Lord Yahweh says: 'Behold, 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

Prophesy, and tell them, even the shepherds, 'The drunk of the clear waters, but must you foul the residue

35 Moreover Yahweh's word came to me, saying, 2 "Son of man, set your face against Mount Seir, and prophesy against it, 3 and tell it, 'The Lord Yahweh says: "Behold, I am against you, Mount Seir, and I will stretch out my hand against you. I will make you a desolation and an astonishment. 4 I will lay your cities waste, and you will be desolate. Then you will know that I am Yahweh. 5 ""Because you have had a perpetual hostility, and have given over the children of Israel to the power of the sword in the time of their calamity, in the time of the iniquity of the end, 6 therefore, as I live," says the Lord Yahweh, "I will prepare you for blood, and blood will pursue you. Since you have not hated blood, therefore blood will pursue you. 7 Thus I will make Mount Seir an astonishment and a desolation. I will cut off from it him who passes through and him who returns.

8 I will fill its mountains with its slain. The slain with the hand to come. 9 For, behold, I am for you, and I will they will know that I am Yahweh."

36 You, son of man, prophesy to the mountains of Israel, and say, "You mountains of Israel, hear Yahweh's word. 2 The Lord Yahweh says: 'Because the enemy has said against you, "Aha!" and, "The ancient high places are ours in possession!" 3 therefore prophesy, and say, 'The Lord Yahweh says: "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 Yahweh: The Lord Yahweh says to the mountains and to the hills, to the watercourses and to the valleys, to the desolate wastes and to the cities that are forsaken, which have become a prey and derision to the residue of the nations that are all around; 5 therefore the Lord Yahweh says: "Surely in the fire of my jealousy I have spoken against the residue of the nations, and against all Edom, that have appointed my land to themselves for a possession with the joy of all their heart, with despite of soul, to cast it out for a prey." 6 Therefore prophesy concerning the land of Israel, and tell the mountains, the hills, the watercourses and the valleys, 'The Lord Yahweh says: "Behold, I have spoken in my jealousy and in my wrath, because you have borne the shame of the nations." 7 Therefore the Lord Yahweh says: "I have sworn, 'Surely the nations that are around you will bear their shame.' 8 ""But you, mountains of Israel, you shall shoot out your branches and yield your fruit to my people Israel; for they are at

sword will fall in your hills and in your valleys and in come to you, and you will be tilled and sown. 10 I will all your watercourses. 9 I will make you a perpetual multiply men on you, all the house of Israel, even all desolation, and your cities will not be inhabited. Then of it. The cities will be inhabited and the waste places you will know that I am Yahweh. 10 ""Because you have will be built. 11 I will multiply man and animal on you. said, 'These two nations and these two countries will be They will increase and be fruitful. I will cause you to be mine, and we will possess it,' although Yahweh was inhabited as you were before, and you will do better there, 11 therefore, as I live," says the Lord Yahweh, "I than at your beginnings. Then you will know that I am will do according to your anger, and according to your Yahweh. 12 Yes, I will cause men to walk on you, even envy which you have shown out of your hatred against my people Israel. They will possess you, and you will be them; and I will make myself known among them when their inheritance, and you will never again bereave them I judge you. 12 You will know that I, Yahweh, have of their children." 13 "The Lord Yahweh says: "Because heard all your insults which you have spoken against they say to you, 'You are a devourer of men, and have the mountains of Israel, saying, 'They have been laid been a bereaver of your nation;' 14 therefore you shall desolate. They have been given to us to devour.' 13 devour men no more, and not bereave your nation any You have magnified yourselves against me with your more," says the Lord Yahweh. 15 "I won't let you hear mouth, and have multiplied your words against me. I the shame of the nations any more. You won't bear have heard it." 14 The Lord Yahweh says: "When the the reproach of the peoples any more, and you won't whole earth rejoices, I will make you desolate. 15 As cause your nation to stumble any more," says the Lord you rejoiced over the inheritance of the house of Israel Yahweh." 16 Moreover Yahweh's word came to me, because it was desolate, so I will do to you. You will be saying, 17 "Son of man, when the house of Israel lived in desolate, Mount Seir, and all Edom, even all of it. Then their own land, they defiled it by their ways and by their deeds. Their way before me was as the uncleanness of a woman in her impurity. 18 Therefore I poured out my wrath on them for the blood which they had poured out on the land, and because they had defiled it with their idols. 19 I scattered them among the nations, and they were dispersed through the countries. I judged them according to their way and according to their deeds. 20 When they came to the nations where they went, they profaned my holy name, in that men said of them. 'These are Yahweh's people, and have left 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, 'The Lord Yahweh says: "I don't 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 among them. Then the nations will know that I am Yahweh," says the Lord Yahweh, "when I am proven holy in you before their eyes. 24 ""For I will take you from among the nations and gather you out of all the countries, and will bring you into your own land. 25 I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean. I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. 26 I will also give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit within you. 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. You will keep my ordinances and do them. 28 You will dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers. You will

be my people, and I will be your God. 29 I will save feet, an exceedingly great army. 11 Then he said to men. Then they will know that I am Yahweh."

37 Yahweh's hand was on me, and he brought me out in Yahweh's Spirit, and set me down in the middle of the valley; and it was full of bones. 2 He caused me to pass by them all around; and behold, there were very many in the open valley, and behold, they were very dry. 3 He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" I answered, "Lord Yahweh, you know." 4 Again he said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and tell them, 'You dry bones, hear Yahweh's word. 5 The Lord Yahweh says to these bones: "Behold I will cause breath to enter into you, and you will live. 6 I will lay sinews on you, and will bring up flesh on you. and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you will live. Then you will know that I am Yahweh."" 7 So I prophesied as I was commanded. As I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold, there was an earthquake, Then the bones came together, bone to its bone. 8 I saw, and, behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh came up, and skin covered them above; but there was no breath in them. 9 Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the wind, prophesy, son of man, and tell the wind, 'The Lord Yahweh says: "Come from the four winds, breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live."" 10 So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up on their

you from all your uncleanness. I will call for the grain me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house and will multiply it, and lay no famine on you. 30 I will of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, multiply the fruit of the tree and the increase of the field, and our hope is lost. We are completely cut off.' 12 that you may receive no more the reproach of famine Therefore prophesy, and tell them, 'The Lord Yahweh among the nations. 31 ""Then you will remember your says: "Behold, I will open your graves, and cause you to evil ways, and your deeds that were not good; and come up out of your graves, my people; and I will bring you will loathe yourselves in your own sight for your you into the land of Israel. 13 You will know that I am iniquities and for your abominations. 32 I don't do this Yahweh, when I have opened your graves and caused for your sake," says the Lord Yahweh. "Let it be known you to come up out of your graves, my people. 14 I will to you. Be ashamed and confounded for your ways, put my Spirit in you, and you will live. Then I will place house of Israel." 33 "'The Lord Yahweh says: "In the day you in your own land; and you will know that I, Yahweh, that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will cause have spoken it and performed it," says Yahweh." 15 the cities to be inhabited and the waste places will be Yahweh's word came again to me, saying, 16 "You, son built. 34 The land that was desolate will be tilled instead of man, take one stick and write on it, 'For Judah, and of being a desolation in the sight of all who passed for the children of Israel his companions.' Then take by. 35 They will say, 'This land that was desolate has another stick, and write on it, 'For Joseph, the stick of become like the garden of Eden. The waste, desolate, Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel his companions." and ruined cities are fortified and inhabited.' 36 Then the 17 Then join them for yourself to one another into one nations that are left around you will know that I, Yahweh, stick, that they may become one in your hand. 18 "When have built the ruined places and planted that which was the children of your people speak to you, saying, 'Won't desolate. I, Yahweh, have spoken it, and I will do it." 37 you show us what you mean by these?' 19 tell them, "The Lord Yahweh says: "For this, moreover, I will be 'The Lord Yahweh says: "Behold, I will take the stick inquired of by the house of Israel, to do it for them: I will of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the increase them with men like a flock. 38 As the flock for tribes of Israel his companions; and I will put them with sacrifice, as the flock of Jerusalem in her appointed it, with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and feasts, so the waste cities will be filled with flocks of they will be one in my hand. 20 The sticks on which you write will be in your hand before their eyes." 21 Say to them, 'The Lord Yahweh says: "Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the nations where they have gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land. 22 I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel. One king will be king to them all. They will no longer be two nations. They won't be divided into two kingdoms any more at all. 23 They won't defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions; but I will save them out of all their dwelling places in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them. So they will be my people, and I will be their God. 24 ""My servant David will be king over them. They all will have one shepherd. They will also walk in my ordinances and observe my statutes, and do them. 25 They will dwell in the land that I have given to Jacob my servant, in which your fathers lived. They will dwell therein, they, and their children, and their children's children, forever. David my servant will be their prince forever. 26 Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them. It will be an everlasting covenant with them, I will place them, multiply them, and will set my sanctuary among them forever more. 27 My tent also will be with them. I will be their God, and they will be my people. 28 The nations will know that I am

Yahweh who sanctifies Israel, when my sanctuary is of Israel, who prophesied in those days for years that among them forever more.""

38 Yahweh's word came to me, saying, 2 "Son of man, set your face toward Gog, of the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal, and prophesy against him, 3 and say, 'The Lord Yahweh says: "Behold, I am against you, Gog, prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal. 4 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 handling swords; 5 Persia, Cush, and Put with them, all of them with shield and helmet; 6 Gomer, and all his hordes; the house of Togarmah in the uttermost parts of the north, and all his hordes—even many peoples with you. 7 ""Be prepared, yes, prepare yourself, you, and all your companies who are assembled to you, and be a guard to them. 8 After many days you will be visited. In the latter years you will come into the land that is brought back from the sword, that is gathered out of many peoples, on the mountains of Israel, which have been a continual waste; but it is brought out of the peoples and they will

I would bring you against them? 18 It will happen in that day, when Gog comes against the land of Israel," says the Lord Yahweh, "that my wrath will come up into my nostrils. 19 For in my jealousy and in the fire of my wrath I have spoken. Surely in that day there will be a great shaking in the land of Israel, 20 so that the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, the animals of the field, all creeping things who creep on the earth, and all the men who are on the surface of the earth will shake at my presence. Then the mountains will be thrown down, the steep places will fall, and every wall will fall to the ground. 21 I will call for a sword against him to all my mountains," says the Lord Yahweh. "Every man's sword will be against his brother. 22 I will enter into judgment with him with pestilence and with blood. I will rain on him, on his hordes, and on the many peoples who are with him, torrential rains with great hailstones, fire, and sulfur. 23 I will magnify myself and sanctify myself, and I will make myself known in the eyes of many nations. Then they will know that I am Yahweh."

39 "You, son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, 'The Lord Yahweh says: "Behold, I am against dwell securely, all of them. 9 You will ascend. You will you, Gog, prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal. 2 I will come like a storm. You will be like a cloud to cover the turn you around, will lead you on, and will cause you land, you and all your hordes, and many peoples with to come up from the uttermost parts of the north; and you." 10 "The Lord Yahweh says: "It will happen in that I will bring you onto the mountains of Israel. 3 I will day that things will come into your mind, and you will strike your bow out of your left hand, and will cause devise an evil plan. 11 You will say, 'I will go up to the your arrows to fall out of your right hand. 4 You will fall land of unwalled villages. I will go to those who are at on the mountains of Israel, you, and all your hordes, rest, who dwell securely, all of them dwelling without and the peoples who are with you. I will give you to the walls, and having neither bars nor gates, 12 to take ravenous birds of every sort and to the animals of the the plunder and to take prey; to turn your hand against field to be devoured. 5 You will fall on the open field, for the waste places that are inhabited, and against the I have spoken it," says the Lord Yahweh. 6 "I will send a people who are gathered out of the nations, who have fire on Magog and on those who dwell securely in the gotten livestock and goods, who dwell in the middle islands. Then they will know that I am Yahweh. 7 ""I will of the earth.' 13 Sheba, Dedan, and the merchants of make my holy name known among my people Israel. I Tarshish, with all its young lions, will ask you, 'Have won't allow my holy name to be profaned any more. you come to take the plunder? Have you assembled Then the nations will know that I am Yahweh, the Holy your company to take the prey, to carry away silver and One in Israel. 8 Behold, it comes, and it will be done," gold, to take away livestock and goods, to take great says the Lord Yahweh. "This is the day about which plunder?"" 14 "Therefore, son of man, prophesy, and tell I have spoken. 9 """Those who dwell in the cities of Gog, 'The Lord Yahweh says: "In that day when my Israel will go out and will make fires of the weapons and people Israel dwells securely, will you not know it? 15 burn them, both the shields and the bucklers, the bows You will come from your place out of the uttermost parts and the arrows, and the war clubs and the spears, and of the north, you, and many peoples with you, all of they will make fires with them for seven years; 10 so them riding on horses, a great company and a mighty that they will take no wood out of the field, and not cut army. 16 You will come up against my people Israel as a down any out of the forests; for they will make fires with cloud to cover the land. It will happen in the latter days the weapons. They will plunder those who plundered that I will bring you against my land, that the nations them, and rob those who robbed them," says the Lord may know me when I am sanctified in you, Gog, before Yahweh. 11 ""It will happen in that day, that I will give to their eyes." 17 "The Lord Yahweh says: "Are you he of Gog a place for burial in Israel, the valley of those who whom I spoke in old time by my servants the prophets pass through on the east of the sea; and it will stop

multitude there, and they will call it 'The valley of Hamon Lord Yahweh." Gog'. 12 ""The house of Israel will be burying them for seven months, that they may cleanse the land. 13 Yes, all the people of the land will bury them; and they will become famous in the day that I will be glorified," says the Lord Yahweh. 14 ""They will set apart men of continual employment who will pass through the land. Those who pass through will go with those who bury those who remain on the surface of the land, to cleanse it. After the end of seven months they will search. 15 Those who search through the land will pass through; and when anyone sees a man's bone, then he will set up a sign by it, until the undertakers have buried it in the valley of Hamon Gog. 16 Hamonah will also be the name of a city. Thus they will cleanse the land." 17 "You. son of man, the Lord Yahweh says: 'Speak to the birds of every sort, and to every animal of the field, "Assemble yourselves, and come; gather yourselves on every side to my sacrifice that I sacrifice for you, even a great sacrifice on the mountains of Israel, that you may eat meat and drink blood. 18 You shall eat the flesh of the mighty, and drink the blood of the princes of the earth, of rams, of lambs, and of goats, of bulls, all of them fatlings of Bashan. 19 You shall eat fat until you are full, and drink blood until you are drunk, of my sacrifice which I have sacrificed for you. 20 You shall be filled at my table with horses and charioteers, with mighty men, and with all men of war," says the Lord Yahweh.' 21 "I will set my glory among the nations. Then all the nations will see my judgment that I have executed, and my hand that I have laid on them. 22 So the house of Israel will know that I am Yahweh their God, from that day and forward. 23 The nations will know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity, because they trespassed against me, and I hid my face from them; so I gave them into the hand of their adversaries, and they all fell by the sword. 24 I did to them according to their uncleanness and according to their transgressions. I hid my face from them. 25 "Therefore the Lord Yahweh says: 'Now I will reverse the captivity of Jacob and have mercy on the whole house of Israel. I will be jealous for my holy name. 26 They will forget their shame and all their trespasses by which they have trespassed against me, when they dwell securely in their land. No one will make them afraid 27 when I have brought them back from the peoples, gathered them out of their enemies' lands, and am shown holy among them in the sight of many nations. 28 They will know that I am Yahweh their God, in that I caused them to go into captivity among the nations, and have gathered them to their own land. Then I will leave none of them captive any more. 29 I won't hide my face from them any more, for I have

those who pass through. They will bury Gog and all his poured out my Spirit on the house of Israel.' says the

 $oldsymbol{10}$ In the twenty-fifth year of our captivity, in the beginning of the year, in the tenth day of the month, in the fourteenth year after the city was struck, in the same day, Yahweh's hand was on me, and he brought me there. 2 In the visions of God he brought me into the land of Israel, and set me down on a very high mountain, on which was something like the frame of a city to the south. 3 He brought me there; and, behold, 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 will show you; for you have been brought here so that I may show them to you. Declare all that you see to the house of Israel." 5 Behold, there was a wall on the outside of the house all around, and in the man's hand a measuring reed six cubits long, of a cubit and a hand width each. So he measured the thickness of the building, one reed; and the height, one reed. 6 Then he came to the gate which looks toward the east, and went up its steps. He measured the threshold of the gate, one reed wide; and the other threshold, one reed wide. 7 Every lodge was one reed long and one reed wide. Between the lodges was five cubits. The threshold of the gate by the porch of the gate toward the house was one reed. 8 He measured also the porch of the gate toward the house, one reed. 9 Then he measured the porch of the gate, eight cubits; and its posts, two cubits; and the porch of the gate was toward the house. 10 The side rooms of the gate eastward were three on this side, and three on that side. The three of them were of one measure. The posts had one measure on this side and on that side. 11 He measured the width of the opening of the gate, ten cubits; and the length of the gate, thirteen cubits; 12 and a border before the lodges, one cubit on this side, and a border, one cubit on that side; and the side rooms, six cubits on this side, and six cubits on that side. 13 He measured the gate from the roof of the one side room to the roof of the other, a width of twenty-five cubits, door against door. 14 He also made posts, sixty cubits; and the court reached to the posts, around the gate. 15 From the forefront of the gate at the entrance to the forefront of the inner porch of the gate were fifty cubits. 16 There were closed windows to the side rooms, and to their posts within the gate all around, and likewise to the arches. Windows were around inward. Palm trees were on each post. 17 Then he brought me into the outer court. Behold, there were rooms and a payement made for the court all around. Thirty rooms were on the pavement. 18 The

to the length of the gates, even the lower pavement. 19 side, on which to kill the burnt offering, the sin offering, Then he measured the width from the forefront of the and the trespass offering. 40 On the one side outside, lower gate to the forefront of the inner court outside, as one goes up to the entry of the gate toward the north, arches were before them. It had palm trees, one on this Yahweh to minister to him." 47 He measured the court. side, and another on that side, on its posts. 27 There one hundred cubits long and one hundred cubits wide, the south. 28 Then he brought me to the inner court by each post of the porch, five cubits on this side, and five the south gate. He measured the south gate according cubits on that side. The width of the gate was three fifty cubits long, and twenty-five cubits wide. 30 There to it. There were pillars by the posts, one on this side, were arches all around, twenty-five cubits long and five and another on that side. cubits wide. 31 Its arches were toward the outer court. Palm trees were on its posts. The ascent to it had eight 41 He brought me to the nave and measured the steps. 32 He brought me into the inner court toward the east. He measured the gate according to these measurements; 33 with its lodges, its posts, and its arches, according to these measurements. There were windows in it and in its arches all around. It was fifty cubits long, and twenty-five cubits wide. 34 Its arches were toward the outer court. Palm trees were on its posts on this side and on that side. The ascent to it had eight steps. 35 He brought me to the north gate, and he measured it according to these measurements— 36 its lodges, its posts, and its arches. There were windows in it all around. The length was fifty cubits and the width twenty-five cubits. 37 Its posts were toward the outer court. Palm trees were on its posts on this side and on that side. The ascent to it had eight steps. 38 A room with its door was by the posts at the gates. They washed the burnt offering there. 39 In the porch of the

payement was by the side of the gates, corresponding gate were two tables on this side and two tables on that one hundred cubits, both on the east and on the north. were two tables; and on the other side, which belonged 20 He measured the length and width of the gate of to the porch of the gate, were two tables. 41 Four tables the outer court which faces toward the north. 21 The were on this side, and four tables on that side, by the lodges of it were three on this side and three on that side of the gate: eight tables, on which they killed the side. Its posts and its arches were the same as the sacrifices. 42 There were four cut stone tables for the measure of the first gate: its length was fifty cubits, and burnt offering, a cubit and a half long, a cubit and a half the width twenty-five cubits. 22 Its windows, its arches, wide, and one cubit high. They laid the instruments with and its palm trees were the same as the measure of which they killed the burnt offering and the sacrifice on the gate which faces toward the east. They went up them. 43 The hooks, a hand width long, were fastened to it by seven steps. Its arches were before them. 23 within all around. The meat of the offering was on the There was a gate to the inner court facing the other tables. 44 Outside of the inner gate were rooms for the gate, on the north and on the east. He measured one singers in the inner court, which was at the side of the hundred cubits from gate to gate. 24 He led me toward north gate. They faced toward the south. One at the the south; and behold, there was a gate toward the side of the east gate faced toward the north. 45 He said south. He measured its posts and its arches according to me, "This room, which faces toward the south, is for to these measurements. 25 There were windows in it the priests who perform the duty of the house. 46 The and in its arches all around, like the other windows: room which faces toward the north is for the priests who the length was fifty cubits, and the width twenty-five perform the duty of the altar. These are the sons of cubits. 26 There were seven steps to go up to it, and its Zadok, who from among the sons of Levi come near to was a gate to the inner court toward the south. He square. The altar was before the house. 48 Then he measured one hundred cubits from gate to gate toward brought me to the porch of the house, and measured to these measurements; 29 with its lodges, its posts, cubits on this side and three cubits on that side. 49 The and its arches, according to these measurements. There length of the porch was twenty cubits and the width were windows in it and in its arches all around. It was eleven cubits, even by the steps by which they went up

> posts, six cubits wide on the one side and six cubits wide on the other side, which was the width of the tent. 2 The width of the entrance was ten cubits, and the sides of the entrance were five cubits on the one side, and five cubits on the other side. He measured its length, forty cubits, and the width, twenty cubits. 3 Then he went inward and measured each post of the entrance, two cubits; and the entrance, six cubits; and the width of the entrance, seven cubits. 4 He measured its length, twenty cubits, and the width, twenty cubits, before the nave. He said to me, "This is the most holy place." 5 Then he measured the wall of the house, six cubits; and the width of every side room, four cubits, all around the house on every side. 6 The side rooms were in three stories, one over another, and thirty in each story. They entered into the wall which belonged to the house for the side rooms all around, that they might be

side rooms were wider on the higher levels, because the walls were narrower at the higher levels. Therefore the width of the house increased upward; and so one went up from the lowest level to the highest through the middle level. 8 I saw also that the house had a raised base all around. The foundations of the side rooms were a full reed of six great cubits. 9 The thickness of the outer wall of the side rooms was five cubits. That which was left was the place of the side rooms that belonged to the house. 10 Between the rooms was a width of twenty cubits around the house on every side. 11 The doors of the side rooms were toward an open area that was left, one door toward the north, and another door toward the south. The width of the open area was five cubits all around. 12 The building that was before the separate place at the side toward the west was seventy cubits wide: and the wall of the building was five cubits thick all around, and its length ninety cubits. 13 So he measured the temple, one hundred cubits long; and the separate place, and the building, with its walls, one hundred cubits long; 14 also the width of the face of the temple, and of the separate place toward the east, one hundred cubits. 15 He measured 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 cubits from the inner temple, and the porches of the court, 16 the thresholds, and the closed windows, and the galleries around on their three stories, opposite 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. 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. It was made like this through all the house all around. 20 Cherubim and palm trees were made from the ground to above the door. The wall of the temple was like this. 21 The door posts of the nave were squared. As for the face of the nave, its appearance was as the appearance of the temple. 22 The altar was of wood, three cubits high, and its length two cubits. Its corners, its base, and its walls were of wood. He said to me. "This is the table that is before Yahweh." 23 The temple and the sanctuary had two doors. 24 The doors had two leaves each, two turning leaves: two for the one door, and two leaves for the other. 25 There were made on them, on the doors of the nave, cherubim and palm trees, like those made on the walls. There was a threshold of wood on the face of

supported and not penetrate the wall of the house. 7 The the porch outside. 26 There were closed windows and side rooms were wider on the higher levels, because palm trees on the one side and on the other side, on the the walls were narrower at the higher levels. Therefore sides of the porch. This is how the side rooms of the the width of the house increased upward; and so one temple and the thresholds were arranged.

 $oldsymbol{12}$ Then he brought me out into the outer court, the way toward the north. Then he brought me into the room that was opposite the separate place, and which was opposite the building toward the north. 2 Facing the length of one hundred cubits was the north door, and the width was fifty cubits. 3 Opposite the twenty cubits which belonged to the inner court, and opposite the pavement which belonged to the outer court, was gallery against gallery in the three stories. 4 Before the rooms was a walk of ten cubits' width inward, a way of one cubit: 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 uppermost was set back more than the lowest and the middle from the ground. 7 The wall that was outside by the side of the rooms, toward the outer court before the rooms, was fifty cubits long. 8 For the length of the rooms that were in the outer court was fifty cubits. Behold, those facing the temple were one hundred cubits. 9 From under these rooms was the entry on the east side, as one goes into them from the outer court. 10 In the thickness of the wall of the court toward the east, before the separate place, and before the building, there were rooms. 11 The way before them was like the appearance of the rooms which were toward the north. Their length and width were the same. All their exits had the same arrangement and doors. 12 Like the doors of the rooms that were toward the south was a door at the head of the way, even the way directly before the wall toward the east, as one enters into them. 13 Then he said to me. "The north rooms and the south rooms, which are opposite the separate place, are the holy rooms, where the priests who are near to Yahweh shall eat the most holy things. There they shall lay the most holy things, with the meal offering, the sin offering, and the trespass offering; for the place is holy. 14 When the priests enter in, then they shall not go out of the holy place into the outer court until they lay their garments in which they minister there; for they are holy. Then they shall put on other garments, and shall approach that which is for the people." 15 Now when he had finished measuring the inner house, he brought me out by the way of the gate which faces toward the east, and measured it all around. 16 He measured on the east side with the measuring reed five hundred reeds, with the measuring reed all around. 17 He measured on the north side five hundred reeds with the measuring

that which was common.

43 Afterward he brought me to the gate, even the gate that looks toward the east. 2 Behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east. His voice was like the sound of many waters; and the earth was illuminated with his glory. 3 It was like the appearance of the vision which I saw, even according to the vision that I saw when I came to destroy the city; and the visions were like the vision that I saw by the river Chebar; and I fell on my face. 4 Yahweh's glory came into the house by the way of the gate which faces toward the east. 5 The Spirit took me up and brought me into the inner court; and behold, Yahweh's glory filled the house. 6 I heard one speaking to me out of the house, and a man stood by me. 7 He said to me, "Son of man, this is the place of my throne and the place of the soles of my feet, where I will dwell among the children of Israel forever. The house of Israel will no more defile my holy name, neither they nor their kings, by their prostitution and by the dead bodies of their kings in their high places; 8 in their setting of their threshold by my threshold and their door post beside my door post. There was a wall between me and them; and they have defiled my holy name by their abominations which they have committed. Therefore I have consumed them in my anger. 9 Now let them put away their prostitution, and the dead bodies of their kings far from me. Then I will dwell among them forever. 10 "You, son of man, show the house to the house of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities; and let them measure the pattern. 11 If they are ashamed of all that they have done, make known to them the form of the house, its fashion, its exits, its entrances, its structure, all its ordinances, all its forms, and all its laws; and write it in their sight, that they may keep the whole form of it, and all its ordinances, and do them. 12 "This is the law of the house. On the top of the mountain the whole limit around it shall be most holy. Behold, this is the law of the house. 13 "These are the measurements of the altar by cubits (the cubit is a cubit and a hand width): the bottom shall be a cubit, and the width a cubit,

reed all around. 18 He measured on the south side five ledge shall be four cubits, and the width a cubit. 15 hundred reeds with the measuring reed. 19 He turned The upper altar shall be four cubits; and from the altar about to the west side, and measured five hundred hearth and upward there shall be four horns. 16 The reeds with the measuring reed. 20 He measured it on altar hearth shall be twelve cubits long by twelve wide. the four sides. It had a wall around it, the length five square in its four sides. 17 The ledge shall be fourteen hundred cubits, and the width five hundred cubits, to cubits long by fourteen wide in its four sides; and the make a separation between that which was holy and border about it shall be half a cubit; and its bottom shall be a cubit around; and its steps shall look toward the east." 18 He said to me, "Son of man, the Lord Yahweh says: 'These are the ordinances of the altar in the day when they make it, to offer burnt offerings on it, and to sprinkle blood on it. 19 You shall give to the Levitical priests who are of the offspring of Zadok, who are near to me, to minister to me,' says the Lord Yahweh, 'a young bull for a sin offering. 20 You shall take of its blood and put it on its four horns, and on the four corners of the ledge, and on the border all around. You shall cleanse it and make atonement for it that way. 21 You shall also take the bull of the sin offering, and it shall be burned in the appointed place of the house, outside of the sanctuary. 22 "On the second day you shall offer a male goat without defect for a sin offering; and they shall cleanse the altar, as they cleansed it with the bull. 23 When you have finished cleansing it, you shall offer a young bull without defect and a ram out of the flock without defect. 24 You shall bring them near to Yahweh, and the priests shall cast salt on them, and they shall offer them up for a burnt offering to Yahweh. 25 "Seven days you shall prepare every day a goat for a sin offering. They shall also prepare a young bull and a ram out of the flock, without defect. 26 Seven days shall they make atonement for the altar and purify it. So shall they consecrate it. 27 When they have accomplished the days, it shall be that on the eighth day and onward, the priests shall make your burnt offerings on the altar and your peace offerings. Then I will accept you,' says the Lord Yahweh."

11 Then he brought me back by the way of the outer gate of the sanctuary, which looks toward the east; and it was shut. 2 Yahweh said to me, "This gate shall be shut. It shall not be opened, no man shall enter in by it; for Yahweh, the God of Israel, has entered in by it. Therefore it shall be shut. 3 As for the prince, he shall sit in it as prince to eat bread before Yahweh. He shall enter by the way of the porch of the gate, and shall go out the same way." 4 Then he brought me by the way of the north gate before the house; and I looked, and behold, Yahweh's glory filled Yahweh's house; so I fell and its border around its edge a span; and this shall on my face. 5 Yahweh said to me, "Son of man, mark be the base of the altar. 14 From the bottom on the well, and see with your eyes, and hear with your ears all ground to the lower ledge shall be two cubits, and the that I tell you concerning all the ordinances of Yahweh's width one cubit; and from the lesser ledge to the greater house and all its laws; and mark well the entrance of the house, with every exit of the sanctuary. 6 You shall

Yahweh says: "You house of Israel, let that be enough but they shall take virgins of the offspring of the house of of all your abominations. 7 in that you have brought in Israel, or a widow who is the widow of a priest, 23 They foreigners, uncircumcised in heart and uncircumcised shall teach my people the difference between the holy in flesh, to be in my sanctuary, to profane it, even and the common, and cause them to discern between my house, when you offer my bread, the fat and the the unclean and the clean. 24 ""In a controversy they blood; and they have broken my covenant, to add to shall stand to judge. They shall judge it according to my all your abominations. 8 You have not performed the ordinances. They shall keep my laws and my statutes in duty of my holy things; but you have set performers of all my appointed feasts. They shall make my Sabbaths my duty in my sanctuary for yourselves." 9 The Lord holy. 25 ""They shall go in to no dead person to defile Yahweh says, "No foreigner, uncircumcised in heart and themselves; but for father, or for mother, or for son, or uncircumcised in flesh, shall enter into my sanctuary, of for daughter, for brother, or for sister who has had no any foreigners who are among the children of Israel. 10 husband, they may defile themselves. 26 After he is ""But the Levites who went far from me when Israel cleansed, they shall reckon to him seven days. 27 In went astray, who went astray from me after their idols, the day that he goes into the sanctuary, into the inner they will bear their iniquity. 11 Yet they shall be ministers court, to minister in the sanctuary, he shall offer his sin in my sanctuary, having oversight at the gates of the offering," says the Lord Yahweh. 28 "They shall have house, and ministering in the house. They shall kill an inheritance: I am their inheritance; and you shall give the burnt offering and the sacrifice for the people, and them no possession in Israel. I am their possession. 29 they shall stand before them to minister to them. 12 They shall eat the meal offering, and the sin offering, Because they ministered to them before their idols, and and the trespass offering; and every devoted thing in became a stumbling block of iniquity to the house of Israel shall be theirs. 30 The first of all the first fruits of Israel, therefore I have lifted up my hand against them," every thing, and every offering of everything, of all your says the Lord Yahweh, "and they will bear their iniquity, offerings, shall be for the priest. You shall also give to 13 They shall not come near to me, to execute the office the priests the first of your dough, to cause a blessing of priest to me, nor to come near to any of my holy to rest on your house. 31 The priests shall not eat of things, to the things that are most holy; but they will anything that dies of itself or is torn, whether it is bird or bear their shame and their abominations which they animal. have committed. 14 Yet I will make them performers of the duty of the house, for all its service and for all that will be done therein. 15 ""But the Levitical priests, the sons of Zadok, who performed the duty of my sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray from me, shall come near to me to minister to me. They shall stand before me to offer to me the fat and the blood," says the Lord Yahweh. 16 "They shall enter into my sanctuary. and they shall come near to my table, to minister to me, and they shall keep my instruction. 17 ""It will be that when they enter in at the gates of the inner court, they shall be clothed with linen garments. No wool shall come on them while they minister in the gates of the inner court, and within. 18 They shall have linen turbans on their heads, and shall have linen trousers on their waists. They shall not clothe themselves with anything that makes them sweat. 19 When they go out into the outer court, even into the outer court to the people, they shall put off their garments in which they minister and lay them in the holy rooms. They shall put on other garments, that they not sanctify the people with their garments. 20 ""They shall not shave their heads, or allow their locks to grow long. They shall only cut off the hair of their heads. 21 None of the priests shall drink wine when they enter into the inner court. 22 They shall

tell the rebellious, even the house of Israel, 'The Lord' not take for their wives a widow, or her who is put away;

45 ""Moreover, when you divide by lot the land for inheritance, you shall offer an offering to Yahweh, a holy portion of the land. The length shall be the length of twenty-five thousand reeds, and the width shall be ten thousand. It shall be holy in all its border all around. 2 Of this there shall be a five hundred by five hundred square for the holy place, and fifty cubits for its pasture lands all around. 3 Of this measure you shall measure a length of twenty-five thousand, and a width of ten thousand. In it shall be the sanctuary, which is most holy. 4 It is a holy portion of the land; it shall be for the priests, the ministers of the sanctuary, who come near to minister to Yahweh. It shall be a place for their houses and a holy place for the sanctuary. 5 Twentyfive thousand cubits in length and ten thousand in width shall be for the Levites, the ministers of the house, as a possession for themselves, for twenty rooms. 6 ""You shall appoint the possession of the city five thousand cubits wide and twenty-five thousand long, side by side with the offering of the holy portion. It shall be for the whole house of Israel. 7 ""What is for the prince shall be on the one side and on the other side of the holy allotment and of the possession of the city, in front of the holy allotment and in front of the possession of the city, on the west side westward, and on the east side

portions, from the west border to the east border. 8 In shall make the same provision for sin offering, the burnt the land it shall be to him for a possession in Israel. offering, the meal offering, and the oil." My princes shall no more oppress my people, but they shall give the land to the house of Israel according to their tribes." 9 "The Lord Yahweh says: "Enough you, princes of Israel! Remove violence and plunder, and execute justice and righteousness! Stop dispossessing my people!" says the Lord Yahweh. 10 "You shall have just balances, a just ephah, and a just bath. 11 The ephah and the bath shall be of one measure, that the bath may contain one tenth of a homer, and the ephah one tenth of a homer. Its measure shall be the same as the homer. 12 The shekel shall be twenty gerahs. Twenty shekels plus twenty-five shekels plus fifteen shekels shall be your mina. 13 ""This is the offering that you shall offer: the sixth part of an ephah from a homer of wheat, and you shall give the sixth part of an ephah from a homer of barley, 14 and the set portion of oil, of the bath of oil, one tenth of a bath out of the cor, which is ten baths, even a homer (for ten baths are a homer), 15 and one lamb of the flock out of two hundred, from the well-watered pastures of Israel—for a meal offering, for a burnt offering, and for peace offerings, to make atonement for them," says the Lord Yahweh. 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, 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, the meal offering, the burnt offering, and the peace offerings, to make atonement for the house of Israel." 18 "The Lord Yahweh says: "In the first month, on the first day of the month, you shall take a young bull without defect, and you shall cleanse the sanctuary. 19 The priest shall take of the blood of the sin offering and put it on the door posts of the house, and on the four corners of the ledge of the altar, and on the posts of the gate of the inner court. 20 So you shall do on the seventh day of the month for everyone who errs, and for him who is simple. So you shall make atonement for the house. 21 ""In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month, you shall have the Passover, a feast of seven days: unleavened bread shall be eaten. 22 On that day the prince shall prepare for himself and for all the people of the land a bull for a sin offering. 23 The seven days of the feast he shall prepare a burnt offering to Yahweh, seven bulls and seven rams without defect daily the seven days; and a male goat daily for a sin offering. 24 He shall prepare a meal offering, an ephah for a bull, an ephah for a ram, and a hin of oil to an ephah. 25 ""In the seventh month, on the fifteenth day of the month,

eastward, and in length corresponding to one of the during the feast, he shall do like that for seven days. He

"The Lord Yahweh says: "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 out, 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 Yahweh on the Sabbaths and on the new moons. 4 The burnt offering that the prince shall offer to Yahweh shall be on the Sabbath day, six lambs without defect and a ram without defect; 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 defect, six lambs, and a ram. They shall be without defect. 7 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 enters, he shall go in by the way of the porch of the gate, and he shall go out by its way. 9 "But when the people of the land come before Yahweh in the appointed feasts, he who enters by the way of the north gate to worship shall go out by the way of the south gate; and he who enters by the way of the south gate shall go out by the way of the north gate. He shall not return by the way of the gate by which he came in, but shall go out straight before him. 10 The prince shall go in with them when they go in. When they go out, he shall go out. 11 ""In the feasts and in the appointed holidays, the meal offering shall be an ephah for a bull, and an ephah for a ram, and for the lambs as he is able to give, and a hin of oil to an ephah. 12 When the prince prepares a free will offering, a burnt offering or peace offerings as a free will offering to Yahweh, one shall open for him the gate that looks toward the east; and he shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings, as he does on the Sabbath day. Then he shall go out; and after his going out one shall shut the gate. 13 ""You shall prepare a lamb a year old without defect for a burnt offering to Yahweh daily. Morning by morning you shall prepare it. 14 You shall prepare a meal offering with it morning by morning, the sixth part of an ephah, and the third part of a hin of oil to moisten the fine flour; a meal offering to Yahweh continually by a perpetual ordinance. 15 Thus they shall prepare the lamb, the meal offering,

and the oil, morning by morning, for a continual burnt many trees on the one side and on the other, 8 Then he offering." 16 "The Lord Yahweh says: "If the prince gives said to me, "These waters flow out toward the eastern of the people."

17 He brought me back to the door of the temple; and behold, waters flowed out from under the threshold of the temple eastward, for the front of the temple faced toward the east. The waters came down from underneath, from the right side of the temple, on the south of the altar. 2 Then he brought me out by the way of the gate northward, and led me around by the way outside to the outer gate, by the way of the gate that looks toward the east. Behold, waters ran out on the right side. 3 When the man went out eastward with the line in his hand, he measured one thousand cubits, and he caused me to pass through the waters, waters that were to the ankles. 4 Again he measured one thousand, and caused me to pass through the waters, waters that were to the knees. Again he measured one thousand, and caused me to pass through waters that were to the waist. 5 Afterward he measured one thousand; and it was a river that I could not pass through, for the waters had risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be walked through. 6 He said to me, "Son of man, have you seen this?" Then he brought me and caused me to return to the bank of the river. 7 Now when I had returned, behold, on the bank of the river were very entrance of Hamath, Hazar Enan at the border of

a gift to any of his sons, it is his inheritance. It shall region and will go down into the Arabah. Then they will belong to his sons. It is their possession by inheritance. go toward the sea and flow into the sea which will be 17 But if he gives of his inheritance a gift to one of his made to flow out; and the waters will be healed. 9 It will servants, it shall be his to the year of liberty; then it shall happen that every living creature which swarms, in every return to the prince; but as for his inheritance, it shall place where the rivers come, will live. Then there will be be for his sons. 18 Moreover the prince shall not take a very great multitude of fish; for these waters have of the people's inheritance, to thrust them out of their come there, and the waters of the sea will be healed, possession. He shall give inheritance to his sons out and everything will live wherever the river comes. 10 It of his own possession, that my people not each be will happen that fishermen will stand by it. From En Gedi scattered from his possession."" 19 Then he brought even to En Eglaim will be a place for the spreading of me through the entry, which was at the side of the gate, nets. Their fish will be after their kinds, as the fish of the into the holy rooms for the priests, which looked toward great sea, exceedingly many. 11 But its swamps and the north. Behold, there was a place on the back part marshes will not be healed. They will be given up to salt. westward. 20 He said to me, "This is the place where 12 By the river banks, on both sides, will grow every tree the priests shall boil the trespass offering and the sin for food, whose leaf won't wither, neither will its fruit fail. offering, and where they shall bake the meal offering. It will produce new fruit every month, because its waters that they not bring them out into the outer court, to issue out of the sanctuary. Its fruit will be for food, and sanctify the people." 21 Then he brought me out into the its leaf for healing." 13 The Lord Yahweh says: "This outer court and caused me to pass by the four corners shall be the border by which you shall divide the land of the court; and behold, in every corner of the court for inheritance according to the twelve tribes of Israel. there was a court. 22 In the four corners of the court Joseph shall have two portions. 14 You shall inherit it, there were courts enclosed, forty cubits long and thirty one as well as another; for I swore to give it to your wide. These four in the corners were the same size. 23 fathers. This land will fall to you for inheritance. 15 "This There was a wall around in them, around the four, and shall be the border of the land: "On the north side, from boiling places were made under the walls all around. the great sea, by the way of Hethlon, to the entrance of 24 Then he said to me, "These are the boiling houses, Zedad; 16 Hamath, Berothah, Sibraim (which is between where the ministers of the house shall boil the sacrifice the border of Damascus and the border of Hamath), to Hazer Hatticon, which is by the border of Hauran. 17 The border from the sea shall be Hazar Enon at the border of Damascus; and on the north northward is the border of Hamath. This is the north side. 18 "The east side, between Hauran, Damascus, Gilead, and the land of Israel, shall be the Jordan; from the north border to the east sea you shall measure. This is the east side. 19 "The south side southward shall be from Tamar as far as the waters of Meriboth Kadesh, to the brook, to the great sea. This is the south side southward. 20 "The west side shall be the great sea, from the south border as far as opposite the entrance of Hamath. This is the west side. 21 "So you shall divide this land to yourselves according to the tribes of Israel. 22 You shall divide it by lot for an inheritance to you and to the aliens who live among you, who will father children among you. Then they shall be to you as the native-born among the children of Israel. They shall have inheritance with you among the tribes of Israel. 23 In whatever tribe the stranger lives, there you shall give him his inheritance," savs the Lord Yahweh.

18 "Now these are the names of the tribes: From the north end, beside the way of Hethlon to the

four thousand and five hundred. 17 The city shall have shall be. 'Yahweh is there.' pasture lands: 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 of the length, alongside the holy offering, shall be ten thousand eastward and ten thousand westward; and it shall be alongside the holy offering. 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

Damascus, northward beside Hamath (and they shall shall be a square of twenty-five thousand by twentyhave their sides east and west), Dan, one portion. 2 "By five thousand. You shall offer it as a holy offering, with the border of Dan, from the east side to the west side, the possession of the city. 21 "The remainder shall be Asher, one portion. 3 "By the border of Asher, from the for the prince, on the one side and on the other of east side even to the west side, Naphtali, one portion. 4 the holy offering and of the possession of the city; in "By the border of Naphtali, from the east side to the front of the twenty-five thousand of the offering toward west side, Manasseh, one portion. 5 "By the border of the east border, and westward in front of the twenty-Manasseh, from the east side to the west side, Ephraim, five thousand toward the west border, alongside the one portion. 6 "By the border of Ephraim, from the east portions, it shall be for the prince. The holy offering and side even to the west side, Reuben, one portion. 7 "By the sanctuary of the house shall be in the middle of it. the border of Reuben, from the east side to the west 22 Moreover, from the possession of the Levites, and side, Judah, one portion. 8 "By the border of Judah, from from the possession of the city, being in the middle of the east side to the west side, shall be the offering which that which is the prince's, between the border of Judah you shall offer, twenty-five thousand reeds in width, and and the border of Benjamin, shall be for the prince. 23 in length as one of the portions, from the east side to "As for the rest of the tribes: from the east side to the the west side; and the sanctuary shall be in the middle west side, Benjamin, one portion. 24 "By the border of of it. 9 "The offering that you shall offer to Yahweh Benjamin, from the east side to the west side, Simeon, shall be twenty-five thousand reeds in length, and ten one portion. 25 "By the border of Simeon, from the thousand in width. 10 For these, even for the priests, east side to the west side, Issachar, one portion. 26 shall be the holy offering: toward the north twenty-five "By the border of Issachar, from the east side to the thousand in length, and toward the west ten thousand west side, Zebulun, one portion. 27 "By the border of in width, and toward the east ten thousand in width, Zebulun, from the east side to the west side, Gad, one and toward the south twenty-five thousand in length; portion. 28 "By the border of Gad, at the south side and the sanctuary of Yahweh shall be in the middle southward, the border shall be even from Tamar to the of it. 11 It shall be for the priests who are sanctified waters of Meribath Kadesh, to the brook, to the great of the sons of Zadok, who have kept my instruction, sea. 29 "This is the land which you shall divide by lot to who didn't go astray when the children of Israel went the tribes of Israel for inheritance, and these are their astray, as the Levites went astray. 12 It shall be to them several portions, says the Lord Yahweh. 30 "These are an offering from the offering of the land, a most holy the exits of the city: On the north side four thousand thing, by the border of the Levites. 13 "Alongside the five hundred reeds by measure; 31 and the gates of border of the priests, the Levites shall have twenty-five the city shall be named after the tribes of Israel, three thousand cubits in length and ten thousand in width. All gates northward: the gate of Reuben, one; the gate the length shall be twenty-five thousand, and the width of Judah, one; the gate of Levi, one. 32 "At the east ten thousand. 14 They shall sell none of it, nor exchange side four thousand five hundred reeds, and three gates: it, nor shall the first fruits of the land be alienated, for it even the gate of Joseph, one; the gate of Benjamin, is holy to Yahweh. 15 "The five thousand cubits that are one; the gate of Dan, one. 33 "At the south side four left in the width, in front of the twenty-five thousand, thousand five hundred reeds by measure, and three shall be for common use, for the city, for dwelling and gates: the gate of Simeon, one; the gate of Issachar, for pasture lands; and the city shall be in the middle one; the gate of Zebulun, one. 34 "At the west side four of it. 16 These shall be its measurements: the north thousand five hundred reeds, with their three gates: the side four thousand and five hundred, and the south gate of Gad, one; the gate of Asher, one; the gate of side four thousand and five hundred, and on the east Naphtali, one. 35 "It shall be eighteen thousand reeds in side four thousand and five hundred, and the west side circumference; and the name of the city from that day

Daniel

1 In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it. 2 The Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with some of the vessels of the house of God; and he carried them into the land of Shinar to the house of his god. 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 children of Israel, even of the royal offspring and of the nobles: 4 youths in whom was no defect, but well-favored, skillful in all wisdom, endowed with knowledge, understanding science, and who had the 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 delicacies 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 of the children of Judah were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. 7 The prince of the eunuchs gave names to them: to Daniel he gave the name Belteshazzar; to Hananiah, Shadrach; to Mishael, Meshach; and to Azariah, Abednego. 8 But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the king's delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank. Therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself. 9 Now God made Daniel find kindness 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? Then you would endanger my head with the king." 11 Then Daniel said to the steward whom the prince of the eunuchs had appointed over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: 12 "Test your servants, I beg you, ten days; and let them give us vegetables to eat and water to drink. 13 Then let our faces be examined before you, and the face of the youths who eat of the king's delicacies; and as you see, deal with your servants." 14 So he listened to them in this matter, and tested them for ten days. 15 At the end of ten days, their faces appeared fairer and they were fatter in flesh than all the youths who ate of the king's delicacies. 16 So the steward took away their delicacies and the wine that they were given to 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 no one like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. Therefore stood they before the king. 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 Cyrus.

1 In the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams; and his spirit was troubled, and his sleep went from him. 2 Then the king commanded that the magicians, the enchanters, the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans be called to tell the king his dreams. So they came in and stood before the king. 3 The king said to them. "I have dreamed a dream, and my spirit is troubled to know the dream." 4 Then the Chaldeans spoke to the king in the Syrian language, "O king, live forever! Tell your servants the dream, and we will show the interpretation." 5 The king answered the Chaldeans, "The thing has gone from me. If you don't make known to me the dream and its interpretation, you will be cut in pieces, and your houses will be made a dunghill. 6 But if you show the dream and its interpretation, you will receive from me gifts, 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 are trying to gain time, because you see the thing has gone from me. 9 But if you don't 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 the situation changes. Therefore tell me the dream, and I will know that you can show me its interpretation." 10 The Chaldeans answered 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, 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 Because of this, the king was angry and very furious, and commanded that all the wise men of Babylon be destroyed. 13 So the decree went out, and the wise men were to be slain. They sought Daniel and his companions to be slain. 14 Then Daniel returned answer with counsel and prudence to Arioch the captain of the king's guard, who had gone out 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

known to me the dream which I have seen, and its left to another people; but it will break in pieces and interpretation?" 27 Daniel answered before the king, consume all these kingdoms, and it will stand forever. gold, its chest and its arms of silver, its belly and its the king's gate. thighs of bronze, 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, which struck the image on its feet that were of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces. 35 Then

that he would appoint him a time, and he would show the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold the king the interpretation. 17 Then Daniel went to his were broken in pieces together, and became like the house and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, chaff of the summer threshing floors. The wind carried and Azariah, his companions: 18 that they would desire them away, so that no place was found for them. The mercies of the God of heaven concerning this secret, stone that struck the image became a great mountain that Daniel and his companions would not perish with and filled the whole earth. 36 "This is the dream; and we the rest of the wise men of Babylon. 19 Then the secret will tell its interpretation before the king, 37 You, O king, was revealed to Daniel in a vision of the night. Then are king of kings, to whom the God of heaven has given Daniel blessed the God of heaven. 20 Daniel answered, the kingdom, the power, the strength, and the glory. 38 "Blessed be the name of God forever and ever; for Wherever the children of men dwell, he has given the wisdom and might are his. 21 He changes the times animals of the field and the birds of the sky into your and the seasons. He removes kings and sets up kings. hand, and has made you rule over them all. You are He gives wisdom to the wise, and knowledge to those the head of gold. 39 "After you, another kingdom will who have understanding. 22 He reveals the deep and arise that is inferior to you; and another third kingdom of secret things. He knows what is in the darkness, and bronze, which will rule over all the earth. 40 The fourth the light dwells with him. 23 I thank you and praise kingdom will be strong as iron, because iron breaks in you, O God of my fathers, who have given me wisdom pieces and subdues all things; and as iron that crushes and might, and have now made known to me what we all these, it will break in pieces and crush. 41 Whereas desired of you; for you have made known to us the you saw the feet and toes, part of potters' clay and part king's matter." 24 Therefore Daniel went in to Arioch, of iron, it will be a divided kingdom; but there will be in it whom the king had appointed to destroy the wise men of the strength of the iron, because you saw the iron of Babylon. He went and said this to him: "Don't destroy mixed with miry clay. 42 As the toes of the feet were part the wise men of Babylon. Bring me in before the king, of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom will be partly and I will show to the king the interpretation." 25 Then strong and partly brittle. 43 Whereas you saw the iron Arioch brought in Daniel before the king in haste, and mixed with miry clay, they will mingle themselves with said this to him: "I have found a man of the children the seed of men; but they won't cling to one another, of the captivity of Judah who will make known to the even as iron does not mix with clay. 44 "In the days of king the interpretation." 26 The king answered Daniel, those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom whose name was Belteshazzar, "Are you able to make which will never be destroyed, nor will its sovereignty be and said, "The secret which the king has demanded 45 Because you saw that a stone was cut out of the can't be shown to the king by wise men, enchanters, mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the magicians, or soothsayers; 28 but there is a God in iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold, the heaven who reveals secrets, and he has made known great God has made known to the king what will happen to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days. hereafter. The dream is certain, and its interpretation Your dream and the visions of your head on your bed sure." 46 Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell on his face, are these: 29 "As for you, O king, your thoughts came worshiped Daniel, and commanded that they should on your bed, what should happen hereafter; and he offer an offering and sweet odors to him. 47 The king who reveals secrets has made known to you what will answered to Daniel, and said, "Of a truth your God is the happen. 30 But as for me, this secret is not revealed to God of gods, and the Lord of kings, and a revealer of me for any wisdom that I have more than any living, but secrets, since you have been able to reveal this secret." to the intent that the interpretation may be made known 48 Then the king made Daniel great and gave him many to the king, and that you may know the thoughts of your great gifts, and made him rule over the whole province heart. 31 "You, O king, saw, and behold, a great image. of Babylon and to be chief governor over all the wise This image, which was mighty, and whose brightness men of Babylon. 49 Daniel requested of the king, and was excellent, stood before you; and its appearance he appointed Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego over was terrifying. 32 As for this image, its head was of fine the affairs of the province of Babylon, but Daniel was in

> 3 Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, whose height was sixty cubits and its width six cubits. He set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon. 2 Then Nebuchadnezzar the king sent to gather

together the local governors, the deputies, and the it be known to you. O king, that we will not serve your governors, the judges, the treasurers, the counselors, gods or worship the golden image which you have set the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, to come up." 19 Then Nebuchadnezzar was full of fury, and the to the dedication of the image which Nebuchadnezzar form of his appearance was changed against Shadrach, the king had set up. 3 Then the local governors, the Meshach, and Abednego. He spoke, and commanded deputies, and the governors, the judges, the treasurers, that they should heat the furnace seven times more the counselors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the than it was usually heated. 20 He commanded certain provinces were gathered together to the dedication of mighty men who were in his army to bind Shadrach, the image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up; Meshach, and Abednego, and to cast them into the and they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar burning fiery furnace. 21 Then these men were bound in had set up. 4 Then the herald cried aloud, "To you it is their pants, their tunics, and their mantles, and their commanded, peoples, nations, and languages, 5 that other clothes, and were cast into the middle of the whenever you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, burning fiery furnace. 22 Therefore because the king's lyre, harp, pipe, and all kinds of music, you fall down commandment was urgent and the furnace exceedingly and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar hot, the flame of the fire killed those men who took up the king has set up. 6 Whoever doesn't fall down and Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. 23 These three worship shall be cast into the middle of a burning fiery men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down furnace the same hour." 7 Therefore at that time, when bound into the middle of the burning fiery furnace. 24 all the peoples heard the sound of the horn, flute, zither, Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished and lyre, harp, pipe, and all kinds of music, all the peoples, rose up in haste. He spoke and said to his counselors, the nations, and the languages fell down and worshiped "Didn't we cast three men bound into the middle of the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set the fire?" They answered the king, "True, O king." 25 up. 8 Therefore at that time certain Chaldeans came He answered, "Look, I see four men loose, walking near and brought accusation against the Jews. 9 They in the middle of the fire, and they are unharmed. The answered Nebuchadnezzar the king, "O king, live for appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods." 26 ever! 10 You, O king, have made a decree that every Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the mouth of the man who hears the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, burning fiery furnace. He spoke and said, "Shadrach, harp, pipe, and all kinds of music shall fall down and Meshach, and Abednego, you servants of the Most worship the golden image; 11 and whoever doesn't fall High God, come out, and come here!" Then Shadrach, down and worship shall be cast into the middle of a Meshach, and Abednego came out of the middle of burning fiery furnace. 12 There are certain Jews whom the fire. 27 The local governors, the deputies, and the you have appointed over the affairs of the province of governors, and the king's counselors, being gathered Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These together, saw these men, that the fire had no power on men, O king, have not respected you. They don't serve their bodies. The hair of their head wasn't singed. Their your gods, and don't worship the golden image which pants weren't changed. The smell of fire wasn't even on you have set up." 13 Then Nebuchadnezzar in rage them. 28 Nebuchadnezzar spoke and said, "Blessed and fury commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, Abednego be brought. Then these men were brought who has sent his angel and delivered his servants who before the king. 14 Nebuchadnezzar answered them, trusted in him, and have changed the king's word, and "Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that have yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor you don't serve my gods and you don't worship the worship any god except their own God. 29 Therefore I golden image which I have set up? 15 Now if you are make a decree that every people, nation, and language ready whenever you hear the sound of the horn, flute, which speak anything evil against the God of Shadrach, zither, lyre, harp, pipe, and all kinds of music to fall Meshach, and Abednego shall be cut in pieces, and down and worship the image which I have made, good; their houses shall be made a dunghill, because there is but if you don't worship, you shall be cast the same no other god who is able to deliver like this." 30 Then hour into the middle of a burning fiery furnace. Who the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego is that god who will deliver you out of my hands?" 16 in the province of Babylon. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered the king, "Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in 4 Nebuchadnezzar the king, to all the peoples, nations, this matter. 17 If it happens, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace; and he

and languages, who dwell in all the earth: Peace be multiplied to you. 2 It has seemed good to me to will deliver us out of your hand, O king. 18 But if not, let show the signs and wonders that the Most High God

has worked toward me. 3 How great are his signs! How dream be for those who hate you, and its interpretation mighty are his wonders! His kingdom is an everlasting to your adversaries. 20 The tree that you saw, which kingdom. His dominion is from generation to generation. grew and was strong, whose height reached to the sky 4 I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at rest in my house, and and its sight to all the earth; 21 whose leaves were flourishing in my palace. 5 I saw a dream which made beautiful and its fruit plentiful, and in it was food for all; me afraid; and the thoughts on my bed and the visions under which the animals of the field lived, and on whose of my head troubled me. 6 Therefore I made a decree branches the birds of the sky had their habitation— 22 it to bring in all the wise men of Babylon before me, that is you, O king, that have grown and become strong; for they might make known to me the interpretation of your greatness has grown, and reaches to the sky, and the dream. 7 Then the magicians, the enchanters, the your dominion to the end of the earth. 23 "Whereas the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers came in; and I told king saw a holy watcher coming down from the sky and them the dream, but they didn't make known to me its saying, 'Cut down the tree, and destroy it; nevertheless interpretation. 8 But at last, Daniel came in before me, leave the stump of its roots in the earth, even with a whose name was Belteshazzar according to the name band of iron and bronze, in the tender grass of the of my god, and in whom is the spirit of the holy gods. field, and let it be wet with the dew of the sky. Let his I told the dream before him, saying, 9 "Belteshazzar, portion be with the animals of the field, until seven times master of the magicians, because I know that the spirit pass over him.' 24 "This is the interpretation, O king, of the holy gods is in you and no secret troubles you, and it is the decree of the Most High, which has come tell me the visions of my dream that I have seen, and its on my lord the king: 25 You will be driven from men interpretation. 10 These were the visions of my head and your dwelling shall be with the animals of the field. on my bed: I saw, and behold, a tree in the middle of You will be made to eat grass as oxen, and will be wet the earth; and its height was great. 11 The tree grew with the dew of the sky, and seven times shall pass and was strong. Its height reached to the sky and its over you, until you know that the Most High rules in sight to the end of all the earth. 12 Its leaves were the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever he will. beautiful, and it had much fruit, and in it was food for 26 Whereas it was commanded to leave the stump of all. The animals of the field had shade under it, and the roots of the tree, your kingdom shall be sure to the birds of the sky lived in its branches, and all flesh you after you know that Heaven rules. 27 Therefore, O was fed from it. 13 "I saw in the visions of my head on king, let my counsel be acceptable to you, and break my bed, and behold, a holy watcher came down from off your sins by righteousness, and your iniquities by the sky. 14 He cried aloud and said this: 'Cut down the showing mercy to the poor. Perhaps there may be a tree, and cut off its branches! Shake off its leaves and lengthening of your tranquility." 28 All this came on the scatter its fruit! Let the animals get away from under it King Nebuchadnezzar. 29 At the end of twelve months and the birds from its branches. 15 Nevertheless leave he was walking in the royal palace of Babylon. 30 The the stump of its roots in the earth, even with a band of king spoke and said, "Is not this great Babylon, which I iron and bronze, in the tender grass of the field; and have built for the royal dwelling place by the might of let it be wet with the dew of the sky. Let his portion my power and for the glory of my majesty?" 31 While be with the animals in the grass of the earth. 16 Let the word was in the king's mouth, a voice came from his heart be changed from man's, and let an animal's the sky, saying, "O King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is heart be given to him. Then let seven times pass over spoken: 'The kingdom has departed from you. 32 You him. 17 "The sentence is by the decree of the watchers shall be driven from men, and your dwelling shall be and the demand by the word of the holy ones, to the with the animals of the field. You shall be made to eat intent that the living may know that the Most High rules grass like oxen. Seven times shall pass over you, until in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever he you know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of will, and sets up over it the lowest of men.' 18 "This men, and gives it to whomever he will." 33 This was dream I, King Nebuchadnezzar, have seen; and you, fulfilled the same hour on Nebuchadnezzar. He was Belteshazzar, declare the interpretation, because all the driven from men and ate grass like oxen; and his body wise men of my kingdom are not able to make known to was wet with the dew of the sky until his hair had grown me the interpretation; but you are able, for the spirit like eagles' feathers, and his nails like birds' claws. 34 of the holy gods is in you." 19 Then Daniel, whose At the end of the days I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted up name was Belteshazzar, was stricken mute for a while, my eyes to heaven, and my understanding returned to and his thoughts troubled him. The king answered, me; and I blessed the Most High, and I praised and "Belteshazzar, don't let the dream or the interpretation, honored him who lives forever, for his dominion is an trouble you." Belteshazzar answered, "My lord, may the everlasting dominion, and his kingdom from generation

to generation. 35 All the inhabitants of the earth are showing of dark sentences, and dissolving of doubts iustice; and those who walk in pride he is able to abase.

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 that the golden and silver vessels which Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken out of the temple which was in Jerusalem be brought to him, that the king and his lords, his wives and his concubines, might drink from them. 3 Then they brought the golden vessels that were taken out of the temple of God's house which was at Jerusalem; and the king and his lords, his wives and his concubines, drank from them. 4 They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of bronze, of iron, of wood, and of stone. 5 In the same hour, the fingers of a man's hand came out and wrote near the lamp stand on the plaster of the wall of the king's palace. The king saw the part of the hand that wrote. 6 Then the king's face was changed in him, and his thoughts troubled him: and the joints of his thighs were loosened, and his knees struck one against another. 7 The king cried aloud to bring in the enchanters, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers. The king spoke and said to the wise men of Babylon, "Whoever reads this writing and shows 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 all the king's wise men came in; but they could not read the writing, and couldn't make known to the king the interpretation. 9 Then King Belshazzar was greatly troubled, and his face was changed in him, and his lords were perplexed. 10 The gueen by reason of the words of the king and his lords came into the banquet house. The gueen spoke and said, "O king, live forever; don't let vour thoughts trouble vou, nor let vour 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. The king, Nebuchadnezzar, your father—yes, the king, your father—made him master of the magicians, enchanters. Chaldeans, and soothsayers, 12 because an excellent spirit, knowledge, understanding, interpreting of dreams.

reputed as nothing; and he does according to his will in were found in the same Daniel, whom the king named the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the Belteshazzar, Now let Daniel be called, and he will earth; and no one can stop his hand, or ask him, "What show the interpretation." 13 Then Daniel was brought in are you doing?" 36 At the same time my understanding before the king. The king spoke and said to Daniel, "Are returned to me; and for the glory of my kingdom, my you that Daniel of the children of the captivity of Judah, majesty and brightness returned to me. My counselors whom the king my father brought out of Judah? 14 l and my lords sought me; and I was established in my have heard of you, that the spirit of the gods is in you kingdom, and excellent greatness was added to me. 37 and that light, understanding, and excellent wisdom are Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the found in you. 15 Now the wise men, the enchanters, King of heaven; for all his works are truth, and his ways have been brought in 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 dissolve doubts. 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 around your neck, and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom." 17 Then Daniel answered before the king, "Let your gifts be to yourself, and give your rewards to another. Nevertheless, I will read the writing to the king, and make known to him the interpretation. 18 "To you, king, the Most High God gave Nebuchadnezzar your father the kingdom, and greatness, and glory, and majesty. 19 Because of the greatness that he gave him, all the peoples, nations, and languages trembled and feared before him. He killed whom he wanted to, and he kept alive whom he wanted to. He raised up whom he wanted to, and he put down whom he wanted to. 20 But when his heart was lifted up, and his spirit was hardened so that he dealt proudly, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him. 21 He was driven from the sons of men, and his heart 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 will. 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 concubines, have drunk wine from them. You have praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron. wood, and stone, which don't see, or hear, or know; and you have not glorified the God in whose hand your breath is, and whose are all your ways. 24 Then the part of the hand was sent from before him, and this writing was inscribed. 25 "This is the writing that was inscribed: 'MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN,' 26 "This is the interpretation of the thing: MENE: God has counted your kingdom, and brought it to an end. 27 TEKEL: you are weighed in the balances, and are found wanting.

Medes and Persians." 29 Then Belshazzar commanded, was very displeased, and set his heart on Daniel to and they clothed Daniel with purple, and put a chain of deliver him; and he labored until the going down of gold about his neck, and made proclamation concerning the sun to rescue him. 15 Then these men assembled him, that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom. 30 together to the king, and said to the king, "Know, O In that night Belshazzar the Chaldean King was slain. king, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians, that 31 Darius the Mede received the kingdom, being about no decree nor statute which the king establishes may sixty-two years old.

6 It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom one hundred twenty local governors, who should be throughout the whole kingdom; 2 and over them three presidents, of whom Daniel was one, that these local governors might give account to them, and that the king should suffer no loss. 3 Then this Daniel was distinguished above the presidents and the local governors, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm. 4 Then the presidents and the local governors sought to find occasion against Daniel as touching the kingdom; but they could find no occasion or fault, because he was faithful. There wasn't any error or fault found in him. 5 Then these men said, "We won't find any occasion against this Daniel, unless we find it against him concerning the law of his God." 6 Then these presidents and local governors assembled together to the king, and said this to him, "King Darius, live forever! 7 All the presidents of the kingdom, the deputies and the local governors, the counselors and the governors, have consulted together to establish a royal statute and to make a strong decree, that whoever asks 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 doesn't alter." 9 Therefore King Darius 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 room 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 supplication 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 makes a 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, "This thing is true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which doesn't alter." 13 Then they answered and said before the king, "That Daniel, who is of the children of the captivity of Judah, doesn't respect you, O king, nor the decree that you have signed, but makes his petition three times a

28 PERES: your kingdom is divided, and given to the day." 14 Then the king, when he heard these words, be changed." 16 Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel and cast him into the den of lions. The king spoke and said to Daniel, "Your God whom you serve continually, he will deliver you." 17 A stone was brought, and laid on the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his lords; that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel. 18 Then the king went to his palace, and passed the night fasting. No musical instruments were 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 troubled 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 Daniel said 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 innocence was found in me before him; and also before you, O king, I have done no harm." 23 Then the king was 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 kind of harm 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 mauled them, and broke all their bones in pieces before they came to the bottom of the den. 25 Then King Darius 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 is that which will not be destroyed. His dominion will be even to the end. 27 He delivers and rescues. 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 Darius and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

> 7 In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head while on his bed. Then he wrote the dream and told the sum of the matters. 2 Daniel spoke and said, "I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the sky broke out on the great sea. 3 Four great animals came up from

the sea, different from one another. 4 "The first was like iron, and its nails of bronze; which devoured, broke in a lion, and had eagle's wings. I watched until its wings pieces, and stamped the residue with its feet; 20 and were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth and concerning the ten horns that were on its head and the made to stand on two feet as a man. A man's heart other horn which came up, and before which three fell, was given to it. 5 "Behold, there was another animal, a even that horn that had eyes and a mouth that spoke second, like a bear. It was raised up on one side, and arrogantly, whose look was more stout than its fellows. three ribs were in its mouth between its teeth. They 21 I saw, and the same horn made war with the saints, said this to it: 'Arise! Devour much flesh!' 6 "After this and prevailed against them, 22 until the Ancient of Days I saw, and behold, another, like a leopard, which had came, and judgment was given to the saints of the Most on its back four wings of a bird. The animal also had High, and the time came that the saints possessed four heads; and dominion was given to it. 7 "After this I the kingdom. 23 "So he said, 'The fourth animal will saw in the night visions, and, behold, there was a fourth be a fourth kingdom on earth, which will be different animal, awesome, powerful, and exceedingly strong. It from all the kingdoms, and will devour the whole earth, had great iron teeth. It devoured and broke in pieces, and will tread it down and break it in pieces. 24 As for and stamped the residue with its feet. It was different the ten horns, ten kings will arise out of this kingdom. from all the animals that were before it. It had ten horns. Another will arise after them; and he will be different 8"I considered the horns, and behold, there came up from the former, and he will put down three kings. 25 He among them another horn, a little one, before which will speak words against the Most High, and will wear three of the first horns were plucked up by the roots; out the saints of the Most High. He will plan to change and behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of a the times and the law; and they will be given into his man, and a mouth speaking arrogantly. 9 "I watched hand until a time and times and half a time. 26 "But until thrones were placed, and one who was Ancient of the judgment will be set, and they will take away his Days sat. His clothing was white as snow, and the hair dominion, to consume and to destroy it to the end. 27 of his head like pure wool. His throne was fiery flames. The kingdom and the dominion, and the greatness of and its wheels burning fire. 10 A fiery stream issued and the kingdoms under the whole sky, will be given to the came out from before him. Thousands of thousands people of the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an ministered to him. Ten thousand times ten thousand everlasting kingdom, and all dominions will serve and stood before him. The judgment was set. The books obey him.' 28 "Here is the end of the matter. As for me, were opened. 11 "I watched at that time because of Daniel, my thoughts troubled me greatly, and my face the voice of the arrogant words which the horn spoke. I watched even until the animal was slain, and its body destroyed, and it was given to be burned with fire. 12 As 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 behold, 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 Dominion was given him, and glory, and a kingdom, that all the peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which will not pass away, and his kingdom one that will not be destroyed. 15 "As for me, Daniel, my spirit was grieved within my body, and the visions of my head troubled me. 16 I came near to one of those who stood by, and asked him the truth concerning all this. "So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things. 17 'These great animals, which are four, are four kings, who will arise out of the earth. 18 But the saints of the Most High will receive the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever.' 19 "Then I desired to know the truth concerning the fourth animal, which was different from all of them, exceedingly terrible, whose teeth were of

was changed in me; but I kept the matter in my heart."

8 In the third year of the reign of King Belshazzar, a vision appeared to me, even to me, Daniel, after that which appeared to me at the first. 2 I saw the vision. Now it was so, that when I saw, I was in the citadel of Susa, which is in the province of Elam. I saw in the vision, and I was by the river Ulai. 3 Then I lifted up my eyes and saw, and behold, a ram which had two horns stood before the river. The two horns were high, but one was higher than the other, and the higher came up last. 4 I saw the ram pushing westward, northward, and southward. No animals could stand before him. There wasn't any who could deliver out of his hand, but he did according to his will, and magnified himself. 5 As I was considering, behold, a male goat came from the west over the surface of the whole earth, and didn't touch the ground. The goat had a notable horn between his eyes. 6 He came to the ram that had the two horns, which I saw standing before the river, and ran on him in the fury of his power. 7 I saw him come close to the ram, and he was moved with anger against him, and struck the ram, and broke his two horns. There was no power in the ram to stand before him; but he cast him down to the ground and trampled on him. There was

The male goat magnified himself exceedingly. When he true; but seal up the vision, for it belongs to many days was strong, the great horn was broken; and instead to come." 27 I, Daniel, fainted, and was sick for some of it there came up four notable horns toward the four days. Then I rose up and did the king's business. I winds of the sky. 9 Out of one of them came out a wondered at the vision, but no one understood it. little horn which grew exceedingly great—toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the glorious land. 10 It grew great, even to the army of the sky; and it cast down some of the army and of the stars to the ground and trampled on them. 11 Yes, it magnified itself, even to the prince of the army; and it took away from him the continual burnt offering, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down. 12 The army was given over to it together with the continual burnt offering through disobedience. It cast down truth to the ground, and it did its pleasure and prospered. 13 Then I heard a holy one speaking; and another holy one said to that certain one who spoke, "How long will the vision about the continual burnt offering, and the disobedience that makes desolate, to give both the sanctuary and the army to be trodden under foot be?" 14 He said to me, "To two thousand and three hundred evenings and mornings. Then the sanctuary will be cleansed." 15 When I, even I Daniel, had seen the vision, I sought to understand it. Then behold, there stood before me someone with the appearance of a man. 16 I heard a man's voice between the banks of the Ulai, which called 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 on my face; but he said to me, "Understand, son of man, for 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 set me upright. 19 He said, "Behold, I will make you know what will be in the latter time of the indignation, 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 rough male goat is the king of Greece. The great 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 will stand up out of the nation, but not with his power. 23 "In the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors have come to the full, a king of fierce face, and understanding riddles, will stand up. 24 His power will be mighty, but not by his own power. He will destroy awesomely, and will prosper in what he does. He will destroy the mighty ones and the holy people. 25 Through his policy he will cause deceit to prosper in his hand. He will magnify himself in his heart, and he will destroy many in their security. He will also stand up against the prince of princes, but he will be broken without human hands. 26 "The vision

no one who could deliver the ram out of his hand. 8 of the evenings and mornings which has been told is

9 In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the offspring of the Medes, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans- 2 in the first year of his reign I, Daniel, understood by the books the number of the years about which Yahweh's word came to Jeremiah the prophet for the accomplishing of the desolations of Jerusalem, even seventy years. 3 I set my face to the Lord God, to seek by prayer and petitions, with fasting and sackcloth and ashes. 4 I prayed to Yahweh my God, and made confession, and said, "Oh, Lord, the great and dreadful God, who keeps covenant and loving kindness with those who love him and keep his commandments, 5 we have sinned, and have dealt perversely, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled. even turning aside from your precepts and from your ordinances. 6 We haven't listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land. 7 "Lord, righteousness belongs to you, but to us confusion of face, as it is today; 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 trespass that they have trespassed against you. 8 Lord, to us belongs confusion of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against you. 9 To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him. 10 We haven't obeyed Yahweh our God's voice, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets. 11 Yes, all Israel have transgressed your law, turning aside, that they should not obey your voice. "Therefore the curse and the oath written in the law of Moses the servant of God has been poured out on us, for we have sinned against him. 12 He has confirmed his words, which he spoke against us and against our judges who judged us, by bringing on us a great evil; for under the whole sky, such has not been done as has been done to Jerusalem. 13 As it is written in the law of Moses, all this evil has come on us. Yet we have not entreated the favor of Yahweh our God, that we should turn from our iniquities and have discernment in your truth. 14 Therefore Yahweh has watched over the evil, and brought it on us; for Yahweh our God is righteous in all his works which he does, and we have not obeyed his voice. 15 "Now, Lord our God, who has brought your people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and have gotten yourself renown, as it

is today, we have sinned. We have done wickedly. 16 food. No meat or wine came into my mouth, I didn't end, wrath will be poured out on the desolate."

1 n the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a message was revealed to Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar; and the message was true, even a great warfare. He understood the message, and had understanding of the vision. 2 In those days I, Daniel, was mourning three whole weeks. 3 I ate no pleasant

Lord, according to all your righteousness, please let anoint myself at all, until three whole weeks were your anger and your wrath be turned away from your fulfilled. 4 In the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as city Jerusalem, your holy mountain; because for our I was by the side of the great river, which is Hiddekel, 5 sins and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and I lifted up my eyes and looked, and behold, there was a your people have become a reproach to all who are man clothed in linen, whose waist was adorned with around us. 17 "Now therefore, our God, listen to the pure gold of Uphaz. 6 His body also was like beryl, prayer of your servant and to his petitions, and cause and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his your face to shine on your sanctuary that is desolate, eyes as flaming torches. His arms and his feet were like for the Lord's sake. 18 My God, turn your ear and hear. burnished bronze. The voice of his words was like the Open your eyes and see our desolations, and the city voice of a multitude. 7 I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, which is called by your name; for we do not present for the men who were with me didn't see the vision, our petitions before you for our righteousness, but for but a great quaking fell on them, and they fled to hide your great mercies' sake. 19 Lord, hear. Lord, forgive. themselves. 8 So I was left alone and saw this great Lord, listen and do. Don't defer, for your own sake, my vision. No strength remained in me; for my face grew God, because your city and your people are called by deathly pale, and I retained no strength, 9 Yet I heard your name." 20 While I was speaking, praying, and the voice of his words. When I heard the voice of his confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and words, then I fell into a deep sleep on my face, with my presenting my supplication before Yahweh my God for face toward the ground. 10 Behold, a hand touched the holy mountain of my God— 21 yes, while I was me, which set me on my knees and on the palms of my speaking in prayer—the man Gabriel, whom I had seen hands. 11 He said to me, "Daniel, you greatly beloved in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, man, understand the words that I speak to you, and touched me about the time of the evening offering. 22 stand upright, for I have been sent to you, now." When He instructed me and talked with me, and said, "Daniel, I he had spoken this word to me, I stood trembling. 12 have now come to give you wisdom and understanding. Then he said to me, "Don't be afraid, Daniel; for from 23 At the beginning of your petitions the commandment the first day that you set your heart to understand, and went out, and I have come to tell you, for you are greatly to humble yourself before your God, your words were beloved. Therefore consider the matter and understand heard. I have come for your words' sake. 13 But the the vision. 24 "Seventy weeks are decreed on your prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twentypeople and on your holy city, to finish disobedience, to one days; but, behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, make an end of sins, to make reconciliation for iniquity, came to help me because I remained there with the to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision kings of Persia. 14 Now I have come to make you and prophecy, and to anoint the most holy. 25 "Know understand what will happen to your people in the latter therefore and discern that from the going out of the days, for the vision is yet for many days." 15 When he commandment to restore and build Jerusalem to the had spoken these words to me, I set my face toward the Anointed One, the prince, will be seven weeks and sixty- ground and was mute. 16 Behold, one in the likeness of two weeks. It will be built again, with street and moat, the sons of men touched my lips. Then I opened my even in troubled times. 26 After the sixty-two weeks the mouth, and spoke and said to him who stood before Anointed One will be cut off, and will have nothing. The me, "My lord, by reason of the vision my sorrows have people of the prince who come will destroy the city and overtaken me, and I retain no strength. 17 For how can the sanctuary. Its end will be with a flood, and war will be the servant of this my lord talk with this my lord? For even to the end. Desolations are determined. 27 He will as for me, immediately there remained no strength in make a firm covenant with many for one week. In the me. There was no breath left in me." 18 Then one like middle of the week he will cause the sacrifice and the the appearance of a man touched me again, and he offering to cease. On the wing of abominations will come strengthened me. 19 He said, "Greatly beloved man, one who makes desolate; and even to the decreed full don't be afraid. Peace be to you. Be strong. Yes, be strong." When he spoke to me, I was strengthened, and said, "Let my lord speak, for you have strengthened me." 20 Then he said, "Do you know why I have come to you? Now I will return to fight with the prince of Persia. When I go out, behold, the prince of Greece will come. 21 But I will tell you that which is inscribed in the writing

of truth. There is no one who holds with me against to his own will, and no one will stand before him. He these but Michael your prince. will stand in the glorious land, and destruction will be

11 "As for me, in the first year of Darius the Mede, I stood up to confirm and strengthen him. 2 "Now I will show you the truth. Behold, three more kings will stand up in Persia. The fourth will be far richer than all of them. When he has grown strong through his riches, he will stir up all against the realm of Greece. 3 A mighty king will stand up, who will rule with great dominion, and do according to his will. 4 When he stands up, his kingdom will be broken and will be divided toward the four winds of the sky, but not to his posterity, nor according to his dominion with which he ruled; for his kingdom will be plucked up, even for others besides these. 5 "The king of the south will be strong. One of his princes will become stronger than him, and have dominion. His dominion will be a great dominion. 6 At the end of years they will join themselves together; and the daughter of the king of the south will come to the king of the north to make an agreement, but she will not retain the strength of her arm. He will also not stand, nor will his arm; but she will be given up, with those who brought her, and he who became the father of her, and he who strengthened her in those times. 7 "But out of a shoot from her roots one will stand up in his place, who will come to the army and will enter into the fortress of the king of the north, and will deal against them and will prevail. 8 He will also carry their gods with their molten images, and with their goodly vessels of silver and of gold, captive into Egypt. He will refrain some years from the king of the north. 9 He will come into the realm of the king of the south, but he will return into his own land. 10 His sons will wage war, and will assemble a multitude of great forces which will come on, and overflow, and pass through. They will return and wage war, even to his fortress. 11 "The king of the south will be moved with anger and will come out and fight with him, even with the king of the north. He will send out a great multitude, and the multitude will be given into his hand. 12 The multitude will be carried off, and his heart will be exalted. He will cast down tens of thousands, but he won't prevail. 13 The king of the north will return, and will send out a multitude greater than the former. He will come on at the end of the times. even of years, with a great army and with abundant supplies. 14 "In those times many will stand up against the king of the south. Also the children of the violent among your people will lift themselves up to establish the vision, but they will fall. 15 So the king of the north will come and cast up a mound, and take a well-fortified city. The forces of the south won't stand, neither will his select troops, neither will there be any strength to stand. 16 But he who comes against him will do according

will stand in the glorious land, and destruction will be in his hand. 17 He will set his face to come with the strength of his whole kingdom, and with him equitable conditions. He will perform them. He will give him the daughter of women, to destroy the kingdom, but she will not stand, and won't be for him. 18 After this he will turn his face to the islands, and will take many, but a prince will cause the reproach offered by him to cease. Yes, moreover, he will cause his reproach to turn on him. 19 Then he will turn his face toward the fortresses of his own land; but he will stumble and fall, and won't be found. 20 "Then one who will cause a tax collector to pass through the kingdom to maintain its glory will stand up in his place; but within few days he shall be destroyed, not in anger, and not in battle. 21 "In his place a contemptible person will stand up, to whom they had not given the honor of the kingdom; but he will come in time of security, and will obtain the kingdom by flatteries. 22 The overwhelming forces will be overwhelmed from before him, and will be broken. Yes, also the prince of the covenant. 23 After the treaty made with him he will work deceitfully; for he will come up and will become strong with few people. 24 In time of security he will come even on the fattest places of the province. He will do that which his fathers have not done, nor his fathers' fathers. He will scatter among them prey, plunder, and wealth. Yes, he will devise his plans against the strongholds, but only for a time. 25 "He will stir up his power and his courage against the king of the south with a great army; and the king of the south will wage war in battle with an exceedingly great and mighty army, but he won't stand; for they will devise plans against him. 26 Yes, those who eat of his delicacies will destroy him, and his army will be swept away. Many will fall down slain. 27 As for both these kings, their hearts will be to do evil, and they will speak lies at one table; but it won't prosper, for the end will still be at the appointed time. 28 Then he will return into his land with great wealth. His heart will be against the holy covenant. He will take action, and return to his own land. 29 "He will return at the appointed time and come into the south; but it won't be in the latter time as it was in the former. 30 For ships of Kittim will come against him. Therefore he will be grieved, and will return, and have indignation against the holy covenant, and will take action. He will even return, and have regard to those who forsake the holy covenant. 31 "Forces from him will profane the sanctuary, even the fortress, and will take away the continual burnt offering. Then they will set up the abomination that makes desolate. 32 He will corrupt those who do wickedly against the covenant by flatteries; but the people who know their God will be

the people will instruct many; yet they will fall by the two others stood, one on the river bank on this side, sword and by flame, by captivity and by plunder, many and the other on the river bank on that side. 6 One said days. 34 Now when they fall, they will be helped with a to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters little help; but many will join themselves to them with of the river, "How long will it be to the end of these flatteries. 35 Some of those who are wise will fall—to wonders?" 7 I heard the man clothed in linen, who was refine them, and to purify, and to make them white, above the waters of the river, when he held up his right even to the time of the end, because it is yet for the hand and his left hand to heaven, and swore by him time appointed. 36 "The king will do according to his who lives forever that it will be for a time, times, and a will. He will exalt himself and magnify himself above half; and when they have finished breaking in pieces every god, and will speak marvelous things against the power of the holy people, all these things will be the God of gods. He will prosper until the indignation finished. 8 I heard, but I didn't understand. Then I said, is accomplished, for that which is determined will be "My lord, what will be the outcome of these things?" 9 done. 37 He won't regard the gods of his fathers, or the He said, "Go your way, Daniel; for the words are shut desire of women, or regard any god; for he will magnify up and sealed until the time of the end. 10 Many will himself above all. 38 But in their place, he will honor purify themselves, and make themselves white, and be the god of fortresses. He will honor a god whom his refined, but the wicked will do wickedly; and none of fathers didn't know with gold, silver, and with precious the wicked will understand, but those who are wise will stones and pleasant things. 39 He will deal with the understand. 11 "From the time that the continual burnt strongest fortresses by the help of a foreign god. He will offering is taken away and the abomination that makes increase with glory whoever acknowledges him. He will desolate set up, there will be one thousand two hundred cause them to rule over many, and will divide the land ninety days. 12 Blessed is he who waits, and comes for a price. 40 "At the time of the end the king of the to the one thousand three hundred thirty-five days. 13 south will contend with him; and the king of the north "But go your way until the end; for you will rest, and will will come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, stand in your inheritance at the end of the days." with horsemen, and with many ships. He will enter into the countries, and will overflow and pass through. 41 He will enter also into the glorious land, and many countries will be overthrown; but these will be delivered out of his hand: Edom, Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon. 42 He will also stretch out his hand on the countries. The land of Egypt won't escape. 43 But he will have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt. The Libyans and the Ethiopians will follow his steps. 44 But news out of the east and out of the north will trouble him; and he will go out with great fury to destroy and utterly to sweep away many. 45 He will plant the tents of his palace between the sea and the glorious holy mountain; yet he will come to his end, and no one will help him.

12 "At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who stands for the children of your people; and there will be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time. At that time your people will be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. 2 Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. 3 Those who are wise will shine as the brightness of the expanse. Those who turn many to righteousness will shine as the stars forever and ever. 4 But you, Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book, even to the time of the end. Many will run back and forth, and knowledge

strong and take action. 33 "Those who are wise among will be increased." 5 Then I. Daniel, looked, and behold.

Hosea

1 Yahweh's word 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 Yahweh spoke at first by Hosea, Yahweh said to Hosea, "Go, take for yourself a wife of prostitution and children of unfaithfulness; for the land commits great adultery, forsaking Yahweh." 3 So he went and took Gomer the daughter of Diblaim; and she conceived, and bore him a son. 4 Yahweh 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 Lo-Ruhamah, for I will no longer have mercy 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 Yahweh their God, and will not save them by bow, sword, battle, horses, or horsemen." 8 Now when she had weaned Lo-Ruhamah, she conceived, and bore a son. 9 He said, "Call his name Lo-Ammi, for you are not my people, and I will not be yours. 10 Yet the number of the children of Israel will be as the sand of the sea, which can't be measured or counted; 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 'sons of the living God.' 11 The children 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.

? "Say to your brothers, 'My people!' and to your sisters, 'My loved one!' 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 My God!" 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 behold, I will hedge up your 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 it was

better with me than now.' 8 For she didn't 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 Yahweh. 14 "Therefore behold, 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 Yahweh, "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 creeping things 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 I will even betroth you to me in faithfulness; and you shall know Yahweh. 21 It will happen in that day, that I will respond," says Yahweh. "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 I will sow her to me in the earth; and I will have mercy on her who had not obtained mercy: and I will tell those who were not my people, 'You are my people;' and they will say, 'You are

3 Yahweh said to me, "Go again, love a woman loved by another, and an adulteress, even as Yahweh 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 you." 4 For the children of Israel shall live many days

sacred stone, and without ephod or idols. 5 Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek Yahweh their God, and David their king, and shall come with trembling to Yahweh and to his blessings in the last days.

the land: "Indeed there is no truth, nor goodness, nor knowledge of God in the land. 2 There is cursing, lying, murder, stealing, and committing adultery; they break boundaries, and bloodshed causes bloodshed. 3 Therefore the land will mourn, and everyone who dwells in it will waste away, with all living things in her, even the animals of the field and the birds of the sky; yes, charge, neither let any man accuse; for your people are like those who bring charges against a priest. 5 You will stumble in the day, and the prophet will also stumble with you in the night; and I will destroy your mother. 6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you, that you may be no priest to me. Because you have forgotten your God's law, I will also forget your children. 7 As they were multiplied, so they sinned against me. I will change their glory into shame. 8 They feed on the sin of my people, and set their heart on their iniquity. 9 It will be like people, like priest; and I will punish them for their ways, and will repay them for their deeds. 10 They will eat, and not have enough. They will play the prostitute, and will not increase; because they have abandoned listening to Yahweh. 11 Prostitution, wine, and new wine take away understanding. 12 My people consult with their wooden idol, and answer to a stick of wood. Indeed the spirit of prostitution has led them astray, and they have been unfaithful to their God. 13 They sacrifice on the tops of the mountains, and burn incense on the hills, under oaks, poplars, and terebinths, because its shade is good. Therefore your 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 don't let Judah offend; and don't come to Gilgal, neither go up to Beth Aven, nor swear, 'As Yahweh lives.' 16 For Israel has behaved extremely stubbornly, like a stubborn heifer. Then how will Yahweh feed them like a lamb in a meadow? 17 Ephraim is joined to idols. Leave him alone! 18 Their drink has become sour. They play the prostitute continually. Her rulers dearly love their shameful way. 19 The wind

without king, without prince, without sacrifice, without has wrapped her up in its wings; and they shall be disappointed because of their sacrifices.

5 "Listen to this, you priests! Listen, house of Israel, and give ear, house of the king! For the judgment is against you; for you have been a snare at Mizpah, and a ⚠ Hear Yahweh's word, you children of Israel, for net spread on Tabor. 2 The rebels are deep in slaughter. Yahweh has a charge against the inhabitants of but I discipline all of them. 3 I know Ephraim, and Israel is not hidden from me; for now, Ephraim, you have played the prostitute. Israel is defiled. 4 Their deeds won't allow them to turn to their God, for the spirit of prostitution is within them, and they don't know Yahweh. 5 The pride of Israel testifies to his face. Therefore Israel and Ephraim will stumble in their iniquity. Judah also will stumble with them. 6 They will go with their flocks and the fish of the sea also die. 4 "Yet let no man bring a with their herds to seek Yahweh, but they won't find him. He has withdrawn himself from them. 7 They are unfaithful to Yahweh; for they have borne illegitimate children. Now the new moon will devour them with their fields. 8 "Blow the cornet in Gibeah, and the trumpet in Ramah! Sound a battle cry at Beth Aven, behind you, Benjamin! 9 Ephraim will become a desolation in the day of rebuke. Among the tribes of Israel, I have made known that which will surely be. 10 The princes of Judah are like those who remove a landmark. I will pour out my wrath on them like water. 11 Ephraim is oppressed, he is crushed in judgment, because he is intent in his pursuit of idols. 12 Therefore I am to Ephraim like a moth, and to the house of Judah like rottenness. 13 "When Ephraim saw his sickness, and Judah his wound. then Ephraim went to Assyria, and sent to King Jareb: but he is not able to heal you, neither will he cure you of your wound. 14 For I will be to Ephraim like a lion, and like a young lion to the house of Judah. I myself will tear in pieces and go away. I will carry off, and there will be no one to deliver. 15 I will go and return to my place. until they acknowledge their offense, and seek my face. In their affliction they will seek me earnestly."

> "Come! Let's return to Yahweh; for he has 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's acknowledge Yahweh. Let's press on to know Yahweh. As surely as the sun rises, Yahweh 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 words of my mouth. Your judgments are like a flash of lightning. 6 For I desire mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings. 7 But they, like Adam,

I restore the fortunes of my people.

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 don't 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 prepared their heart like an oven, while they lie in wait. Their anger smolders all 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 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 Yahweh land of Egypt.

 \mathbf{R} "Put the trumpet to your lips! Something like an eagle is over Yahweh's house, because they have broken my covenant and rebelled against my law. 2

have broken the covenant. They were unfaithful to me They cry to me, 'My God, we, Israel, acknowledge you!' there. 8 Gilead is a city of those who work iniquity; it 3 Israel has cast off that which is good. The enemy is stained with blood. 9 As gangs of robbers wait to will pursue him. 4 They have set up kings, but not by ambush a man, so the company of priests murder on me. They have made princes, and I didn't approve. Of the path toward Shechem, committing shameful crimes. their silver and their gold they have made themselves 10 In the house of Israel I have seen a horrible thing. idols, that they may be cut off. 5 Let Samaria throw There is prostitution in Ephraim. Israel is defiled. 11 out his calf idol! My anger burns against them! How "Also, Judah, there is a harvest appointed for you, when long will it be until they are capable of purity? 6 For this is even from 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 meat and eat it, but Yahweh doesn't accept them. Now he will remember their iniquity, and punish their sins. They will return to Egypt. 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."

O Don't rejoice, Israel, to jubilation like the nations; for you were unfaithful to your God. You love the their God, nor sought him, for all this. 11 "Ephraim is like wages of a prostitute at every grain threshing floor. 2 an easily deceived dove, without understanding. They The threshing floor and the wine press won't feed them, call to Egypt. They go to Assyria. 12 When they go, and the new wine will fail her. 3 They won't dwell in I will spread my net on them. I will bring them down Yahweh's land; but Ephraim will return to Egypt, and like the birds of the sky. I will chastise them, as their they will eat unclean food in Assyria. 4 They won't congregation has heard. 13 Woe to them! For they have pour out wine offerings to Yahweh, neither will they wandered from me. Destruction to them! For they have be pleasing to him. Their sacrifices will be to them trespassed against me. Though I would redeem them, like the bread of mourners; all who eat of it will be yet they have spoken lies against me. 14 They haven't polluted; for their bread will be for their appetite. It cried to me with their heart, but they howl on their beds. will not come into Yahweh's house. 5 What will you They assemble themselves for grain and new wine. do in the day of solemn assembly, and in the day of They turn away from me. 15 Though I have taught and the feast of Yahweh? 6 For, behold, when they flee strengthened their arms, yet they plot evil against me. destruction, Egypt will gather them up. Memphis will 16 They return, but not to the Most High. They are like a bury them. Nettles will possess their pleasant things faulty bow. Their princes will fall by the sword for the of silver. Thorns will be in their tents. 7 The days of rage of their tongue. This will be their derision in the visitation have come. The days of reckoning have come. Israel will consider the prophet to be a fool, and the man who is inspired to be insane, because of the abundance of your sins, and because your hostility is great. 8 A prophet watches over Ephraim with my God. A fowler's snare is on all of his paths, and hostility in the house of

I have seen Ephraim, like Tyre, planted in a pleasant At daybreak the king of Israel will be destroyed. place; but Ephraim will bring out his children to the murderer. 14 Give them—Yahweh 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 princes are rebels. 16 Ephraim is struck. Their root has dried up. They will bear no fruit. Even though they give birth, yet I will kill the beloved ones of their womb." 17 My God will cast them away, because they didn't listen to him: and they will be wanderers among the nations.

1 Israel is a luxuriant vine that produces 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 guilty. He will demolish their altars. He will destroy their sacred stones. 3 Surely now they will say, "We have no king; for we don't fear Yahweh; 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 to Assyria for a present to 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 Aven, the sin of Israel, will be destroyed. The thorn and the thistle will come up on their altars. They will tell the mountains, "Cover us!" and the hills, "Fall on 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 When it is my desire, I will chastise them; and the nations will be gathered against them when they are bound to their two transgressions. 11 Ephraim is a trained heifer that loves to thresh, so I will put a yoke on her beautiful neck. I will

his God. 9 They have deeply corrupted themselves, as set a rider on Ephraim, Judah will plow, Jacob will break in the days of Gibeah. He will remember their iniquity. his clods. 12 Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap He will punish them for their sins. 10 I found Israel like according to kindness. Break up your fallow ground, grapes in the wilderness. I saw your fathers as the first for it is time to seek Yahweh, until he comes and rains ripe in the fig tree at its first season; but they came to righteousness on you. 13 You have plowed wickedness. Baal Peor, and consecrated themselves to the shameful You have reaped iniquity. You have eaten the fruit of thing, and became abominable like that which they lies, for you trusted in your way, in the multitude of your loved. 11 As for Ephraim, their glory will fly away like mighty men. 14 Therefore a battle roar will arise among a bird. There will be no birth, no one with child, and your people, and all your fortresses will be destroyed, as no conception. 12 Though they bring up their children, Shalman destroyed Beth Arbel in the day of battle. The yet I will bereave them, so that not a man shall be left. mother was dashed in pieces with her children. 15 So Indeed, woe also to them when I depart from them! 13 Bethel will do to you because of your great wickedness.

> "When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt. 2 They called to them, so they went from them. They sacrificed to the Baals, and burned incense to engraved images. 3 Yet I taught Ephraim to walk. I took them by their arms, but they didn't 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 yoke 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 among you. I will not come in wrath. 10 They will walk after Yahweh, 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 Yahweh. 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 Yahweh also has a controversy with Judah, and will punish Jacob according to his ways; 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 angel, and prevailed; he wept, and made supplication to him. He found him at Bethel, and there he spoke with

name of renown! 6 Therefore turn to your God. Keep 15 Though he is fruitful among his brothers, an east kindness and justice, and wait continually for your God. wind will come, the breath of Yahweh coming up from 7 A merchant has dishonest scales in his hand. He loves the wilderness; and his spring will become dry, and his to defraud. 8 Ephraim said, "Surely I have become fountain will be dried up. He will plunder the storehouse rich. I have found myself wealth. In all my wealth they of treasure. 16 Samaria will bear her guilt, for she has won't find in me any iniquity that is sin." 9 "But I am rebelled against her God. They will fall by the sword. Yahweh your God from the land of Egypt. I will yet again Their infants will be dashed in pieces, and their pregnant make you dwell in tents, as in the days of the solemn women will be ripped open." feast. 10 I have also spoken to the prophets, 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. Israel served to get a wife. For a wife he tended flocks and herds. 13 By a prophet Yahweh 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 through 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.' Therefore they will be like the morning mist, 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 Yahweh your God from the land of Egypt; and you shall acknowledge no god but me, and besides me there is no savior. 5 l knew 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 helper. 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 come on him. He is an unwise son, for when it is time, he doesn't come to the opening of the womb. 14 I will ransom them from the power of Sheol. I will redeem them from death! Death, where are your plagues? Sheol, where is your destruction?

us— 5 even Yahweh, the God of Armies. Yahweh is his "Compassion will be hidden from my eves, (Sheol h7585)

14 Israel, return to Yahweh your God; for you have fallen because of your sin. 2 Take words with you, and return to Yahweh. Tell him, "Forgive all our sins. and accept that which is good; so we offer bulls as we vowed 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 them. 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 Men will dwell in his shade. They will revive like the 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 cypress 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 Yahweh are right, and the righteous walk in them, but the rebellious stumble in them.

Joel

1 Yahweh's word 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 Yahweh's house. The priests, Yahweh'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 joy 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 Yahweh, your God, and cry to Yahweh. 15 Alas for the day! For the day of Yahweh is at hand, and it will come as destruction from the Almighty. 16 Isn't the food cut off before our eyes, joy and gladness from the house of our God? 17 The seeds rot under their clods. The granaries are laid desolate. The barns are broken down, for the grain has withered. 18 How the animals groan! The herds of livestock are perplexed, because they have no pasture. Yes, the flocks of sheep are made desolate. 19 Yahweh, 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.

2 Blow the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land

tremble, for the day of Yahweh comes, for it is close at hand: 2 A day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness. As the dawn spreading on the mountains, a great and strong people; there has never been the like, neither will there be any more after them, even to 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 Their appearance is as the appearance of horses, and they run as horsemen. 5 Like the noise of chariots on the tops of the mountains. they leap, like the noise of a flame of fire that devours the stubble, like a strong people set in battle array. 6 At their presence the 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 don't swerve off course. 8 One doesn't jostle another. They each march in their own path. They burst through the defenses and don't 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 Yahweh thunders his voice before his army, for his forces are very great; for he is strong who obeys his command; for the day of Yahweh is great and very awesome, and who can endure it? 12 "Yet even now," says Yahweh, "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 Yahweh, 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 Yahweh, 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 nurse from breasts. Let the bridegroom go out of his room, and the bride out of her chamber. 17 Let the priests, the ministers of Yahweh, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, "Spare your people, Yahweh, and don't give your heritage to reproach, that the nations should rule over them. Why should they say among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'" 18 Then Yahweh was jealous for his land, and had pity on his people. 19 Yahweh answered his people, "Behold, I will send you grain, new wine, and oil, 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 northern army far away from you, and will drive it into a barren and desolate

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among the remnant, those whom Yahweh calls.

3 "For, behold, 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 children of Judah and the children of Jerusalem to the sons of the Greeks, that you may remove them far from their border. 7 Behold, I will stir them up out of the place where you have sold them,

land, its front into the eastern sea, and its back into the and will return your repayment on your own head: 8 and western sea; and its stench will come up, and its bad I will sell your sons and your daughters into the hands smell will rise." Surely he has done great things. 21 of the children of Judah, and they will sell them to the Land, don't be afraid. Be glad and rejoice, for Yahweh men of Sheba, to a faraway nation, for Yahweh has has done great things. 22 Don't be afraid, you animals spoken it." 9 Proclaim this among the nations: "Prepare of the field; for the pastures of the wilderness spring up, for war! Stir up the mighty men. Let all the warriors draw for the tree bears its fruit. The fig tree and the vine yield near. Let them come up. 10 Beat your plowshares into their strength. 23 "Be glad then, you children of Zion, swords, and your pruning hooks into spears. Let the and rejoice in Yahweh, your God; for he gives you the weak say, 'I am strong.' 11 Hurry and come, all you early rain in just measure, and he causes the rain to surrounding nations, and gather yourselves together." come down for you, the early rain and the latter rain, Cause your mighty ones to come down there, Yahweh. as before. 24 The threshing floors will be full of wheat, 12 "Let the nations arouse themselves, and come up to and the vats will overflow with new wine and oil. 25 I the valley of Jehoshaphat; for there I will sit to judge all will restore to you the years that the swarming locust the surrounding nations. 13 Put in the sickle; for the has eaten, the great locust, the grasshopper, and the harvest is ripe. Come, tread, for the wine press is full, caterpillar, my great army, which I sent among you. 26 the vats overflow, for their wickedness is great." 14 You will have plenty to eat and be satisfied, and will Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the praise the name of Yahweh, your God, who has dealt day of Yahweh is near in the valley of decision. 15 The wondrously with you; and my people will never again be sun and the moon are darkened, and the stars withdraw disappointed. 27 You will know that I am among Israel, their shining. 16 Yahweh will roar from Zion, and thunder and that I am Yahweh, your God, and there is no one from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth will else; and my people will never again be disappointed. shake; but Yahweh will be a refuge to his people, and a 28 "It will happen afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit stronghold to the children of Israel. 17 "So you will know on all flesh; and your sons and your daughters will that I am Yahweh, your God, dwelling in Zion, my holy prophesy. Your old men will dream dreams. Your young mountain. Then Jerusalem will be holy, and no strangers men will see visions. 29 And also on the servants and will pass through her any more. 18 It will happen in that on the handmaids in those days, I will pour out my day, that the mountains will drop down sweet wine, the Spirit. 30 I will show wonders in the heavens and in hills will flow with milk, all the brooks of Judah will flow the earth: blood, fire, and pillars of smoke. 31 The sun with waters; and a fountain will flow out from Yahweh's will be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, house, and will water the valley of Shittim. 19 Egypt will before the great and terrible day of Yahweh comes. 32 be a desolation and Edom will be a desolate wilderness, It will happen that whoever will call on Yahweh's name for the violence done to the children of Judah, because shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there they have shed innocent blood in their land. 20 But will be those who escape, as Yahweh has said, and Judah will be inhabited forever, and Jerusalem from generation to generation. 21 I will cleanse their blood that I have not cleansed, for Yahweh dwells in Zion."

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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: "Yahweh 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 Yahweh says: "For three transgressions of Damascus, yes, for four, I will not turn away its punishment, because they have threshed Gilead with threshing instruments of iron: 4 but I will send a fire into the house of Hazael, 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 Aven, and him who holds the scepter from the house of Eden; and the people of Syria shall go into captivity to Kir." says Yahweh. 6 Yahweh says: "For three transgressions of Gaza, yes, 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 Yahweh. 9 Yahweh says: "For three transgressions of Tyre, yes, for four, I will not turn away its punishment; because they delivered up the whole community to Edom, and didn't remember the brotherly covenant; 10 but I will send a fire on the wall of Tyre, and it will devour its palaces." 11 Yahweh says: "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 Yahweh says: "For three transgressions of the children 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 princes together," says Yahweh.

2 Yahweh says: "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 among them, and will

kill all its princes with him." says Yahweh. 4 Yahweh says: "For three transgressions of Judah, yes, for four, I will not turn away its punishment, because they have rejected Yahweh's law, and have not kept his statutes. and their lies have led them astray, after which their fathers walked; 5 but I will send a fire on Judah, and it will devour the palaces of Jerusalem." 6 Yahweh says: "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 sandals; 7 They trample the heads of the poor into the dust of the earth and deny justice to the oppressed. A man and his father use the same maiden, to profane my holy name. 8 They lay themselves down beside every altar on clothes taken in pledge. 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 Egypt 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 Yahweh. 12 "But you gave the Nazirites wine to drink, and commanded the prophets, saying, 'Don't prophesy!' 13 Behold, I will crush you in your place, as a cart crushes that is full of grain. 14 Flight will perish from the swift. The strong won't strengthen his force. The mighty won't deliver himself. 15 He who handles the bow won't stand. He who is swift of foot won't escape. He who rides the horse won't deliver himself. 16 He who is courageous among the mighty will flee away naked on that day," says Yahweh.

3 Hear this word that Yahweh has spoken against you, children of Israel, against the whole family which I brought up out of the land of Egypt, saving: 2 "I have only chosen you 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 evil happen to a city, and Yahweh hasn't done it? 7 Surely the Lord Yahweh will do nothing, unless he reveals his secret to his servants the prophets. 8 The lion has roared. Who will not fear? The Lord Yahweh has spoken. Who can but prophesy? 9 Proclaim in the palaces at Ashdod, and in the palaces in the land of

of Samaria, and see what unrest is in her, and what will do this to you, Israel; because I will do this to you, oppression is among them." 10 "Indeed they don't know prepare to meet your God, Israel. 13 For, behold, he to do right," says Yahweh, "Who hoard plunder and who forms the mountains, creates the wind, declares loot in their palaces." 11 Therefore the Lord Yahweh to man what is his thought, who makes the morning says: "An adversary will overrun the land; and he will darkness, and treads on the high places of the earth: pull down your strongholds, and your fortresses will be Yahweh, the God of Armies, is his name." plundered." 12 Yahweh says: "As the shepherd rescues out of the mouth of the lion two legs, or a piece 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 Yahweh, the God of Armies. 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 Yahweh.

were like a burning stick plucked out of the fire; yet you into the house and leaned his hand on the wall, and a

Egypt, and say, "Assemble yourselves on the mountains haven't returned to me," says Yahweh. 12 "Therefore I

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 the Lord Yahweh says: "The city that went out a thousand shall have a hundred left, and that which went out one hundred shall have ten left to the house of Israel." 4 For Yahweh says to the house of Israel: "Seek me, and you will live; 5 but don't seek Bethel, nor enter into Gilgal, and don't pass to Beersheba; for Gilgal shall surely go into captivity, and Bethel shall come to nothing. 6 Seek Yahweh, and you will live, lest he break out like fire in ⚠ Listen to this word, you cows of Bashan, who are the house of Joseph, and it devour, and there be no on the mountain of Samaria, who oppress the poor, one to quench it in Bethel. 7 You who turn justice to who crush the needy, who tell their husbands, "Bring us wormwood, and cast down righteousness to the earth! 8 drinks!" 2 The Lord Yahweh has sworn by his holiness. Seek him who made the Pleiades and Orion, and turns "Behold, the days shall come on you that they will take the shadow of death into the morning, and makes the you away with hooks, and the last of you with fish hooks. day dark with night; who calls for the waters of the sea, 3 You will go out at the breaks in the wall, everyone and pours them out on the surface of the earth, Yahweh straight before her; and you will cast yourselves into is his name, 9 who brings sudden destruction on the Harmon," says Yahweh. 4 "Go to Bethel, and sin; strong, so that destruction comes on the fortress. 10 to Gilgal, and sin more. Bring your sacrifices every They hate him who reproves in the gate, and they abhor morning, your tithes every three days, 5 offer a sacrifice him who speaks blamelessly. 11 Therefore, because of thanksgiving of that which is leavened, and proclaim you trample on the poor and take taxes from him of free will offerings and brag about them; for this pleases wheat, you have built houses of cut stone, but you will you, you children of Israel," says the Lord Yahweh. 6 not dwell in them. You have planted pleasant vineyards, "I also have given you cleanness of teeth in all your but you shall not drink their wine. 12 For I know how cities, and lack of bread in every town; yet you haven't many are your offenses, and how great are your sins returned to me," says Yahweh. 7 "I also have withheld you who afflict the just, who take a bribe, and who turn the rain from you, when there were yet three months away the needy in the courts. 13 Therefore a prudent to the harvest; and I caused it to rain on one city, and person keeps silent in such a time, for it is an evil time. caused it not to rain on another city. One field was 14 Seek good, and not evil, that you may live; and so rained on, and the field where it didn't rain withered. Yahweh, the God of Armies, will be with you, as you 8 So two or three cities staggered to one city to drink say. 15 Hate evil, love good, and establish justice in the water, and were not satisfied; yet you haven't returned courts. It may be that Yahweh, the God of Armies, will to me," says Yahweh. 9 "I struck you with blight and be gracious to the remnant of Joseph." 16 Therefore mildew many times in your gardens and your vineyards, Yahweh, the God of Armies, the Lord, says: "Wailing will and the swarming locusts have devoured your fig trees be in all the wide ways. They will say in all the streets, and your olive trees; yet you haven't returned to me," 'Alas! Alas!' They will call the farmer to mourning, and says Yahweh. 10 "I sent plagues among you like I did those who are skillful in lamentation to wailing. 17 In all Egypt. I have slain your young men with the sword, and vineyards there will be wailing, for I will pass through have carried away your horses. I filled your nostrils with the middle of you," says Yahweh. 18 "Woe to you who the stench of your camp, yet you haven't returned to desire the day of Yahweh! Why do you long for the me," says Yahweh. 11 "I have overthrown some of you, day of Yahweh? It is darkness, and not light. 19 As if a as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, and you man fled from a lion, and a bear met him; or he went

snake bit him. 20 Won't the day of Yahweh be darkness. and not light? Even very dark, and no brightness in your burnt offerings and meal offerings, I will not accept grass of the land, then I said, "Lord Yahweh, forgive, them; neither will I regard the peace offerings of your I beg you! How could Jacob stand? For he is small." fat animals. 23 Take away from me the noise of your 3 Yahweh relented concerning this. "It shall not be," songs! I will not listen to the music of your harps. 24 says Yahweh. 4 Thus the Lord Yahweh showed me: name is the God of Armies.

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 chief of the nations, to whom the house of Israel come! 2 Go to Calneh, and see. From there go to Hamath the great. Then go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are they better than these kingdoms? Is their border greater than your border? 3 Alas for you 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 middle 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. The feasting and lounging will end. 8 "The Lord Yahweh has sworn by himself," says Yahweh, the God of Armies: "I abhor the pride of Jacob, and detest his fortresses. Therefore I will deliver up the city with all that is in it. 9 It will happen that if ten men remain in one house, they will die. 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 Yahweh's name.' 11 "For, behold, Yahweh commands, and the great house will be smashed to pieces, and the little house into bits. 12 Do horses run on the rocky crags? 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 a thing of nothing, who say, 'Haven't we taken for ourselves horns by our Hamath to the brook of the Arabah."

Thus the Lord Yahweh showed me: behold, he formed locusts in the beginning of the shooting up of it? 21 I hate, I despise your feasts, and I can't stand the latter growth; and behold, it was the latter growth your solemn assemblies. 22 Yes, though you offer me after the king's harvest. 2 When they finished eating the But let justice roll on like rivers, and righteousness like behold, the Lord Yahweh called for judgment by fire; and a mighty stream. 25 "Did you bring to me sacrifices it dried up the great deep, and would have devoured and offerings in the wilderness forty years, house of the land. 5 Then I said, "Lord Yahweh, stop, I beg you! Israel? 26 You also carried the tent of your king and the How could Jacob stand? For he is small." 6 Yahweh shrine of your images, the star of your god, which you relented concerning this. "This also shall not be," says made for yourselves. 27 Therefore I will cause you to go the Lord Yahweh. 7 Thus he showed me: behold, the into captivity beyond Damascus," says Yahweh, whose Lord stood beside a wall made by a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. 8 Yahweh said to me. "Amos. what do you see?" I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "Behold, I will set a plumb line in the middle 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, saving, "Amos has conspired against you in the middle 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 don't 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 Yahweh took me from following the flock, and Yahweh said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.' 16 Now therefore listen to Yahweh's word: 'You say, Don't prophesy against Israel, and don't preach against the house of Isaac.' 17 Therefore Yahweh says: '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."

8 Thus the Lord Yahweh showed me: behold, a basket of summer fruit. 2 He said, "Amos, what do you see?" I said. "A basket of summer fruit." Then Yahweh said to me, "The end has come on my people Israel. I will not again pass by them any more. 3 The songs of own strength?' 14 For, behold, I will raise up against the temple will be wailing in that day," says the Lord vou a nation, house of Israel," says Yahweh, the God of Yahweh. "The dead bodies will be many. In every place Armies; "and they will afflict you from the entrance of they will throw them out with silence. 4 Hear this, you who desire to swallow up the needy, and cause the poor

word, and will not find it. 13 In that day the beautiful says Yahweh your God. virgins and the young men will faint for thirst. 14 Those who 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."

• I saw the Lord standing beside the altar, and he said. Strike the tops of the pillars, that the thresholds may shake. Break them in pieces on the head of all of them. I will kill the last of them with the sword. Not one of them will flee away. Not one of them will 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 from there; and though they be hidden 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 eyes on them for evil, and not for good. 5 For the Lord, Yahweh of Armies, 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 of Egypt. 6 It is he who builds his rooms in the heavens, and has founded his vault on the earth; he who calls for the waters of the sea, and pours them out on the surface of the earth—Yahweh is his name. 7 Are you not like the children of the Ethiopians to me, children of Israel?" says Yahweh. "Haven't I brought up Israel out of the land of Egypt, and the Philistines from Caphtor, and the Syrians from Kir?

of the land to fail. 5 saving. 'When will the new moon be 8 Behold, the eyes of the Lord Yahweh are on the sinful gone, that we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, that we kingdom, and I will destroy it from off the surface of the may market wheat, making the ephah small, and the earth, except that I will not utterly destroy the house of shekel large, and dealing falsely with balances of deceit; Jacob," says Yahweh. 9 "For behold, I will command, 6 that we may buy the poor for silver, and the needy and I will sift the house of Israel among all the nations for a pair of sandals, and sell the sweepings with the as grain is sifted in a sieve, yet not the least kernel will wheat?" 7 Yahweh has sworn by the pride of Jacob, fall on the earth. 10 All the sinners of my people will die "Surely I will never forget any of their works. 8 Won't the by the sword, who say, 'Evil won't overtake nor meet land tremble for this, and everyone mourn who dwells in us.' 11 In that day I will raise up the tent of David who is it? Yes, it will rise up wholly like the River; and it will be fallen and close up its breaches, and I will raise up its stirred up and sink again, like the River of Egypt. 9 It ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old, 12 that they will happen in that day," says the Lord Yahweh, "that I may possess the remnant of Edom and all the nations will cause the sun to go down at noon, and I will darken who are called by my name," says Yahweh who does the earth in the clear day. 10 I will turn your feasts into this. 13 "Behold, the days come," says Yahweh, "that mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; and I the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the one will make you wear sackcloth on all your bodies, and treading grapes him who sows seed; and sweet wine baldness on every head. I will make it like the mourning will drip from the mountains, and flow from the hills. 14 for an only son, and its end like a bitter day. 11 Behold, I will bring my people Israel back from captivity, and the days come," says the Lord Yahweh, "that I will send they will rebuild the ruined cities, and inhabit them; and a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst they will plant vineyards, and drink wine from them. for water, but of hearing Yahweh's words. 12 They will They shall also make gardens, and eat their fruit. 15 I wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to will plant them on their land, and they will no more be the east; they will run back and forth to seek Yahweh's plucked up out of their land which I have given them,"

Obadiah

1 The vision of Obadiah. This is what the Lord Yahweh says about Edom. We have heard news from Yahweh, and an ambassador is sent among the nations, saying, "Arise, and let's rise up against her in battle. 2 Behold, 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 Yahweh. 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. Friends who eat your bread lay a snare under you. There is no understanding in him." 8 "Won't I in that day", says Yahweh, "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 don't look down on your brother in the day of his disaster, and don't rejoice over the children of Judah in the day of their destruction. Don't speak proudly in the day of distress. 13 Don't enter into the gate of my people in the day of their calamity. Don't look down on their affliction in the day of their calamity, neither seize their wealth on the day of their calamity. 14 Don't stand in the crossroads to cut off those of his who escape. Don't deliver up those of his who remain in the day of distress. 15 For the day of Yahweh 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 all the nations will 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 their possessions. 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, Yahweh has spoken. 19 Those of the South 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 Saviors will go up on Mount Zion to judge the mountains of Esau, and the kingdom will be Yahweh's.

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1 Now Yahweh's word came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, 2 "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and preach against it, for their wickedness has come up before me." 3 But Jonah rose up to flee to Tarshish from the presence of Yahweh. 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 Yahweh. 4 But Yahweh 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 every man cried to his god. They threw the cargo that was in the ship into the sea to lighten the ship. But Jonah had gone down into the innermost parts of the ship and he was laying down, and was fast asleep. 6 So the ship master came to him, and said to him, "What do you 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's cast lots, that we may know who is responsible for this evil that 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 Yahweh, the God of heaven, who has made the sea and the dry land." 10 Then the men were exceedingly afraid, and said to him, "What have you done?" For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of Yahweh, because he had told them. 11 Then they said 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 Yahweh, and said, "We beg you, Yahweh, we beg you, don't let us die for this man's life, and don't lay on us innocent blood; for you, Yahweh, have done as it pleased you." 15 So they took up Jonah and threw him into the sea; and the sea ceased its 1 But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was raging. 16 Then the men feared Yahweh exceedingly; and they offered a sacrifice to Yahweh and made vows. 17 Yahweh prepared a huge fish to swallow up Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

7 Then Jonah prayed to Yahweh, his God, out of the fish's belly. 2 He said, "I called because of my affliction to Yahweh. 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 waves and your billows 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, even to the soul. The deep was around me. The weeds were wrapped around my head. 6 I went down to the bottoms of the mountains. The earth barred me in forever; yet you have brought my life up from the pit, Yahweh my God. 7 "When my soul fainted within me, I remembered Yahweh. My prayer came in to you, into your holy temple. 8 Those who regard vain idols forsake their own mercy. 9 But I will sacrifice to you with the voice of thanksgiving. I will pay that which I have vowed. Salvation belongs to Yahweh." 10 Then Yahweh spoke to the fish, and it vomited out Jonah on the dry land.

3 Yahweh's word came to Jonah the second time, saying, 2 "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and preach to it the message that I give you." 3 So Jonah arose, and went to Nineveh, according to Yahweh's word. 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, "In forty days, Nineveh will be overthrown!" 5 The people of Nineveh believed God; and they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from their greatest even to their least. 6 The news reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, 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 didn't do it.

angry. 2 He prayed to Yahweh, and said, "Please, Yahweh, 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, Yahweh, take, I beg you, my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." 4 Yahweh said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" 5 Then Jonah went out of the city and

Jonah 546 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 Yahweh 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 When the sun arose, God prepared a sultry east wind; and the sun beat on Jonah's head, so that he was faint and requested for himself that he might die. He 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 Yahweh 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 many animals?"

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1 Yahweh's word that came to Micah of Morasheth 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 therein. Let the Lord Yahweh be witness against you, the Lord from his holy temple. 3 For behold, Yahweh comes 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, all her temple gifts will be burned with fire, and I will destroy all her images; 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 mourn like the ostriches. 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 Don't tell it in Gath, Don't weep at all. At Beth Ophrah 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 Yahweh to the gate 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 were found in you. 14 Therefore you will give a parting gift to Moresheth Gath. The houses of Achzib will be a deceitful thing to the kings of Israel. 15 I will yet bring a conqueror to you, inhabitants of Mareshah. The glory of Israel will come to Adullam. 16 Shave your heads, and cut off your hair for the children of your delight. Enlarge your baldness like the vulture, for they have gone into captivity from you!

2 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, then take them away. They oppress a man and his house, even a man and his heritage. **3** Therefore Yahweh says: "Behold, I am planning against these people a disaster, from which

vou 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 Yahweh's assembly. 6 "Don't prophesy!"—they prophesy— "Don't prophesy about these things. Disgrace won't overtake us." 7 Shall it be said, O house of Jacob, "Is Yahweh's Spirit angry? Are these his doings? Don't 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, saying, "I will prophesy to you of wine and of strong drink," he would be the prophet of this people. 12 I will surely assemble all of you, Jacob. I will surely gather the remnant of Israel. I will put them together as the sheep of Bozrah, as a flock in the middle of their pasture. They will swarm with people. 13 He who breaks open the way goes up before them. They break through the gate, and go out. Their king passes on before them, with Yahweh 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 who also eat the flesh of my people, and peel their skin from off them, and break their bones, and chop them in pieces, as for the pot, and as meat within the cauldron. 4 Then they will cry to Yahweh, but he will not answer them. Yes, he will hide his face from them at that time, because they made their deeds evil." 5 Yahweh says concerning the prophets who lead my people astray-for those who feed their teeth, they proclaim, "Peace!" and whoever doesn't provide for their mouths, they prepare war against him: 6 "Therefore night is over you, with no vision, and it is dark to you, that you may 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 Yahweh's Spirit, 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

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abhor justice, and pervert all equity, 10 who build up Zion with blood, and Jerusalem with iniquity. 11 Her temple like the high places of a forest.

▲ But in the latter days, it will happen that the mountain of Yahweh'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! Let's go up to the mountain of Yahweh, 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 the law will go out of Zion, and Yahweh's word 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 every man will sit under his vine and under his fig tree. No one will make them afraid, for the mouth of Yahweh of Armies has spoken. 5 Indeed all the nations may walk in the name of their gods, but we will walk in the name of Yahweh our God forever and ever. 6 "In that day." says Yahweh, "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 Yahweh will reign over them on Mount Zion from then on, even forever." 8 You, tower of the flock, the hill of the daughter of Zion, to you it will come. Yes, 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 pains have taken hold of you as of a woman in travail? 10 Be in pain, and labor to give birth, daughter of Zion, like a woman in travail; for now you will go out of the city, and will dwell in the field, and will come even to Babylon. There you will be rescued. There Yahweh will redeem you 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 don't know the thoughts of Yahweh, 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. You will beat in pieces many peoples. I will devote their gain to Yahweh, and their substance to the Lord of the whole earth.

Now you shall gather yourself in troops, daughter of troops. He has laid siege against us. They will strike leaders judge for bribes, and her priests teach for a the judge of Israel with a rod on the cheek. 2 But you, price, and her prophets of it tell fortunes for money; yet Bethlehem Ephrathah, being small among the clans of they lean on Yahweh, and say, "Isn't Yahweh among Judah, out of you one will come out to me who is to be us? No disaster will come on us." 12 Therefore Zion for ruler in Israel; whose goings out are from of old, from your sake will be plowed like a field, and Jerusalem ancient times. 3 Therefore he will abandon them until will become heaps of rubble, and the mountain of the 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 Yahweh, in the majesty of the name of Yahweh his God. They will live, for then he will be great to the ends 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 in its gates. 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 among many peoples like dew from Yahweh, like showers on the grass, that don't wait for man nor wait for the sons of men. 8 The remnant of Jacob will be among the nations, among 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 Yahweh, "that I will cut off your horses from among you and will destroy your chariots. 11 I will cut off the cities of your land and will tear down all your strongholds. 12 I will destroy witchcraft from your hand. You shall have no soothsayers. 13 I will cut off your engraved images and your pillars from among you; and you shall no more worship the work of your hands. 14 I will uproot your Asherah poles from among you; and I will destroy your cities. 15 I will execute vengeance in anger and wrath on the nations that didn't listen."

> 6 Listen now to what Yahweh says: "Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear what you have to say. 2 Hear, you mountains, Yahweh's indictment, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for Yahweh has a case against 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 what Balaam the son of Beor answered him from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the righteous acts of Yahweh." 6 How shall I come before Yahweh, and bow

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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 godly man has perished out of 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. 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 Don't trust in a neighbor. Don't 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 Yahweh. I will wait for the God of my salvation. My God will hear me. 8 Don't rejoice against me, my enemy. When I fall, I will arise. When I sit in darkness, Yahweh will be a light to me. 9 I will bear the indignation of Yahweh, because I have sinned against him, until he pleads my case and executes judgment for me. He will bring me out to the light. I will see his righteousness. 10 Then my enemy will see it, and shame will cover her

myself before the exalted God? Shall I come before who said to me. "Where is Yahweh your God?" My eyes him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? 7 Will will see her. Now she will be trodden down like the mire Yahweh be pleased with thousands of rams? With tens of the streets. 11 A day to build your walls! In that day, of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for he will extend your boundary. 12 In that day they will my disobedience? The fruit of my body for the sin of my come to you from Assyria and the cities of Egypt, and soul? 8 He has shown you, O man, what is good. What from Egypt even to the River, and from sea to sea, and does Yahweh require of you, but to act justly, to love mountain to mountain. 13 Yet the land will be desolate mercy, and to walk humbly with your God? 9 Yahweh's because of those who dwell therein, for the fruit of their voice calls to the city— and wisdom fears your name— doings. 14 Shepherd your people with your staff, the "Listen to the rod, and he who appointed it. 10 Are there flock of your heritage, who dwell by themselves in a yet treasures of wickedness in the house of the wicked, forest. Let them feed in the middle of fertile pasture and a short ephah that is accursed? 11 Shall I tolerate land, in Bashan and Gilead, as in the days of old. 15 "As dishonest scales, and a bag of deceitful weights? 12 in the days of your coming out of the land of Egypt, I will Her rich men are full of violence, her inhabitants speak show them marvelous things." 16 The nations will see lies, and their tongue is deceitful in their speech. 13 and be ashamed of all their might. They will lay their Therefore I also have struck you with a grievous wound. hand on their mouth. Their ears will be deaf. 17 They I have made you desolate because of your sins. 14 You will lick the dust like a serpent. Like crawling things of shall eat, but not be satisfied. Your hunger will be within the earth, they will come trembling out of their dens. you. You will store up, but not save, and that which you They will come with fear to Yahweh our God, and will be save I will give up to the sword. 15 You will sow, but afraid because of you. 18 Who is a God like you, who won't reap. You will tread the olives, but won't anoint pardons iniquity, and passes over the disobedience of yourself with oil; and crush grapes, but won't drink the the remnant of his heritage? He doesn't retain his anger wine. 16 For the statutes of Omri are kept, and all the forever, because he delights in loving kindness. 19 He works of Ahab's house. You walk in their counsels, that will again have compassion on us. He will tread our I may make you a ruin, and your inhabitants a hissing. iniquities under foot. 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.

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1 A revelation about Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum the Elkoshite. 2 Yahweh is a jealous God and avenges. Yahweh avenges and is full of wrath. Yahweh takes vengeance on his adversaries, and he maintains wrath against his enemies. 3 Yahweh is slow to anger, and great in power, and will by no means leave the guilty unpunished. Yahweh 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 and Carmel languish. The flower of Lebanon languishes. 5 The mountains quake before him, and the hills melt away. The earth trembles at his presence, yes, 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 Yahweh 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 Yahweh? He will make a full end. Affliction won't rise up the second time. 10 For entangled like thorns, and drunken as with their drink, they are consumed utterly like dry stubble. 11 One has the noise of the rattling of wheels, prancing horses, and counsels wickedness. 12 Yahweh says: "Though they flashing sword, the glittering spear, and a multitude of be cut down and pass away. Though I have afflicted of the bodies. They stumble on their bodies 4 because of you, I will afflict you no more. 13 Now I will break his the multitude of the prostitution of the alluring prostitute, voke from off you, and will burst your bonds apart." 14 the mistress of witchcraft, who sells nations through descendants will bear your name. Out of the house of "Behold, I am against you," says Yahweh of Armies, your gods, I will cut off the engraved image and the "and I will lift your skirts over your face. I will show the molten image. I will make your grave, for you are vile." **15** Behold, on the mountains the feet of him who brings more pass through you. He is utterly cut off.

7 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 Yahweh 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 wide 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 servants 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 plunder of silver. Take the plunder of gold, for there is no end of treasure, an abundance of every precious thing. 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 with the lion's cubs, and no one made them afraid? 12 The lion tore in pieces enough for his cubs, and strangled prey for his lionesses, and filled his caves with the kill and his dens with prev. 13 "Behold, I am against you," says Yahweh of Armies, "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—no end to the prey. 2 The noise of the whip, gone out of you who devises evil against Yahweh, who bounding chariots, 3 the horseman charging, and the are in full strength and likewise many, even so they will slain, and a great heap of corpses, and there is no end Yahweh has commanded concerning you: "No more her prostitution, and families through her witchcraft. 5 nations your nakedness, and the kingdoms your shame. 6 I will throw abominable filth on you and make you good news, who publishes peace! Keep your feasts, vile, and will make you a spectacle. 7 It will happen Judah! Perform your vows, for the wicked one will no that all those who look at you will flee from 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 drunken. 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

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of the eater. 13 Behold, your troops among you 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?

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Habakkuk

1 The revelation which Habakkuk the prophet saw. 2 Yahweh, 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 prevails; for the wicked surround the righteous; therefore justice comes out perverted. 5 "Look among the nations, watch, and wonder marvelously; for I am working a work in your days which you will not believe though it is told you. 6 For, behold, I am raising up the Chaldeans, that bitter and hasty nation who march through the width of the earth, to possess dwelling places that are not theirs. 7 They are feared and dreaded. Their judgment and their dignity proceed from themselves. 8 Their horses also are swifter than leopards, and are more fierce than the evening wolves. Their horsemen press proudly on. Yes. their horsemen come from afar. They fly as an eagle that hurries to devour. 9 All of them come for violence. Their hordes face forward. They gather prisoners like sand. 10 Yes, they scoff at kings, and princes are a derision to them. They laugh at every stronghold, for they build up an earthen ramp and take it. 11 Then they sweep by like the wind and go on. They are indeed guilty, whose strength is their god." 12 Aren't you from everlasting. Yahweh my God, my Holy One? We will not die. Yahweh, you have appointed them 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 creeping things that have no ruler over them? 15 He takes up all of them with the hook. 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, and kill the nations without mercy?

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 Yahweh 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. It won't delay. 4 Behold. his soul is puffed up. It is not upright in him.

but the righteous will live by his faith. 5 Yes, moreover. wine is treacherous: an arrogant man who doesn't stay at home, who enlarges his desire as Sheol; he is like death and can't be satisfied, but gathers to himself all nations and heaps 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 Behold, isn't it from Yahweh of Armies 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 Yahweh's glory, 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 Yahweh'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 will terrify you, 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? Behold, it is overlaid with gold and silver, and there is no breath at all within it. 20 But Yahweh is in his holy temple. Let all the earth be silent before him!"

3 A prayer of Habakkuk, the prophet, set to victorious music. 2 Yahweh, I have heard of your fame. I stand in awe of your deeds, Yahweh. Renew your work in the middle of the years. In the middle 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 Plague

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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. 71 saw the tents of Cushan in affliction. The dwellings of the land of Midian trembled. 8 Was Yahweh 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 out 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 l 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 quietly for the day of trouble, for the coming up of the people who invade us. 17 For even 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 Yahweh. I will be joyful in the God of my salvation! 19 Yahweh, 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 Yahweh's word which came to Zephaniah, the son of Cushi, the son of Gedaliah, the son of Amariah, the son of Hezekiah, in the days of Josiah, the son of Amon, king of Judah. 2 I will utterly sweep away everything from the surface of the earth, says Yahweh. 3 I will sweep away man and animal. I will sweep away the birds of the sky, the fish of the sea, and the heaps of rubble with the wicked. I will cut off man from the surface of the earth, says Yahweh. 4 I will stretch out my hand against Judah and against all the inhabitants of Jerusalem. I will cut off the remnant of Baal from this place—the name of the idolatrous and pagan priests. 5 those who worship the army of the sky on the housetops, those who worship and swear by Yahweh and also swear by Malcam, 6 those who have turned back from following Yahweh, and those who haven't sought Yahweh nor inquired after him. 7 Be silent at the presence of the Lord Yahweh, for the day of Yahweh is at hand. For Yahweh has prepared a sacrifice. He has consecrated his guests. 8 It will happen in the day of Yahweh's sacrifice that I will punish the princes, the king's sons, and all those who are clothed with foreign clothing. 9 In that day, I will punish all those who leap over the threshold, who fill their master's house with violence and deceit. 10 In that day, says Yahweh, there will be the noise of a cry from the fish gate, a wailing from the second guarter, and a great crashing from the hills. 11 Wail, you inhabitants of Maktesh, for all the people of Canaan are undone! All those who were loaded with silver are cut off. 12 It will happen at that time, that I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are settled on their dregs, who say in their heart, "Yahweh will not do good, neither will he do evil." 13 Their wealth will become a plunder, and their houses a desolation. Yes, they will build houses, but won't inhabit them. They will plant vineyards, but won't drink their wine. 14 The great day of Yahweh is near. It is near and hurries greatly, the voice of the day of Yahweh. The mighty man cries there bitterly. 15 That day is a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of trouble and ruin, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and blackness. 16 a day of the trumpet and alarm against the fortified cities and against the high battlements. 17 I will bring such distress on men that they will walk like blind men because they have sinned against Yahweh. 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 Yahweh's wrath, but the whole land will be devoured by the fire of his jealousy; for he will make an end, yes, a terrible are arrogant and treacherous people. Her priests have end, of all those who dwell in the land.

Gather yourselves together, yes, gather together, you nation that has no shame, 2 before the appointed time when the day passes as the chaff, before the fierce anger of Yahweh comes on you, before the day of Yahweh's anger comes on you. 3 Seek Yahweh, all you humble of the land, who have kept his ordinances. Seek righteousness. Seek humility. It may be that you will be hidden in the day of Yahweh's anger. 4 For Gaza will be forsaken, and Ashkelon a desolation. They will drive out Ashdod at noonday, and Ekron will be rooted up. 5 Woe to the inhabitants of the sea coast, the nation of the Cherethites! Yahweh's word is against you, Canaan, the land of the Philistines. I will destroy you until there is no inhabitant. 6 The sea coast will be pastures, with cottages for shepherds and folds for flocks. 7 The coast will be for the remnant of the house of Judah. They will find pasture. In the houses of Ashkelon, they will lie down in the evening, for Yahweh, their God, will visit them and restore them. 8 I have heard the reproach of Moab and the insults of the children of Ammon, with which they have reproached my people and magnified themselves against their border. 9 Therefore, as I live, says Yahweh of Armies, the God of Israel, surely Moab will be as Sodom, and the children of Ammon as Gomorrah, a possession of nettles and salt pits, and a perpetual desolation. The remnant of my people will plunder them, and the survivors of my nation will inherit them. 10 This they will have for their pride, because they have reproached and magnified themselves against the people of Yahweh of Armies. 11 Yahweh will be awesome to them, for he will famish all the gods of the land. Men will worship him, everyone from his place, even all the shores of the nations. 12 You Cushites also. you will be killed by my sword. 13 He will stretch out his hand against the north, destroy Assyria, and will make Nineveh a desolation, as dry as the wilderness. 14 Herds will lie down in the middle of her, all kinds of animals. Both the pelican and the porcupine will lodge in its capitals. Their calls will echo through the windows. Desolation will be in the thresholds, for he has laid bare the cedar beams. 15 This is the joyous city that lived carelessly, that said in her heart, "I am, and there is no one besides me." How she has become a desolation, a place for animals to lie down in! Everyone who passes by her will hiss and shake their fists.

3 Woe to her who is rebellious and polluted, the oppressing city! 2 She didn't obey the voice. She didn't receive correction. She didn't trust in Yahweh. She didn't draw near to her God. 3 Her princes within her are roaring lions. Her judges are evening wolves. They leave nothing until the next day. 4 Her prophets profaned the sanctuary. They have done violence to the

law. 5 Yahweh, within 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 Yahweh, "until the day that I rise up to the prey, for my determination is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms to pour 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 Yahweh's name, 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 from among you your proudly exulting ones, and you will no more be arrogant in my holy mountain. 12 But I will leave among you an afflicted and poor people, and they will take refuge in Yahweh's name. 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 Yahweh has taken away your judgments. He has thrown out your enemy. The King of Israel, Yahweh, is among you. You will not be afraid of evil any more. 16 In that day, it will be said to Jerusalem, "Don't be afraid, Zion. Don't let your hands be weak." 17 Yahweh, your God, is among you, 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 Behold, 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 I will bring you in, and at that time I will 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 Yahweh.

Haggai

1 In the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, in the first day of the month, Yahweh's word 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 Yahweh of Armies says: These people say, 'The time hasn't vet come, the time for Yahweh's house to be built." 3 Then Yahweh's word came by Haggai the prophet, saving, 4"Is it a time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, while this house lies waste? 5 Now therefore this is what Yahweh of Armies says: 'Consider your ways. 6 You have sown much, and bring in little. You eat, but you don't 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 Yahweh of Armies 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 Yahweh. 9 "You looked for much, and, behold, it came to little; and when you brought it home, I blew it away. Why?" says Yahweh of Armies, "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, on the mountains, on the grain, on the new wine, on the oil, on that which the ground produces, on men, 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 Yahweh their God's voice, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as Yahweh their God had sent him: and the people feared Yahweh. 13 Then Haggai, Yahweh's messenger, spoke Yahweh's message to the people, saving, "I am with you," says Yahweh. 14 Yahweh 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 Yahweh of Armies, their God. 15 in the twenty-fourth day of the month, in the sixth month, in the second year of Darius the king.

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says Yahweh, 'Be strong, Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest. Be strong, all you people of the land,' says Yahweh, 'and work, for I am with you,' says Yahweh of Armies. 5 This is the word that I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt, and my Spirit lived among you. 'Don't be afraid.' 6 For this is what Yahweh of Armies says: 'Yet once more, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, the earth, the sea, and the dry land: 7 and I will shake all nations. The treasure of all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory, says Yahweh of Armies. 8 The silver is mine, and the gold is mine,' says Yahweh of Armies. 9 'The latter glory of this house will be greater than the former,' says Yahweh of Armies; 'and in this place I will give peace,' says Yahweh of Armies." 10 In the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, in the second year of Darius, Yahweh's word came by Haggai the prophet, saying, 11 "Yahweh of Armies says: 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 touches 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 Yahweh: 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 Yahweh's temple. 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 didn't turn to me,' says Yahweh. 18 'Consider, please, from this day and backward, from the twentyfourth day of the ninth month, since the day that the foundation of Yahweh's temple was laid, consider it. 19 Is the seed yet in the barn? Yes, the vine, the fig tree, the pomegranate, and the olive tree haven't produced. From today I will bless you." 20 Yahweh's word came the second time to Haggai in the twenty-fourth day of the month, saying, 21 "Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, saving, 'I will shake the heavens and the earth. 22 I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms. I will 2 In the seventh month, in the twenty-first day of the destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the nations. I will overthrow the chariots and those who ride in them. saving, 2 "Speak now to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel. The horses and their riders will come down, everyone governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, by the sword of his brother. 23 In that day, says Yahweh the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, saving, of Armies, I will take you, Zerubbabel my servant, the 3 'Who is left among you who saw this house in its son of Shealtiel,' says Yahweh, 'and will make you like former glory? How do you see it now? Isn't it in your a signet ring, for I have chosen you,' says Yahweh of

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1 In the eighth month, in the second year of Darius. Yahweh's word came to the prophet Zechariah the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo, saying, 2 "Yahweh was very displeased with your fathers. 3 Therefore tell them, Yahweh of Armies says: 'Return to me,' says Yahweh of Armies, 'and I will return to you,' says Yahweh of Armies. 4 Don't you be like your fathers, to whom the former prophets proclaimed, saying: Yahweh of Armies says, 'Return now from your evil ways and from your evil doings;' but they didn't hear nor listen to me, says Yahweh. 5 Your fathers, where are they? And the prophets, do they live forever? 6 But my words and my decrees, which I commanded my servants the prophets, didn't they overtake your fathers? "Then they repented and said, 'Just as Yahweh of Armies determined to do to us, according to our ways and according to our practices, so he has dealt with us." 7 On the twenty-fourth day of the eleventh month, which is the month Shebat, in the second year of Darius, Yahweh's word came to the prophet Zechariah the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo, saying, 8 "I had a vision in the night, and behold, 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, "They are the ones Yahweh has sent to go back and forth through the earth." 11 They reported to Yahweh's angel who stood among the myrtle trees, and said, "We have walked back and forth through the earth, and behold, all the earth is at rest and in peace." 12 Then Yahweh's angel replied, "O Yahweh of Armies, 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 Yahweh 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, 'Yahweh of Armies right hand to be his adversary. 2 Yahweh said to Satan, says: "I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great jealousy. 15 I am very angry with the nations that chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Isn't this a burning stick are at ease; for I was but a little displeased, but they added to the calamity." 16 Therefore Yahweh says: "I have returned to Jerusalem with mercy. My house 4 He answered and spoke to those who stood before shall be built in it," says Yahweh of Armies, "and a line him, saying, "Take the filthy garments off him." To him shall be stretched out over Jerusalem." 17 "Proclaim he said, "Behold, I have caused your iniquity to pass further, saying, 'Yahweh of Armies says: "My cities will from you, and I will clothe you with rich clothing." 5 I asked the angel who talked with me, "What are these?" solemnly assured Joshua, saying, 7 "Yahweh of Armies

He answered me. "These are the horns which have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem." 20 Yahweh 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 that lifted up their horn against the land of Judah to scatter it."

7 I lifted up my eyes, and saw, and behold, a man with a 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 width and what is its length." 3 Behold, the angel who talked with me went out, and another angel went out to meet him, 4 and said to him. "Run, speak to this young man, saving, 'Jerusalem will be inhabited as villages without walls, because of the multitude of men and livestock in it. 5 For I,' says Yahweh, 'will be to her a wall of fire around it, and I will be the glory in the middle of her. 6 Come! Come! Flee from the land of the north,' says Yahweh; 'for I have spread you abroad as the four winds of the sky,' says Yahweh. 7 'Come, Zion! Escape, you who dwell with the daughter of Babylon.' 8 For Yahweh of Armies says: 'For honor he has sent me to the nations which plundered you; for he who touches you touches the apple of his eye. 9 For, behold, I will shake my hand over them, and they will be a plunder to those who served them; and you will know that Yahweh of Armies has sent me. 10 Sing and rejoice, daughter of Zion! For behold, I come and I will dwell within you,' says Yahweh. 11 Many nations shall join themselves to Yahweh in that day, and shall be my people; and I will dwell among you, and you shall know that Yahweh of Armies has sent me to you. 12 Yahweh will inherit Judah as his portion in the holy land, and will again choose Jerusalem. 13 Be silent, all flesh, before Yahweh; for he has roused himself from his holy habitation!"

3 He showed me Joshua the high priest standing before Yahweh's angel, and Satan standing at his "Yahweh rebuke you, Satan! Yes, Yahweh who has plucked out of the fire?" 3 Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and was standing before the angel. again overflow with prosperity, and Yahweh will again said, "Let them set a clean turban on his head." So they comfort Zion, and will again choose Jerusalem."" 18 I set a clean turban on his head, and clothed him; and lifted up my eyes and saw, and behold, four horns. 19 | Yahweh's angel was standing by. 6 Yahweh's angel the high priest, you and your fellows who sit before you, into the house of him who swears falsely by my name; one day. 10 In that day,' says Yahweh of Armies, 'you the ephah basket that is appearing." He said moreover, will invite every man his neighbor under the vine and "This is their appearance in all the land— 7 and behold, under the fig tree."

⚠ 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 behold, a lamp stand all of gold, with its bowl on the top of it, and its seven lamps on it; 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, "Don't you know what these are?" I said, "No, my lord." 6 Then he answered and spoke to me, saying, "This is Yahweh's word to Zerubbabel, saying, 'Not by might, nor by power, but by ones who stand by the Lord of the whole earth."

Then again I lifted up my eyes and saw, and behold, a flying scroll. 2 He said to me, "What do you see?" I answered, "I see a flying scroll; its length is twenty cubits, and its width ten cubits." 3 Then he said to me, "This is the curse that goes out over the surface of the whole land, for everyone who steals shall be cut

says: 'If you will walk in my ways, and if you will follow off according to it on the one side: and everyone who my instructions, then you also shall judge my house, and swears falsely shall be cut off according to it on the shall also keep my courts, and I will give you a place of other side. 4 I will cause it to go out," says Yahweh of access among these who stand by. 8 Hear now, Joshua Armies, "and it will enter into the house of the thief, and for they are men who are a sign; for, behold, I will bring and it will remain in the middle of his house, and will out my servant, the Branch. 9 For, behold, the stone destroy it with its timber and its stones." 5 Then the that I have set before Joshua: on one stone are seven angel who talked with me came forward and said to eyes; behold, I will engrave its inscription,' says Yahweh me, "Lift up now your eyes and see what this is that of Armies, 'and I will remove the iniquity of that land in is appearing." 6 I said, "What is it?" He said, "This is a lead cover weighing one talent was lifted up-and there was a woman sitting in the middle of the ephah basket." 8 He said, "This is Wickedness;" and he threw her down into the middle of the ephah basket; and he threw the lead weight on its mouth. 9 Then I lifted up my eyes and saw, and behold, 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 I said 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 behold, four chariots came out from between two mountains; and my Spirit,' says Yahweh of Armies. 7 Who are you, great the mountains were mountains of bronze. 2 In the first mountain? Before Zerubbabel you are a plain; and he chariot were red horses. In the second chariot were will bring out the capstone with shouts of 'Grace, grace, black horses. 3 In the third chariot were white horses. to it!" 8 Moreover Yahweh's word came to me, saying, In the fourth chariot were dappled horses, all of them 9 "The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of powerful. 4 Then I asked the angel who talked with me, this house. His hands shall also finish it; and you will "What are these, my lord?" 5 The angel answered me, know that Yahweh of Armies has sent me to you. 10 "These are the four winds of the sky, which go out from Indeed, who despises the day of small things? For these standing before the Lord of all the earth. 6 The one with seven shall rejoice, and shall see the plumb line in the the black horses goes out toward the north country; and hand of Zerubbabel. These are Yahweh's eyes, which the white went out after them; and the dappled went run back and forth through the whole earth." 11 Then I out toward the south country." 7 The strong went out, asked him, "What are these two olive trees on the right and sought to go that they might walk back and forth side of the lamp stand and on the left side of it?" 12 I through the earth. He said, "Go around and through asked him the second time, "What are these two olive the earth!" So they walked back and forth through the branches, which are beside the two golden spouts that earth. 8 Then he called to me, and spoke to me, saying, pour the golden oil out of themselves?" 13 He answered "Behold, those who go toward the north country have me, "Don't you know what these are?" I said, "No, my quieted my spirit in the north country." 9 Yahweh's word lord." 14 Then he said, "These are the two anointed came to me, saying, 10 "Take of them of the captivity, even of Heldai, of Tobijah, and of Jedaiah; and come the same day, and go into the house of Josiah the son of Zephaniah, where they have come from Babylon. 11 Yes, take silver and gold, and make crowns, and set them on the head of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest; 12 and speak to him, saying, 'Yahweh of Armies says, "Behold, the man whose name is the Branch! He will grow up out of his place; and he will build

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Yahweh's temple. 13 He will build Yahweh's temple. He of Armies, 'The Holy Mountain.'" 4 Yahweh of Armies will bear the glory, and will sit and rule on his throne. says: "Old men and old women will again dwell in the He will be a priest on his throne. The counsel of peace streets of Jerusalem, every man with his staff in his will be between them both. 14 The crowns shall be hand because of their old age. 5 The streets of the city to Helem, to Tobijah, to Jedaiah, and to Hen the son of Zephaniah, for a memorial in Yahweh's temple. 15 Yahweh of Armies says: "If it is marvelous in the eyes of Those who are far off shall come and build in Yahweh's temple; and you shall know that Yahweh of Armies has be marvelous in my eyes?" says Yahweh of Armies. 7 Sent me to you. This will happen, if you will diligently obey Yahweh your God's voice.""

7 In the fourth year of King Darius, Yahweh's word 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 Yahweh's favor, 3 and to speak to the priests of the house of Yahweh of Armies 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 Yahweh of Armies 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, don't you eat for yourselves and drink for yourselves? 7 Aren't these the words which Yahweh proclaimed by the former prophets when Jerusalem was inhabited and in prosperity, and its cities around her, and the South and the lowland were inhabited?" 8 Yahweh's word came to Zechariah, saying, 9 "Thus has Yahweh of Armies spoken, saying, 'Execute true judgment, and show kindness and compassion every man to his brother. 10 Don't oppress the widow, 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 Yahweh of Armies had sent by his Spirit by the former prophets. Therefore great wrath came from Yahweh of Armies. 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 Yahweh of Armies; 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."

8 The word of Yahweh of Armies came to me. 2 Yahweh of Armies says: "I am jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I am jealous for her with great wrath." 3 Yahweh says: "I have returned to Zion, and will dwell in the middle of Jerusalem. Jerusalem shall be called 'The City of Truth;' and the mountain of Yahweh

from the east country and from the west country. 8 I will bring them, and they will dwell within Jerusalem. They will be my people, and I will be their God, in truth and in righteousness." 9 Yahweh of Armies says: "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 Yahweh of Armies 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 Yahweh of Armies. 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. 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 I will save you, and you shall be a blessing. Don't be afraid. Let your hands be strong." 14 For Yahweh of Armies says: "As I thought to do evil to you when your fathers provoked me to wrath," says Yahweh of Armies, "and I didn't repent, 15 so again I have thought in these days to do good to Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. Don't 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 Yahweh. 18 The word of Yahweh of Armies came to me. 19 Yahweh of Armies says: "The fasts of the fourth, fifth, seventh, and tenth months shall be for the house of Judah joy, gladness, and cheerful feasts. Therefore love truth and peace." 20 Yahweh of Armies says: "Many peoples and the inhabitants of many cities will yet come. 21 The inhabitants of one will go to another, saying, 'Let's go speedily to entreat the favor of Yahweh, and to seek Yahweh of Armies. I will go also.' 22 Yes, many peoples and strong nations will come to seek Yahweh of Armies in Jerusalem and to entreat the favor of Yahweh." 23 Yahweh of Armies says: "In those days, ten men out of all the languages of

the nations will take hold of the skirt of him who is a showers to everyone for the plants in the field, 2 For that God is with vou."

A revelation. Yahweh's word is against the land of Hadrach, and will rest upon Damascus- for the eye of man and of all the tribes of Israel is toward Yahweh— 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 Behold, 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 encamp around my house against the army, that no one 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! Behold, 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. The battle bow will be cut off; and he will speak peace to the nations. His dominion will be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. 11 As for you also, because of the blood of your covenant, I have 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 the young men flourish, and new wine the virgins.

1 Ask of Yahweh rain in the spring time, Yahweh who makes storm clouds, and he gives rain

Jew, saying, 'We will go with you, for we have heard the teraphim have spoken vanity, and the diviners have seen a lie; and they have told false dreams. They comfort in vain. Therefore they go their way like sheep. They are oppressed, because there is no shepherd. 3 My anger is kindled against the shepherds, and I will punish the male goats, for Yahweh of Armies has visited his flock, the house of Judah, and will make them as his majestic horse in the battle. 4 From him will come the cornerstone, from him the tent peg, from him the battle bow, from him every ruler together. 5 They will be as mighty men, treading down muddy streets in the battle. They will fight, because Yahweh is with them. The riders on horses will be confounded. 6 "I will strengthen the house of Judah, and I will save the house of Joseph. I will bring them back, for I have mercy on them. They will be as though I had not cast them off, for I am Yahweh 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 Yahweh. 8 I will signal for them and gather them, for I have redeemed them. They will increase as they were before. 9 I will sow them among the peoples. They will remember me in far countries. 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. 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 Yahweh. They will walk up and down in his name," says Yahweh.

11 Open your doors, Lebanon, that the fire may devour your cedars. 2 Wail, cypress tree, for me. I have loaded the bow with Ephraim. I will stir up the cedar has fallen, because the stately ones are your sons, Zion, against your sons, Greece, and will destroyed. Wail, you oaks of Bashan, for the strong make you like the sword of a mighty man. 14 Yahweh forest has come down. 3 A voice of the wailing of the will be seen over them. His arrow will flash like lightning. shepherds! For their glory is destroyed—a voice of The Lord Yahweh will blow the trumpet, and will go the roaring of young lions! For the pride of the Jordan with whirlwinds of the south. 15 Yahweh of Armies will is ruined. 4 Yahweh my God says: "Feed the flock defend them. They will destroy and overcome with sling of slaughter. 5 Their buyers slaughter them and go stones. They will drink, and roar as through wine. They unpunished. Those who sell them say, 'Blessed be will be filled like bowls, like the corners of the altar, 16 Yahweh, for I am rich;' and their own shepherds don't Yahweh their God will save them in that day as the flock pity them. 6 For I will no more pity the inhabitants of the of his people; for they are like the jewels of a crown, land," says Yahweh; "but, behold, I will deliver every lifted on high over his land. 17 For how great is his one of the men into his neighbor's hand and into the goodness, and how great is his beauty! Grain will make hand of his king. They will strike the land, and out of their hand I will not deliver them." 7 So I fed the flock to be slaughtered, especially the oppressed of the flock. I took for myself two staffs. The one I called "Favor"

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the brotherhood between Judah and Israel. 15 Yahweh their wives apart. said to me, "Take for yourself yet again the equipment of a foolish shepherd. 16 For, behold, I will raise up a shepherd in the land who will not visit those who 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 meat of the fat sheep, and will tear their hoofs in pieces. 17 Woe to the worthless shepherd who leaves the flock! The sword will strike his arm and his right eve. His arm will be completely withered, and his right eye will be totally blinded!"

hand and on the left; and Jerusalem will yet again dwell 'Yahweh is my God." in their own place, even in Jerusalem. 7 Yahweh also will save the tents of Judah first, that the glory of David's house and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem not be magnified above Judah. 8 In that day Yahweh will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem. He who is feeble

and the other I called "Union", and I fed the flock, 81 among them at that day will be like Dayid, and Dayid's cut off the three shepherds in one month; for my soul house will be like God, like Yahweh's angel before them. was weary of them, and their soul also loathed me. 9 9 It will happen in that day, that I will seek to destroy all Then I said, "I will not feed you. That which dies, let the nations that come against Jerusalem. 10 I will pour it die; and that which is to be cut off, let it be cut off; on David's house and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem and let those who are left eat each other's flesh." 10 I the spirit of grace and of supplication. They will look took my staff Favor and cut it apart, that I might break to me whom they have pierced; and they shall mourn my covenant that I had made with all the peoples. 11 for him as one mourns for his only son, and will grieve It was broken in that day; and thus the poor of the bitterly for him as one grieves for his firstborn. 11 In that flock that listened to me knew that it was Yahweh's day there will be a great mourning in Jerusalem, like the word. 12 I said to them, "If you think it best, give me mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddo. 12 my wages; and if not, keep them." So they weighed The land will mourn, every family apart; the family of for my wages thirty pieces of silver. 13 Yahweh said to David's house apart, and their wives apart; the family of me, "Throw it to the potter—the handsome price that I the house of Nathan apart, and their wives apart; 13 the was valued at by them!" I took the thirty pieces of silver family of the house of Levi apart, and their wives apart; and threw them to the potter in Yahweh's house. 14 the family of the Shimeites apart, and their wives apart; Then I cut apart my other staff, Union, that I might break 14 all the families who remain, every family apart, and

13 "In that day there will be a fountain opened to David's house and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness. 2 It will come to pass in that day, says Yahweh of Armies, 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 lt will happen that when anyone still prophesies, then his father and his mother who bore him will tell him, 'You must die, because you speak lies in Yahweh's name;' 12 A revelation of Yahweh's word concerning Israel: and his father and his mother who bore him will stab Yahweh, who stretches out the heavens and lays him when he prophesies. 4 It will happen in that day the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man that the prophets will each be ashamed of his vision within him says: 2 "Behold, I will make Jerusalem a when he prophesies; they won't wear a hairy mantle cup of reeling to all the surrounding peoples, and it will to deceive, 5 but he will say, 1 am no prophet, I am a also be on Judah in the siege against Jerusalem. 3 tiller of the ground; for I have been made a bondservant It will happen in that day that I will make Jerusalem a from my youth.' 6 One will say to him, 'What are these burdensome stone for all the peoples. All who burden wounds between your arms?' Then he will answer, themselves with it will be severely wounded, and all the 'Those with which I was wounded in the house of my nations of the earth will be gathered together against it. friends.' 7 "Awake, sword, against my shepherd, and 4 In that day," says Yahweh, "I will strike every horse against the man who is close to me," says Yahweh of with terror and his rider with madness. I will open my Armies. "Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be eyes on the house of Judah, and will strike every horse scattered; and I will turn my hand against the little ones. of the peoples with blindness. 5 The chieftains of Judah 8 It shall happen that in all the land," says Yahweh, "two will say in their heart, 'The inhabitants of Jerusalem are parts in it will be cut off and die; but the third will be my strength in Yahweh of Armies their God.' 6 In that left in it. 9 I will bring the third part into the fire, and day I will make the chieftains of Judah like a pan of fire will refine them as silver is refined, and will test them among wood, and like a flaming torch among sheaves. like gold is tested. They will call on my name, and I will They will devour all the surrounding peoples on the right hear them. I will say, 'It is my people;' and they will say,

> 1 Behold, a day of Yahweh comes, when your plunder will be divided within you. 2 For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city will be taken, the houses rifled, and the women

rayished. Half of the city will go out into captivity, and punishment of all the nations that don't go up to keep the rest of the people will not be cut off from the city. 3 the feast of booths. 20 In that day there will be inscribed Then Yahweh will go out and fight against those nations, on the bells of the horses, "HOLY TO YAHWEH"; and as when he fought in the day of battle. 4 His feet will the pots in Yahweh's house will be like the bowls before stand in that day on the Mount of Olives, which is before the altar. 21 Yes, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will will be holy to Yahweh of Armies; and all those who be split in two from east to west, making a very great sacrifice will come and take of them, and cook in them. valley. Half of the mountain will move toward the north, In that day there will no longer be a Canaanite in the and half of it toward the south. 5 You shall flee by the house of Yahweh of Armies. 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. Yahweh my God will come, and all the holy ones with you. 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 Yahweh—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. It will be so in summer and in winter. 9 Yahweh will be King over all the earth. In that day Yahweh will be one, and his name one. 10 All the land will be made like the Arabah, from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem: and she 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 wine presses. 11 Men will dwell therein, and there will be no more curse; but Jerusalem will dwell safely. 12 This will be the plague with which Yahweh will strike all the peoples who have fought 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 Yahweh will be among them; and they will each seize 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, silver, and clothing, in great abundance. 15 A plague like this will fall on the horse, on the mule, on the camel, on the donkey, and on all the animals that will be in those camps. 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, Yahweh of Armies, 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, Yahweh of Armies, on them there will be no rain. 18 If the family of Egypt doesn't go up and doesn't come, neither will it rain on them. This will be the plague with which Yahweh will strike the nations that don't go up to keep the feast of booths. 19 This will be the punishment of Egypt and the

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1 A revelation, Yahweh's word to Israel by Malachi. 2 "I have loved you," says Yahweh. Yet you say, "How have you loved us?" "Wasn't Esau Jacob's brother?" says Yahweh, "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," Yahweh of Armies says, "They shall build, but I will throw down; and men will call them 'The Wicked Land,' even the people against whom Yahweh shows wrath forever." 5 Your eyes will see, and vou will say, "Yahweh 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 Yahweh of Armies to you priests who despise my name. "You say, 'How have we despised your name?' 7 You offer polluted bread on my altar. You say, 'How have we polluted you?' In that you say, 'Yahweh's table is contemptible.' 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 Yahweh of Armies. 9 "Now, please entreat the favor of God, that he may be gracious to us. With this, will he accept any of you?" says Yahweh of Armies. 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 Yahweh of Armies, "neither will I accept an offering at your hand. 11 For from the rising of the sun even to its going down, 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 Yahweh of Armies. 12 "But you profane it when you say, 'Yahweh's table is polluted, and its fruit, even its food, is contemptible.' 13 You say also, 'Behold, what a weariness it is!' And you have sniffed at it", says Yahweh of Armies; "and you have brought that which was taken by violence, the lame, and the sick; thus you bring the offering. Should I accept this at your hand?" savs Yahweh. 14 "But the deceiver is cursed who has in his flock a male, and vows and sacrifices to the Lord a defective thing; for I am a great King," says Yahweh of Armies, "and my name is awesome among the nations."

2 "Now, you priests, this commandment is for you. 2 If you will not listen, and if you will not take it to heart, to give glory to my name," says Yahweh of Armies, "then I will send the curse on you, and I will curse your blessings. Indeed, I have cursed them already, because

you do not take it to heart. 3 Behold. I will rebuke your offspring, 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 Yahweh of Armies. 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 Yahweh of Armies. 8 But you have turned away from the path. You have caused many to stumble in the law. You have corrupted the covenant of Levi," says Yahweh of Armies. 9 "Therefore I have also made you contemptible and wicked before all the people, according to the way you have not kept my ways, but have had respect for persons in the law. 10 Don't we 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 Yahweh which he loves, and has married the daughter of a foreign god. 12 Yahweh will cut off 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 Yahweh of Armies. 13 "This again you do: you cover Yahweh's altar 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 Yahweh 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 you one, although he had the residue of the Spirit? Why one? He sought godly offspring. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let no one deal treacherously against the wife of his youth. 16 One who hates and divorces", says Yahweh, the God of Israel, "covers his garment with violence!" says Yahweh of Armies. "Therefore pay attention to your spirit, that you don't be unfaithful. 17 You have wearied Yahweh with your words. Yet you say, 'How have we wearied him?' In that you say, 'Everyone who does evil is good in Yahweh's sight, and he delights in them;' or 'Where is the God of justice?'

3 "Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me! The Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to his temple. Behold, the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, is coming!" says

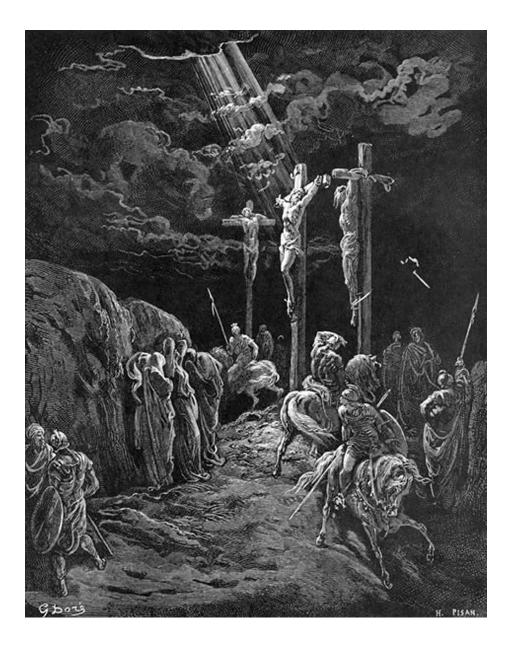
his coming? And who will stand when he appears? For sun of righteousness arise with healing in its wings. You he is like a refiner's fire, and like launderers' soap; 3 will go out and leap like calves of the stall. 3 You shall and he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he tread down the wicked; for they will be ashes under the will purify the sons of Levi, and refine them as gold soles of your feet in the day that I make," says Yahweh and silver; and they shall offer to Yahweh offerings of Armies. 4 "Remember the law of Moses my servant, in righteousness. 4 Then the offering of Judah and which I commanded to him in Horeb for all Israel, even Jerusalem will be pleasant to Yahweh as in the days of statutes and ordinances. 5 Behold, I will send you Elijah old and as in ancient years. 5 I will come near to you to the prophet before the great and terrible day of Yahweh judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, comes. 6 He will turn the hearts of the fathers to the against the adulterers, against the perjurers, and against children and the hearts of the children to their fathers, those who oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse." and the fatherless, and who deprive the foreigner of justice, and don't fear me," says Yahweh of Armies. 6 "For I, Yahweh, don't change; therefore you, sons of Jacob, are not consumed. 7 From the days of your fathers you have turned away from my ordinances and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you," says Yahweh of Armies. "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 Yahweh of Armies, "if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there will not be enough room 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 Yahweh of Armies. 12 "All nations shall call you blessed, for you will be a delightful land," says Yahweh of Armies. 13 "Your words have been harsh against me," says Yahweh. "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 Yahweh of Armies? 15 Now we call the proud happy; yes, those who work wickedness are built up; yes, they tempt God, and escape.' 16 Then those who feared Yahweh spoke one with another; and Yahweh listened and heard, and a book of memory was written before him for those who feared Yahweh and who honored his name. 17 They shall be mine," says Yahweh of Armies. "my own possession in the day that I make. 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.

▲ "For behold, the day comes, burning like a furnace, when all the proud and all who work wickedness will be stubble. The day that comes will burn them up," says Yahweh of Armies, "so that it will leave them neither root

Yahweh of Armies. 2 "But who can endure the day of nor branch, 2 But to you who fear my name shall the

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The Crucifixion

Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing."

Dividing his garments among them, they cast lots.

Luke 23:34

Matthew

1 The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. 2 Abraham became the father of Isaac, Isaac became the father of Jacob. Jacob became the father of Judah and his brothers. 3 Judah became the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar. Perez became the father of Hezron. Hezron became the father of Ram. 4 Ram became the father of Amminadab. Amminadab became the father of Nahshon. Nahshon became the father of Salmon. 5 Salmon became the father of Boaz by Rahab. Boaz became the father of Obed by Ruth. Obed became the father of Jesse. 6 Jesse became the father of King David, David the king became the father of Solomon by her who had been Uriah's wife. 7 Solomon became the father of Rehoboam. Rehoboam became the father of Abijah. Abijah became the father of Asa. 8 Asa became the father of Jehoshaphat. Jehoshaphat became the father of Joram, Joram became the father of Uzziah. 9 Uzziah became the father of Jotham. Jotham became the father of Ahaz. Ahaz became the father of Hezekiah. 10 Hezekiah became the father of Manasseh. Manasseh became the father of Amon. Amon became the father of Josiah. 11 Josiah became the father of Jechoniah and his brothers at the time of the exile to Babylon. 12 After the exile to Babylon, Jechoniah became the father of Shealtiel. Shealtiel became the father of Zerubbabel. 13 Zerubbabel became the father of Abjud. Abjud became the father of Eliakim. Eliakim became the father of Azor. 14 Azor became the father of Zadok, Zadok became the father of Achim. Achim became the father of Eliud. 15 Eliud became the father of Eleazar. Eleazar became the father of Matthan. Matthan became the father of Jacob. 16 Jacob became the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, from whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ. 17 So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; from David to the exile to Babylon fourteen generations; and from the carrying away to Babylon to the Christ, fourteen generations. 18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was like this: After his mother, Mary, was engaged to Joseph, before they came together, she was found pregnant by the Holy Spirit. 19 Joseph, her husband, being a righteous man, and not willing to make her a public example, intended to put her away secretly. 20 But when he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, don't be afraid to take to yourself Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. 21 She shall give birth to a son. You shall name him Jesus, for Now all this has happened that it might be fulfilled which

was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saving, 23 "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and shall give birth to a son. They shall call his name Immanuel," which is, being interpreted, "God with us." 24 Joseph arose from his sleep, and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took his wife to himself; 25 and didn't know her sexually until she had given birth to her firstborn son. He named him Jesus.

7 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of King Herod, behold, wise men 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 When King Herod heard it, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 Gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he asked them where the Christ would be born. 5 They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for this is written through the prophet, 6 'You Bethlehem, land of Judah, are in no way least among the princes of Judah; for out of you shall come a governor who shall shepherd my people, Israel." 7 Then Herod secretly called the wise men, and learned from them exactly what time the star appeared. 8 He sent them to Bethlehem, and said, "Go and search diligently for the young child. When you have found him, bring me word, so that I also may come and worship him." 9 They, having heard the king, went their way; and behold, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them until it came and stood over where the young child was. 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. 11 They came into the house and saw the young child with Mary, his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Opening their treasures, they offered to him gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. 12 Being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they went back to their own country another way. 13 Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and stay there until I tell you, for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him." 14 He arose and took the young child and his mother by night and departed into Egypt, 15 and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, "Out of Egypt I called my son." 16 Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked by the wise men, was exceedingly angry, and sent out and killed all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all the surrounding countryside, from two years old and under, according to the exact time which he had learned from the wise men. 17 Then that which was spoken by it is he who shall save his people from their sins." 22 Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled, saying, 18 "A voice

mourning, Rachel weeping for her children; she wouldn't my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." be comforted, because they are no more." 19 But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, 20 "Arise and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel, for those who sought the young child's life are dead." 21 He arose and took the young child and his mother, and came into the land of Israel. 22 But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in the place of his father, Herod, he was afraid to go there. Being warned in a dream, he withdrew into the region of Galilee, 23 and came and lived in a city called Nazareth; that it might be fulfilled which was spoken through the prophets that he will be called a Nazarene.

? In those days, John the Baptizer came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, saying, 2 "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!" 3 For this is he who was spoken of by Isaiah the prophet, saying, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness, make the way of the Lord ready! Make his paths straight!" 4 Now John himself wore clothing made of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist. 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 They were baptized by him in the Jordan, 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 produce fruit worthy of repentance! 9 Don't think to yourselves, '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 ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that doesn't produce good fruit is cut down, and cast into the fire. 11 "I indeed baptize you in water for repentance, but he who comes after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you in the Holy Spirit. 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 unquenchable 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 now, for this is the fitting way for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed him. 16 Jesus, when he was baptized, went up directly from the water: and behold, the heavens were opened to him. He saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove, and coming on

was heard in Ramah, lamentation, weeping and great him, 17 Behold, a voice out of the heavens said, "This is

4 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2 When he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was hungry afterward. 3 The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." 4 But he answered, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of God's mouth." 5 Then the devil took him into the holy city. He set him on the pinnacle of the temple, 6 and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and, 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you don't dash your foot against a stone." 7 Jesus said to him, "Again, it is written, 'You shall not test the Lord, your God." 8 Again, the devil took him to an exceedingly high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9 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, "Get behind me, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and you shall serve him only." 11 Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and served him. 12 Now when Jesus heard that John was delivered up, he withdrew into Galilee. 13 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 Gentiles, 16 the people who sat in darkness saw a great light; to those who sat in the region and shadow of death, to them light has dawned." 17 From that time. Jesus began to preach, and to say, "Repent! For the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." 18 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 He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers for men." 20 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. He called them. 22 They immediately left the boat and their father, and followed him. 23 Jesus went about in all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the Good News of the Kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness among the people. 24 The report about him went out into all Syria. They brought to him all who were sick, afflicted with various diseases and torments, possessed with demons, epileptics, and paralytics; and he healed them.

25 Great multitudes from Galilee, Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and from beyond the Jordan followed him.

5 Seeing the multitudes, he went up onto the mountain. When he had sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 He opened his mouth and taught them, saving, 3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. 4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. 5 Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth. 6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled. 7 Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. 8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. 9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called 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 people reproach 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 trodden under the feet of men. 14 You are the light of the world. A city located on a hill can't 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 Even so, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven. 17 "Don't think that I came to destroy the law or the prophets. I didn't come to destroy, but to fulfill. 18 For most certainly, I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not even one smallest letter or one tiny pen stroke shall in any way pass away from the law, until all things are accomplished. 19 Therefore. whoever shall break one of these least commandments and teach others to do so, shall be called least in the Kingdom of Heaven; but whoever shall do and teach them shall 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. 'You shall not murder:' and 'Whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.' 22 But I tell you that everyone who is angry with his brother without a cause will be in danger of the judgment. Whoever says to his brother, 'Raca!' will be in danger of the council. Whoever says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of Gehenna. (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 gift. 25 Agree with your adversary quickly while you are with him on the way; lest perhaps the prosecutor deliver you to the judge. and the judge deliver you to the officer, and you be cast into prison. 26 Most certainly I tell you, you shall by no means get out of there until you have paid the last penny. 27 "You have heard that it was said. 'You shall not commit adultery;' 28 but I tell you that everyone who gazes at a woman to lust after her has committed adultery with her already in his heart. 29 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 Gehenna. (Geenna g1067) 30 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 Gehenna. (Geenna g1067) 31 "It was also said, 'Whoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorce,' 32 but I tell you that whoever puts away his wife, except for the cause of sexual immorality, makes her an adulteress; and whoever marries her when she is put away commits adultery. 33 "Again you have heard that it was said to the ancient ones. 'You shall not make false vows, but shall perform to the Lord vour vows.' 34 but I tell vou. don't 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 shall you swear by your head, for you can't 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, don't resist him who is evil; but whoever strikes you on your right cheek, turn to him the other also. 40 If anyone sues you to take away your coat, let him have your cloak also. 41 Whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two. 42 Give to him who asks you, and don't turn away him who desires to borrow from you. 43 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate vour enemy.' 44 But I tell vou. love vour enemies. bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who mistreat you and 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? Don't even the tax collectors do the same? 47 If you only greet your friends, what more do you do than others? Don't even the tax collectors do the same? 48 Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.

shut your door, pray to your Father who is in secret; and we eat?', 'What will we drink?' or, 'With what will we 7 In praying, don't use vain repetitions as the Gentiles things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all holy. 10 Let your Kingdom come. Let your will be done is sufficient. on earth as it is in heaven. 11 Give us today our daily bread. 12 Forgive us our debts, as we also forgive our debtors. 13 Bring us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For yours is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.' 14 "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if you don't forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. "Moreover when you fast, don't be like the hypocrites, with sad faces. For they disfigure their faces that they may be seen by men to be fasting. Most certainly 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 men to be fasting, but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father, who sees in secret, will reward you. 19 "Don't lay up treasures for yourselves on the earth, where moth and rust consume. and where thieves break through and steal: 20 but lav up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consume, and where thieves don't 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 evil, 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 can't serve both God

"Be careful that you don't do your charitable giving and Mammon. 25 Therefore I tell you, don't be anxious before men, to be seen by them, or else you have no for your life: what you will eat, or what you will drink; reward from your Father who is in heaven. 2 Therefore, nor yet for your body, what you will wear. Isn't life more when you do merciful deeds, don't sound a trumpet than food, and the body more than clothing? 26 See the before yourself, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues birds of the sky, that they don't sow, neither do they and in the streets, that they may get glory from men. reap, nor gather into barns. Your heavenly Father feeds Most certainly I tell you, they have received their reward. them. Aren't you of much more value than they? 27 3 But when you do merciful deeds, don't let your left "Which of you by being anxious, can add one moment hand know what your right hand does, 4 so that your to his lifespan? 28 Why are you anxious about clothing? merciful deeds may be in secret, then your Father who Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow. They sees in secret will reward you openly. 5 "When you pray, don't toil, neither do they spin, 29 yet I tell you that you shall not be as the hypocrites, for they love to stand even Solomon in all his glory was not dressed like one and pray in the synagogues and in the corners of the of these. 30 But if God so clothes the grass of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Most certainly, I field, which today exists and tomorrow is thrown into tell you, they have received their reward. 6 But you, the oven, won't he much more clothe you, you of little when you pray, enter into your inner room, and having faith? 31 "Therefore don't be anxious, saying, 'What will your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. be clothed?' 32 For the Gentiles seek after all these do; for they think that they will be heard for their much these things. 33 But seek first God's Kingdom and his speaking. 8 Therefore don't be like them, for your Father righteousness; and all these things will be given to you knows what things you need before you ask him. 9 Pray as well. 34 Therefore don't be anxious for tomorrow, for like this: "'Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Each day's own evil

> "Don't 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 Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but don't consider the beam that is in your own eye? 4 Or how will you tell your brother, 'Let me remove the speck from your eye,' and behold, the beam is in your own eye? 5 You hypocrite! First remove the beam out of your own eye, and then you can see clearly to remove the speck out of your brother's eye. 6 "Don't give that which is holy to the dogs, neither throw your pearls before the pigs, lest perhaps they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces. 7 "Ask, and it will be given 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 asks him for bread, will give him a stone? 10 Or if he asks 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 men to do to you, you shall also do to them; for this is the law and the prophets. 13 "Enter in by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter in by it. 14 How narrow is the gate and the way is

restricted that leads to life! There are few who find it. 15 Kingdom of Heaven. 12 but the children of the Kingdom "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's will be thrown out into the outer darkness. There will be he taught them with authority, and not like the scribes.

R When he came down from the mountain, great multitudes followed him. 2 Behold, a leper came to him and worshiped him, saying, "Lord, if you want to, you can make me clean." 3 Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I want to. Be made clean." Immediately his leprosy was cleansed. 4 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 When he came into Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking him for help, 6 saying, "Lord, my servant lies in the house paralyzed, grievously tormented." 7 Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." 8 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 When Jesus heard it, he marveled and said to those who followed, "Most certainly I tell you, I haven't found so great a faith, not even in Israel. 11 I tell you that many will come from the east and the west, and will sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the

clothing, but inwardly are ravening wolves. 16 By their weeping and gnashing of teeth." 13 Jesus said to the fruits you will know them. Do you gather grapes from centurion, "Go your way. Let it be done for you as you thorns or figs from thistles? 17 Even so, every good tree have believed." His servant was healed in that hour. produces good fruit, but the corrupt tree produces evil 14 When Jesus came into Peter's house, he saw his fruit. 18 A good tree can't produce evil fruit, neither can wife's mother lying sick with a fever. 15 He touched her a corrupt tree produce good fruit. 19 Every tree that hand, and the fever left her. So she got up and served doesn't grow good fruit is cut down and thrown into the him. 16 When evening came, they brought to him many fire. 20 Therefore by their fruits you will know them. 21 possessed with demons. He cast out the spirits with a "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter word, and healed all who were sick, 17 that it might be into the Kingdom of Heaven, but he who does the will of fulfilled which was spoken through Isaiah the prophet, my Father who is in heaven. 22 Many will tell me in saying, "He took our infirmities and bore our diseases." that day, 'Lord, Lord, didn't we prophesy in your name, 18 Now when Jesus saw great multitudes around him, in your name cast out demons, and in your name do he gave the order to depart to the other side. 19 A many mighty works?' 23 Then I will tell them. 'I never scribe came and said to him. "Teacher, I will follow you knew you. Depart from me, you who work iniquity.' 24 wherever you go." 20 Jesus said to him, "The foxes "Everyone therefore who hears these words of mine have holes and the birds of the sky have nests, but the and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." 21 Another his house on a rock. 25 The rain came down, the floods of his disciples said to him, "Lord, allow me first to go came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and and bury my father." 22 But Jesus said to him, "Follow it didn't fall, for it was founded on the rock. 26 Everyone me, and leave the dead to bury their own dead." 23 who hears these words of mine and doesn't do them will When he got into a boat, his disciples followed him. 24 be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. Behold, a violent storm came up on the sea, so much 27 The rain came down, the floods came, and the winds that the boat was covered with the waves; but he was blew and beat on that house; and it fell—and its fall was asleep. 25 The disciples came to him and woke him great." 28 When Jesus had finished saying these things, up, saying, "Save us, Lord! We are dying!" 26 He said the multitudes were astonished at his teaching, 29 for 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 The men marveled, saying, "What kind of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?" 28 When he came to the other side, into the country of the Gergesenes, two people possessed by demons met him there, coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that nobody could pass that way. 29 Behold, they cried out, saying, "What do we have to do with you, Jesus, 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 The demons begged him, saying, "If you cast us out, permit us to go away into the herd of pigs." 32 He said to them, "Go!" They came out and went into the herd of pigs: and behold, the whole herd of pigs rushed down the cliff into the sea and died in the water. 33 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 Behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus. When they saw him, they begged that he would depart from their borders.

9 He entered into a boat and crossed over, and came into his own city. 2 Behold, they brought to him a man who was paralyzed, lying on a bed. Jesus, seeing their faith, said to the paralytic, "Son, cheer up! Your

said to themselves, "This man blasphemes." 4 Jesus, house, the blind men came to him. Jesus said to them, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They told your hearts? 5 For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are him, "Yes, Lord." 29 Then he touched their eyes, saying, forgiven;' or to say, 'Get up, and walk'? 6 But that you "According to your faith be it done to you." 30 Then their may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth eyes were opened. Jesus strictly commanded them, to forgive sins—" (then he said to the paralytic), "Get saying, "See that no one knows about this." 31 But they up, and take up your mat, and go to your house." 7 went out and spread abroad his fame in all that land. 32 He arose and departed to his house. 8 But when the As they went out, behold, a mute man who was demon multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who possessed was brought to him. 33 When the demon was had given such authority to men. 9 As Jesus passed by cast out, the mute man spoke. The multitudes marveled, from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the saying, "Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel!" tax collection office. He said to him, "Follow me." He got 34 But the Pharisees said, "By the prince of the demons, up and followed him. 10 As he sat in the house, behold, he casts out demons." 35 Jesus went about all the many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with cities and the villages, teaching in their synagogues and Jesus and his disciples. 11 When the Pharisees saw it, preaching the Good News of the Kingdom, and healing they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat every disease and every sickness among the people. with tax collectors and sinners?" 12 When Jesus heard 36 But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with it, he said to them, "Those who are healthy have no compassion for them because they were harassed and need for a physician, but those who are sick do. 13 scattered, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then he but sinners to repentance." 14 Then John's disciples the harvest will send out laborers into his harvest." came to him, saying, "Why do we and the Pharisees fast often, but your disciples don't fast?" 15 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 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 wine skins, or else the skins would burst, and the wine be spilled, and the skins ruined. No, they put new wine into fresh wine skins, and both are preserved." 18 While he told these things to them, behold, 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 Jesus got up and followed him, as did his disciples. 20 Behold, a woman who had a discharge 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 When Jesus came into the ruler's house and saw the flute players and the crowd in noisy disorder, 24 he said to them, "Make room, because the girl isn't dead, but sleeping." They were ridiculing him. 25 But when the crowd was sent out, he entered in, took her by the hand, and the girl arose. 26 The report of this went out into all that land. 27 As Jesus passed by from there, two blind men followed him, calling out and saying, "Have mercy

sins are forgiven you." 3 Behold, some of the scribes on us, son of David!" 28 When he had come into the But you go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, said to his disciples, "The harvest indeed is plentiful, but and not sacrifice,' for I came not to call the righteous, the laborers are few. 38 Pray therefore that the Lord of

> ${f 10}$ 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; Andrew, his brother; James the son of Zebedee; John, his brother; 3 Philip; Bartholomew: Thomas: Matthew the tax collector: James the son of Alphaeus; Lebbaeus, who was also called Thaddaeus; 4 Simon the Zealot; and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him. 5 Jesus sent these twelve out and commanded them, saying, "Don't go among the Gentiles, and don't enter into any city of the Samaritans. 6 Rather, go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 7 As you go, preach, saying, 'The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!' 8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, and cast out demons. Freely you received, so freely give. 9 Don't take any gold, silver, or brass in your money belts. 10 Take no bag for your journey, neither two coats, nor sandals, nor staff: for the laborer is worthy of his food. 11 Into whatever city or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you go on. 12 As you enter into the household, greet it. 13 If the household is worthy, let your peace come on it, but if it isn't worthy, let your peace return to you. 14 Whoever doesn't receive you or hear your words, as you go out of that house or that city, shake the dust off your feet. 15 Most certainly 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 "Behold, I send you out as sheep among wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves.

councils, and in their synagogues they will scourge you. 18 Yes, and you will be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony to them and to the nations. 19 But when they deliver you up, don't 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 "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 You will be hated by all men for my name's sake, but he who endures to the end will be saved. 23 But when they persecute you in this city, flee into the next, for most certainly I tell you, you will not have gone through the cities of Israel until the Son of Man has come. 24 "A disciple is not above his 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 don't be afraid of them, for there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, or 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 Don't 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 Gehenna. (Geenna g1067) 29 "Aren't two sparrows sold for an assarion coin? Not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will. 30 But the very hairs of your head are all numbered 31 Therefore don't be afraid. You are of more value than many sparrows. 32 Everyone therefore who confesses me before men, I will also confess him before my Father who is in heaven. 33 But whoever denies me before men, I will also deny him before my Father who is in heaven. 34 "Don't think that I came to send peace on the earth. I didn't 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 A man's foes will be those of his own household. 37 He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me isn't worthy of me. 38 He who doesn't take his cross and follow after me isn't worthy of me. 39 He who seeks his life will lose it: and he who loses his life for my sake will find it. 40 "He who receives you receives me, and he who receives me receives him who sent me. 41 He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward. He who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward. 42 Whoever gives one of these little ones just a cup

17 But beware of men, for they will deliver you up to of cold water to drink in the name of a disciple, most councils, and in their synagogues they will scourge you. certainly I tell you, he will in no way lose his reward."

1 When Jesus had finished directing his twelve disciples, he departed from there to teach and preach in their cities. 2 Now when John heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples 3 and said to him, "Are you he who comes, or should we look for another?" 4 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 Blessed is he who finds no occasion for stumbling in me." 7 As these went their way. Jesus began to say to the multitudes 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? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. 9 But why did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet. 10 For this is he, of whom it is written, 'Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.' 11 Most certainly I tell you, among those who are born of women there has not arisen anyone greater than John the Baptizer; yet he who is least in the Kingdom of Heaven is greater than he. 12 From the days of John the Baptizer until now, the Kingdom of Heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force. 13 For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. 14 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 shall 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 didn't dance. We mourned for you, and you didn't lament.' 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, 'Behold, 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 didn't 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 You, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, you will go down to Hades. For if the mighty works had been done in Sodom which were done in you, it would have remained until today. (Hades g86) 24 But I tell you that it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom on

the day of judgment, than for you." 25 At that time, justice to victory. 21 In his name, the nations will hope." 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, "Behold, your disciples do what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath." 3 But he said to them, "Haven't you read what David did when he was hungry, and those who were with him: 4 how he entered into God's house and ate the show bread, which was not lawful for him to eat, nor 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 guiltless? 6 But I tell you that one greater than the temple is here. 7 But if you had known what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice,' you wouldn't have condemned the guiltless. 8 For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath." 9 He departed from there and went into their synagogue. 10 And behold, there was a man with a withered hand. They asked him, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath day?" so that they might accuse him. 11 He said to them, "What man is there among you who has one sheep, and if this one falls into a pit on the Sabbath day, won't he grab on to it and lift it out? 12 Of how much more value then is a man than a sheep! Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath day." 13 Then he told the man, "Stretch out your hand." 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 Jesus, perceiving that, withdrew from there. Great multitudes followed him; and he healed them all, 16 and commanded them that they should not make him known, 17 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken through Isaiah the prophet, saying, 18 "Behold, my servant whom I have chosen, my beloved in whom my soul is well pleased. I will put my Spirit on him. He will proclaim justice to the nations. 19 He will not strive, nor shout, neither will anyone hear his voice in the streets. 20 He won't break a bruised reed. He won't quench a smoking flax, until he leads

Jesus answered, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven 22 Then one possessed by a demon, blind and mute, and earth, that you hid these things from the wise and was brought to him; and he healed him, so that the understanding, and revealed them to infants. 26 Yes, blind and mute man both spoke and saw. 23 All the Father, for so it was well-pleasing in your sight. 27 All multitudes were amazed, and said, "Can this be the son things have been delivered to me by my Father. No one of David?" 24 But when the Pharisees heard it, they knows the Son, except the Father; neither does anyone said, "This man does not cast out demons except by know the Father, except the Son and he to whom the Beelzebul, the prince of the demons." 25 Knowing their Son desires to reveal him. 28 "Come to me, all you who thoughts, Jesus said to them, "Every kingdom divided labor and are heavily burdened, and I will give you rest. against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am house divided against itself will not stand. 26 If Satan gentle and humble in heart; and you will find rest for casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is then will his kingdom 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 God's Kingdom has come upon you. 29 Or how can one enter into the house of the strong man and plunder his goods, unless he first bind the strong man? Then he will plunder his house. 30 "He who is not with me is against me, and he who doesn't gather with me, scatters. 31 Therefore I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven men. 32 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, either in this age, or 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 man out of his good treasure brings out good things, and the evil man out of his evil treasure brings out evil things. 36 I tell you that every idle word that men 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 answered, 'Teacher, we want to see a sign from you." 39 But he answered them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, but no sign will be given to it but the sign of Jonah the prophet. 40 For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the huge fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. 41 The men of Nineveh will stand up in the judgment with this generation and will condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and behold, someone greater than Jonah is here. 42 The Queen of the South will rise up in the judgment with this generation and will condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and behold, someone greater than Solomon is here. 43 "When an unclean spirit has gone out of a man,

he passes through waterless places seeking rest, and hear the things which you hear, and didn't hear them. 18 and mother."

On that day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the seaside. 2 Great multitudes gathered to him, so that he entered into a boat and sat; and all the multitude stood on the beach. 3 He spoke to them many things in parables, saying, "Behold, a farmer went out to sow. 4 As he sowed, some seeds fell by the roadside, and the birds came and devoured them. 5 Others fell on rocky ground, where they didn't have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, because they had no depth of earth. 6 When the sun had risen, they were scorched. Because they had no root, they withered away. 7 Others fell among thorns. The thorns grew up and choked them. 8 Others fell on good soil and yielded fruit: some one hundred times as much, some sixty, and some thirty. 9 He who has ears to hear, let him hear." 10 The disciples came, and said to him, "Why do you speak to them in parables?" 11 He answered 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 doesn't have, from him will be taken away even that which he has. 13 Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they don't see, and hearing, they don't hear, neither do they understand. 14 In them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says, 'By hearing you will hear, and will in no way understand; Seeing you will see, and will in no way perceive: 15 for this people's heart has grown callous, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have closed their eyes; or else perhaps they might perceive with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and would turn again, and I would heal them.' 16 "But blessed are your eyes, for they see; and your ears, for they hear. 17 For most certainly I tell you that many prophets and righteous men desired to see the things which you see, and didn't see them; and to

doesn't find it. 44 Then he says, 'I will return into my "Hear, then, the parable of the farmer. 19 When anyone house from which I came;' and when he has come back, hears the word of the Kingdom and doesn't understand he finds it empty, swept, and put in order. 45 Then he it, the evil one comes and snatches away that which goes and takes with himself seven other spirits more evil has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown by than he is, and they enter in and dwell there. The last the roadside. 20 What was sown on the rocky places, state of that man becomes worse than the first. Even this is he who hears the word and immediately with joy so will it be also to this evil generation." 46 While he receives it; 21 yet he has no root in himself, but endures was yet speaking to the multitudes, behold, his mother for a while. When oppression or persecution arises and his brothers stood outside, seeking to speak to because of the word, immediately he stumbles. 22 What him. 47 One said to him, "Behold, your mother and your was sown among the thorns, this is he who hears the brothers stand outside, seeking to speak to you." 48 word, but the cares of this age and the deceitfulness of But he answered him who spoke to him, "Who is my riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful. (aion mother? Who are my brothers?" 49 He stretched out his g165) 23 What was sown on the good ground, this is hand toward his disciples, and said, "Behold, my mother he who hears the word and understands it, who most and my brothers! 50 For whoever does the will of my certainly bears fruit and produces, some one hundred Father who is in heaven, he is my brother, and sister, times as much, some sixty, and some thirty." 24 He set another parable before them, saying, "The Kingdom of Heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field, 25 but while people slept, his enemy came and sowed darnel weeds also among the wheat, and went away. 26 But when the blade sprang up and produced grain, then the darnel weeds appeared also. 27 The servants of the householder came and said to him. 'Sir. didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where did these darnel weeds come from?' 28 "He said to them. 'An enemy has done this." "The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and gather them up?' 29 "But he said, 'No, lest perhaps while you gather up the darnel weeds, 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 darnel weeds, 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 grain of mustard seed which a man took, and sowed in his field, 32 which indeed is smaller than all seeds. But when it is grown, it is greater than the herbs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge 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 multitudes; and without a parable, he didn't 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 from the foundation of the world." 36 Then Jesus sent the multitudes away, and went into the house. His disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the darnel weeds of the field." 37 He answered them, "He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. 38 the field is the world, the good seeds are the children of the Kingdom, and the

many mighty works there because of their unbelief.

1 At that time, Herod the tetrarch heard the report concerning Jesus, 2 and said to his servants, "This is John the Baptizer. He is risen from the dead. That is why these powers work in him." 3 For Herod had arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife. 4 For John said to him, "It is not lawful for you to have her." 5 When he would have put him to death, he feared the

darnel weeds are the children of the evil one. 39 The when Herod's birthday came, the daughter of Herodias enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the danced among them and pleased Herod. 7 Therefore he end of the age, and the reapers are angels. (aion g165) promised with an oath to give her whatever she should 40 As therefore the darnel weeds are gathered up and ask. 8 She, being prompted by her mother, said, "Give burned with fire; so will it be at the end of this age. (aion me here on a platter the head of John the Baptizer." 9 g165) 41 The Son of Man will send out his angels, and The king was grieved, but for the sake of his oaths and they will gather out of his Kingdom all things that cause of those who sat at the table with him, he commanded it stumbling and those who do iniquity, 42 and will cast to be given, 10 and he sent and beheaded John in the them into the furnace of fire. There will be weeping and prison. 11 His head was brought on a platter and given gnashing of teeth. 43 Then the righteous will shine like to the young lady; and she brought it to her mother. 12 the sun in the Kingdom of their Father. He who has ears His disciples came, took the body, and buried it. Then to hear, let him hear. 44 "Again, the Kingdom of Heaven they went and told Jesus. 13 Now when Jesus heard is like treasure hidden in the field, which a man found this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted and hid. In his joy, he goes and sells all that he has and place apart. When the multitudes heard it, they followed buys that field. 45 "Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like him on foot from the cities. 14 Jesus went out, and he a man who is a merchant seeking fine pearls, 46 who saw a great multitude. He had compassion on them having found one pearl of great price, he went and sold and healed their sick. 15 When evening had come, his all that he had and bought it. 47 "Again, the Kingdom of disciples came to him, saying, "This place is deserted, Heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, gathered some fish of every kind, 48 which, when it was that they may go into the villages, and buy themselves filled, fishermen drew up on the beach. They sat down food." 16 But Jesus said to them, "They don't need to and gathered the good into containers, but the bad they go away. You give them something to eat." 17 They told threw away. 49 So it will be in the end of the world. The him, "We only have here five loaves and two fish." 18 angels will come and separate the wicked from among He said, "Bring them here to me." 19 He commanded the righteous, (aion g165) 50 and will cast them into the the multitudes to sit down on the grass; and he took the furnace of fire. There will be weeping and gnashing of five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, teeth." 51 Jesus said to them, "Have you understood all he blessed, broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; these things?" They answered him, "Yes, Lord." 52 He and the disciples gave to the multitudes. 20 They all said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been ate and were filled. They took up twelve baskets full of made a disciple in the Kingdom of Heaven is like a man that which remained left over from the broken pieces. who is a householder, who brings out of his treasure 21 Those who ate were about five thousand men, in new and old things." 53 When Jesus had finished these addition to women and children. 22 Immediately Jesus parables, he departed from there. 54 Coming into his made the disciples get into the boat and go ahead of own country, he taught them in their synagogue, so that him to the other side, while he sent the multitudes away. they were astonished and said, "Where did this man get 23 After he had sent the multitudes away, he went up this wisdom and these mighty works? 55 Isn't this the into the mountain by himself to pray. When evening carpenter's son? Isn't his mother called Mary, and his had come, he was there alone. 24 But the boat was brothers James, Joses, Simon, and Judas? 56 Aren't all now in the middle of the sea, distressed by the waves, of his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all of for the wind was contrary. 25 In the fourth watch of these things?" 57 They were offended by him. But Jesus the night, Jesus came to them, walking on the sea. 26 said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in When the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they his own country and in his own house." 58 He didn't do were troubled, saying, "It's a ghost!" and they cried out for fear. 27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saving, "Cheer up! It is I! Don't be afraid," 28 Peter answered him and said, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the waters." 29 He said, "Come!" Peter stepped down from the boat and walked on the waters to come to Jesus. 30 But when he saw that the wind was strong, he was afraid, and beginning to sink, he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" 31 Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand, took hold of him, and said to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" 32 multitude, because they counted him as a prophet. 6 But When they got up into the boat, the wind ceased. 33

touched it were made whole.

15 Then Pharisees and scribes came to Jesus from Jerusalem, saying, 2 "Why do your disciples disobev the tradition of the elders? For they don't wash their hands when they eat bread." 3 He answered them, "Why do you also disobey the commandment of God because of your tradition? 4 For God commanded, '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 shall not honor his father or mother.' You have made the commandment of God void because of your tradition. 7 You hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy of you, saying, 8 'These people draw near to me with their mouth, and honor me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. 9 And they worship me in vain, teaching as doctrine rules made by men." 10 He summoned the multitude, and said to them, "Hear, and understand. 11 That which enters into the mouth doesn't defile the man; but that which proceeds out of the mouth, this defiles the man." 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 didn't plant will be uprooted. 14 Leave them alone. They are blind guides of the blind. If the blind quide the blind, both will fall into a pit." 15 Peter answered him, "Explain the parable to us." 16

Those who were in the boat came and worshiped him. he answered, "I wasn't sent to anyone but the lost sheep saying, "You are truly the Son of God!" 34 When they of the house of Israel." 25 But she came and worshiped had crossed over, they came to the land of Gennesaret. him, saying, "Lord, help me." 26 But he answered, "It is 35 When the people of that place recognized him, they not appropriate to take the children's bread and throw it sent into all that surrounding region and brought to him to the dogs." 27 But she said, "Yes, Lord, but even the all who were sick; 36 and they begged him that they dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." might just touch the fringe of his garment. As many as 28 Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Be it done to you even as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that hour. 29 Jesus departed from there and came near to the sea of Galilee; and he went up on the mountain and sat there. 30 Great multitudes came to him, having with them the lame, blind, mute, maimed, and many others, and they put them down at his feet. He healed them, 31 so that the multitude wondered when they saw the mute speaking, the injured healed, the lame walking, and the blind seeing-and they glorified the God of Israel. 32 Jesus summoned his disciples and said, "I have compassion on the multitude, because they have continued with me now three days and have nothing to eat. I don't want to send them away fasting, or they might faint on the way." 33 The disciples said to him, "Where could we get so many loaves in a deserted place as to satisfy so great a multitude?" 34 Jesus said to them. "How many loaves do you have?" They said, "Seven, and a few small fish." 35 He commanded the multitude 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 multitudes. 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, in addition to women and children. 39 Then he sent away the multitudes, got into the boat, and came into the borders of Magdala.

16 The Pharisees and Sadducees came, and testing him, asked him to show them a sign from heaven. So Jesus said, "Do you also still not understand? 17 2 But he answered them, "When it is evening, you say, Don't you understand that whatever goes into the mouth 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red.' 3 In the passes into the belly and then out of the body? 18 morning, 'It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red But the things which proceed out of the mouth come and threatening.' Hypocrites! You know how to discern out of the heart, and they defile the man. 19 For out the appearance of the sky, but you can't discern the of the heart come evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, signs of the times! 4 An evil and adulterous generation sexual sins, thefts, false testimony, and blasphemies. seeks after a sign, and there will be no sign given to 20 These are the things which defile the man; but to it, except the sign of the prophet Jonah." He left them eat with unwashed hands doesn't defile the man." 21 and departed. 5 The disciples came to the other side Jesus went out from there and withdrew into the region and had forgotten to take bread. 6 Jesus said to them, of Tyre and Sidon. 22 Behold, a Canaanite woman "Take heed and beware of the yeast of the Pharisees came out from those borders and cried, saying, "Have and Sadducees." 7 They reasoned among themselves, mercy on me, Lord, you son of David! My daughter is saying, "We brought no bread." 8 Jesus, perceiving severely possessed by a demon!" 23 But he answered it, said, "Why do you reason among yourselves, you her not a word. His disciples came and begged him, of little faith, because you have brought no bread? 9 saying, "Send her away; for she cries after us." 24 But Don't you yet perceive or remember the five loaves

up, 10 or the seven loaves for the four thousand, and here: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." how many baskets you took up? 11 How is it that you 5 While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud don't perceive that I didn't speak to you concerning overshadowed them. Behold, a voice came out of the bread? But beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and cloud, saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am tell them to beware of the yeast of bread, but of the it, they fell on their faces, and were very afraid. 7 teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees. 13 Now Jesus came and touched them and said, "Get up, and when Jesus came into the parts of Caesarea Philippi, don't be afraid." 8 Lifting up their eyes, they saw no he asked his disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, one, except Jesus alone. 9 As they were coming down the Son of Man, am?" 14 They said, "Some say John from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, the Baptizer, some, Elijah, and others, Jeremiah or one "Don't tell anyone what you saw, until the Son of Man of the prophets." 15 He said to them, "But who do you has risen from the dead." 10 His disciples asked him, say that I am?" 16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the saying, "Then why do the scribes say that Elijah must Christ, the Son of the living God." 17 Jesus answered come first?" 11 Jesus answered them, "Elijah indeed him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar Jonah, for flesh and comes first, and will restore all things; 12 but I tell you blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is that Elijah has come already, and they didn't recognize in heaven. 18 I also tell you that you are Peter, and him, but did to him whatever they wanted to. Even so give to you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven, and Baptizer. 14 When they came to the multitude, a man whatever you bind on earth will have been bound in came to him, kneeling down to him and saying, 15 "Lord, heaven; and whatever you release on earth will have have mercy on my son, for he is epileptic and suffers been released in heaven." 20 Then he commanded the grievously; for he often falls into the fire, and often into disciples that they should tell no one that he was Jesus the water. 16 So I brought him to your disciples, and the Christ. 21 From that time, Jesus began to show his they could not cure him." 17 Jesus answered, "Faithless disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many and perverse generation! How long will I be with you? things from the elders, chief priests, and scribes, and be How long will I bear with you? Bring him here to me." 18 killed, and the third day be raised up. 22 Peter took him Jesus rebuked the demon, and it went out of him, and aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from the boy was cured from that hour. 19 Then the disciples you, Lord! This will never be done to you." 23 But he came to Jesus privately, and said, "Why weren't we able turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You to cast it out?" 20 He said to them, "Because of your are a stumbling block to me, for you are not setting your unbelief. For most certainly I tell you, if you have faith mind on the things of God, but on the things of men." 24 as a grain of mustard seed, you will tell this mountain, Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone desires to 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, will be impossible for you. 21 But this kind doesn't go and follow me. 25 For whoever desires to save his life out except by prayer and fasting." 22 While they were will lose it, and whoever will lose his life for my sake will staying in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man find it. 26 For what will it profit a man if he gains the is about to be delivered up into the hands of men, 23 whole world and forfeits his life? Or what will a man and they will kill him, and the third day he will be raised give in exchange for his life? 27 For the Son of Man will up." They were exceedingly sorry. 24 When they had come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and then come to Capernaum, those who collected the didrachma he will render to everyone according to his deeds. 28 coins came to Peter, and said, "Doesn't your teacher Most certainly I tell you, there are some standing here pay the didrachma?" 25 He said, "Yes." When he came who will in no way taste of death until they see the Son into the house, Jesus anticipated him, saying, "What of Man coming in his Kingdom."

17 After six days, Jesus took with him Peter, James, and John his brother, and brought them up into a high mountain by themselves. 2 He was changed before them. His face shone like the sun, and his garments became as white as the light. 3 Behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them talking with him. 4 Peter answered and said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good

for the five thousand, and how many baskets you took for us to be here. If you want, let's make three tents Sadducees." 12 Then they understood that he didn't well pleased. Listen to him." 6 When the disciples heard on this rock I will build my assembly, and the gates of the Son of Man will also suffer by them." 13 Then the Hades will not prevail against it. (Hades 986) 19 I will disciples understood that he spoke to them of John the do you think, Simon? From whom do the kings of the earth receive toll or tribute? From their children, or from strangers?" 26 Peter said to him, "From strangers." Jesus said to him, "Therefore the children are exempt. 27 But, lest we cause them to stumble, go to the sea, 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."

2 Jesus called a little child to himself, and set him in to settle accounts with his servants, 24 When he had the middle of them 3 and said, "Most certainly I tell begun to settle, one was brought to him who owed him you, unless you turn and become as little children, you ten thousand talents. 25 But because he couldn't pay, will in no way enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. 4 his lord commanded him to be sold, with his wife, his Whoever therefore humbles himself as this little child children, and all that he had, and payment to be made. is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven. 5 Whoever 26 The servant therefore fell down and knelt before him, receives one such little child in my name receives me, 6 saying, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will repay but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe you all!' 27 The lord of that servant, being moved with in me to stumble, it would be better for him if a huge compassion, released him and forgave him the debt. 28 millstone were hung around his neck and that he were "But that servant went out and found one of his fellow sunk in the depths of the sea. 7 "Woe to the world servants who owed him one hundred denarii, and he because of occasions of stumbling! For it must be that grabbed him and took him by the throat, saying, 'Pay the occasions come, but woe to that person through me what you owe!' 29 "So his fellow servant fell down at whom the occasion comes! 8 If your hand or your foot his feet and begged him, saving, 'Have patience with causes you to stumble, cut it off and cast it from you. It me, and I will repay you! 30 He would not, but went and is better for you to enter into life maimed or crippled, cast him into prison until he should pay back that which rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into was due. 31 So when his fellow servants saw what was the eternal fire. (aionios g166) 9 If your eye causes you to done, they were exceedingly sorry, and came and told stumble, pluck it out and cast it from you. It is better for their lord all that was done. 32 Then his lord called him you to enter into life with one eye, rather than having in and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you two eyes to be cast into the Gehenna of fire. (Geenna all that debt because you begged me. 33 Shouldn't a1067) 10 See that you don't despise one of these little you also have had mercy on your fellow servant, even ones, for I tell you that in heaven their angels always as I had mercy on you?' 34 His lord was angry, and see the face of my Father who is in heaven. 11 For the delivered him to the tormentors until he should pay all Son of Man came to save that which was lost, 12 "What that was due to him, 35 So my heavenly Father will also do you think? If a man has one hundred sheep, and do to you, if you don't each forgive your brother from one of them goes astray, doesn't he leave the ninety- your hearts for his misdeeds." nine, go to the mountains, and seek that which has gone astray? 13 If he finds it, most certainly I tell you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine which have not gone astray. 14 Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish. 15 "If your brother sins against you, go, show him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained back your brother. 16 But if he doesn't listen, take one or two more with you, that at the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. 17 If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the assembly. If he refuses to hear the assembly also, let him be to you as a Gentile or a tax collector. 18 Most certainly I tell you, whatever things you bind on earth will have been bound in heaven, and whatever things you release on earth will have been released in heaven. 19 Again, assuredly I tell you, that if two of you will agree on earth concerning anything that they will ask, it will be done for them by my Father who is in heaven. 20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the middle of them." 21 Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Until seven times?" 22 Jesus said to him, "I don't tell you until seven

18 In that hour the disciples came to Jesus, saying, times, but, until seventy times seven. 23 Therefore the "Who then is greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?" Kingdom of Heaven is like a certain king who wanted

> 19 When Jesus had finished these words, he departed from Galilee and came into the borders of Judea beyond the Jordan. 2 Great multitudes followed him, and he healed them there. 3 Pharisees came to him, testing him and saying, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any reason?" 4 He answered, "Haven't you read that he who made them from the beginning made them male and female, 5 and said, 'For this cause a man shall leave his father and mother, and shall be joined to his wife; and the two shall become one flesh'? 6 So that they are no more two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, don't let man tear apart." 7 They asked him, "Why then did Moses command us to give her a certificate of divorce and divorce her?" 8 He said to them, "Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it has not been so. 9 I tell you that whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery; and he who marries her when she is divorced commits adultery." 10 His disciples said to him, "If this is the case of the man with his wife, it is not expedient to marry." 11 But he said to them, "Not all men can receive this saying, but those

who are first, and first who are last.

20 "For the Kingdom of Heaven is like a man who was the master of a household, 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 He went out about the third hour, and saw others standing idle in the marketplace. 4 He said to them, 'You also go into the

to whom it is given. 12 For there are eunuchs who were vinevard, and whatever is right I will give you.' So they born that way from their mother's womb, and there are went their way. 5 Again he went out about the sixth and eunuchs who were made eunuchs by men; and there the ninth hour, and did likewise. 6 About the eleventh are eunuchs who made themselves eunuchs for the hour he went out and found others standing idle. He Kingdom of Heaven's sake. He who is able to receive it, said to them, 'Why do you stand here all day idle?' 7 let him receive it." 13 Then little children were brought to "They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' "He him that he should lay his hands on them and pray; and said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and you the disciples rebuked them. 14 But Jesus said, "Allow will receive whatever is right." 8 "When evening had the little children, and don't forbid them to come to me; come, the lord of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to ones like these." the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning from 15 He laid his hands on them, and departed from there. the last to the first.' 9 "When those who were hired 16 Behold, one came to him and said, "Good teacher, at about the eleventh hour came, they each received what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?" a denarius. 10 When the first came, they supposed (aiōnios g166) 17 He said to him, "Why do you call me that they would receive more; and they likewise each good? No one is good but one, that is, God. But if you received a denarius. 11 When they received it, they want to enter into life, keep the commandments." 18 He murmured against the master of the household, 12 said to him, "Which ones?" Jesus said, "'You shall not saying, 'These last have spent one hour, and you have murder.' 'You shall not commit adultery.' 'You shall not made them equal to us who have borne the burden of steal.' 'You shall not offer false testimony.' 19 'Honor the day and the scorching heat!' 13 "But he answered your father and your mother.' And, 'You shall love your one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Didn't neighbor as yourself." 20 The young man said to him, you agree with me for a denarius? 14 Take that which "All these things I have observed from my youth. What is yours, and go your way. It is my desire to give to do I still lack?" 21 Jesus said to him, "If you want to be this last just as much as to you. 15 Isn't it 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 this, he went away first, and the first last. For many are called, but few are sad, for he was one who had great possessions. 23 chosen." 17 As Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he Jesus said to his disciples, "Most certainly I say to you, took the twelve disciples aside, and on the way he said a rich man will enter into the Kingdom of Heaven with to them, 18 "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and difficulty. 24 Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go the Son of Man will be delivered to the chief priests and through a needle's eye than for a rich man to enter into scribes, and they will condemn him to death, 19 and God's Kingdom." 25 When the disciples heard it, they will hand him over to the Gentiles to mock, to scourge, were exceedingly astonished, saying, "Who then can be and to crucify; and the third day he will be raised up." saved?" 26 Looking at them, Jesus said, "With men this 20 Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to is impossible, but with God all things are possible." 27 him with her sons, kneeling and asking a certain thing Then Peter answered, "Behold, we have left everything of him. 21 He said to her, "What do you want?" She and followed you. What then will we have?" 28 Jesus said to him, "Command that these, my two sons, may said to them, "Most certainly I tell you that you who have sit, one on your right hand and one on your left hand, followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of Man in your Kingdom." 22 But Jesus answered, "You don't will sit on the throne of his glory, you also will sit on know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. 29 cup that I am about to drink, and be baptized with the Everyone who has left houses, or brothers, or sisters, or baptism that I am baptized with?" They said to him, "We father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my are able." 23 He said to them, "You will indeed drink name's sake, will receive one hundred times, and will my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am inherit eternal life. (aiōnios g166) 30 But many will be last baptized with; but to sit on my right hand and on my left hand is not mine to give, but it is for whom it has been prepared by my Father." 24 When the ten heard it, 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 shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. 27 Whoever desires

to be first among you shall be your bondservant. 28 out of the city to Bethany, and camped there, 18 Now in and they followed him.

21 When they came near to Jerusalem and came to Bethsphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying 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 If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and immediately he will send them." 4 All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken through the prophet, saying, 5 "Tell the daughter of Zion, behold, 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 commanded them, 7 and brought the donkey and the colt and laid their clothes on them; and he sat on them. 8 A very great multitude spread their clothes on the road. Others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 The multitudes who went in front of him, and those 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 multitudes said, "This is the prophet, Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee." 12 Jesus entered into the temple of God 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 shall be called a house of prayer,' but you have made it a den of robbers!" 14 The lame and the blind 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 who were crying 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 nursing babies, you have perfected praise'?" 17 He left them and went

even as the Son of Man came not to be served, but to the morning, as he returned to the city, he was hungry. serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." 29 As 19 Seeing a fig tree by the road, he came to it and found they went out from Jericho, a great multitude followed nothing on it but leaves. He said to it, "Let there be no him. 30 Behold, two blind men sitting by the road, when fruit from you forever!" Immediately the fig tree withered they heard that Jesus was passing by, cried out, "Lord, away. (aion g165) 20 When the disciples saw it, they have mercy on us, you son of David!" 31 The multitude marveled, saying, "How did the fig tree immediately rebuked them, telling them that they should be quiet, wither away?" 21 Jesus answered them, "Most certainly but they cried out even more, "Lord, have mercy on us, I tell you, if you have faith and don't doubt, you will not you son of David!" 32 Jesus stood still and called them, only do what was done to the fig tree, but even if you and asked, "What do you want me to do for you?" 33 told this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' They told him, "Lord, that our eyes may be opened." 34 it would be done. 22 All things, whatever you ask in Jesus, being moved with compassion, touched their prayer, believing, you will receive." 23 When he had eyes; and immediately their eyes received their sight, 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 question, 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 men?" 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 men,' we fear the multitude, for all hold John as a prophet." 27 They answered Jesus, and said, "We don't 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 my vineyard.' 29 He answered, 'I will not,' but afterward he changed his mind, and went. 30 He came to the second, and said the same thing. He answered, 'I'm going, sir,' but he didn't go. 31 Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said to him, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Most certainly I tell you that the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering into God's Kingdom before you. 32 For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you didn't believe him; but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. When you saw it, you didn't 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 wine press in it, built a tower, leased it out to farmers, and went into another country. 34 When the season for the fruit came near, he sent his servants to the farmers 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's kill him and seize his inheritance.' 39 So they took him

When therefore the lord of the vineyard comes, what said, "Why do you test me, you hypocrites? 19 Show will he do to those farmers?" 41 They told him, "He me the tax money." They brought to him a denarius. 20 will miserably destroy those miserable men, and will He asked them, "Whose is this image and inscription?" lease out the vineyard to other farmers who will give 21 They said to him, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, him the fruit in its season." 42 Jesus said to them, "Did "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, you never read in the Scriptures, 'The stone which the and to God the things that are God's." 22 When they builders rejected was made the head of the corner. This heard it, they marveled, and left him and went away. was from the Lord. It is marvelous in our eyes'? 43 23 On that day Sadducees (those who say that there "Therefore I tell you, God's Kingdom will be taken away is no resurrection) came to him. They asked him, 24 from you and will be given to a nation producing its saying, "Teacher, Moses said, 'If a man dies, having no fruit. 44 He who falls on this stone will be broken to children, his brother shall marry his wife and raise up pieces, but on whomever it will fall, it will scatter him offspring for his brother.' 25 Now there were with us as dust." 45 When the chief priests and the Pharisees seven brothers. The first married and died, and having heard his parables, they perceived that he spoke about no offspring left his wife to his brother. 26 In the same them. 46 When they sought to seize him, they feared way, the second also, and the third, to the seventh. 27 the multitudes, because they considered him to be a After them all, the woman died. 28 In the resurrection prophet.

77 Jesus answered and spoke to them again in parables, saying, 2 "The Kingdom of Heaven is like a certain king, who made a wedding feast for his son, 3 and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. 4 Again he sent out other servants, saving, 'Tell those who are invited, "Behold, I have prepared my dinner. My cattle and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the wedding 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, treated them shamefully, and killed them. 7 When the king heard that, he was angry, 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 wedding feast.' 10 Those servants went out into the highways and gathered together as many as they found, both bad and good. The wedding was filled with quests. 11 "But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man who didn't 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, take him away, and throw him into the outer darkness. That 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 in truth, no matter whom you teach; for do you think? Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or

and threw him out of the vinevard, then killed him, 40 not?" 18 But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and 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 God's angels in heaven. 31 But concerning the resurrection of the dead, haven't you 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 multitudes 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 lawyer, asked him a question, testing him. 36 "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the law?" 37 Jesus said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 A second likewise is this, 'You shall 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 Christ? 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 a footstool for 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 any man dare ask him any more questions from that day forward.

23 Then Jesus spoke to the multitudes and to his disciples, 2 saying, "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat. 3 All things therefore whatever they you aren't partial to anyone. 17 Tell us therefore, what tell you to observe, observe and do, but don't do their

burdens that are grievous to be borne, and lay them on inwardly you are full of hypocrisy and iniquity. 29 "Woe men's shoulders; but they themselves will not lift a finger to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you build to help them. 5 But they do all their works to be seen by the tombs of the prophets and decorate the tombs of men. They make their phylacteries broad and enlarge the righteous, 30 and say, 'if we had lived in the days of the fringes of their garments, 6 and love the place of our fathers, we wouldn't have been partakers with them honor at feasts, the best seats in the synagogues, 7 the in the blood of the prophets.' 31 Therefore you testify to salutations in the marketplaces, and to be called 'Rabbi, yourselves that you are children of those who killed the Rabbi' by men. 8 But you are not to be called 'Rabbi', prophets. 32 Fill up, then, the measure of your fathers. for one is your teacher, the Christ, and all of you are 33 You serpents, you offspring of vipers, how will you brothers. 9 Call no man on the earth your father, for escape the judgment of Gehenna? (Geenna g1067) 34 one is your Father, he who is in heaven. 10 Neither be Therefore, behold, I send to you prophets, wise men, called masters, for one is your master, the Christ. 11 But and scribes. Some of them you will kill and crucify; and he who is greatest among you will be your servant. 12 some of them you will scourge in your synagogues Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever and persecute from city to city, 35 that on you may humbles himself will be exalted. 13 "Woe to you, scribes come all the righteous blood shed on the earth, from the and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you devour widows' blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zachariah son of houses, and as a pretense you make long prayers. Barachiah, whom you killed between the sanctuary and Therefore you will receive greater condemnation. 14 "But the altar. 36 Most certainly I tell you, all these things will woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because come upon this generation. 37 "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you shut up the Kingdom of Heaven against men; for who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent you don't enter in yourselves, neither do you allow those to her! How often I would have gathered your children who are entering in to enter. 15 Woe to you, scribes and together, even as a hen gathers her chicks under her Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel around by sea wings, and you would not! 38 Behold, your house is left and land to make one proselyte; and when he becomes to you desolate. 39 For I tell you, you will not see me one, you make him twice as much a son of Gehenna as from now on, until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in vourselves. (Geenna g1067) 16 "Woe to you, you blind 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 sanctifies the gold? 18 And, 'Whoever swears by the altar, it is nothing; but whoever swears by the gift that is on it, he is obligated.' 19 You blind fools! 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 has been living 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 of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and unrighteousness. 26 You blind Pharisee, first clean the inside of the cup and of the platter, that its 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 men's bones and of all uncleanness. 28 Even

works; for they say, and don't do. 4 For they bind heavy so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but the name of the Lord!"

> 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 he answered them, "You see all of these things, don't you? Most certainly 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? What is 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, saving, 'l am the Christ,' and will lead many astray. 6 You will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you aren't troubled, for all 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, 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 Because iniquity will be multiplied, the love of many will grow cold. 13 But he who endures to the end will be saved. 14 This Good News of the Kingdom will be preached in the

the end will come. 15 "When, therefore, you see the will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and one abomination of desolation, which was spoken of through will be left. 42 Watch therefore, for you don't know in Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the what hour your Lord comes. 43 But know this, that if the reader understand), 16 then let those who are in Judea master of the house had known in what watch of the flee to the mountains. 17 Let him who is on the housetop night the thief was coming, he would have watched, and not go down to take out the things that are in his house. would not have allowed his house to be broken into. 44 18 Let him who is in the field not return back to get his Therefore also be ready, for in an hour that you don't clothes. 19 But woe to those who are with child and to expect, the Son of Man will come. 45 "Who then is the nursing mothers in those days! 20 Pray that your flight faithful and wise servant, whom his lord has set over his will not be in the winter nor on a Sabbath, 21 for then household, to give them their food in due season? 46 there will be great suffering, such as has not been from Blessed is that servant whom his lord finds doing so the beginning of the world until now, no, nor ever will when he comes. 47 Most certainly I tell you that he will be. 22 Unless those days had been shortened, no flesh set him over all that he has. 48 But if that evil servant would have been saved. But for the sake of the chosen should say in his heart, 'My lord is delaying his coming,' ones, those days will be shortened. 23 "Then if any man 49 and begins to beat his fellow servants, and eat and tells you, 'Behold, here is the Christ!' or, 'There!' don't drink with the drunkards, 50 the lord of that servant believe it. 24 For false christs and false prophets will will come in a day when he doesn't expect it and in an arise, and they will show great signs and wonders, so hour when he doesn't know it, 51 and will cut him in as to lead astray, if possible, even the chosen ones. 25 pieces and appoint his portion with the hypocrites. That "Behold, I have told you beforehand. 26 "If therefore is where the weeping and grinding of teeth will be. they tell you, 'Behold, he is in the wilderness,' don't go out; or 'Behold, he is in the inner rooms,' don't believe it. 27 For as the lightning flashes from the east, and is seen even to the west, so will the coming of the Son of Man be. 28 For wherever the carcass is, that is where the vultures gather together. 29 "But immediately after the suffering of those days, the sun will be darkened, the moon will not give its light, the stars will fall from the sky, 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 great sound of a trumpet, 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 produces its leaves, you know that the summer is near. 33 Even so you also, when you see all these things, know that he is near, even at the doors. 34 Most certainly 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, but my Father only. 37 As the days of Noah were, so will the coming of the Son of Man be. 38 For as in those days which were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ship, 39 and they didn't know until the flood came and took them all away, so will the coming of the Son of Man be. 40 Then two men will be in the field:

whole world for a testimony to all the nations, and then one will be taken and one will be left. 41 Two women

75 "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 Those who were 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, 'Behold! The bridegroom is coming! 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, 'What if there isn't enough for us and you? You go rather to those who sell, and buy for vourselves,' 10 While they went away to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding feast, and the door was shut. 11 Afterward the other virgins also came, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us.' 12 But he answered, 'Most certainly I tell you, I don't know you.' 13 Watch therefore, for you don't know the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming. 14 "For it is like a man going into another country, 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 he who received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. 17 In the same way, he also who got the two gained another two. 18 But he who received the one talent 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 settled accounts with them. 20

another five talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me me no drink; 43 I was a stranger, and you didn't take five talents. Behold, I have gained another five talents in me in: naked, and you didn't clothe me: sick, and in addition to them.' 21 "His lord said to him, 'Well done, prison, and you didn't visit me.' 44 "Then they will also good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry, or a few things, I will set you over many things. Enter thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and into the joy of your lord.' 22 "He also who got the two didn't help you?' 45 "Then he will answer them, saying, talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two 'Most certainly I tell you, because you didn't do it to one talents. Behold. I have gained another two talents in of the least of these, you didn't do it to me.' 46 These addition to them.' 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 didn't sow, and gathering where you didn't scatter. 25 I was afraid, and went away and hid your talent in the earth. Behold, you have what is yours.' 26 "But his lord answered him. 'You wicked and slothful servant. You knew that I reap where I didn't sow, and gather where I didn't 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 doesn't 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 gnashing of teeth.' 31 "But when the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the holy 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 vou visited me. I was in prison and vou 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 you? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and come to vou?' 40 "The King will answer them. 'Most certainly I tell you, because 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 eternal fire which is prepared for the devil and his angels; (aionios q166) 42 for I was hungry, and you

He who received the five talents came and brought didn't give me food to eat: I was thirsty, and you gave will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." (aionios a166)

> **26** When Jesus had finished all these words, 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, the scribes, and the elders of the people were 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 his disciples saw this, they were indignant, saving, "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? She has done a good work for me. 11 For you always have the poor with you, but you don't always have me. 12 For in pouring this ointment on my body, she did it to prepare me for burial. 13 Most certainly I tell you, wherever this Good News 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 if I deliver him to you?" So 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, saying to him, "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 at hand. 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 disciples. 21 As they were eating. he said, "Most certainly I tell you that one of you will betray me." 22 They were exceedingly sorrowful, and each began to ask him, "It isn't me, is it, Lord?" 23 He answered. "He who dipped his hand with me in the dish will betray me. 24 The Son of Man goes even as it is

written of him, but woe to that man through whom the Seize him." 49 Immediately he came to Jesus, and said.

Son of Man is betrayed! It would be better for that man "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him. 50 Jesus said to if he had not been born." 25 Judas, who betrayed him, him, "Friend, why are you here?" Then they came and answered, "It isn't me, is it, Rabbi?" He said to him, laid hands on Jesus, and took him. 51 Behold, one "You said it." 26 As they were eating, Jesus took bread, of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand gave thanks for it, and broke it. He gave to the disciples and drew his sword, and struck the servant of the high and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." 27 He took the priest, and cut off his ear. 52 Then Jesus said to him, cup, gave thanks, and gave to them, saying, "All of you "Put your sword back into its place, for all those who drink it, 28 for this is my blood of the new covenant, take the sword will die by the sword. 53 Or do you think which is poured out for many for the remission of sins. that I couldn't ask my Father, and he would even now 29 But I tell you that I will not drink of this fruit of the vine send me more than twelve legions of angels? 54 How from now on, until that day when I drink it anew with you then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that it must be so?" in my Father's Kingdom." 30 When they had sung a 55 In that hour Jesus said to the multitudes, "Have you hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. 31 Then come out as against a robber with swords and clubs to Jesus said to them, "All of you will be made to stumble seize me? I sat daily in the temple teaching, and you because of me tonight, for it is written, 'I will strike the didn't arrest me. 56 But all this has happened that the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all 32 But after I am raised up, I will go before you into the disciples left him and fled. 57 Those who had taken Galilee." 33 But Peter answered him, "Even if all will be Jesus led him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where made to stumble because of you, I will never be made the scribes and the elders were gathered together. 58 to stumble." 34 Jesus said to him, "Most certainly I tell But Peter followed him from a distance to the court of you that tonight, before the rooster crows, you will deny the high priest, and entered in and sat with the officers, me three times." 35 Peter said to him, "Even if I must to see the end. 59 Now the chief priests, the elders, die with you. I will not deny you." All of the disciples and the whole council sought false testimony against also said likewise. 36 Then Jesus came with them to Jesus, that they might put him to death, 60 and they a place called Gethsemane, and said to his disciples, found none. Even though many false witnesses came "Sit here, while I go there and pray." 37 He took with forward, they found none. But at last two false witnesses him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began came forward 61 and said, "This man said, 'I am able to be sorrowful and severely troubled. 38 Then Jesus to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three said to them, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even days." 62 The high priest stood up and said to him, to death. Stay here and watch with me." 39 He went "Have you no answer? What is this that these testify forward a little, fell on his face, and prayed, saying, "My against you?" 63 But Jesus stayed silent. The high Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass away from me; priest answered him, "I adjure you by the living God that nevertheless, not what I desire, but what you desire." you tell us whether you are the Christ, the Son of God." 40 He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, 64 Jesus said to him, "You have said so. Nevertheless, I and said to Peter, "What, couldn't you watch with me tell you, after this you will see the Son of Man sitting for one hour? 41 Watch and pray, that you don't enter at the right hand of Power, and coming on the clouds into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh of the sky." 65 Then the high priest tore his clothing, is weak." 42 Again, a second time he went away and saying, "He has spoken blasphemy! Why do we need prayed, saying, "My Father, if this cup can't pass away any more witnesses? Behold, now you have heard his from me unless I drink it, your desire be done." 43 He blasphemy. 66 What do you think?" They answered, came again and found them sleeping, for their eyes "He is worthy of death!" 67 Then they spat in his face were heavy. 44 He left them again, went away, and and beat him with their fists, and some slapped him, 68 prayed a third time, saying the same words. 45 Then he saying, "Prophesy to us, you Christ! Who hit you?" 69 came to his disciples and said to them, "Are you still Now Peter was sitting outside in the court, and a maid sleeping and resting? Behold, the hour is at hand, and came to him, saying, "You were also with Jesus, the the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. 46 Galilean!" 70 But he denied it before them all, saying, "I Arise, let's be going. Behold, he who betrays me is at don't know what you are talking about." 71 When he hand." 47 While he was still speaking, behold, Judas, had gone out onto the porch, someone else saw him one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude and said to those who were there, "This man also was with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and elders with Jesus of Nazareth." 72 Again he denied it with of the people. 48 Now he who betrayed him had given an oath, "I don't know the man." 73 After a little while them a sign, saying, "Whoever I kiss, he is the one. those who stood by came and said to Peter, "Surely

you are also one of them, for your speech makes you has he done?" But they cried out exceedingly, saying, times." Then he went out and wept bitterly.

77 Now when morning had come, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death. 2 They bound him, led him away, and delivered him up to Pontius Pilate, the governor. 3 Then Judas, who betrayed him, when he saw that Jesus was condemned, felt remorse, and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, 4 saving, "I have sinned in that I betrayed innocent blood." But they said, "What is that to us? You see to it." 5 He threw down the pieces of silver in the sanctuary and departed. Then he went away and hanged himself. 6 The chief priests took the pieces of silver and said, "It's not lawful to put them into the treasury, since it is the price of blood." 7 They took counsel, and bought the potter's field with them to bury strangers in. 8 Therefore that field has been called "The Field of Blood" to this day. 9 Then that which was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled, saying, "They took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him upon whom a price had been set, whom some of the children of Israel priced, 10 and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me." 11 Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, saying, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said to him, "So you say." 12 When he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing. 13 Then Pilate said to him, "Don't you hear how many things they testify against you?" 14 He gave him no answer, not even one word, so that the governor marveled greatly. 15 Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release to the multitude one prisoner whom they desired. 16 They had then a notable prisoner called Barabbas. 17 When therefore they were gathered together, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release to you? Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" 18 For he knew that because of envy they had delivered him up. 19 While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent to him, saying, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered many things today in a dream because of him." 20 Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the multitudes to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. 21 But the governor answered them, "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?" They said, "Barabbas!" 22 Pilate said to them, "What then shall I do to Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said to him, "Let him be crucified!" 23 But the governor said, "Why? What evil

known." 74 Then he began to curse and to swear, "I "Let him be crucified!" 24 So when Pilate saw that don't know the man!" Immediately the rooster crowed. nothing was being gained, but rather that a disturbance 75 Peter remembered the word which Jesus had said to was starting, he took water and washed his hands him, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three before the multitude, saying, "I am innocent of the blood of this righteous person. You see to it." 25 All the people answered, "May his blood be on us and on our children!" 26 Then he released Barabbas to them, but Jesus he flogged and delivered to be crucified. 27 Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium, and gathered the whole garrison together against him. 28 They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him. 29 They braided a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and a reed in his right hand; and they kneeled down before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" 30 They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. 31 When they had mocked him, they took the robe off him, and put his clothes on him, and led him away to crucify him. 32 As they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name, and they compelled him to go with them, that he might carry his cross. 33 When they came to a place called "Golgotha", that is to say, "The place of a skull," 34 they gave him sour wine to drink mixed with gall. When he had tasted it, he would not drink. 35 When they had crucified him, they divided his clothing among them, casting lots. 36 and they sat and watched him there. 37 They set up over his head the accusation against him written, "THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS." 38 Then there were two robbers crucified with him, one on his right hand and one on the left. 39 Those who passed by blasphemed him, wagging their heads 40 and saving. "You who destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross!" 41 Likewise the chief priests also mocking with the scribes, the Pharisees, and the elders, said, 42 "He saved others, but he can't save himself. If he is the King of Israel, let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. 43 He trusts in God. Let God deliver him now, if he wants him; for he said. 'I am the Son of God." 44 The robbers also who were crucified with him cast on him the same reproach. 45 Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. 46 About the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lima sabachthani?" That is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" 47 Some of them who stood there, when they heard it, said, "This man is calling Elijah." 48 Immediately one of them ran and took a sponge, filled it with vinegar, put it on a reed, and gave him a drink. 49 The rest said, "Let him be. Let's see whether Elijah comes to save him." 50 Jesus cried again with a loud voice, and yielded up his spirit. 51 Behold, the

Preparation Day, the chief priests and the Pharisees the age." Amen. (aion g165) 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 at night 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 Behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from the sky and came and rolled away the stone from the door 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, "Don't 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 the Lord was lying. 7 Go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has risen from the dead, and behold, he goes before you into Galilee; there you will see him.' Behold, I have told you." 8 They departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring his disciples word. 9 As they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, "Rejoice!"

veil of the temple was torn in two from the top to the They came and took hold of his feet, and worshiped bottom. The earth guaked and the rocks were split. 52 him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, "Don't be afraid. Go The tombs were opened, and many bodies of the saints tell my brothers that they should go into Galilee, and who had fallen asleep were raised; 53 and coming out there they will see me." 11 Now while they were going, of the tombs after his resurrection, they entered into the behold, some of the guards came into the city and told holy city and appeared to many. 54 Now the centurion the chief priests all the things that had happened. 12 and those who were with him watching Jesus, when When they were assembled with the elders and had they saw the earthquake and the things that were done, taken counsel, they gave a large amount of silver to the were terrified, saying, "Truly this was the Son of God!" soldiers, 13 saying, "Say that his disciples came by night 55 Many women were there watching from afar, who had and stole him away while we slept. 14 If this comes to followed Jesus from Galilee, serving him. 56 Among the governor's ears, we will persuade him and make you them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James free of worry." 15 So they took the money and did as and Joses, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee. 57 they were told. This saying was spread abroad among When evening had come, a rich man from Arimathaea the Jews, and continues until today. 16 But the eleven named Joseph, who himself was also Jesus' disciple, disciples went into Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus came. 58 This man went to Pilate and asked for Jesus' had sent them. 17 When they saw him, they bowed body. Then Pilate commanded the body to be given up. down to him; but some doubted. 18 Jesus came to 59 Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen them and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been cloth 60 and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had given to me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go and make cut out in the rock. Then he rolled a large stone against disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the door of the tomb, and departed. 61 Mary Magdalene the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 was there, and the other Mary, sitting opposite the tomb. teaching them to observe all things that I commanded 62 Now on the next day, which was the day after the you. Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of

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1 The beginning of the Good News of Jesus Christ. the Son of God. 2 As it is written in the prophets, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you: 3 the voice of one crying in the wilderness, 'Make ready the way of the Lord! Make his paths straight!" 4 John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching the baptism of repentance for forgiveness of sins. 5 All the country of Judea and all those of Jerusalem went out to him. They were baptized by him in the Jordan river, confessing their sins. 6 John was clothed with camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist. He ate locusts and wild honey. 7 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 In those days. 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 A voice came out of the sky, "You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." 12 Immediately the Spirit drove him out into the wilderness. 13 He was there 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, preaching the Good News of God's Kingdom. 15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and God's Kingdom is at hand! Repent, and believe in the Good News." 16 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 after me, and I will make you into fishers for men." 18 Immediately they left their nets, and followed him. 19 Going on a little further from there, he saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who were also in the boat mending the nets. 20 Immediately he called them, and they left their father, Zebedee, in the boat with the hired servants, and went after him. 21 They went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath

themselves, saving, "What is this? A new teaching? For with authority he commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him!" 28 The report of him went out immediately everywhere into all the region of Galilee and its surrounding area. 29 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 wife's mother lay sick with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. 31 He came and took her by the hand and raised her up. The fever left her immediately, 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 All the city was gathered together at the door. 34 He healed many who were sick with various diseases and cast out many demons. He didn't allow the demons to speak. because they knew him. 35 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 Simon and those who were with him searched for him. 37 They found him and told him, "Everyone is looking for you." 38 He said to them, "Let's go elsewhere into the next towns, that I may preach there also, because I came out for this reason." 39 He went into their synagogues throughout all Galilee, preaching and casting out demons. 40 A leper came to him, begging him, kneeling down to him, and saving to him. "If you want to, you can make me clean." 41 Being moved with compassion, he stretched out his hand, and touched him, and said to him, "I want to, Be made clean." 42 When he had said this, immediately the leprosy departed from him and he was made clean. 43 He strictly warned him and immediately sent him out, 44 and said to him, "See that you say nothing to anybody, 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 much, and to spread about the matter, so that Jesus could no more openly enter into a city, but was outside in desert places. People came to him from everywhere.

with the hired servants, and went after him. 21 They went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath days, it was heard that he was at home. 2 Immediately many were gathered together, so that there was no were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as more room, not even around the door; and he spoke the having authority, and not as the scribes. 23 Immediately to them. 3 Four people came, carrying a paralytic there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, 24 saying, "Ha! What do we have to do with you, Jesus, you Nazarene? Have you they had broken it up, they let down the mat that the come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God!" 25 Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet, and to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven you." 6 Come out of him!" 26 The unclean spirit, convulsing But there were some of the scribes sitting there and him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. 27 reasoning in their hearts, 7 "Why does this man speak They were all amazed, so that they questioned among blasphemies like that? Who can forgive sins but God

alone?" 8 Immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that 3 He entered again into the synagogue, and there they so reasoned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you reason these things in your hearts? 9 Which is watched him, whether he would heal him on the Sabbath easier, to tell the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven;' or to day, that they might accuse him. 3 He said to the man say, 'Arise, and take up your bed, and walk'? 10 But whose hand was withered, "Stand up." 4 He said to that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on them, "Is it lawful on the Sabbath day to do good or to earth to forgive sins"—he said to the paralytic— 11 "I tell do harm? To save a life or to kill?" But they were silent. you, arise, take up your mat, and go to your house." 12 5 When he had looked around at them with anger, being He arose, and immediately took up the mat and went grieved at the hardening of their hearts, he said to the out in front of them all, so that they were all amazed and man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!" his hand was restored as healthy as the other. 6 The 13 He went out again by the seaside. All the multitude Pharisees went out, and immediately conspired with the came to him, and he taught them. 14 As he passed Herodians against him, how they might destroy him. by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax 7 Jesus withdrew to the sea with his disciples; and a office. He said to him, "Follow me." And he arose and great multitude followed him from Galilee, from Judea, 8 followed him. 15 He was reclining at the table in his from Jerusalem, from Idumaea, beyond the Jordan, and house, and many tax collectors and sinners sat down those from around Tyre and Sidon. A great multitude, with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many, and hearing what great things he did, came to him. 9 He they followed him. 16 The scribes and the Pharisees, spoke to his disciples that a little boat should stay near when they saw that he was eating with the sinners and him because of the crowd, so that they wouldn't press tax collectors, said to his disciples, "Why is it that he on him. 10 For he had healed many, so that as many When Jesus heard it, he said to them, "Those who are him. 11 The unclean spirits, whenever they saw him, fell healthy have no need for a physician, but those who down before him and cried, "You are the Son of God!" to repentance." 18 John's disciples and the Pharisees him known. 13 He went up into the mountain and called were fasting, and they came and asked him, "Why do to himself those whom he wanted, and they went to him. John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, 14 He appointed twelve, that they might be with him, and but your disciples don't fast?" 19 Jesus said to them, that he might send them out to preach 15 and to have them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them, Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter); 17 James the they can't fast. 20 But the days will come when the son of Zebedee; and John, the brother of James, (whom bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they he called Boanerges, which means, Sons of Thunder); will fast in that day. 21 No one sews a piece of unshrunk 18 Andrew; Philip; Bartholomew; Matthew; Thomas; cloth on an old garment, or else the patch shrinks and James, the son of Alphaeus; Thaddaeus; Simon the the new tears away from the old, and a worse hole is Zealot; 19 and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him. made. 22 No one puts new wine into old wineskins; or Then he came into a house. 20 The multitude came else the new wine will burst the skins, and the wine together again, so that they could not so much as eat new wine into fresh wineskins." 23 He was going on the to seize him; for they said, "He is insane." 22 The began, as they went, to pluck the ears of grain, 24 The Beelzebul," and, "By the prince of the demons he casts which is not lawful on the Sabbath day?" 25 He said to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? 24 If them, "Did you never read what David did when he had a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot need and was hungry—he, and those who were with stand. 25 If a house is divided against itself, that house him? 26 How he entered into God's house at the time cannot stand. 26 If Satan has risen up against himself, of Abiathar the high priest, and ate the show bread, and is divided, he can't stand, but has an end. 27 But which is not lawful to eat except for the priests, and no one can enter into the house of the strong man to gave also to those who were with him?" 27 He said to plunder unless he first binds the strong man; then he will them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the plunder his house. 28 "Most certainly I tell you, all sins of the Sabbath."

was a man there whose hand was withered. 2 They eats and drinks with tax collectors and sinners?" 17 as had diseases pressed on him that they might touch are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners 12 He sternly warned them that they should not make "Can the groomsmen fast while the bridegroom is with authority to heal sicknesses and to cast out demons: 16 pours out, and the skins will be destroyed; but they put bread. 21 When his friends heard it, they went out Sabbath day through the grain fields; and his disciples scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Pharisees said to him, "Behold, why do they do that out the demons." 23 He summoned them and said to Sabbath. 28 Therefore the Son of Man is lord even of the descendants of man will be forgiven, including their blasphemies with which they may blaspheme; 29 but

whoever may blaspheme against the Holy Spirit never ground are those who hear the word, accept it, and bear an unclean spirit." 31 His mother and his brothers came, to be put under a basket or under a bed? Isn't it put on multitude was sitting around him, and they told him, should be made known, neither was anything made are outside looking for you." 33 He answered them, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" 34 Looking around at those who sat around him, he said, "Behold, my mother and my brothers! 35 For whoever does the given to you who hear. 25 For whoever has, to him will of God is my brother, my sister, and mother."

▲ Again he began to teach by the seaside. A great multitude was gathered to him, so that he entered into a boat in the sea and sat down. All the multitude were on the land by the sea. 2 He taught them many things in parables, and told them in his teaching, 3 "Listen! Behold, the farmer went out to sow. 4 As he sowed, some seed fell by the road, and the birds came and devoured it. 5 Others fell on the rocky ground, where it had little soil, and immediately it sprang up. because it had no depth of soil. 6 When the sun had risen, it was scorched; and because it had no root, it withered away. 7 Others fell among the thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no fruit. 8 Others fell into the good ground and vielded fruit, growing up and increasing. Some produced thirty times, some sixty times, and some one hundred times as much." 9 He said, "Whoever has ears to hear, let him hear." 10 When he was alone, those who were around him with the twelve asked him about the parables. 11 He said to them, "To you is given the mystery of God's Kingdom, 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 again, and their sins should be forgiven them." 13 He said to them, "Don't you understand this parable? How will you understand all of the parables? 14 The farmer sows the word. 15 The ones by the road are the ones 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 These in the same way are those who are sown on the rocky places, who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with joy. 17 They have no root in themselves, but are short-lived. When oppression or persecution arises because of the word. immediately they stumble. 18 Others are those who are sown among the thorns. These are those who have heard the word, 19 and the cares of this age, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful. (aion q165) 20 Those which were sown on the good

has forgiveness, but is subject to eternal condemnation." fruit, some thirty times, some sixty times, and some one (aiōn g165, aiōnios g166) 30 —because they said. "He has hundred times." 21 He said to them, "Is a lamp brought and standing outside, they sent to him, calling him. 32 A a stand? 22 For there is nothing hidden except that it "Behold, your mother, your brothers, and your sisters secret but that it should come to light, 23 If any man has ears to hear, let him hear." 24 He said to them, "Take heed what you hear. With whatever measure you measure, it will be measured to you; and more will be more will be given; and he who doesn't have, even that which he has will be taken away from him." 26 He said, "God's Kingdom is as if a man should cast seed on the earth, 27 and should sleep and rise night and day, and the seed should spring up and grow, though he doesn't know how. 28 For the earth bears fruit by itself: first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear, 29 But when the fruit is ripe, immediately he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come." 30 He said. "How will we liken God's Kingdom? Or with what parable will we illustrate it? 31 It's like a grain of mustard seed, which, when it is sown in the earth, though it is less than all the seeds that are on the earth. 32 vet when it is sown. grows up and becomes greater than all the herbs, and puts out great branches, so that the birds of the sky can lodge under its shadow." 33 With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. 34 Without a parable he didn't speak to them: but privately to his own disciples he explained everything. 35 On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let's go over to the other side." 36 Leaving the multitude, they took him with them, even as he was, in the boat. Other small boats were also with him. 37 A big wind storm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so much that the boat was already filled. 38 He himself was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and asked him, "Teacher, don't you care that we are dying?" 39 He awoke and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" The wind ceased and there was a great calm. 40 He said to them. "Why are vou so afraid? How is it that you have no faith?" 41 They were greatly afraid and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obev him?"

5 They came to the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gadarenes. 2 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. Nobody could bind him any more, not even with chains. 4 because he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been torn apart by him, and the fetters broken in pieces. Nobody had the strength to tame him. 5 Always, night and day, in the tombs and in

with stones. 6 When he saw Jesus from afar, he ran against you, and you say, 'Who touched me?'" 32 He and bowed down to him, 7 and crying out with a loud looked around to see her who had done this thing. 33 voice, he said, "What have I to do with you, Jesus, you But the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, don't had been done to her, came and fell down before him, torment me." 8 For he said to him, "Come out of the and told him all the truth. 34 He said to her, "Daughter, man, you unclean spirit!" 9 He asked him, "What is your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be your name?" He said to him, "My name is Legion, for cured of your disease." 35 While he was still speaking, we are many." 10 He begged him much that he would people came from the synagogue ruler's house, saying, not send them away out of the country. 11 Now on the "Your daughter is dead. Why bother the Teacher any mountainside there was a great herd of pigs feeding. 12 more?" 36 But Jesus, when he heard the message All the demons begged him, saying, "Send us into the spoken, immediately said to the ruler of the synagogue, pigs, that we may enter into them." 13 At once Jesus "Don't be afraid, only believe." 37 He allowed no one to gave them permission. The unclean spirits came out and follow him except Peter, James, and John the brother of entered into the pigs. The herd of about two thousand James. 38 He came to the synagogue ruler's house, rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and they were and he saw an uproar, weeping, and great wailing. 39 drowned in the sea. 14 Those who fed the pigs fled, and When he had entered in, he said to them, "Why do you told it in the city and in the country. The people came make an uproar and weep? The child is not dead, but to see what it was that had happened. 15 They came is asleep." 40 They ridiculed him. But he, having put to Jesus, and saw him who had been possessed by them all out, took the father of the child, her mother, demons sitting, clothed, and in his right mind, even him and those who were with him, and went in where the who had the legion; and they were afraid. 16 Those child was lying. 41 Taking the child by the hand, he said who saw it declared to them what happened to him to her, "Talitha cumi!" which means, being interpreted, who was possessed by demons, and about the pigs. "Girl, I tell you, get up!" 42 Immediately the girl rose up 17 They began to beg him to depart from their region. and walked, for she was twelve years old. They were 18 As he was entering into the boat, he who had been amazed with great amazement. 43 He strictly ordered possessed by demons begged him that he might be them that no one should know this, and commanded with him. 19 He didn't allow him, but said to him, "Go to that something should be given to her to eat. your house, to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you and how he had mercy on you." 20 He went his way, and began to proclaim in Decapolis how Jesus had done great things for him, and everyone marveled. 21 When Jesus had crossed back over in the boat to the other side, a great multitude was gathered to him; and he was by the sea. 22 Behold, one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, came; and seeing him, he fell at his feet 23 and begged him much, 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 He went with him, and a great multitude followed him, and they pressed upon him on all sides. 25 A certain woman who had a discharge 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 Immediately the flow of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her affliction. 30 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 His

the mountains, he was crying out, and cutting himself disciples said to him, "You see the multitude pressing

He went out from there. He came into his own country, and his disciples followed him. 2 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 Isn't this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James, Joses, Judah, and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?" So 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 He could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. 6 He marveled because of their unbelief. He went around the villages teaching. 7 He called to himself the twelve, and began to send them out two by two; and he gave them authority over the unclean spirits. 8 He commanded them that they should take nothing for their journey, except a staff only: no bread, no wallet, no money in their purse, 9 but to wear sandals, and not put on two tunics. 10 He said to them, "Wherever you enter into a house, stay there until you depart from there. 11 Whoever will not receive you nor hear you, as you depart from there, shake off the dust that is under your feet for a testimony against

Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for late in the day, his disciples came to him and said, "This that city!" 12 They went out and preached that people place is deserted, and it is late in the day. 36 Send them should repent. 13 They cast out many demons, and away, that they may go into the surrounding country anointed many with oil who were sick and healed them. and villages and buy themselves bread, for they have 14 King Herod heard this, for his name had become nothing to eat." 37 But he answered them, "You give known, and he said, "John the Baptizer has risen from them something to eat." They asked him, "Shall we go the dead, and therefore these powers are at work in and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give him." 15 But others said, "He is Elijah." Others said, them something to eat?" 38 He said to them, "How many "He is a prophet, or like one of the prophets." 16 But loaves do you have? Go see." When they knew, they Herod, when he heard this, said, "This is John, whom I said, "Five, and two fish." 39 He commanded them that beheaded. He has risen from the dead." 17 For Herod everyone should sit down in groups on the green grass. himself had sent out and arrested John and bound him 40 They sat down in ranks, by hundreds and by fifties. in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's 41 He took the five loaves and the two fish; and looking wife, for he had married her. 18 For John had said to up to heaven, he blessed and broke the loaves, and he Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's gave to his disciples to set before them, and he divided wife." 19 Herodias set herself against him and desired the two fish among them all. 42 They all ate and were to kill him, but she couldn't, 20 for Herod feared John, filled. 43 They took up twelve baskets full of broken knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and pieces and also of the fish. 44 Those who ate the loaves kept him safe. When he heard him, he did many things, were five thousand men. 45 Immediately he made his and he heard him gladly. 21 Then a convenient day disciples get into the boat and go ahead to the other came when Herod on his birthday made a supper for his side, to Bethsaida, while he himself sent the multitude nobles, the high officers, and the chief men of Galilee. away. 46 After he had taken leave of them, he went up 22 When the daughter of Herodias herself came in and the mountain to pray. 47 When evening had come, the danced, she pleased Herod and those sitting with him. boat was in the middle of the sea, and he was alone on The king said to the young lady, "Ask me whatever you the land. 48 Seeing them distressed in rowing, for the want, and I will give it to you." 23 He swore to her, wind was contrary to them, about the fourth watch of "Whatever you ask of me, I will give you, up to half of the night he came to them, walking on the sea; and he my kingdom." 24 She went out and said to her mother, would have passed by them, 49 but they, when they "What shall I ask?" She said, "The head of John the saw him walking on the sea, supposed that it was a Baptizer." 25 She came in immediately with haste to the ghost, and cried out; 50 for they all saw him and were king and requested, "I want you to give me right now troubled. But he immediately spoke with them and said the head of John the Baptizer on a platter." 26 The king to them, "Cheer up! It is !! Don't be afraid." 51 He got was exceedingly sorry, but for the sake of his oaths and into the boat with them; and the wind ceased, and they of his dinner guests, he didn't wish to refuse her. 27 were very amazed among themselves, and marveled; Immediately the king sent out a soldier of his guard and 52 for they hadn't understood about the loaves, but commanded to bring John's head; and he went and their hearts were hardened. 53 When they had crossed beheaded him in the prison, 28 and brought his head on over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to a platter, and gave it to the young lady; and the young the shore. 54 When they had come out of the boat, lady gave it to her mother. 29 When his disciples heard immediately the people recognized him, 55 and ran this, they came and took up his corpse and laid it in a around that whole region, and began to bring those who tomb. 30 The apostles gathered themselves together were sick on their mats to where they heard he was. 56 to Jesus, and they told him all things, whatever they Wherever he entered—into villages, or into cities, or into had done, and whatever they had taught. 31 He said the country—they laid the sick in the marketplaces and to them, "Come away into a deserted place, and rest begged him that they might just touch the fringe of his awhile." For there were many coming and going, and garment; and as many as touched him were made well. they had no leisure so much as to eat. 32 They went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. 33 They saw them going, and many recognized him and ran there on foot from all the cities. They arrived before them and came together to him. 34 Jesus came out, saw a great multitude, and he had compassion on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and

them. Assuredly, I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the began to teach them many things. 35 When it was

Then the Pharisees and some of the scribes gathered together to him, having come from Jerusalem. 2 Now when they saw some of his disciples eating bread with defiled, that is unwashed, hands, they found fault. 3 (For the Pharisees and all the Jews don't eat unless they wash their hands and forearms, holding to the tradition of the elders. 4 They don't eat when they come from

there are many other things which they have received to "For this saying, go your way. The demon has gone hold to: washings of cups, pitchers, bronze vessels, and out of your daughter." 30 She went away to her house, couches.) 5 The Pharisees and the scribes asked him, and found the child having been laid on the bed, with "Why don't your disciples walk according to the tradition the demon gone out. 31 Again he departed from the of the elders, but eat their bread with unwashed hands?" borders of Tyre and Sidon, and came to the sea of 6 He answered them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you Galilee through the middle of the region of Decapolis. hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with 32 They brought to him one who was deaf and had an their lips, but their heart is far from me. 7 They worship impediment in his speech. They begged him to lay his me in vain, teaching as doctrines the commandments of hand on him. 33 He took him aside from the multitude men.' 8 "For you set aside the commandment of God, privately and put his fingers into his ears; and he spat and hold tightly to the tradition of men—the washing and touched his tongue. 34 Looking up to heaven, of pitchers and cups, and you do many other such he sighed, and said to him, "Ephphatha!" that is, "Be things." 9 He said to them, "Full well do you reject opened!" 35 Immediately his ears were opened, and the commandment of God, that you may keep your the impediment of his tongue was released, and he tradition. 10 For Moses said, 'Honor your father and spoke clearly. 36 He commanded them that they should your mother;' and, 'He who speaks evil of father or tell no one, but the more he commanded them, so mother, let him be put to death.' 11 But you say, 'If a much the more widely they proclaimed it. 37 They were man tells his father or his mother, "Whatever profit you astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all might have received from me is Corban,""" that is to say, things well. He makes even the deaf hear and the mute given to God, 12 "then you no longer allow him to do speak!" 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 He called all the multitude to himself and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. 15 There is nothing from outside of the man that going into him can defile him; but the things which proceed out of the man are those that defile the man. 16 If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear!" 17 When he had entered into a house away from the multitude, his disciples asked him about the parable. 18 He said to them, "Are you also without understanding? Don't you perceive that whatever goes into the man from outside can't defile him, 19 because it doesn't go into his heart, but into his stomach, then into the latrine, making all foods clean?" 20 He said, "That which proceeds out of the man, that defiles the man. 21 For from within, out of the hearts of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, sexual sins, murders, thefts, 22 covetings, wickedness, deceit, lustful desires, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, and foolishness. 23 All these evil things come from within and defile the man." 24 From there he arose and went away into the borders of Tyre and Sidon. He entered into a house and didn't want anyone to know it, but he couldn't escape notice. 25 For a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit, having heard of him, came and fell down at his feet. 26 Now the woman was a Greek, a Syrophoenician by race. She begged him that he would cast the demon out of her daughter. 27 But Jesus 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, Lord. Yet even the dogs under

the marketplace unless they bathe themselves, and the table eat the children's crumbs." 29 He said to her,

8 In those days, when there was a very great multitude, and they had nothing to eat, Jesus called his disciples to himself and said to them, 2 "I have compassion on the multitude, 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, for 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 multitude 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 multitude. 7 They also 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 Those who had eaten were about four thousand. Then he sent them away. 10 Immediately he entered into the boat with his disciples and came into the region of Dalmanutha. 11 The Pharisees came out and began to question him, seeking from him a sign from heaven and testing him. 12 He sighed deeply in his spirit and said, "Why does this generation seek a sign? Most certainly I tell you, no sign will be given to this generation." 13 He left them, and again entering into the boat, departed to the other side. 14 They forgot to take bread; and they didn't have more than one loaf in the boat with them. 15 He warned them, saying, "Take heed: beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and the yeast of Herod." 16 They reasoned with one another, saying, "It's because we have no bread." 17 Jesus, perceiving it, said to them,

"Why do you reason that it's because you have no in front of them. 3 His clothing became glistening." his Father's glory with the holy angels."

• He said to them, "Most certainly I tell you, there are some standing here who will in no way taste death until they see God's Kingdom 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

bread? Don't you perceive yet or understand? Is your exceedingly white, like snow, such as no launderer on heart still hardened? 18 Having eyes, don't you see? earth can whiten them. 4 Elijah and Moses appeared Having ears, don't you hear? Don't you remember? 19 to them, and they were talking with Jesus. 5 Peter When I broke the five loaves among the five thousand, answered Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take Let's make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and up?" They told him, "Twelve." 20 "When the seven one for Elijah." 6 For he didn't know what to say, for loaves fed the four thousand, how many baskets full of they were very afraid. 7 A cloud came, overshadowing broken pieces did you take up?" They told him, "Seven." them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is 21 He asked them, "Don't you understand yet?" 22 He my beloved Son. Listen to him." 8 Suddenly looking came to Bethsaida. They brought a blind man to him around, they saw no one with them any more, except and begged him to touch him. 23 He took hold of the Jesus only. 9 As they were coming down from the blind man by the hand, and brought him out of the mountain, he commanded them that they should tell no village. When he had spat on his eyes, and laid his one what things they had seen, until after the Son of hands on him, he asked him if he saw anything. 24 He Man had risen from the dead. 10 They kept this saying looked up, and said, "I see men, but I see them like to themselves, questioning what the "rising from the walking trees." 25 Then again he laid his hands on his dead" meant. 11 They asked him, saying, "Why do the eyes. He looked intently, and was restored, and saw scribes say that Elijah must come first?" 12 He said everyone clearly. 26 He sent him away to his house, to them, "Elijah indeed comes first, and restores all saying, "Don't enter into the village, nor tell anyone in things. How is it written about the Son of Man, that he the village." 27 Jesus went out, with his disciples, into should suffer many things and be despised? 13 But I the villages of Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked tell you that Elijah has come, and they have also done his disciples, "Who do men say that I am?" 28 They to him whatever they wanted to, even as it is written told him, "John the Baptizer, and others say Elijah, but about him." 14 Coming to the disciples, he saw a great others, one of the prophets." 29 He said to them, "But multitude around them, and scribes questioning them. who do you say that I am?" Peter answered, "You are 15 Immediately all the multitude, when they saw him, the Christ." 30 He commanded them that they should tell were greatly amazed, and running to him, greeted him, no one about him. 31 He began to teach them that the 16 He asked the scribes, "What are you asking them?" Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected 17 One of the multitude answered, "Teacher, I brought to by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and you my son, who has a mute spirit; 18 and wherever it be killed, and after three days rise again. 32 He spoke seizes him, it throws him down; and he foams at the to them openly. Peter took him and began to rebuke mouth, grinds his teeth, and becomes rigid. I asked your him. 33 But he, turning around and seeing his disciples, disciples to cast it out, and they weren't able." 19 He rebuked Peter, and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For answered him, "Unbelieving generation, how long shall I you have in mind not the things of God, but the things be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him of men." 34 He called the multitude to himself with his to me." 20 They brought him to him, and when he saw disciples and said to them, "Whoever wants to come him, immediately the spirit convulsed him and he fell on after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, the ground, wallowing and foaming at the mouth. 21 He and follow me. 35 For whoever wants to save his life will asked his father, "How long has it been since this has lose it; and whoever will lose his life for my sake and been happening to him?" He said, "From childhood. the sake of the Good News will save it. 36 For what 22 Often it has cast him both into the fire and into the does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit water to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have his life? 37 For what will a man give in exchange for his compassion on us and help us." 23 Jesus said to him, life? 38 For whoever will be ashamed of me and of my "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son believes." 24 Immediately the father of the child cried of Man also will be ashamed of him when he comes in out with tears, "I believe. Help my unbelief!" 25 When Jesus saw that a multitude came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to him, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again!" 26 After crying out and convulsing him 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 When he had come into the house, his 10 He arose from there and came into the borders disciples asked him privately, "Why couldn't we cast it out?" 29 He said to them, "This kind can come out by together to him again. As he usually did, he was again nothing but by prayer and fasting." 30 They went out teaching them. 2 Pharisees came to him testing him, from there and passed through Galilee. He didn't want and asked him, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his anyone to know it, 31 for he was teaching his disciples, wife?" 3 He answered, "What did Moses command and said to them, "The Son of Man is being handed over you?" 4 They said, "Moses allowed a certificate of to the hands of men, and they will kill him; and when divorce to be written, and to divorce her." 5 But Jesus he is killed, on the third day he will rise again." 32 But said to them, "For your hardness of heart, he wrote you they didn't understand the saying, and were afraid to this commandment. 6 But from the beginning of the ask him. 33 He came to Capernaum, and when he was creation, God made them male and female. 7 For this in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing cause a man will leave his father and mother, and will among yourselves on the way?" 34 But they were silent, join to his wife, 8 and the two will become one flesh, for they had disputed with one another on the way about so that they are no longer two, but one flesh. 9 What who was the greatest. 35 He sat down and called the therefore God has joined together, let no man separate." twelve; and he said to them, "If any man wants to be 10 In the house, his disciples asked him again about the first, he shall be last of all, and servant of all." 36 He same matter. 11 He said to them, "Whoever divorces his took a little child and set him in the middle of them. wife and marries another commits adultery against her. Taking him in his arms, he said to them, 37 "Whoever 12 If a woman herself divorces her husband and marries receives one such little child in my name receives me; another, she commits adultery." 13 They were bringing and whoever receives me, doesn't receive me, but him to him little children, that he should touch them, but the who sent me." 38 John said to him, "Teacher, we saw disciples rebuked those who were bringing them. 14 someone who doesn't follow us casting out demons in But when Jesus saw it, he was moved with indignation vour name; and we forbade him, because he doesn't and said to them, "Allow the little children to come to follow us." 39 But Jesus said, "Don't forbid him, for there me! Don't forbid them, for God's Kingdom belongs to is no one who will do a mighty work in my name and such as these. 15 Most certainly I tell you, whoever be able quickly to speak evil of me. 40 For whoever will not receive God's Kingdom like a little child, he will is not against us is on our side. 41 For whoever will in no way enter into it." 16 He took them in his arms give you a cup of water to drink in my name because and blessed them, laying his hands on them. 17 As he you are Christ's, most certainly I tell you, he will in no was going out into the way, one ran to him, knelt before way lose his reward. 42 "Whoever will cause one of him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do these little ones who believe in me to stumble, it would that I may inherit eternal life?" (aiōnios g166) 18 Jesus be better for him if he were thrown into the sea with a said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good millstone hung around his neck. 43 If your hand causes except one—God. 19 You know the commandments: you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter 'Do not murder,' 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not steal,' into life maimed, rather than having your two hands to 'Do not give false testimony,' 'Do not defraud,' 'Honor go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire, (Geenna your father and mother." 20 He said to him, "Teacher, g1067) 44 'where their worm doesn't die, and the fire is I have observed all these things from my youth." 21 not guenched.' 45 If your foot causes you to stumble, Jesus looking at him loved him, and said to him, "One cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life lame, rather thing you lack. Go, sell whatever you have and give than having your two feet to be cast into Gehenna, into to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and the fire that will never be guenched— (Geenna g1067) come, follow me, taking up the cross." 22 But his face 46 'where their worm doesn't die, and the fire is not fell at that saying, and he went away sorrowful, for he quenched.' 47 If your eye causes you to stumble, throw was one who had great possessions. 23 Jesus looked it out. It is better for you to enter into God's Kingdom around and said to his disciples, "How difficult it is for with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast those who have riches to enter into God's Kingdom!" into the Gehenna of fire, (Geenna g1067) 48 'where their 24 The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus worm doesn't die, and the fire is not quenched.' 49 For answered again, "Children, how hard it is for those who everyone will be salted with fire, and every sacrifice will trust in riches to enter into God's Kingdom! 25 It is be seasoned with salt. 50 Salt is good, but if the salt easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye than has lost its saltiness, with what will you season it? Have for a rich man to enter into God's Kingdom." 26 They salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another." were exceedingly astonished, saying to him, "Then who

of Judea and beyond the Jordan. Multitudes came can be saved?" 27 Jesus, looking at them, said, "With

are possible with God." 28 Peter began to tell him, you!" 50 He, casting away his cloak, sprang up, and "Behold, we have left all and have followed you." 29 came to Jesus. 51 Jesus asked him, "What do you want Jesus said, "Most certainly I tell you, there is no one me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "Rabboni, who has left house, or brothers, or sisters, or father, or that I may see again." 52 Jesus said to him, "Go your mother, or wife, or children, or land, for my sake, and for way. Your faith has made you well." Immediately he the sake of the Good News. 30 but he will receive one received his sight and followed Jesus on the way. hundred times more now in this time: houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and land, with persecutions; and in the age to come eternal 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 "Behold, 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 the Gentiles. 34 They will mock him, spit on him, scourge him, and kill him. On the third day he will rise again." 35 James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came near to him, saying, "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 don't know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" 39 They said to him, "We are able." Jesus said to them, "You shall indeed drink the cup that I drink, and you shall 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 toward 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 shall not be so among you, but whoever wants to become great among you shall be your servant. 44 Whoever of you wants to become first among you shall be bondservant of all. 45 For the Son of Man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." 46 They came to Jericho. As he went out from Jericho with his disciples and a great multitude, the son of Timaeus, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the road. 47 When he heard that it was Jesus the Nazarene, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, you son of David, have mercy on me!" 48 Many rebuked him, that he should be quiet, but he cried out much more, "You son of David, have mercy on me!" 49 Jesus stood still and said, "Call him." They called the blind

men it is impossible, but not with God, for all things man, saving to him, "Cheer up! Get up. He is calling

When they came near to Jerusalem, to Bethsphage 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 sat. Until him and bring him. 3 If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs him;' and immediately he will send him back here." 4 They went away, and found a young donkey 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, untying 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 were cutting down branches from the trees and spreading them on the road. 9 Those who went in front and those who followed cried out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! 10 Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" 11 Jesus 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 Jesus entered into the temple and began to throw out those who sold and those who bought in the temple, and overthrew the money changers' tables 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, saying to them, "Isn't it written, 'My house will be called a house of prayer for all the nations'? But you have made it a den of robbers!" 18 The chief priests and the scribes heard it, and sought how they might destroy him. For they feared him, because all the multitude was astonished at his teaching. 19 When evening came, he went out of the city. 20 As they passed by in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered away from the roots. 21 Peter, remembering, said to

him, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree which you cursed has Pharisees and the Herodians to him, that they might trap by what authority I do these things."

 $oldsymbol{12}$ He began to speak to them in parables. "A man planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a pit for the wine press, built a tower, rented it out to a farmer, and went into another country. 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 threw stones at him, wounded him in the head, and sent him away shamefully treated. 5 Again he sent another, and they killed him, and many others, beating some, and killing some. 6 Therefore still having one, his beloved son, he sent him last to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' 7 But those farmers said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let's 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 come and destroy the farmers, and will give the vineyard to others. 10 Haven't you even read this Scripture: 'The stone which the builders rejected was made the head of the corner. 11 This was from the Lord. It is marvelous in our eyes'?" 12 They tried to seize him, but they feared the multitude; for they perceived that he spoke the parable against them. They left him and went away. 13 They sent some of the

withered away." 22 Jesus answered them, "Have faith in him with words. 14 When they had come, they asked God. 23 For most certainly I tell you, whoever may tell him, "Teacher, we know that you are honest, and don't this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' and defer to anyone; for you aren't partial to anyone, but doesn't doubt in his heart, but believes that what he truly teach the way of God. Is it lawful to pay taxes to says is happening, he shall have whatever he says. Caesar, or not? 15 Shall we give, or shall we not give?" 24 Therefore I tell you, all things whatever you pray But he, knowing their hypocrisy, said to them, "Why do and ask for, believe that you have received them, and you test me? Bring me a denarius, that I may see it." 16 you shall have them. 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 Jesus your Father, who is in heaven, may also forgive you your answered them, "Render to Caesar the things that are transgressions. 26 But if you do not forgive, neither will Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." They your Father in heaven forgive your transgressions." 27 marveled greatly at him. 18 Some Sadducees, who They came again to Jerusalem, and as he was walking say that there is no resurrection, came to him. They in the temple, the chief priests, the scribes, and the asked him, saying, 19 "Teacher, Moses wrote to us, elders came to him, 28 and they began saying to him, 'If a man's brother dies and leaves a wife behind him, "By what authority do you do these things? Or who and leaves no children, that his brother should take his gave you this authority to do these things?" 29 Jesus wife and raise up offspring for his brother.' 20 There said to them, "I will ask you one question. Answer me, were seven brothers. The first took a wife, and dying and I will tell you by what authority I do these things. left no offspring. 21 The second took her, and died, 30 The baptism of John—was it from heaven, or from leaving no children behind him. The third likewise; 22 men? Answer me." 31 They reasoned with themselves, and the seven took her and left no children. Last of all saying, "If we should say, 'From heaven;' he will say, the woman also died. 23 In the resurrection, when they 'Why then did you not believe him?' 32 If we should say, rise, whose wife will she be of them? For the seven 'From men'"-they feared the people, for all held John had her as a wife." 24 Jesus answered them, "Isn't this to really be a prophet. 33 They answered Jesus, "We because you are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures don't know." Jesus said to them, "Neither will I tell you nor the power of God? 25 For when they will rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. 26 But about the dead, that they are raised, haven't you read in the book of Moses about the Bush, how God spoke to him, saying, 'I am the God of Abraham, 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 One of the scribes came and heard them questioning together, and knowing that he had answered them well, asked him, "Which commandment is the greatest of all?" 29 Jesus answered, "The greatest is: 'Hear, Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. 30 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment, 31 The second is like this: 'You shall 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 but he; 33 and to love him with all the heart, with all the understanding, all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbor as himself, is more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." 34 When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from God's Kingdom." No one dared ask him any question after that. 35 Jesus responded, as he taught in the temple,

"How is it that the scribes say that the Christ is the son where it ought not" (let the reader understand), "then let 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until him who is on the housetop not go down, nor enter in. I make your enemies the footstool of your feet." 37 to take anything out of his house. 16 Let him who is in Therefore David himself calls him Lord, so how can he the field not return back to take his cloak. 17 But woe to be his son?" The common people heard him gladly. 38 those who are with child and to those who nurse babies In his teaching he said to them, "Beware of the scribes," in those days! 18 Pray that your flight won't be in the who like to walk in long robes, and to get greetings in winter. 19 For in those days there will be oppression, the marketplaces, 39 and to get the best seats in the such as there has not been the like from the beginning synagogues and the best places at feasts, 40 those of the creation which God created until now, and never who devour widows' houses, and for a pretense make will be. 20 Unless the Lord had shortened the days, no long prayers. These will receive greater condemnation." flesh would have been saved; but for the sake of the 41 Jesus sat down opposite the treasury and saw how chosen ones, whom he picked out, he shortened the were rich cast in much. 42 A poor widow came and she Christ!' or, 'Look, there!' don't believe it. 22 For false cast in two small brass coins, which equal a quadrans christs and false prophets will arise and will show signs coin. 43 He called his disciples to himself and said to and wonders, that they may lead astray, if possible, even them, "Most certainly I tell you, this poor widow gave the chosen ones, 23 But you watch, "Behold, I have told more than all those who are giving into the treasury, 44 you all things beforehand. 24 But in those days, after for they all gave out of their abundance, but she, out of that oppression, the sun will be darkened, the moon will 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 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 Jesus, answering, began to tell them, "Be careful that no one leads you astray. 6 For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he!' and will lead many astray. 7 "When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, don't be troubled. For those must happen, but the end is not yet. 8 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places. There will be famines and troubles. 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, for a testimony to them. 10 The Good News must first be preached to all the nations. 11 When they lead you away and deliver you up, don't be anxious beforehand or premeditate what you will say, but say whatever will be given you in that hour. For it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. 12 "Brother will deliver up brother to death, and the father his child. Children will rise up against parents and cause

of David? 36 For David himself said in the Holy Spirit, those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, 15 and let the multitude cast money into the treasury. Many who days. 21 Then if anyone tells you, 'Look, here is the not give its light, 25 the stars will be falling from the sky, 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 ends of the earth to the ends of the sky. 28 "Now from the fig tree, learn this parable. When the branch has now become tender and produces 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 Most certainly 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 that 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 don't 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 don't know when the lord of the house is coming—whether 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 1 It was now two days before the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread, and the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might seize him by deception and kill him. 2 For they said, "Not during the them to be put to death. 13 You will be hated by all men feast, because there might be a riot among the people." for my name's sake, but he who endures to the end will 3 While he was at Bethany, in the house of Simon the be saved. 14 "But when you see the abomination of leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came having an desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing alabaster jar of ointment of pure nard—very costly. She

broke the jar and poured it over his head. 4 But there be scattered.' 28 However, after I am raised up. I will were some who were indignant among themselves, go before you into Galilee." 29 But Peter said to him, saying, "Why has this ointment been wasted? 5 For "Although all will be offended, yet I will not." 30 Jesus this might have been sold for more than three hundred said to him, "Most certainly I tell you that you today, her. 6 But Jesus said, "Leave her alone. Why do you deny me three times." 31 But he spoke all the more, "If I trouble her? She has done a good work for me. 7 For must die with you, I will not deny you." They all said the you always have the poor with you, and whenever you same thing. 32 They came to a place which was named want to, you can do them good; but you will not always Gethsemane. He said to his disciples, "Sit here while have me. 8 She has done what she could. She has I pray." 33 He took with him Peter, James, and John, anointed my body beforehand for the burying. 9 Most and began to be greatly troubled and distressed. 34 He certainly I tell you, wherever this Good News may be said to them, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even preached throughout the whole world, that which this to death. Stay here and watch." 35 He went forward woman has done will also be spoken of for a memorial a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that if it of her." 10 Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, were possible, the hour might pass away from him. went away to the chief priests, that he might deliver 36 He said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible to him to them. 11 They, when they heard it, were glad, you. Please remove this cup from me. However, not might conveniently deliver him. 12 On the first day of found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "Simon, are sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the he went away and prayed, saying the same words. 40 the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, "Where is answer him. 41 He came the third time and said to them, the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my "Sleep on now, and take your rest. It is enough. The disciples?" 15 He will himself show you a large upper hour has come. Behold, the Son of Man is betrayed into His disciples went out, and came into the city, and found he who betrays me is at hand." 43 Immediately, while he things as he had said to them, and they prepared the was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, came—and twelve. 18 As they sat and were eating, Jesus said, chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. 44 Now he who who eats with me." 19 They began to be sorrowful, and I will kiss, that is he. Seize him, and lead him away to ask him one by one, "Surely not I?" And another said, safely." 45 When he had come, immediately he came twelve, he who dips with me in the dish. 21 For the They laid their hands on him and seized him. 47 But to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It and struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his would be better for that man if he had not been born." ear. 48 Jesus answered them, "Have you come out, as 22 As they were eating. Jesus took bread, and when he against a robber, with swords and clubs to seize me? when he had given thanks, he gave to them. They all be fulfilled." 50 They all left him, and fled. 51 A certain drank of it. 24 He said to them, "This is my blood of the young man followed him, having a linen cloth thrown certainly I tell you, I will no more drink of the fruit of grabbed him, 52 but he left the linen cloth and fled from the vine until that day when I drink it anew in God's them naked. 53 They led Jesus away to the high priest. out to the Mount of Olives. 27 Jesus said to them, "All of together with him. 54 Peter had followed him from a you will be made to stumble because of me tonight, for distance, until he came into the court of the high priest.

denarii and given to the poor." So they grumbled against even this night, before the rooster crows twice, you will and promised to give him money. He sought how he what I desire, but what you desire." 37 He came and unleavened bread, when they sacrificed the Passover, you sleeping? Couldn't you watch one hour? 38 Watch his disciples asked him, "Where do you want us to go and pray, that you may not enter into temptation. The and prepare that you may eat the Passover?" 13 He spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." 39 Again city, and there a man carrying a pitcher of water will Again he returned and found them sleeping, for their meet you. Follow him, 14 and wherever he enters in, tell eyes were very heavy; and they didn't know what to room furnished and ready. Get ready for us there." 16 the hands of sinners. 42 Arise! Let's get going. Behold, Passover. 17 When it was evening he came with the with him a multitude with swords and clubs, from the "Most certainly I tell you, one of you will betray me—he betrayed him had given them a sign, saying, "Whomever "Surely not I?" 20 He answered them, "It is one of the to him and said, "Rabbi! Rabbi!" and kissed him. 46 Son of Man goes as it is written about him, but woe a certain one of those who stood by drew his sword had blessed it, he broke it and gave to them, and said, 49 I was daily with you in the temple teaching, and you "Take, eat. This is my body." 23 He took the cup, and didn't arrest me. But this is so that the Scriptures might new covenant, which is poured out for many. 25 Most around himself over his naked body. The young men Kingdom." 26 When they had sung a hymn, they went All the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes came it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will He was sitting with the officers, and warming himself

in the light of the fire. 55 Now the chief priests and want me to release to you the King of the Jews?" 10 the whole council sought witnesses against Jesus to For he perceived that for envy the chief priests had put him to death, and found none. 56 For many gave delivered him up. 11 But the chief priests stirred up the false testimony against him, and their testimony didn't multitude, that he should release Barabbas to them agree with each other. 57 Some stood up and gave false instead. 12 Pilate again asked them, "What then should testimony against him, saying, 58 "We heard him say, 'I I do to him whom you call the King of the Jews?" 13 will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in They cried out again, "Crucify him!" 14 Pilate said to three days I will build another made without hands." them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they cried out 59 Even so, their testimony didn't agree. 60 The high exceedingly, "Crucify him!" 15 Pilate, wishing to please priest stood up in the middle, and asked Jesus, "Have the multitude, released Barabbas to them, and handed you no answer? What is it which these testify against over Jesus, when he had flogged him, to be crucified. you?" 61 But he stayed quiet, and answered nothing. 16 The soldiers led him away within the court, which Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Christ, is the Praetorium; and they called together the whole the Son of the Blessed?" 62 Jesus said, "I am. You will cohort. 17 They clothed him with purple; and weaving a see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of Power, crown of thorns, they put it on him. 18 They began to and coming with the clouds of the sky." 63 The high salute him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" 19 They struck his priest tore his clothes and said, "What further need have head with a reed and spat on him, and bowing their we of witnesses? 64 You have heard the blasphemy! knees, did homage to him. 20 When they had mocked What do you think?" They all condemned him to be him, they took the purple cloak off him, and put his worthy of death. 65 Some began to spit on him, and to own garments on him. They led him out to crucify him. cover his face, and to beat him with fists, and to tell him, 21 They compelled one passing by, coming from the "Prophesy!" The officers struck him with the palms of country, Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and their hands. 66 As Peter was in the courtyard below, Rufus, to go with them that he might bear his cross. 22 one of the maids of the high priest came, 67 and seeing. They brought him to the place called Golgotha, which Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, is, being interpreted, "The place of a skull." 23 They "You were also with the Nazarene, Jesus!" 68 But he offered him wine mixed with myrrh to drink, but he didn't denied it, saving, "I neither know nor understand what take it, 24 Crucifying him, they parted his garments you are saying." He went out on the porch, and the among them, casting lots on them, what each should rooster crowed. 69 The maid saw him and began again take. 25 It was the third hour when they crucified him. to tell those who stood by, "This is one of them." 70 But 26 The superscription of his accusation was written over he again denied it. After a little while again those who him: "THE KING OF THE JEWS." 27 With him they stood by said to Peter, "You truly are one of them, for crucified two robbers, one on his right hand, and one you are a Galilean, and your speech shows it." 71 But on his left. 28 The Scripture was fulfilled which says, he began to curse and to swear, "I don't know this man "He was counted with transgressors." 29 Those who of whom you speak!" 72 The rooster crowed the second passed by blasphemed him, wagging their heads and time. Peter remembered the words that Jesus said to saying, "Ha! You who destroy the temple and build it him, "Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me in three days, 30 save yourself, and come down from three times." When he thought about that, he wept.

15 Immediately in the morning the chief priests, with the elders, scribes, and the whole council, held a consultation, bound Jesus, carried him away, and delivered him up to Pilate. 2 Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered, "So you say." 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 no further answer, so that Pilate marveled. 6 Now at the feast he used to release to them one prisoner, whomever they asked of him. 7 There was one called Barabbas, bound with his fellow insurgents, men who in the insurrection had committed murder. 8 The multitude, crying aloud, began to ask him to do as he always did for them. 9 Pilate answered them, saying, "Do you

the cross!" 31 Likewise, also the chief priests mocking among themselves with the scribes said, "He saved others. He can't save himself. 32 Let the Christ, the King of Israel, now come down from the cross, that we may see and believe him." Those who were crucified with him also insulted him. 33 When the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. 34 At the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" which is, being interpreted, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" 35 Some of those who stood by, when they heard it, said, "Behold, he is calling Elijah." 36 One ran, and filling a sponge full of vinegar, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Let him be. Let's see whether Elijah comes to take him down." 37 Jesus cried out with a loud voice, and gave up the spirit. 38 The veil

of the temple was torn in two from the top to the bottom. them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because 39 When the centurion, who stood by opposite him, saw they didn't believe those who had seen him after he that he cried out like this and breathed his last, he said, had risen. 15 He said to them, "Go into all the world "Truly this man was the Son of God!" 40 There were also and preach the Good News to the whole creation. 16 women watching from afar, among whom were both He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James the who disbelieves will be condemned. 17 These signs will less and of Joses, and Salome; 41 who, when he was in accompany those who believe: in my name they will Galilee, followed him and served him; and many other cast out demons; they will speak with new languages; women who came up with him to Jerusalem. 42 When 18 they will take up serpents; and if they drink any evening had now come, because it was the Preparation deadly thing, it will in no way hurt them; they will lay Day, that is, the day before the Sabbath, 43 Joseph hands on the sick, and they will recover." 19 So then the of Arimathaea, a prominent council member who also Lord, after he had spoken to them, was received up into himself was looking for God's Kingdom, came. He boldly heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. 20 They went in to Pilate, and asked for Jesus' body. 44 Pilate went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working was surprised to hear that he was already dead; and with them and confirming the word by the signs that summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he followed. Amen. 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 laid 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 Joses, saw where he was laid.

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, "Don't be amazed. You seek Jesus, the Nazarene, who has been crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid 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 and wept. 11 When they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they disbelieved. 12 After these things he was revealed in another form to two of them as they walked, on their way into the country. 13 They went away and told it to the rest. They didn't believe them, either, 14 Afterward he was revealed to the eleven themselves as they sat at the table; and he rebuked

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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 Zacharias, of the priestly 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 while he executed 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 The whole multitude of the 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 Zacharias was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him. 13 But the angel said to him, "Don't be afraid, Zacharias, because your request has been heard. Your wife. Elizabeth, will bear you a son, and you shall call his name 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 will drink no wine nor strong drink. 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 prepare a people prepared for the Lord," 18 Zacharias 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 Behold, you will be silent and not able to speak until the day that these things will happen, because you didn't believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their proper time." 21 The people were waiting for Zacharias, and they marveled that he delayed in the temple. 22 When he came out, he could not speak to them. They perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple. He continued making signs to them, and remained mute. 23 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, saving, 25 "Thus has the Lord done to me in the days in which he looked at me, to take away my reproach among men," 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 David's house. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 Having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, you highly favored one! The Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women!" 29 But when she saw him, she was greatly troubled at the saving, and considered what kind of salutation this might be. 30 The angel said to her, "Don't be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 Behold, you will conceive in your womb and give birth to a son, and shall name him '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 from you will be called the Son of God. 36 Behold, 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 nothing spoken by God is impossible." 38 Mary said, "Behold, the servant of the Lord: let it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her. 39 Mary grose in those days and went into the hill country with haste. into a city of Judah. 40 and entered into the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth. 41 When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, 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 behold, 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 My spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior, 48 for he has looked at the humble state of his servant. For behold, from now on, all generations will call me blessed. 49 For he who is mighty has done great things for me. Holy is his name. 50 His mercy is for generations and 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 house and family of David. 5 to enroll himself with Mary. day of his public appearance to Israel.

7 Now in those days, a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world 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 David's city, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the

given help to Israel, his servant, that he might remember who was pledged to be married to him as wife, being mercy, 55 as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and pregnant. 6 While they were there, the day had come his offspring forever." (aion g165) 56 Mary stayed with her for her to give birth. 7 She gave birth to her firstborn about three months, and then returned to her house. son. She wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in 57 Now the time that Elizabeth should give birth was a feeding trough, because there was no room for them fulfilled, and she gave birth to a son. 58 Her neighbors in the inn. 8 There were shepherds in the same country and her relatives heard that the Lord had magnified staying in the field, and keeping watch by night over his mercy toward her, and they rejoiced with her. 59 their flock. 9 Behold, an angel of the Lord stood by On the eighth day, they came to circumcise the child; them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and and they would have called him Zacharias, after the they were terrified. 10 The angel said to them, "Don't be name of his father. 60 His mother answered, "Not so; afraid, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy but he will be called John." 61 They said to her, "There which will be to all the people. 11 For there is born to is no one among your relatives who is called by this you today, in David's city, a Savior, who is Christ the name." 62 They made signs to his father, what he would Lord. 12 This is the sign to you: you will find a baby have him called. 63 He asked for a writing tablet, and wrapped in strips of cloth, lying in a feeding trough." 13 wrote, "His name is John." They all marveled. 64 His Suddenly, there was with the angel a multitude of the mouth was opened immediately and his tongue freed, heavenly army praising God and saying, 14 "Glory to and he spoke, blessing God. 65 Fear came on all who God in the highest, on earth peace, good will toward lived around them, and all these sayings were talked men." 15 When the angels went away from them into about throughout all the hill country of Judea. 66 All who the sky, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to heard them laid them up in their heart, saying, "What Bethlehem, now, and see this thing that has happened, then will this child be?" The hand of the Lord was with which the Lord has made known to us." 16 They came him. 67 His father Zacharias was filled with the Holy with haste and found both Mary and Joseph, and the Spirit, and prophesied, saying, 68 "Blessed be the Lord, baby was lying in the feeding trough. 17 When they saw the God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his it, they publicized widely the saying which was spoken people: 69 and has raised up a horn of salvation for us to them about this child. 18 All who heard it wondered at in the house of his servant David 70 (as he spoke by the things which were spoken to them by the shepherds. the mouth of his holy prophets who have been from 19 But Mary kept all these sayings, pondering them in of old), (aion g165) 71 salvation from our enemies and her heart. 20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and from the hand of all who hate us; 72 to show mercy praising God for all the things that they had heard and toward our fathers, to remember his holy covenant, 73 seen, just as it was told them. 21 When eight days were the oath which he swore to Abraham our father, 74 to fulfilled for the circumcision of the child, his name was grant to us that we, being delivered out of the hand called Jesus, which was given by the angel before he of our enemies, should serve him without fear, 75 in was conceived in the womb. 22 When the days of their holiness and righteousness before him all the days of purification according to the law of Moses were fulfilled, our life. 76 And you, child, will be called a prophet of the they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Most High; for you will go before the face of the Lord to Lord 23 (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every prepare his ways, 77 to give knowledge of salvation to male who opens the womb shall be called holy to the his people by the remission of their sins, 78 because of Lord"), 24 and to offer a sacrifice according to that which the tender mercy of our God, by which the dawn from is said in the law of the Lord, "A pair of turtledoves, or on high will visit us, 79 to shine on those who sit in two young pigeons." 25 Behold, there was a man in darkness and the shadow of death; to guide our feet Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was into the way of peace." 80 The child was growing and righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of becoming strong in spirit, and was in the desert until the 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 Christ. 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 custom of the law, 28 then he received him into his arms and blessed God, and said, 29 "Now you are releasing your servant, Master, according to your word, in peace; 30 for my eyes have seen your

salvation. 31 which you have prepared before the face came to John, the son of Zacharias, in the wilderness, 3 of all peoples; 32 a light for revelation to the nations. He came into all the region around the Jordan, preaching and the glory of your people Israel." 33 Joseph and the baptism of repentance for remission of sins. 4 As it his mother were marveling at the things which were is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, spoken concerning him. 34 Simeon blessed them, and "The voice of one crying in the wilderness, 'Make ready said to Mary, his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed the way of the Lord. Make his paths straight. 5 Every for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and for valley will be filled. Every mountain and hill will be a sign which is spoken against. 35 Yes, a sword will brought low. The crooked will become straight, and the pierce through your own soul, that the thoughts of many rough ways smooth. 6 All flesh will see God's salvation." hearts may be revealed." 36 There was one Anna, a 7 He said therefore to the multitudes who went out prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of to be baptized by him, "You offspring of vipers, who Asher (she was of a great age, having lived with a warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Therefore husband seven years from her virginity, 37 and she had produce fruits worthy of repentance, and don't begin been a widow for about eighty-four years), who didn't to say among yourselves, 'We have Abraham for our depart from the temple, worshiping with fastings and father;' for I tell you that God is able to raise up children petitions night and day. 38 Coming up at that very hour, to Abraham from these stones! 9 Even now the ax also she gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of him to all lies at the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that those who were looking for redemption in Jerusalem. doesn't produce good fruit is cut down and thrown into 39 When they had accomplished all things that were the fire." 10 The multitudes asked him, "What then must according to the law of the Lord, they returned into we do?" 11 He answered them, "He who has two coats, Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. 40 The child was let him give to him who has none. He who has food, growing, and was becoming strong in spirit, being filled let him do likewise." 12 Tax collectors also came to be with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him. 41 baptized, and they said to him, "Teacher, what must we His parents went every year to Jerusalem at the feast do?" 13 He said to them, "Collect no more than that of the Passover. 42 When he was twelve years old, which is appointed to you." 14 Soldiers also asked him, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of saying, "What about us? What must we do?" He said to the feast; 43 and when they had fulfilled the days, as them, "Extort from no one by violence, neither accuse they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in anyone wrongfully. Be content with your wages." 15 As Jerusalem. Joseph and his mother didn't know it, 44 but the people were in expectation, and all men reasoned in supposing him to be in the company, they went a day's their hearts concerning John, whether perhaps he was and acquaintances. 45 When they didn't find him, they you with water, but he comes who is mightier than I, the returned to Jerusalem, looking for him. 46 After three strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to loosen. He will days they found him in the temple, sitting in the middle baptize you in the Holy Spirit and fire. 17 His winnowing of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly cleanse his questions. 47 All who heard him were amazed at his threshing floor, and will gather the wheat into his barn; understanding and his answers. 48 When they saw him, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." 18 they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Son, Then with many other exhortations he preached good why have you treated us this way? Behold, your father news to the people, 19 but Herod the tetrarch, being and I were anxiously looking for you." 49 He said to reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for them, "Why were you looking for me? Didn't you know all the evil things which Herod had done, 20 added this that I must be in my Father's house?" 50 They didn't also to them all, that he shut up John in prison. 21 Now understand the saying which he spoke to them. 51 And when all the people were baptized, Jesus also had been he went down with them and came to Nazareth. He was baptized and was praying. The sky was opened. 22 subject to them, and his mother kept all these sayings and the Holy Spirit descended in a bodily form like a in her heart. 52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and dove on him; and a voice came out of the sky, saying stature, and in favor with God and men.

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 Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, 2 during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God

journey; and they looked for him among their relatives the Christ, 16 John answered them all, "I indeed baptize "You are my beloved Son. In you I am well pleased." 23 Jesus himself, when he began to teach, was about thirty years old, being the son (as was supposed) of Joseph, the son of Heli, 24 the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, the son of Melchi, the son of Jannai, the son of Joseph, 25 the son of Mattathias, the son of Amos, the son of Nahum, the son of Esli, the son of Naggai, 26 the son of

Maath, the son of Mattathias, the son of Semein, the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. of God.

▲ 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. Afterward, 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, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God." 5 The devil, leading him up on a high mountain, 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 him, "Get behind me, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and you shall 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 Jesus answering, said to him, "It has been said, 'You shall not tempt 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 glorified by all. 16 He came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. He entered, as was his custom, into the

son of Joseph, the son of Judah, 27 the son of Joanan, 17 The book of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. the son of Rhesa, the son of Zerubbabel, the son of He opened the book, and found the place where it was Shealtiel, the son of Neri, 28 the son of Melchi, the son written, 18 "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he of Addi, the son of Cosam, the son of Elmodam, the son has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He of Er, 29 the son of Jose, the son of Eliezer, the son of has sent me to heal the broken hearted, to proclaim Jorim, the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, 30 the son of release to the captives, recovering of sight to the blind, Simeon, the son of Judah, the son of Joseph, the son of to deliver those who are crushed, 19 and to proclaim Jonan, the son of Eliakim, 31 the son of Melea, the son the acceptable year of the Lord." 20 He closed the of Menan, the son of Mattatha, the son of Nathan, the book, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The son of David, 32 the son of Jesse, the son of Obed, the eyes of all in the synagogue were fastened on him. 21 son of Boaz, the son of Salmon, the son of Nahshon, 33 He began to tell them, "Today, this Scripture has been the son of Amminadab, the son of Aram, the son of fulfilled in your hearing." 22 All testified about him and Hezron, the son of Perez, the son of Judah, 34 the son wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of of Jacob, the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham, the son his mouth; and they said, "Isn't this Joseph's son?" 23 of Terah, the son of Nahor, 35 the son of Serug, the son He said to them, "Doubtless you will tell me this proverb, of Reu, the son of Peleg, the son of Eber, the son of 'Physician, heal yourself! Whatever we have heard done Shelah, 36 the son of Cainan, the son of Arphaxad, the at Capernaum, do also here in your hometown." 24 He son of Shem, the son of Noah, the son of Lamech, 37 said, "Most certainly I tell you, no prophet is acceptable the son of Methuselah, the son of Enoch, the son of in his hometown. 25 But truly I tell you, there were many Jared, the son of Mahalaleel, the son of Cainan, 38 the widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the sky son of Enos, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son was shut up three years and six months, when a great 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 middle 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 cried out with a loud voice, 34 saying, "Ah! what have we to do with you, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know 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 the middle of them, 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. Simon's mother-in-law was afflicted with a great fever, and they begged him to help 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 the Lord was with him to heal them, 18 Behold, men diseases brought them to him; and he laid his hands brought a paralyzed man on a cot, and they sought to He was preaching in the synagogues of Galilee.

5 Now while the multitude pressed on him and heard the word of God, 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 multitudes 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 caught nothing; but at your word I will let down the net." 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, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, Lord." 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, "Don't be afraid. From now on you will be catching people alive." 11 When they had brought their boats to land, they left everything, and followed him. 12 While he was in one of the cities, behold, there was a man full of leprosy. When he saw Jesus, he fell on his face and begged him, saving, "Lord, if you want to, you can make me clean." 13 He stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I want to. Be made clean." Immediately the leprosy left him. 14 He commanded him to tell no one, "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 great multitudes came together to hear and to be healed by him of their infirmities. 16 But he withdrew himself into the desert and prayed. 17 On one of those days, he was teaching; and there were Pharisees and village of Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem. The power of

on every one of them, and healed them. 41 Demons bring him in to lay before Jesus. 19 Not finding a way to also came out of many, crying out and saying, "You are bring him in because of the multitude, they went up to the Christ, the Son of God!" Rebuking them, he didn't the housetop and let him down through the tiles with his allow them to speak, because they knew that he was cot into the middle before Jesus. 20 Seeing their faith, the Christ. 42 When it was day, he departed and went he said to him, "Man, your sins are forgiven you." 21 into an uninhabited place and the multitudes looked for The scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, him, and came to him, and held on to him, so that he "Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive wouldn't go away from them. 43 But he said to them, "I sins, but God alone?" 22 But Jesus, perceiving their must preach the good news of God's Kingdom to the thoughts, answered them, "Why are you reasoning so in other cities also. For this reason I have been sent." 44 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, 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 strange 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 great crowd of tax collectors and others who were reclining with them. 30 Their scribes and the Pharisees murmured against 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, "Why do John's disciples 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 puts a piece from a new garment on an old garment, or else he will tear the new, and also the piece from the new will not match the old. 37 No one puts new wine into old wine skins, 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 wine skins, and both are preserved. 39 No man having drunk old wine immediately desires new, for he says, 'The old is better."

6 Now on the second Sabbath after the first, he was going through the grain fields. His disciples plucked the heads of grain and ate, rubbing them in their hands. teachers of the law sitting by who had come out of every 2 But some of the Pharisees said to them, "Why do

you do that which is not lawful to do on the Sabbath who hear: love your enemies, do good to those who knew their thoughts; and he said to the man who had what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, the withered hand, "Rise up and stand in the middle." to receive back as much. 35 But love your enemies, good, or to do harm? To save a life, or to kill?" 10 He Most High; for he is kind toward the unthankful and evil. to Jesus. 12 In these days, he went out to the mountain you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, called the Zealot; 16 Judas the son of James; and Judas you see the speck of chaff that is in your brother's eye, his disciples, and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, by its own fruit. For people don't gather figs from thorns,

day?" 3 Jesus, answering them, said, "Haven't you read hate you, 28 bless those who curse you, and pray for what David did when he was hungry, he and those who those who mistreat you. 29 To him who strikes you on were with him, 4 how he entered into God's house, and the cheek, offer also the other; and from him who takes took and ate the show bread, and gave also to those away your cloak, don't withhold your coat also. 30 Give who were with him, which is not lawful to eat except to everyone who asks you, and don't ask him who takes for the priests alone?" 5 He said to them, "The Son away your goods to give them back again. 31 "As you of Man is lord of the Sabbath." 6 It also happened on would like people to do to you, do exactly so to them. another Sabbath that he entered into the synagogue 32 "If you love those who love you, what credit is that and taught. There was a man there, and his right hand to you? For even sinners love those who love them. was withered. 7 The scribes and the Pharisees watched 33 If you do good to those who do good to you, what him, to see whether he would heal on the Sabbath, that credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. 34 they might find an accusation against him. 8 But he If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, He arose and stood. 9 Then Jesus said to them, "I will and do good, and lend, expecting nothing back; and ask you something: Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do your reward will be great, and you will be children of the looked around at them all, and said to the man, "Stretch 36" Therefore be merciful, even as your Father is also out your hand." He did, and his hand was restored as merciful. 37 Don't judge, and you won't be judged. Don't sound as the other. 11 But they were filled with rage, condemn, and you won't be condemned. Set free, and and talked with one another about what they might do you will be set free. 38 "Give, and it will be given to to pray, and he continued all night in prayer to God. and running over, will be given to you. For with the 13 When it was day, he called his disciples, and from same measure you measure it will be measured back to them he chose twelve, whom he also named apostles: you." 39 He spoke a parable to them. "Can the blind 14 Simon, whom he also named Peter; Andrew, his guide the blind? Won't they both fall into a pit? 40 A brother; James; John; Philip; Bartholomew; 15 Matthew; disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when Thomas; James the son of Alphaeus; Simon who was he is fully trained will be like his teacher. 41 Why do Iscariot, who also became a traitor. 17 He came down but don't consider the beam that is in your own eye? with them and stood on a level place, with a crowd of 42 Or how can you tell your brother, 'Brother, let me his disciples and a great number of the people from all remove the speck of chaff that is in your eye,' when you Judea and Jerusalem and the sea coast of Tyre and yourself don't see the beam that is in your own eye? Sidon, who came to hear him and to be healed of their You hypocrite! First remove the beam from your own diseases, 18 as well as those who were troubled by eye, and then you can see clearly to remove the speck unclean spirits; and they were being healed. 19 All the of chaff that is in your brother's eye. 43 "For there is no multitude sought to touch him, for power came out of good tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten him and healed them all. 20 He lifted up his eyes to tree that produces good fruit. 44 For each tree is known for God's Kingdom is yours. 21 Blessed are you who nor do they gather grapes from a bramble bush. 45 The hunger now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings weep now, for you will laugh. 22 Blessed are you when out that which is good, and the evil man out of the evil men hate you, and when they exclude and mock you, treasure of his heart brings out that which is evil, for and throw out your name as evil, for the Son of Man's out of the abundance of the heart, his mouth speaks. sake. 23 Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for behold, 46 "Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and don't do the your reward is great in heaven, for their fathers did the things which I say? 47 Everyone who comes to me, and same thing to the prophets. 24 "But woe to you who are hears my words and does them, I will show you who he rich! For you have received your consolation. 25 Woe to is like. 48 He is like a man building a house, who dug you, you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe and went deep and laid a foundation on the rock. When to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep. 26 a flood arose, the stream broke against that house, and Woe, when men speak well of you, for their fathers did could not shake it, because it was founded on the rock. the same thing to the false prophets. 27 "But I tell you 49 But he who hears and doesn't do, is like a man who

built a house on the earth without a foundation, against are raised up, and the poor have good news preached ruin of that house was great."

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 at the point of death. 3 When he heard about Jesus, he sent to him elders of the Jews, asking him to come and save his servant. 4 When they came to Jesus, they begged him earnestly, saying, "He is worthy for you to do this for him, 5 for he loves our nation, and he built our synagogue for us." 6 Jesus went with them. When he was now not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to him, saying to him, "Lord, don't trouble yourself, for I am not worthy for you to come under my roof. 7 Therefore I didn't even think myself worthy to come to you; but say the word, and my servant will be healed. 8 For I also am a man placed under authority, having under myself soldiers. I tell this one, 'Go!' and he goes; and to another, 'Come!' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." 9 When Jesus heard these things, he marveled at him, and turned and said to the multitude who followed him, "I tell you, I have not found such great faith, no, not in Israel." 10 Those who were sent, returning to the house, found that the servant who had been sick was well. 11 Soon afterwards, he went to a city called Nain. Many of his disciples, along with a great multitude, went with him. 12 Now when he came near to the gate of the city, behold, one who was dead was carried out, the only born son of his mother, and she was a widow. Many people of the city were with her. 13 When the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Don't cry." 14 He came near and touched the coffin, and the bearers stood still. He said, "Young man, I tell you, arise!" 15 He who was dead sat up and began to speak. Then he gave him to his mother. 16 Fear took hold of all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and, "God has visited his people!" 17 This report went out concerning him in the whole of Judea and in all the surrounding region. 18 The disciples of John told him about all these things. 19 John, calling to himself two of his disciples, sent them to Jesus, saying, "Are you the one who is coming, or should we look for another?" 20 When the men had come to him, they said, "John the Baptizer has sent us to you, saying, 'Are you he who comes, or should we look for another?" 21 In that hour he cured many of diseases and plagues and evil spirits; and to many who were blind he gave sight. 22 Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John the things which you have seen and heard: that the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead

which the stream broke, and immediately it fell; and the to them. 23 Blessed is he who finds no occasion for stumbling in me." 24 When John's messengers had departed, he began to tell the multitudes about John, "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? 25 But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft clothing? Behold, those who are gorgeously dressed and live delicately are in kings' courts. 26 But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet. 27 This is he of whom it is written, 'Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.' 28 "For I tell you, among those who are born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptizer; yet he who is least in God's Kingdom is greater than he." 29 When all the people and the tax collectors heard this, they declared God to be just, having been baptized with John's baptism. 30 But the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected the counsel of God, not being baptized by him themselves. 31 "To what then should I compare the people of this generation? What are they like? 32 They are like children who sit in the marketplace and call to one another, saying, 'We piped to you, and you didn't dance. We mourned, and you didn't weep.' 33 For John the Baptizer came neither eating bread nor drinking wine, and you say, 'He has a demon.' 34 The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, 'Behold, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' 35 Wisdom is justified by all her children." 36 One of the Pharisees invited him to eat with him. He entered into the Pharisee's house and sat at the table. 37 Behold, a woman in the city who was a sinner, when she knew that he was reclining in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. 38 Standing behind at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears, and she wiped them with the hair of her head, kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment. 39 Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "This man, if he were a prophet, would have perceived who and what kind of woman this is who touches him, that she is a sinner." 40 Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you." He said, "Teacher, say on." 41 "A certain lender had two debtors. The one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. 42 When they couldn't pay, he forgave them both. Which of them therefore will love him most?" 43 Simon answered, "He, I suppose, to whom he forgave the most." He said to him, "You have judged correctly." 44 Turning to the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered into your house, and you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head. 45

You gave me no kiss, but she, since the time I came in. For whoever has, to him will be given; and whoever faith has saved you. Go in peace."

R Soon afterwards, he went about through cities and villages, preaching and bringing the good news of God's Kingdom. 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 Chuzas, Herod's steward; Susanna; and many others who served them from their possessions. 4 When a great multitude 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 produced one hundred times as much fruit." 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 God's Kingdom, but to the rest it is given 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. They believe for a while, then fall away in time of temptation. 14 What 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 they bring no fruit to maturity. 15 Those in the good ground, these are those who with an honest and good heart, having heard the word, hold it tightly, and produce fruit with perseverance. 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 Be careful therefore how you hear.

has not ceased to kiss my feet. 46 You didn't anoint doesn't have, from him will be taken away even that my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with which he thinks he has." 19 His mother and brothers ointment. 47 Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are came to him, and they could not come near him for the many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But one to crowd. 20 Some people told him, "Your mother and your whom little is forgiven, loves little." 48 He said to her, brothers stand outside, desiring to see you." 21 But "Your sins are forgiven." 49 Those who sat at the table he answered them, "My mother and my brothers are with him began to say to themselves, "Who is this who these who hear the word of God and do it." 22 Now even forgives sins?" 50 He said to the woman, "Your on one of those days, he entered into a boat, himself and his disciples, and he said to them, "Let's 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 They came to him and awoke him, saying, "Master, Master, we are dying!" He awoke and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water; then they ceased, and it was calm. 25 He said to them, "Where is your faith?" Being afraid, they marveled, saying to one another, "Who is this then, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?" 26 Then they arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. 27 When Jesus stepped ashore, a certain man out of the city who had demons for a long time met him. He wore no clothes, and didn't live in a house, but in the tombs. 28 When he saw Jesus, he cried out 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, don't 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 bonds 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 begged 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. Then he allowed them. 33 The demons came out of 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 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 country of the Gadarenes asked him to depart from them, for they were very much afraid. Then 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, everywhere. 7 Now Herod the tetrarch heard of all that 39 "Return to your house, and declare what great things was done by him; and he was very perplexed, because God has done for you." He went his way, proclaiming it was said by some that John had risen from the dead, throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had 8 and by some that Elijah had appeared, and by others done for him. 40 When Jesus returned, the multitude that one of the old prophets had risen again. 9 Herod welcomed him, for they were all waiting for him. 41 said, "I beheaded John, but who is this about whom Behold, a man named Jairus came. He was a ruler of I hear such things?" He sought to see him. 10 The the synagogue. He fell down at Jesus' feet and begged apostles, when they had returned, told him what things him to come into his house, 42 for he had an only born they had done. He took them and withdrew apart to daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. a desert region of a city called Bethsaida. 11 But the But as he went, the multitudes pressed against him. 43 multitudes, perceiving it, followed him. He welcomed A woman who had a flow of blood for twelve years, who them, spoke to them of God's Kingdom, and he cured had spent all her living on physicians and could not be those who needed healing. 12 The day began to wear healed by any, 44 came behind him and touched the away; and the twelve came and said to him, "Send the fringe of his cloak. Immediately the flow of her blood multitude away, that they may go into the surrounding stopped. 45 Jesus said, "Who touched me?" When all villages and farms and lodge and get food, for we are denied it, Peter and those with him said, "Master, the here in a deserted place." 13 But he said to them, "You multitudes press and jostle you, and you say, "Who give them something to eat." They said, "We have no touched me?" 46 But Jesus said, "Someone did touch more than five loaves and two fish, unless we should me, for I perceived that power has gone out of me." 47 go and buy food for all these people." 14 For they When the woman saw that she was not hidden, she were about five thousand men. He said to his disciples, came trembling; and falling down before him declared to "Make them sit down in groups of about fifty each." him in the presence of all the people the reason why she 15 They did so, and made them all sit down. 16 He had touched him, and how she was healed immediately. took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up 48 He said to her, "Daughter, cheer up. Your faith has to the sky, he blessed them, broke them, and gave made you well. Go in peace." 49 While he still spoke, them to the disciples to set before the multitude. 17 one from the ruler of the synagogue's house came, They ate and were all filled. They gathered up twelve saying to him, "Your daughter is dead. Don't trouble baskets of broken pieces that were left over. 18 As he the Teacher." 50 But Jesus hearing it, answered him, was praying alone, the disciples were near him, and he "Don't be afraid. Only believe, and she will be healed." asked them, "Who do the multitudes say that I am?" 19 51 When he came to the house, he didn't allow anyone They answered, "'John the Baptizer,' but others say, to enter in, except Peter, John, James, the father of 'Elijah,' and others, that one of the old prophets has the child, and her mother. 52 All were weeping and risen again." 20 He said to them, "But who do you say mourning her, but he said, "Don't weep. She isn't dead, that I am?" Peter answered, "The Christ of God." 21 But but sleeping." 53 They were ridiculing him, knowing he warned them and commanded them to tell this to that she was dead. 54 But he put them all outside, and no one, 22 saying, "The Son of Man must suffer many taking her by the hand, he called, saying, "Child, arise!" things, and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and 55 Her spirit returned, and she rose up immediately. He scribes, and be killed, and the third day be raised up." commanded that something be given to her to eat. 56 23 He said to all, "If anyone desires to come after me, Her parents were amazed, but he commanded them to let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. tell no one what had been done.

• He called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases. 2 He sent them out to preach God's Kingdom and to heal the sick. 3 He said to them, "Take nothing for your journey—no staffs, nor wallet, nor bread, nor money. Don't have two tunics each. 4 Into whatever house you enter, stay there, and depart from there. 5 As many as don't 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 Good News and healing

24 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever will lose his life for my sake will save it. 25 For what does it profit a man 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 God's Kingdom." 28 About eight days after these sayings, 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 Behold, two men were set toward Jerusalem, 54 When his disciples, James talking with him, who were Moses and Elijah, 31 who and John, saw this, they said, "Lord, do you want us to appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which command fire to come down from the sky and destroy he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. 32 Now them, just as Elijah did?" 55 But he turned and rebuked Peter and those who were with him were heavy with them, "You don't know of what kind of spirit you are. 56 sleep, but when they were fully awake, they saw his For the Son of Man didn't come to destroy men's lives, glory, and the two men who stood with him. 33 As they but to save them." They went to another village. 57 As were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is they went on the way, a certain man said to him, "I want good for us to be here. Let's make three tents: one for to follow you wherever you go, Lord." 58 Jesus said to you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah," not knowing him, "The foxes have holes and the birds of the sky have what he said. 34 While he said these things, a cloud nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head." came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid 59 He said to another, "Follow me!" But he said, "Lord, as they entered into the cloud. 35 A voice came out of allow me first to go and bury my father." 60 But Jesus the cloud, saying, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead, but him!" 36 When the voice came, Jesus was found alone. you go and announce God's Kingdom." 61 Another also They were silent, and told no one in those days any of said, "I want to follow you, Lord, but first allow me to say the things which they had seen. 37 On the next day, good-bye to those who are at my house." 62 But Jesus when they had come down from the mountain, a great said to him, "No one, having put his hand to the plow multitude met him. 38 Behold, a man from the crowd and looking back, is fit for God's Kingdom." called out, saying, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son, for he is my only born child. 39 Behold, a spirit takes him, he suddenly 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 couldn't." 41 Jesus answered, "Faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you and bear 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, 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 didn't 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 An argument arose among them about which of them was the greatest. 47 Jesus, perceiving 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 will be great." 49 John answered, "Master, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we forbade him, because he doesn't follow with us." 50 Jesus said to him, "Don't forbid him, for he who is not against us is for us." 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 They didn't receive him, because he was traveling with his face

 ${f 10}$ Now after these things, the Lord also appointed seventy 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 ways. Behold, I send you out as lambs among wolves. 4 Carry no purse, nor wallet, nor sandals. Greet no one on the way. 5 Into whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house.' 6 If a son of peace 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. Don't 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 there and tell them, 'God's Kingdom has come near to you.' 10 But into whatever city you enter and they don't receive you, go out into its streets and say, 11 'Even the dust from your city that clings to us, we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that God's Kingdom has come near to you.' 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 You, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades. (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 returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in

fallen like lightning from heaven. 19 Behold, I give you don't you care that my sister left me to serve alone? authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over Ask her therefore to help me." 41 Jesus answered her, all the power of the enemy. Nothing will in any way hurt "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about you. 20 Nevertheless, don't rejoice in this, that the spirits many things, 42 but one thing is needed. Mary has are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are chosen the good part, which will not be taken away from written in heaven." 21 In that same hour. Jesus rejoiced her." in the Holy Spirit, and said, "I thank you, O 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 Turning to the disciples, he said, "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 didn't see them, and to hear the things which you hear, and didn't hear them." 25 Behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" (aionios g166) 26 He said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read it?" 27 He answered, "You shall 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, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. 35 On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the host, and said to him, 'Take care of him. Whatever you 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 As they went on their way, he entered into a certain village, and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house. 39 She had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard his word. 40 But Martha was distracted with

vour name!" 18 He said to them, "I saw Satan having much serving, and she came up to him, and said, "Lord,

When he finished praying in a certain place, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John also taught his disciples." 2 He said to them, "When you pray, say, 'Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy. 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 Forgive us our sins, for we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us. Bring us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one." 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, 'Don't bother me. The door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I can't 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, keep asking, and it will be given you. Keep seeking, and you will find. Keep knocking, 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 bread, will give him a stone? Or if he 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, he won't give him a scorpion. will he? 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. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke; and the multitudes marveled. 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 they will be your judges. 20 But if I by God's finger cast out demons, then God's Kingdom has come to you. 21 "When the strong man, fully armed, guards his own dwelling, his goods are safe. 22 But when someone

plunder. 23 "He who is not with me is against me. He them don't know it." 45 One of the lawyers answered spirit, when he has gone out of the man, passes through said, "Woe to you lawyers also! For you load men with will turn back to my house from which I came out.' 25 won't even lift one finger to help carry those burdens. When he returns, he finds it swept and put in order. 26 47 Woe to you! For you build the tombs of the prophets, than himself, and they enter in and dwell there. The last consent to the works of your fathers. For they killed state of that man becomes worse than the first." 27 lt them, and you build their tombs. 49 Therefore also the came to pass, as he said these things, a certain woman wisdom of God said, 'I will send to them prophets and out of the multitude lifted up her voice and said to him, apostles; and some of them they will kill and persecute, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts 50 that the blood of all the prophets, which was shed blessed are those who hear the word of God, and keep this generation, 51 from the blood of Abel to the blood it." 29 When the multitudes were gathering together of Zachariah, who perished between the altar and the seeks after a sign. No sign will be given to it but the sign generation. 52 Woe to you lawyers! For you took away of Jonah the prophet. 30 For even as Jonah became a the key of knowledge. You didn't enter in yourselves, sign to the Ninevites, so the Son of Man will also be to and those who were entering in, you hindered." 53 As he earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and behold, one in something he might say, that they might accuse him. greater than Solomon is here. 32 The men of Nineveh will stand up in the judgment with this generation, and will condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and behold, 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 evil, your body also is full of darkness. 35 Therefore see whether the light that is in you isn't 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 certain Pharisee asked him to dine with him. He went in and sat at the table. 38 When the Pharisee saw it, he marveled 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, didn't he who made the outside make the inside also? 41 But give for gifts to the needy those things which are within, and behold, 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 God's love. 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.

stronger attacks him and overcomes him, he takes from 44 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For him his whole armor in which he trusted, and divides his you are like hidden graves, and the men who walk over who doesn't gather with me scatters. 24 The unclean him, "Teacher, in saying this you insult us also." 46 He dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he says, 'I burdens that are difficult to carry, and you yourselves Then he goes and takes seven other spirits more evil and your fathers killed them. 48 So you testify and which nursed you!" 28 But he said, "On the contrary, from the foundation of the world, may be required of to him, he began to say, "This is an evil generation. It sanctuary.' Yes, I tell you, it will be required of this this generation. 31 The Queen of the South will rise up said these things to them, the scribes and the Pharisees in the judgment with the men of this generation and began to be terribly angry, and to draw many things out will condemn them, for she came from the ends of the of him, 54 lying in wait for him, and seeking to catch him

> 12 Meanwhile, when a multitude of many thousands had 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 rooms will be proclaimed on the housetops. 4 "I tell you, my friends, don't 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 Gehenna. Yes, I tell you, fear him. (Geenna g1067) 6 "Aren't 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 counted. Therefore don't be afraid. You are of more value than many sparrows. 8 "I tell you, everyone who confesses me before men, the Son of Man will also confess before the angels of God: 9 but he who denies me in the presence of men will be denied in the presence of God's angels. 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, don't 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 One of the multitude said or third watch and finds them so. 39 But know this. to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance that if the master of the house had known in what hour with me." 14 But he said to him, "Man, who made me a the thief was coming, he would have watched and not judge or an arbitrator over you?" 15 He said to them, allowed his house to be broken into. 40 Therefore be "Beware! Keep yourselves from covetousness, for a ready also, for the Son of Man is coming in an hour man's life doesn't consist of the abundance of the things that you don't expect him." 41 Peter said to him, "Lord, which he possesses." 16 He spoke a parable to them, are you telling this parable to us, or to everybody?" saying, "The ground of a certain rich man produced 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 don't have room to store my give them their portion of food at the right times? 43 crops?' 18 He said, 'This is what I will do. I will pull down Blessed is that servant whom his lord will find doing so my barns, build bigger ones, and there I will store all my when he comes. 44 Truly I tell you that he will set him grain and my goods. 19 I will tell my soul, "Soul, you over all that he has. 45 But if that servant says in his have many goods laid up for many years. Take your heart, 'My lord delays his coming,' and begins to beat ease, eat, drink, and be merry." 20 "But God said to the menservants and the maidservants, and to eat and him, 'You foolish one, tonight your soul is required of drink and to be drunken, 46 then the lord of that servant you. The things which you have prepared—whose will will come in a day when he isn't expecting him and in they be?' 21 So is he who lays up treasure for himself, an hour that he doesn't 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, don't be anxious for your life, what who knew his lord's will, and didn't prepare nor do what you will eat, nor yet for your body, what you will wear. he wanted, will be beaten with many stripes, 48 but 23 Life is more than food, and the body is more than he who didn't know, and did things worthy of stripes, clothing. 24 Consider the ravens: they don't sow, they will be beaten with few stripes. To whomever much is don't reap, they have no warehouse or barn, and God given, of him will much be required; and to whom much 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 aren't 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 don't 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 "Don't 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 mother-in-law." 54 He said to the multitudes also, "When of these things, but your Father knows that you need you see a cloud rising from the west, immediately you these things. 31 But seek God's Kingdom, and all these say, 'A shower is coming,' and so it happens. 55 When things will be added to you. 32 "Don't be afraid, little a south wind blows, you say, 'There will be a scorching flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you heat,' and it happens. 56 You hypocrites! You know how the Kingdom. 33 Sell what you have and give gifts to to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky, but the needy. Make for yourselves purses which don't grow how is it that you don't interpret this time? 57 "Why don't old, a treasure in the heavens that doesn't fail, where no you judge for yourselves what is right? 58 For when you thief approaches and no moth destroys. 34 For where are going with your adversary before the magistrate, your treasure is, there will your heart be also. 35 "Let try diligently on the way to be released from him, lest your waist be dressed and your lamps burning. 36 Be perhaps he drag you to the judge, and the judge deliver like men watching for their lord when he returns from you to the officer, and the officer throw you into prison. the wedding feast, that when he comes and knocks, 59 I tell you, you will by no means get out of there until they may immediately open to him. 37 Blessed are you have paid the very last penny." those servants whom the lord will find watching when he comes. Most certainly I tell you that he will dress himself, make them recline, and will come and serve them. 38 They will be blessed if he comes in the second

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 Jesus answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse

sinners than all the other Galileans, because they your presence, and you taught in our streets.' 27 He suffered such things? 3 I tell you, no, but unless you will say, 'I tell you, I don't know where you come from. repent, you will all perish in the same way. 4 Or those Depart from me, all you workers of iniquity.' 28 There eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see them—do you think that they were worse offenders than Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the prophets in God's all the men who dwell in Jerusalem? 5 I tell you, no, Kingdom, and yourselves being thrown outside. 29 They but, unless you repent, you will all perish in the same will come from the east, west, north, and south, and will way." 6 He spoke this parable. "A certain man had a fig sit down in God's Kingdom. 30 Behold, there are some tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit who are last who will be first, and there are some who on it and found none. 7 He said to the vine dresser, are first who will be last." 31 On that same day, some on this fig tree, and found none. Cut it down! Why does go away, for Herod wants to kill you." 32 He said to this year also, until I dig around it and fertilize it. 9 If and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third it bears fruit, fine; but if not, after that, you can cut it day I complete my mission. 33 Nevertheless I must down." 10 He was teaching in one of the synagogues go on my way today and tomorrow and the next day, on the Sabbath day. 11 Behold, there was a woman for it can't be that a prophet would perish outside of who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years. She was Jerusalem.' 34 "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kills the bent over and could in no way straighten herself up. 12 prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How When Jesus saw her, he called her and said to her, often I wanted to gather your children together, like a "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." 13 He laid hen gathers her own brood under her wings, and you his hands on her, and immediately she stood up straight refused! 35 Behold, your house is left to you desolate. I and glorified God. 14 The ruler of the synagogue, being tell you, you will not see me until you say, 'Blessed is he indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, who comes in the name of the Lord!" said to the multitude, "There are six days in which men ought to work. Therefore come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day!" 15 Therefore the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Doesn't 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 eighteen long years, be freed from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" 17 As he said these things, all his adversaries were disappointed; and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by him. 18 He said, "What is God's Kingdom like? To what shall 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 large tree, and the birds of the sky live in its branches." 20 Again he said, "To what shall I compare God's Kingdom? 21 It is like yeast, 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, Lord, open to us!' then he will answer and tell you, 'I don't know you or where you come from.' 26 Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in

'Behold, these three years I have come looking for fruit Pharisees came, saying to him, "Get out of here and it waste the soil?' 8 He answered, 'Lord, leave it alone them, "Go and tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons

> **1 \(\)** When he went into the house of one of the rulers of the Pharisees on a Sabbath to eat bread, they were watching him. 2 Behold, a certain man who had dropsy was in front of him. 3 Jesus, answering, spoke to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?" 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, wouldn't immediately pull him out on a Sabbath day?" 6 They couldn't answer him regarding these things. 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 wedding feast, don't 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, don't call your friends, nor your brothers, nor your kinsmen, nor rich neighbors, or perhaps they might also return the favor, and pay you back. 13 But when

you make a feast, ask the poor, the maimed, the lame, "Which of you men, if you had one hundred sheep and or the blind; 14 and you will be blessed, because they lost one of them, wouldn't leave the ninety-nine in the don't have the resources to repay you. For you will be wilderness and go after the one that was lost, until he repaid in the resurrection of the righteous." 15 When found it? 5 When he has found it, he carries it on his one of those who sat at the table with him heard these shoulders, rejoicing. 6 When he comes home, he calls things, he said to him, "Blessed is he who will feast in together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, God's Kingdom!" 16 But he said to him, "A certain man 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was made a great supper, and he invited many people. 17 lost!' 7 I tell you that even so there will be more joy in He sent out his servant at supper time to tell those who heaven over one sinner who repents, than over ninetywere invited, 'Come, for everything is ready now.' 18 nine righteous people who need no repentance. 8 "Or They all as one began to make excuses. "The first said what woman, if she had ten drachma coins, if she lost to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go and see it. one drachma coin, wouldn't light a lamp, sweep the Please have me excused.' 19 "Another said, 'I have house, and seek diligently until she found it? 9 When bought five yoke of oxen, and I must go try them out. she has found it, she calls together her friends and Please have me excused.' 20 "Another said, 'I have neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the married a wife, and therefore I can't come.' 21 "That drachma which I had lost!' 10 Even so, I tell you, there servant came, and told his lord these things. Then the is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, sinner repenting." 11 He said, "A certain man had two 'Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and sons. 12 The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, bring in the poor, maimed, blind, and lame.' 22 "The give me my share of your property.' So he divided his servant said, 'Lord, it is done as you commanded, and livelihood between them. 13 Not many days after, the there is still room.' 23 "The lord said to the servant, 'Go younger son gathered all of this together and traveled out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to into a far country. There he wasted his property with come in, that my house may be filled. 24 For I tell you riotous living. 14 When he had spent all of it, there arose that none of those men who were invited will taste of my a severe famine in that country, and he began to be supper. For many are called, but few are chosen." 25 in need. 15 He went and joined himself to one of the Now great multitudes were going with him. He turned citizens of that country, and he sent him into his fields to and said to them, 26 "If anyone comes to me, and feed pigs. 16 He wanted to fill his belly with the pods doesn't disregard his own father, mother, wife, children, that the pigs ate, but no one gave him any. 17 But when brothers, and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he can't he came to himself, he said, 'How many hired servants be my disciple. 27 Whoever doesn't bear his own cross of my father's have bread enough to spare, and I'm and come after me, can't be my disciple. 28 For which of dying with hunger! 18 I will get up and go to my father, you, desiring to build a tower, doesn't first sit down and and will tell him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven count the cost, to see if he has enough to complete it? and in your sight. 19 I am no more worthy to be called 29 Or perhaps, when he has laid a foundation and isn't your son. Make me as one of your hired servants." 20 able to finish, everyone who sees begins to mock him, "He arose and came to his father. But while he was 30 saying, 'This man began to build and wasn't able to still far off, his father saw him and was moved with finish.' 31 Or what king, as he goes to encounter another compassion, and ran, fell on his neck, and kissed him. king in war, will not sit down first and consider whether 21 The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes heaven and in your sight. I am no longer worthy to be against him with twenty thousand? 32 Or else, while the called your son.' 22 "But the father said to his servants, other is vet a great way off, he sends an envoy and 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on asks for conditions of peace. 33 So therefore, whoever his hand and sandals on his feet. 23 Bring the fattened of you who doesn't renounce all that he has, he can't be calf, kill it, and let's eat and celebrate; 24 for this, my my disciple. 34 "Salt is good, but if the salt becomes flat son, was dead and is alive again. He was lost and is and tasteless, with what do you season it? 35 It is fit found.' Then they began to celebrate. 25 "Now his elder neither for the soil nor for the manure pile. It is thrown son was in the field. As he came near to the house, 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

he heard music and dancing. 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 begged

him. 29 But he answered his father, 'Behold, these one tiny stroke of a pen in the law to fall. 18 "Everyone many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed a who divorces his wife and marries another commits commandment of yours, but you never gave me a goat, adultery. He who marries one who is divorced from a that I might celebrate with my friends. 30 But when husband commits adultery. 19 "Now there was a certain this your son came, who has devoured your living with rich man, and he was clothed in purple and fine linen, prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him.' 31 "He living in luxury every day. 20 A certain beggar, named said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is alive again. He was lost, and is found."

All "Everyone who divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery. He who marries one who is divorced from a husband commits adultery. 19 "Now there was a certain rich man, and he was clothed in purple and fine linen, living in luxury every day. 20 A certain beggar, named Lazarus, was taken to his gate, full of sores, 21 and desiring to be fed with the crumbs that fell from the rich man's table. Yes, even the dogs came and licked his sores. 22 The beggar died, and he was carried away

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 don't have strength to dig. I am ashamed to beg. 4 I 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 guickly 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 because he had done wisely, for the children of this world are, in their own generation, wiser than the children of the light. (aion g165) 9 I tell you, make for yourselves friends by means of unrighteous mammon, so that when you fail, they may receive you into the eternal tents. (aionios g166) 10 He who is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much. He who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in 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 aren't able to serve God and Mammon." 14 The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, also heard all these things, and they scoffed at him. 15 He said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves in the sight of men, but God knows your hearts. For that which is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God. 16 "The law and the prophets were until John. From that time the Good News of God's Kingdom is preached, and everyone is forcing his way into it. 17 But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for

sores. 22 The beggar died, and he was carried away by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. 23 In Hades, he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and saw Abraham far off, and Lazarus at his bosom. (Hades g86) 24 He cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue! 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 the same way, bad things. But here he is now 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 no one 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 don't 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 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 Be careful. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him. If he repents. forgive him. 4 If he sins against you seven times in the day, and seven times returns, saying, 'I repent,' you shall forgive him." 5 The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." 6 The Lord said, "If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you would tell this sycamore 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 Wouldn't he rather tell him, 'Prepare my supper, clothe yourself properly, and serve me while I eat and drink. Afterward you shall eat and drink'? 9 Does he thank that servant because he did the things

when you have done all the things that are commanded respect man. 3 A widow was in that city, and she often you, say, 'We are unworthy servants. We have done our came to him, saying, 'Defend me from my adversary!' 4 duty." 11 As he was on his way to Jerusalem, he was He wouldn't for a while; but afterward he said to himself, passing along the borders of Samaria and Galilee. 12 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, 5 yet As he entered into a certain village, ten men who were because this widow bothers me, I will defend her, or lepers met him, who stood at a distance. 13 They lifted else she will wear me out by her continual coming." 6 up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on The Lord said, "Listen to what the unrighteous judge us!" 14 When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and says. 7 Won't God avenge his chosen ones who are show yourselves to the priests." As they went, they were crying out to him day and night, and yet he exercises cleansed. 15 One of them, when he saw that he was patience with them? 8 I tell you that he will avenge them healed, turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice. 16 quickly. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, He fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks; and will he find faith on the earth?" 9 He also spoke this he was a Samaritan. 17 Jesus answered, "Weren't the parable to certain people who were convinced of their ten cleansed? But where are the nine? 18 Were there own righteousness, and who despised all others: 10 none found who returned to give glory to God, except "Two men went up into the temple to pray; one was this foreigner?" 19 Then he said to him, "Get up, and go a Pharisee, and the other was a tax collector. 11 The your way. Your faith has healed you." 20 Being asked Pharisee stood and prayed by himself like this: 'God, I by the Pharisees when God's Kingdom would come, thank you that I am not like the rest of men: extortionists, he answered them, "God's Kingdom doesn't come with unrighteous, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. observation; 21 neither will they say, 'Look, here!' or, 12 I fast twice a week. I give tithes of all that I get.' 13 'Look, there!' for behold, God's Kingdom is within you." But the tax collector, standing far away, wouldn't even 22 He said to the disciples, "The days will come when lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his chest, saying, you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' 14 I tell you, this and you will not see it. 23 They will tell you, 'Look, here!' man went down to his house justified rather than the or 'Look, there!' Don't go away or follow after them, 24 other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, for as the lightning, when it flashes out of one part under but he who humbles himself will be exalted." 15 They the sky, shines to another part under the sky, so will the were also bringing their babies to him, that he might Son of Man be in his day. 25 But first, he must suffer touch them. But when the disciples saw it, they rebuked many things and be rejected by this generation. 26 As it them. 16 Jesus summoned them, saying, "Allow the little was in the days of Noah, even so it will also be in the children to come to me, and don't hinder them, for God's days of the Son of Man. 27 They ate, they drank, they Kingdom belongs to such as these. 17 Most certainly, I married, and they were given in marriage until the day tell you, whoever doesn't receive God's Kingdom like a that Noah entered into the ship, and the flood came little child, he will in no way enter into it." 18 A certain and destroyed them all. 28 Likewise, even as it was ruler asked him, saying, "Good Teacher, what shall I do in the days of Lot: they ate, they drank, they bought, to inherit eternal life?" (aionios q166) 19 Jesus asked him, they sold, they planted, they built; 29 but in the day that "Why do you call me good? No one is good, except one: Lot went out from Sodom, it rained fire and sulfur from God. 20 You know the commandments: 'Don't commit the sky and destroyed them all. 30 It will be the same adultery," 'Don't murder," 'Don't steal," 'Don't give false way in the day that the Son of Man is revealed. 31 In testimony," 'Honor your father and your mother." 21 He that day, he who will be on the housetop and his goods said, "I have observed all these things from my youth in the house, let him not go down to take them away. up." 22 When Jesus heard these things, he said to Let him who is in the field likewise not turn back. 32 him, "You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and Remember Lot's wife! 33 Whoever seeks to save his life distribute it to the poor. Then you will have treasure in loses it, but whoever loses his life preserves it. 34 I tell heaven; then come, follow me." 23 But when he heard you, in that night there will be two people in one bed. these things, he became very sad, for he was very rich. One will be taken and the other will be left. 35 There will 24 Jesus, seeing that he became very sad, said, "How be two grinding grain together. One will be taken and hard it is for those who have riches to enter into God's the other will be left." 37 They, answering, asked him, Kingdom! 25 For it is easier for a camel to enter in "Where, Lord?" He said to them, "Where the body is, through a needle's eye than for a rich man to enter into there the vultures will also be gathered together."

18 He also spoke a parable to them that they must always pray and not give up, 2 saying, "There was

that were commanded? I think not. 10 Even so you also. a judge in a certain city who didn't fear God and didn't God's Kingdom." 26 Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" 27 But he said, "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God." 28

Peter said, "Look, we have left everything and followed and to return, 13 He called ten servants of his and gave you." 29 He said to them, "Most certainly I tell you, there them ten mina coins, and told them, 'Conduct business is no one who has left house, or wife, or brothers, or until I come.' 14 But his citizens hated him, and sent parents, or children, for God's Kingdom's sake, 30 who an envoy after him, saying, 'We don't want this man will not receive many times more in this time, and in the to reign over us.' 15 "When he had come back again, world to come, eternal life." (aion g165, aionios g166) 31 having received the kingdom, he commanded these He took the twelve aside and said to them, "Behold, servants, to whom he had given the money, to be called we are going up to Jerusalem, and all the things that to him, that he might know what they had gained by are written through the prophets concerning the Son of conducting business. 16 The first came before him, Man will be completed. 32 For he will be delivered up to saying, 'Lord, your mina has made ten more minas.' 17 the Gentiles, will be mocked, treated shamefully, and "He said to him, 'Well done, you good servant! Because spit on. 33 They will scourge and kill him. On the third you were found faithful with very little, you shall have day, he will rise again." 34 They understood none of authority over ten cities.' 18 "The second came, saving, these things. This saying was hidden from them, and 'Your mina, Lord, has made five minas.' 19 "So he said they didn't understand the things that were said. 35 to him, 'And you are to be over five cities.' 20 Another As he came near Jericho, a certain blind man sat by came, saying, 'Lord, behold, your mina, which I kept laid the road, begging. 36 Hearing a multitude going by, he away in a handkerchief, 21 for I feared you, because asked what this meant. 37 They told him that Jesus of you are an exacting man. You take up that which you Nazareth was passing by. 38 He cried out, "Jesus, you didn't lay down, and reap that which you didn't sow.' 22 son of David, have mercy on me!" 39 Those who led "He said to him, 'Out of your own mouth I will judge you, the way rebuked him, that he should be guiet; but he you wicked servant! You knew that I am an exacting cried out all the more, "You son of David, have mercy man, taking up that which I didn't lay down and reaping on me!" 40 Standing still, Jesus commanded him to be that which I didn't sow. 23 Then why didn't you 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 Immediately he who has the ten minas.' 25 "They said to him, 'Lord, he received his sight and followed him, glorifying God. All has ten minas!' 26 'For I tell you that to everyone who the people, when they saw it, praised God.

1 Q He entered and was passing through Jericho. 2 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 couldn't 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 going to pass that way. 5 When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and 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 When they saw it, they all murmured, saying, "He has gone in to lodge with a man who is a sinner." 8 Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, 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 near Jerusalem, and they supposed that God's Kingdom would be revealed immediately. 12 He said therefore, "A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom

has, will more be given; but from him who doesn't have, even that which he has will be taken away from him. 27 But bring those enemies of mine who didn't 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 When he came near to Bethsphage and Bethany, at the mountain that is called Olivet, he sent two of his disciples, 30 saying, "Go your way into the village on the other side, in which, as you enter, you will find a colt tied, which no man has ever sat upon. Untie it and bring it. 31 If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' say to him: '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, "The Lord needs it." 35 Then they brought it to Jesus. They threw their cloaks on the colt and sat Jesus on them. 36 As he went, they spread their cloaks on the road. 37 As he was now getting near, at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works which they had seen, 38 saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest!" 39 Some of the Pharisees from the multitude said to him,

"Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" 40 He answered them, 'The stone which the builders rejected was made the people hung on to every word that he said.

20 On one of those days, as he was teaching the people in the temple and preaching the Good News, the 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 men?" 5 They reasoned with themselves, saving, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say, 'Why didn't you believe him?' 6 But if we say, 'From men,' all the people will stone us, for they are persuaded that John was a prophet." 7 They answered that they didn't 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 into another country 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 shall I do? I will send my beloved son. It may be that seeing him, they will respect him.' 14 "But when the farmers saw him, they reasoned among themselves, saying, 'This is the heir. Come, let's kill him, that the inheritance may be ours.' 15 Then they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What therefore will the lord of the vineyard do to them? 16 He will come and destroy these farmers. and will give the vineyard to others." When they heard that, they said, "May that never be!" 17 But he looked at them and said, "Then what is this that is written,

"I tell you that if these were silent, the stones would cry chief cornerstone"? 18 Everyone who falls on that stone out." 41 When he came near, he saw the city and wept will be broken to pieces, but it will crush whomever it over it, 42 saying, "If you, even you, had known today falls on to dust." 19 The chief priests and the scribes the things which belong to your peace! But now, they sought to lay hands on him that very hour, but they are hidden from your eyes. 43 For the days will come feared the people—for they knew he had spoken this on you when your enemies will throw up a barricade parable against them. 20 They watched him and sent against you, surround you, hem you in on every side, out spies, who pretended to be righteous, that they 44 and will dash you and your children within you to the might trap him in something he said, so as to deliver ground. They will not leave in you one stone on another, him up to the power and authority of the governor. 21 because you didn't know the time of your visitation." They asked him, "Teacher, we know that you say and 45 He entered into the temple and began to drive out teach what is right, and aren't partial to anyone, but those who bought and sold in it, 46 saying to them, "It is truly teach the way of God. 22 Is it lawful for us to pay written, 'My house is a house of prayer,' but you have taxes to Caesar, or not?" 23 But he perceived their made it a 'den of robbers'!" 47 He was teaching daily in craftiness, and said to them, "Why do you test me? the temple, but the chief priests, the scribes, and the 24 Show me a denarius. Whose image and inscription leading men among the people sought to destroy him. are on it?" They answered, "Caesar's." 25 He said to 48 They couldn't find what they might do, for all the them, "Then give to Caesar the things that 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. They marveled at his answer and were 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 took her as wife, and he died childless. 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 children of this age marry and are given in marriage. (aion g165) 35 But those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. (aion g165) 36 For they can't 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, 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 didn't dare to ask him any more questions. 41 He said to them, "Why do they say that the Christ is David's son? 42 David himself says in the book of Psalms, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, 43 until I make your enemies the footstool of your feet." 44 "David therefore calls him Lord, so how is he his son?" 45 In the hearing of all the people, he said to his disciples, 46 "Beware of those scribes who like to walk in long robes. and love greetings in the marketplaces, the best seats

long prayers. These will receive greater condemnation."

71 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 small brass coins. 3 He said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow put in more than all of them, 4 for all these put in gifts for God 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 don't get led astray, for many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he,' and, 'The time is at hand.' Therefore don't follow them. 9 When you hear of wars and disturbances, don't 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. therefore in your hearts not to meditate beforehand how

in the synagogues, and the best places at feasts: 47 for the roaring of the sea and the waves: 26 men fainting who devour widows' houses, and for a pretense make for fear and for 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 God's Kingdom is near. 32 Most certainly 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 counted worthy 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.

22 Now the feast of unleavened bread, which is called the Passover, was approaching. 2 The chief 13 It will turn out as a testimony for you. 14 Settle it priests and the scribes sought how they might put him to death, for they feared the people. 3 Satan entered into to answer, 15 for I will give you a mouth and wisdom Judas, who was also called Iscariot, who was counted which all your adversaries will not be able to withstand with the twelve. 4 He went away and talked with the or to contradict. 16 You will be handed over even by chief priests and captains about how he might deliver parents, brothers, relatives, and friends. They will cause him to them. 5 They were glad, and agreed to give him some of you to be put to death. 17 You will be hated by money. 6 He consented and sought an opportunity to all men for my name's sake. 18 And not a hair of your deliver him to them in the absence of the multitude. head will perish. 19 "By your endurance you will win 7 The day of unleavened bread came, on which the your lives. 20 "But when you see Jerusalem surrounded Passover must be sacrificed. 8 Jesus sent Peter and by armies, then know that its desolation is at hand. 21 John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. we may eat." 9 They said to him, "Where do you want Let those who are in the middle of her depart. Let those us to prepare?" 10 He said to them, "Behold, when you who are in the country not enter therein. 22 For these have entered into the city, a man carrying a pitcher of are days of vengeance, that all things which are written water will meet you. Follow him into the house which he may be fulfilled. 23 Woe to those who are pregnant and enters. 11 Tell the master of the house, 'The Teacher to those who nurse infants in those days! For there will says to you, "Where is the guest room, where I may be great distress in the land and wrath to this people. eat the Passover with my disciples?" 12 He will show 24 They will fall by the edge of the sword, and will be led you a large, furnished upper room. Make preparations captive into all the nations. Jerusalem will be trampled there." 13 They went, found things as Jesus had told down by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are them, and they prepared the Passover. 14 When the fulfilled. 25 "There will be signs in the sun, moon, and hour had come, he sat down with the twelve apostles. stars; and on the earth anxiety of nations, in perplexity 15 He said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, 16 for I tell you, I

will no longer by any means eat of it until it is fulfilled me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done," 43 in God's Kingdom." 17 He received a cup, and when An angel from heaven appeared to him, strengthening he had given thanks, he said, "Take this and share it him. 44 Being in agony, he prayed more earnestly. His among yourselves, 18 for I tell you, I will not drink at all sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on again from the fruit of the vine, until God's Kingdom the ground. 45 When he rose up from his prayer, he comes." 19 He took bread, and when he had given came to the disciples and found them sleeping because thanks, he broke and gave it to them, saying, "This is of grief, 46 and said to them, "Why do you sleep? Rise my body which is given for you. Do this in memory of and pray that you may not enter into temptation." 47 me." 20 Likewise, he took the cup after supper, saying, While he was still speaking, a crowd appeared. He who "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is was called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. poured out for you. 21 But behold, the hand of him He came near to Jesus to kiss him. 48 But Jesus said who betrays me is with me on the table. 22 The Son to him, "Judas, do you betray the Son of Man with a of Man indeed goes as it has been determined, but kiss?" 49 When those who were around him saw what woe to that man through whom he is betrayed!" 23 was about to happen, they said to him, "Lord, shall we They began to guestion among themselves which of strike with the sword?" 50 A certain one of them struck them it was who would do this thing. 24 A dispute also the servant of the high priest, and cut off his right ear. arose among them, which of them was considered to 51 But Jesus answered, "Let me at least do this"—and be greatest. 25 He said to them, "The kings of the he touched his ear and healed him. 52 Jesus said to nations lord it over them, and those who have authority the chief priests, captains of the temple, and elders, over them are called 'benefactors.' 26 But not so with who had come against him, "Have you come out as you. Rather, the one who is greater among you, let him against a robber, with swords and clubs? 53 When I was become as the younger, and one who is governing, as with you in the temple daily, you didn't stretch out your one who serves. 27 For who is greater, one who sits hands against me. But this is your hour, and the power at the table, or one who serves? Isn't it he who sits at of darkness." 54 They seized him and led him away, the table? But I am among you as one who serves. 28 and brought him into the high priest's house. But Peter "But you are those who have continued with me in my followed from a distance. 55 When they had kindled a trials. 29 I confer on you a kingdom, even as my Father fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down conferred on me, 30 that you may eat and drink at my together, Peter sat among them. 56 A certain servant table in my Kingdom. You will sit on thrones, judging girl saw him as he sat in the light, and looking intently at the twelve tribes of Israel." 31 The Lord said, "Simon, him, said, "This man also was with him." 57 He denied Simon, behold, Satan asked to have all of you, that Jesus, saying, "Woman, I don't know him." 58 After a he might sift you as wheat, 32 but I prayed for you, little while someone else saw him and said, "You also that your faith wouldn't fail. You, when once you have are one of them!" But Peter answered, "Man, I am not!" turned again, establish your brothers." 33 He said to 59 After about one hour passed, another confidently him, "Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison affirmed, saying, "Truly this man also was with him, for and to death!" 34 He said, "I tell you, Peter, the rooster he is a Galilean!" 60 But Peter said, "Man, I don't know will by no means crow today until you deny that you what you are talking about!" Immediately, while he was know me three times." 35 He said to them, "When I still speaking, a rooster crowed. 61 The Lord turned sent you out without purse, bag, and sandals, did you and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the Lord's lack anything?" They said, "Nothing." 36 Then he said word, how he said to him, "Before the rooster crows you to them, "But now, whoever has a purse, let him take will deny me three times." 62 He went out, and wept it, and likewise a bag. Whoever has none, let him sell bitterly. 63 The men who held Jesus mocked him and his cloak, and buy a sword. 37 For I tell you that this beat him. 64 Having blindfolded him, they struck him on which is written must still be fulfilled in me: 'He was the face and asked him, "Prophesy! Who is the one counted with transgressors.' For that which concerns me who struck you?" 65 They spoke many other things is being fulfilled." 38 They said, "Lord, behold, here are against him, insulting him. 66 As soon as it was day, the two swords." He said to them, "That is enough." 39 He assembly of the elders of the people were gathered came out and went, as his custom was, to the Mount of together, both chief priests and scribes, and they led Olives. His disciples also followed him. 40 When he was him away into their council, saying, 67 "If you are the at the place, he said to them, "Pray that you don't enter Christ, tell us." But he said to them, "If I tell you, you into temptation." 41 He was withdrawn from them about won't believe, 68 and if I ask, you will in no way answer a stone's throw, and he knelt down and prayed, 42 me or let me go. 69 From now on, the Son of Man will saying, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from be seated at the right hand of the power of God." 70

They all said, "Are you then the Son of God?" He said grabbed one Simon of Cyrene, coming from the country, 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 perverting the nation, forbidding paying taxes to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king." 3 Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered him, "So you say." 4 Pilate said to the chief priests and the multitudes, "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 Galilee mentioned, 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 many things 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 humiliated him 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, the rulers, and the people, 14 and said to them, "You brought this man to me as one that perverts the people, and behold, having examined him before you, I found no basis for a charge against this man concerning those things of which you accuse him. 15 Neither has Herod, for I sent you to him, 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 cried 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. Their voices and the voices of the chief priests prevailed. 24 Pilate decreed that what they asked for should be done. 25 He released him who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, for whom they asked, but he delivered Jesus up to their will. 26 When they led him away, they

to them, "You say it, because I am." 71 They said, "Why and laid the cross on him to carry it after Jesus. 27 A do we need any more witness? For we ourselves have great multitude of the people followed him, including women who also mourned and lamented him. 28 But Jesus, turning to them, said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, don't weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. 29 For behold, 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 tell the mountains, 'Fall on us!' and tell 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 Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing." Dividing his garments among them, they cast lots. 35 The people stood watching. The rulers with them also scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others. Let him save himself, if this is the Christ 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 over him in letters of Greek, Latin, and Hebrew: "THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS." 39 One of the criminals who was hanged insulted him, saying, "If you are the Christ, save yourself and us!" 40 But the other answered, and rebuking him said, "Don't you 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 He said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when you come into your Kingdom." 43 Jesus said to him, "Assuredly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise." 44 It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. 45 The sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was torn in two. 46 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, saving, "Certainly this was a righteous man." 48 All the multitudes that came together to see this, when they saw the things that were done, returned home beating their chests. 49 All his acquaintances and the women who followed with him from Galilee stood at a distance, watching these things. 50 Behold, there was a man named Joseph, who was a member of the council, a good and righteous man 51 (he had not consented to their counsel and deed), from Arimathaea, a city of the Jews, who was also waiting for God's Kingdom. 52 This man went to Pilate, and asked for Jesus' body. 53 He took it down and wrapped

it in a linen cloth, and laid him in a tomb that was cut in that he was alive. 24 Some of us went to the tomb and the commandment.

21 But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they and some others 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 didn't find the Lord Jesus' body. 4 While they were greatly perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling clothing. 5 Becoming terrified, they bowed their faces down to the earth. The men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? 6 He isn't 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 They remembered his words, 9 returned from the tomb, and told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. 10 Now they were Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James. The other women with them told these things to the apostles. 11 These words seemed to them to be nonsense, and they didn't believe them. 12 But Peter got up and ran to the tomb. Stooping and looking in, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he departed to his home, wondering what had happened. 13 Behold, two of them were going that very day to a village named Emmaus, which was sixty stadia from Jerusalem. 14 They talked with each other about all of these things which had happened. 15 While they talked and questioned together, Jesus himself came near, and went with them. 16 But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. 17 He said to them, "What are you talking about as you walk, and are sad?" 18 One of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who doesn't 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, 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, and crucified him. 21 But we were hoping that it was he who would redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. 22 Also, certain women of our company amazed us, having arrived early at the tomb: 23 and when they didn't find his body, they came saying that they had also seen a vision of angels, who said

stone, where no one had ever been laid. 54 It was the found it just like the women had said, but they didn't see day of the Preparation, and the Sabbath was drawing him." 25 He said to them, "Foolish people, and slow of near. 55 The women who had come with him out of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Galilee followed after, and saw the tomb and how his Didn't the Christ have to suffer these things and to enter body was laid. 56 They returned and prepared spices into his glory?" 27 Beginning from Moses and from all and ointments. On the Sabbath they rested according to the prophets, he explained to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. 28 They came 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 When he had sat down at the table with them, he took the bread and gave thanks. Breaking it, he gave it to them. 31 Their eyes were opened and they recognized him; then he vanished out of their sight. 32 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 doesn't 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 didn't believe for joy, and wondered, he said to them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" 42 They gave him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb. 43 He took them, and ate in front of them. 44 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, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day. 47 and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning at Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 Behold, I send out the promise of my Father on you. But wait in the city of Jerusalem 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 While he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. 52 They worshiped him

and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ${\bf 53}$ and were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen.

John

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him. Without him, nothing was made that has been made. 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 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 The same came as a witness, that he might 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, and the world didn't recognize him. 11 He came to his own, and those who were his own didn't 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 The Word became flesh and lived among us. We saw his glory, such glory as of the only born Son of the Father, full of grace and truth. 15 John testified about him. He cried out, saying, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me, for he was before me." 16 From his fullness we all received grace upon grace. 17 For the law was given through Moses. Grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has seen God at any time. The only born Son, who is in the bosom of the Father. has declared him. 19 This is John's testimony, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" 20 He declared, and didn't deny, but he declared. "I am not the Christ." 21 They asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not," "Are you the prophet?" 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 The ones who had been sent were from the Pharisees. 25 They asked him. "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" 26 John answered them, "I baptize in water, but among you stands one whom you don't know. 27 He is the one who comes after me, who is preferred before me, whose sandal strap I'm not worthy to loosen." 28 These things were

'After me comes a man who is preferred before me. for he was before me.' 31 I didn't know him, but for this reason I came baptizing in water, that he would be revealed to Israel." 32 John testified, saying, "I have seen the Spirit descending like a dove out of heaven. and it remained on him. 33 I didn't recognize him, but he who sent me to baptize in water said to me. 'On whomever you will see the Spirit descending and remaining on him is he who baptizes in the Holy Spirit. 34 I have seen and have testified that this is the Son 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, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" 37 The two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. 38 Jesus turned and saw them following, and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him. "Rabbi" (which is to say, being interpreted, Teacher), "where are you staying?" 39 He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about the tenth hour. 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, being interpreted, Christ). 42 He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said. "You are Simon the son of Jonah. You shall be called Cephas" (which is by interpretation, Peter). 43 On the next day, he was determined to go out into Galilee, and he found Philip. Jesus said to him, "Follow me." 44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, 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 also the prophets, wrote: Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." 46 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, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom 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 you." 49 Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you 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 vou believe? You will see greater things than these!" 51 He said to him, "Most certainly, I tell you all, hereafter you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

after me, who is preferred before me, whose sandal strap I'm not worthy to loosen." 28 These things were Galilee. Jesus' mother was there. 2 Jesus also was done in Bethany beyond the Jordan, where John was invited, with his disciples, to the wedding. 3 When the baptizing. 29 The next day, he saw Jesus coming to wine ran out, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes no wine." 4 Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does away the sin of the world! 30 This is he of whom I said, that have to do with you and me? My hour has not yet

concerning man; for he himself knew what was in man.

3 Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. 2 He came to Jesus by 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, "Most certainly I tell you, unless one is born anew, he can't see God's Kingdom." 4 Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" 5

come." 5 His mother said to the servants. "Whatever Jesus answered. "Most certainly I tell you. unless one he says to you, do it." 6 Now there were six water is born of water and Spirit, he can't enter into God's pots of stone set there after the Jews' way of purifying, Kingdom. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh. That containing two or three metretes apiece. 7 Jesus said to which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Don't marvel that I them, "Fill the water pots with water." So they filled them said to you, 'You must be born anew.' 8 The wind blows up to the brim. 8 He said to them, "Now draw some where it wants to, and you hear its sound, but don't out, and take it to the ruler of the feast." So they took know where it comes from and where it is going. So it. 9 When the ruler of the feast tasted the water now is everyone who is born of the Spirit." 9 Nicodemus become wine, and didn't know where it came from (but answered him, "How can these things be?" 10 Jesus the servants who had drawn the water knew), the ruler answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and don't of the feast called the bridegroom 10 and said to him, understand these things? 11 Most certainly I tell you, we "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when the speak that which we know and testify of that which we quests have drunk freely, then that which is worse. You have seen, and you don't receive our witness. 12 lf l have kept the good wine until now!" 11 This beginning told you earthly things and you don't believe, how will of his signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and revealed you believe if I tell you heavenly things? 13 No one has his glory; and his disciples believed in him. 12 After ascended into heaven but he who descended out of this, he went down to Capernaum, he, and his mother, heaven, the Son of Man, who is in heaven. 14 As Moses his brothers, and his disciples; and they stayed there a lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must few days. 13 The Passover of the Jews was at hand, the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14 He found in the in him should not perish, but have eternal life. (aionios temple those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, and the g166) 16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his changers of money sitting. 15 He made a whip of cords only born Son, that whoever believes in him should not and drove all out of the temple, both the sheep and perish, but have eternal life. (aionios g166) 17 For God the oxen; and he poured out the changers' money and didn't send his Son into the world to judge the world, but overthrew their tables. 16 To those who sold the doves, that the world should be saved through him. 18 He who he said, "Take these things out of here! Don't make believes in him is not judged. He who doesn't believe my Father's house a marketplace!" 17 His disciples has been judged already, because he has not believed remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will in the name of the only born Son of God. 19 This is eat me up." 18 The Jews therefore answered him, "What the judgment, that the light has come into the world, sign do you show us, seeing that you do these things?" and men loved the darkness rather than the light, for 19 Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in their works were evil. 20 For everyone who does evil three days I will raise it up." 20 The Jews therefore said, hates the light and doesn't come to the light, lest his "It took forty-six years to build this temple! Will you raise works would be exposed. 21 But he who does the truth it up in three days?" 21 But he spoke of the temple of comes to the light, that his works may be revealed, that his body. 22 When therefore he was raised from the they have been done in God." 22 After these things, dead, his disciples remembered that he said this, and Jesus came with his disciples into the land of Judea. He they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus stayed there with them and baptized. 23 John also was had said. 23 Now when he was in Jerusalem at the baptizing in Enon near Salim, because there was much Passover, during the feast, many believed in his name, water there. They came and were baptized; 24 for John observing his signs which he did. 24 But Jesus didn't was not yet thrown into prison. 25 Therefore a dispute entrust himself to them, because he knew everyone, arose on the part of John's disciples with some Jews 25 and because he didn't need for anyone to testify about purification. 26 They came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, he who was with you beyond the Jordan, to whom you have testified, behold, he baptizes, and everyone is coming to him." 27 John answered, "A man can receive nothing unless it has been given him from heaven. 28 You yourselves testify that I said, 'I am not the Christ,' but, 'I have been sent before him.' 29 He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. Therefore my joy is made full. 30 He must increase, but I must decrease. 31 "He who comes from above is above all. He who

is from the earth belongs to the earth and speaks of know. We worship that which we know: for salvation is God remains on him." (aionios g166)

⚠ Therefore when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John 2 (although Jesus himself didn't baptize, but his disciples), 3 he left Judea and departed 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 is it that you, 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. So where do you get that living water? 12 Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from 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 eternal life." (aion g165, aionios g166) 15 The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I don't get thirsty, neither come all the way here to draw." 16 Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." 17 The woman answered, "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 mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." 21 Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither in this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. 22 You worship that which you don't

the earth. He who comes from heaven is above all. 32 from the Jews. 23 But the hour comes, and now is, when What he has seen and heard, of that he testifies; and the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and no one receives his witness. 33 He who has received truth, for the Father seeks such to be his worshipers. 24 his witness has set his seal to this, that God is true. 34 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship For he whom God has sent speaks the words of God; in spirit and truth." 25 The woman said to him, "I know for God gives the Spirit without measure. 35 The Father that Messiah is coming, he who is called Christ, When loves the Son, and has given all things into his hand. 36 he has come, he will declare to us all things." 26 Jesus One who believes in the Son has eternal life, but one said to her, "I am he, the one who speaks to you." 27 who disobeys the Son won't see life, but the wrath of Just then, his disciples came. They marveled that he was speaking with a woman; yet no one said, "What are you looking for?" or, "Why do you speak with her?" 28 So the woman left her water pot, went away into the city, and said to the people, 29 "Come, see a man who told me everything that I have done. Can this be the Christ?" 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 don't know about." 33 The disciples therefore said to one 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 Don't you say, 'There are yet four months until the harvest'? Behold, I tell you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, that they are white for harvest already. 36 He who reaps receives wages and gathers fruit to eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. (aionios q166) 37 For in this the saying is true, 'One sows, and another reaps.' 38 I sent you to reap that for which you haven't 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 have done." 40 So when the Samaritans came to him, they begged 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 Christ, the Savior of the world." 43 After the two days he went out from there and went into 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 out of Judea into Galilee, he went to him and begged him that he would come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. 48 Jesus therefore said to him, "Unless you see signs and wonders, you will in no way believe."

49 The nobleman said to him, "Sir, come down before my child dies." 50 Jesus said to him, "Go your way. he himself does. He will show him greater works than Your son lives." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he went his way. 51 As he was going down, his servants met him and reported, saying "Your child lives!" 52 So he inquired of them the hour when he began to get better. They said therefore to him, "Yesterday at the seventh hour, the fever left him." 53 All may honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. Westerday at the seventh hour, the fever left him." 54 Who doesn't honor the Son doesn't honor the Father. Who sent him. 24 "Most certainly I tell you, he who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, his whole house. 54 This is again the second sign that Jesus did, having come out of Judea into Galilee.

After these things, there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 2 Now in Jerusalem by the sheep gate, there is a pool, which is called in Hebrew, "Bethesda", having five porches. 3 In these lay a great multitude of those who were sick, blind, lame, or paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water; 4 for an angel went down at certain times into the pool and stirred up the water. Whoever stepped in first after the stirring of the water was healed of whatever disease he had. 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'm coming, another steps down before 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 that day was a Sabbath. 10 So the Jews said to him who was cured, "It is the Sabbath. It is not lawful for you to carry the mat." 11 He answered them, "He who made me well said to me, 'Take up your mat and walk." 12 Then they asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your mat and walk'?" 13 But he who was healed didn't 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, "Behold, you are made well. Sin no more, so that nothing worse happens to you." 15 The man went away, and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well. 16 For this cause the Jews persecuted Jesus and sought to kill him, because he did these things on the Sabbath. 17 But Jesus answered them. "My Father is still working, so I am working, too." 18 For this cause therefore the Jews 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, "Most certainly, I tell you, the Son can do nothing of himself, but what he sees the Father doing. For whatever things he does, these the Son also does likewise. 20 For the Father

my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and doesn't come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life. (aionios g166) 25 Most certainly I tell you, the hour comes, and now is, when the dead will hear 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 a son of man. 28 Don't marvel at this, for the hour comes in which all who 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 don't seek my own will, but the will of my Father 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 don't have his word living in you, because you don't believe him whom he sent. 39 "You search the Scriptures, because you think that in them you have eternal life; and these are they which testify about me. (aionios g166) 40 Yet you will not come to me, that you may have life. 41 I don't receive glory from men. 42 But I know you, that you don't have God's love in yourselves. 43 I have come in my Father's name, and you don't 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 don't seek the glory that comes from the only God? 45 "Don't think that I will accuse you to the Father. There is one who accuses you, even Moses, on whom you have set your hope. 46 For if you believed Moses, you would believe

me; for he wrote about me. 47 But if you don't believe to Capernaum, seeking Jesus. 25 When they found him his writings, how will you believe my words?" on the other side of the sea, they asked him, "Rabbi,

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 great multitude followed him, because they saw his 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 feast of the Jews, was at hand, 5 Jesus therefore, lifting up his eyes and seeing that a great multitude was coming to him, said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, that these may eat?" 6 He said this 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 every one 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 Jesus 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 They entered into the boat, and were going over the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not come to them. 18 The sea was tossed by a great wind blowing. 19 When therefore they had rowed about twenty-five or thirty stadia, 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. Don't 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 multitude that stood on the other side of the sea saw that there was no other boat there, except the one in which his disciples had embarked, and that Jesus hadn't entered with his disciples into the boat, but his disciples had gone away alone. 23 However, boats from Tiberias came near to the place where they ate the bread after the Lord had given thanks. 24 When the multitude therefore saw that Jesus wasn't there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and came

on the other side of the sea, they asked him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" 26 Jesus answered them, "Most certainly I tell you, you seek me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled. 27 Don't work for the food which perishes, but for the food which remains to eternal 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, "Most certainly, I tell you, it wasn't 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. Whoever comes to me will not be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. 36 But I told you that you have seen me, and yet you don't believe. 37 All those whom the Father gives me will come to me. He 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 my Father 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 the one who sent me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him should have eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day." (aionios g166) 41 The Jews therefore murmured concerning him, because he said, "I am the bread which came down out of heaven." 42 They said, "Isn't 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, "Don't murmur among yourselves. 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, 'They will all be taught by God.' Therefore everyone who hears from the Father and has learned, comes to me. 46 Not that anyone has seen the Father, except he who is from God. He has seen the Father. 47 Most certainly, I tell you, he who believes in me has eternal life. (aionios g166) 48 l 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 of it and not die. 51 I am the living bread which came down

7 After these things, Jesus was walking in Galilee, for he wouldn't walk in Judea, because the Jews sought to kill him. 2 Now the feast of the Jews, the Feast of Booths, was at hand. 3 His brothers therefore said to him, "Depart from here and go into Judea, that your disciples also may see your works which you do. 4 For no one does anything in secret while he seeks to be known openly. If you do these things, reveal yourself to the world." 5 For even his brothers didn't believe in him. 6 Jesus therefore said to them, "My time has not yet come, but your time is always ready. 7 The world can't

out of heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live hate you, but it hates me, because I testify about it, forever. Yes, the bread which I will give for the life of the that its works are evil. 8 You go up to the feast. I am world is my flesh." (aion g165) 52 The Jews therefore not yet going up to this feast, because my time is not contended with one another, saying, "How can this man yet fulfilled." 9 Having said these things to them, he give us his flesh to eat?" 53 Jesus therefore said to stayed in Galilee. 10 But when his brothers had gone up them, "Most certainly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh to the feast, then he also went up, not publicly, but as of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you don't have it were in secret. 11 The Jews 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 eternal life, and I will raise him up at the much murmuring among the multitudes concerning him. last day. (aionios g166) 55 For my flesh is food indeed, Some said, "He is a good man." Others said, "Not so, and my blood is drink indeed. 56 He who eats my flesh but he leads the multitude astray." 13 Yet no one spoke and drinks my blood lives in me, and I in him. 57 As the openly of him for fear of the Jews. 14 But when it was living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, now the middle of the feast, Jesus went up into the so he who feeds on me will also live because of me. 58 temple and taught. 15 The Jews therefore marveled, This is the bread which came down out of heaven—not saying, "How does this man know letters, having never as our fathers ate the manna and died. He who eats been educated?" 16 Jesus therefore answered them. this bread will live forever." (aion g165) 59 He said these "My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me. 17 If things in the synagogue, as he taught in Capernaum. anyone desires to do his will, he will know about the 60 Therefore many of his disciples, when they heard teaching, whether it is from God or if I am speaking this, said, "This is a hard saying! Who can listen to from myself. 18 He who speaks from himself seeks it?" 61 But Jesus knowing in himself that his disciples his own glory, but he who seeks the glory of him who murmured at this, said to them, "Does this cause you to sent him is true, and no unrighteousness is in him. 19 stumble? 62 Then what if you would see the Son of Didn't Moses give you the law, and yet none of you Man ascending to where he was before? 63 It is the keeps the law? Why do you seek to kill me?" 20 The spirit who gives life. The flesh profits nothing. The words multitude answered, "You have a demon! Who seeks that I speak to you are spirit, and are life. 64 But there to kill you?" 21 Jesus answered them, "I did one work are some of you who don't believe." For Jesus knew and you all marvel because of it. 22 Moses has given from the beginning who they were who didn't believe, you circumcision (not that it is of Moses, but of the and who it was who would betray him. 65 He said, "For fathers), and on the Sabbath you circumcise a boy. 23 If this cause I have said to you that no one can come to a boy receives circumcision on the Sabbath, that the me, unless it is given to him by my Father." 66 At this, law of Moses may not be broken, are you angry with many of his disciples went back and walked no more me because I made a man completely healthy on the with him. 67 Jesus said therefore to the twelve, "You Sabbath? 24 Don't judge according to appearance, but don't also want to go away, do you?" 68 Simon Peter judge righteous judgment." 25 Therefore some of them answered him, "Lord, to whom would we go? You have of Jerusalem said, "Isn't this he whom they seek to kill? the words of eternal life. (aionios q166) 69 We have come 26 Behold, he speaks openly, and they say nothing to to believe and know that you are the Christ, the Son him. Can it be that the rulers indeed know that this is of the living God." 70 Jesus answered them, "Didn't I truly the Christ? 27 However, we know where this man choose you, the twelve, and one of you is a devil?" 71 comes from, but when the Christ comes, no one will Now he spoke of Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, for it know where he comes from." 28 Jesus therefore cried was he who would betray him, being one of the twelve. out in the temple, teaching and saying, "You both know me, and know where I am from, I have not come of myself, but he who sent me is true, whom you don't 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 of the multitude, many believed in him. They said, "When the Christ comes, he won't do more signs than those which this man has done, will he?" 32 The Pharisees heard the multitude murmuring these things concerning him, and the chief priests and the Pharisees sent officers to arrest him. 33 Then Jesus said, "I will be with you a little while longer, then I go to

him who sent me. 34 You will seek me and won't find was, in the middle. 10 Jesus, standing up, saw her and me. You can't come where I am." 35 The Jews therefore said, "Woman, where are your accusers? Did no one said among themselves, "Where will this man go that condemn you?" 11 She said, "No one, Lord." Jesus we won't find him? Will he go to the Dispersion among said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go your way. From the Greeks and teach the Greeks? 36 What is this word now on, sin no more." 12 Again, therefore, Jesus spoke that he said, 'You will seek me, and won't find me;' and to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who "Where I am, you can't come'?" 37 Now on the last and follows me will not walk in the darkness, but will have greatest day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, the light of life." 13 The Pharisees therefore said to him, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink! 38 "You testify about yourself. Your testimony is not valid." He who believes in me, as the Scripture has said, from 14 Jesus answered them, "Even if I testify about myself, within him will flow rivers of living water." 39 But he my testimony is true, for I know where I came from, and said this about the Spirit, which those believing in him where I am going; but you don't know where I came were to receive. For the Holy Spirit was not yet given, from, or where I am going. 15 You judge according to because Jesus wasn't yet glorified. 40 Many of the the flesh. I judge no one. 16 Even if I do judge, my multitude therefore, when they heard these words, said, judgment is true, for I am not alone, but I am with the "This is truly the prophet." 41 Others said, "This is the Father who sent me. 17 It's also written in your law Christ." But some said, "What, does the Christ come out that the testimony of two people is valid. 18 I am one of Galilee? 42 Hasn't the Scripture said that the Christ who testifies about myself, and the Father who sent comes of the offspring of David, and from Bethlehem, me testifies about me." 19 They said therefore to him, the village where David was?" 43 So a division arose in "Where is your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know the multitude because of him. 44 Some of them would neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would have arrested him, but no one laid hands on him. 45 know my Father also." 20 Jesus spoke these words in The officers therefore came to the chief priests and the treasury, as he taught in the temple. Yet no one Pharisees; and they said to them, "Why didn't you bring arrested him, because his hour had not yet come. 21 him?" 46 The officers answered, "No man ever spoke Jesus said therefore again to them, "I am going away, like this man!" 47 The Pharisees therefore answered and you will seek me, and you will die in your sins. them, "You aren't also led astray, are you? 48 Have any Where I go, you can't come." 22 The Jews therefore of the rulers or any of the Pharisees believed in him? 49 said, "Will he kill himself, because he says, Where I am But this multitude that doesn't know the law is cursed." going, you can't come'?" 23 He said to them, "You are 50 Nicodemus (he who came to him by night, being one from beneath. I am from above. You are of this world. I of them) said to them, 51 "Does our law judge a man am not of this world. 24 I said therefore to you that you unless it first hears from him personally and knows what will die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am he does?" 52 They answered him, "Are you also from he, you will die in your sins." 25 They said therefore to Galilee? Search and see that no prophet has arisen out him, "Who are you?" Jesus said to them, "Just what I of Galilee." 53 Everyone went to his own house,

A 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. He sat down and taught them. 3 The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman taken in adultery. Having set her in the middle, 4 they told him, "Teacher, we found this woman in adultery, in the very act. 5 Now in our law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. What then do you say about her?" 6 They said this testing 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 wrote on the ground with his finger. 9 They, when they heard it, being convicted by their conscience, went out one by one, beginning from the oldest, even to the last. Jesus was left alone with the woman where she

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 didn't 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 my 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 Jews 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 offspring, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How do you say, 'You will be made free'?" 34 Jesus answered them, "Most certainly I tell you, everyone who commits sin is

the house forever. A son remains forever. (aion g165) 36 middle of them, and so passed by.

the bondservant of sin. 35 A bondservant doesn't live in 9 As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. 2 His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this If therefore the Son makes you free, you will be free man or his parents, that he was born blind?" 3 Jesus indeed. 37 I know that you are Abraham's offspring, yet answered, "This man didn't sin, nor did his parents, but you seek to kill me, because my word finds no place that the works of God might be revealed in him. 41 must in you. 38 I say the things which I have seen with my work the works of him who sent me while it is day. The Father; and you also do the things which you have seen night is coming, when no one can work. 5 While I am in with your father." 39 They answered him, "Our father is the world, I am the light of the world." 6 When he had Abraham." Jesus said to them, "If you were Abraham's said this, he spat on the ground, made mud with the children, you would do the works of Abraham. 40 But saliva, anointed the blind man's eyes with the mud, 7 now you seek to kill me, a man who has told you the and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which truth which I heard from God. Abraham didn't do this. means "Sent"). So he went away, washed, and came 41 You do the works of your father." They said to him, back seeing. 8 Therefore the neighbors and those who "We were not born of sexual immorality. We have one saw that he was blind before said, "Isn't this he who Father, God." 42 Therefore Jesus said to them, "If God sat and begged?" 9 Others were saying, "It is he." Still were your father, you would love me, for I came out and others were saying, "He looks like him." He said, "I am have come from God. For I haven't come of myself, but he." 10 They therefore were asking him, "How were your he sent me. 43 Why don't you understand my speech? eyes opened?" 11 He answered, "A man called Jesus Because you can't hear my word. 44 You are of your made mud, anointed my eyes, and said to me, 'Go father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your to the pool of Siloam and wash.' So I went away and father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and washed, and I received sight." 12 Then they asked him, doesn't stand in the truth, because there is no truth in "Where is he?" He said, "I don't know." 13 They brought him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks on his own; for him who had been blind to the Pharisees. 14 It was a he is a liar, and the father of lies. 45 But because I Sabbath when Jesus made the mud and opened his tell the truth, you don't believe me. 46 Which of you eyes. 15 Again therefore the Pharisees also asked him convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not how he received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud believe me? 47 He who is of God hears the words of on my eyes, I washed, and I see." 16 Some therefore of God. For this cause you don't hear, because you are the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, because not of God." 48 Then the Jews answered him, "Don't we he doesn't keep the Sabbath." Others said, "How can say well that you are a Samaritan, and have a demon?" a man who is a sinner do such signs?" So there was 49 Jesus answered, "I don't have a demon, but I honor division among them. 17 Therefore they asked the blind my Father and you dishonor me. 50 But I don't seek my man again, "What do you say about him, because he own glory. There is one who seeks and judges. 51 Most opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." 18 The certainly, I tell you, if a person keeps my word, he will Jews therefore didn't believe concerning him, that he never see death." (aion g165) 52 Then the Jews said to had been blind and had received his sight, until they him, "Now we know that you have a demon. Abraham called the parents of him who had received his sight, died, as did the prophets; and you say, 'If a man keeps 19 and asked them, "Is this your son, whom you say my word, he will never taste of death.' (aion g165) 53 was born blind? How then does he now see?" 20 His Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? parents answered them, "We know that this is our son, The prophets died. Who do you make yourself out to and that he was born blind; 21 but how he now sees, be?" 54 Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is we don't know; or who opened his eyes, we don't know. nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me. of whom you He is of age. Ask him. He will speak for himself." 22 say that he is our God. 55 You have not known him, but His parents said these things because they feared the I know him. If I said, 'I don't know him,' I would be like Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that if any man you, a liar. But I know him and keep his word. 56 Your would confess him as Christ, he would be put out of the father Abraham rejoiced to see my day. He saw it and synagogue. 23 Therefore his parents said, "He is of was glad." 57 The Jews therefore said to him, "You are age. Ask him." 24 So they called the man who was blind not yet fifty years old! Have you seen Abraham?" 58 a second time, and said to him, "Give glory to God. Jesus said to them, "Most certainly, I tell you, before We know that this man is a sinner." 25 He therefore Abraham came into existence, I AM." 59 Therefore they answered, "I don't know if he is a sinner. One thing I do took up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself know: that though I was blind, now I see." 26 They said and went out of the temple, having gone through the to him again, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" 27 He answered them, "I told you already,

and you didn't listen. Why do you want to hear it again? shepherd, I know my own, and I'm known by my own; You don't also want to become his disciples, do you?" 15 even as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. now you say. 'We see.' Therefore your sin remains.

1 n "Most certainly, I tell you, one who doesn't enter by the door into the sheep fold, but climbs up some other way, 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 don't know the voice of strangers." 6 Jesus spoke this parable to them, but they didn't understand what he was telling them. 7 Jesus therefore said to them again, "Most certainly, I tell you, I am the sheep's door. 8 All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep didn't 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 doesn't own the sheep, sees the wolf coming, leaves the sheep, and flees. The wolf snatches the sheep and scatters them. 13 The hired hand flees because he is a hired hand and doesn't care for the sheep. 14 I am the good

28 They insulted him and said, "You are his disciple, but I lay down my life for the sheep. 16 I have other sheep we are disciples of Moses. 29 We know that God has which are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and spoken to Moses. But as for this man, we don't know 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 don't 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 doesn't 18 No one takes it away from me, but I lay it down by listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper 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 Therefore a division arose again among the the eyes of someone born blind. (aion g165) 33 If this Jews 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?" Then they threw him out. 35 Jesus possessed by a demon. It isn't possible for a demon to heard that they had thrown him out, and finding him, open the eyes of the blind, is it?" 22 It was the Feast of he said, "Do you believe in the Son of God?" 36 He the Dedication at Jerusalem. 23 It was winter, and Jesus answered, "Who is he, Lord, that I may believe in him?" was walking in the temple, in Solomon's porch. 24 The 37 Jesus said to him, "You have both seen him, and it is Jews therefore came around him and said to him, "How he who speaks with you." 38 He said, "Lord, I believe!" long will you hold us in suspense? If you are the Christ, and he worshiped him. 39 Jesus said, "I came into this tell us plainly." 25 Jesus answered them, "I told you, and world for judgment, that those who don't see may see; you don't believe. The works that I do in my Father's and that those who see may become blind." 40 Those name, these testify about me. 26 But you don't believe, of the Pharisees who were with him heard these things, because you are not of my sheep, as I told you, 27 My and said to him, "Are we also blind?" 41 Jesus said to sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but me. 28 I give eternal life to them. They will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand, (aion g165, aionios q166) 29 My Father who has given them to me is greater than all. No one is able to snatch them out of my Father's hand. 30 I and the Father are one." 31 Therefore the Jews took up stones again to stone him. 32 Jesus answered them, "I have shown you many good works from my Father. For which of those works do you stone me?" 33 The Jews answered him, "We don't stone you for a good work, but for blasphemy, because you, being a man, make yourself God." 34 Jesus answered them, "Isn't it 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 can't 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 don't do the works of my Father. don't believe me. 38 But if I do them, though you don't believe me, believe the works, that you may know and believe that the Father is in me, and I in the Father." 39 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 he stayed there. 41 Many came to him. They said, "John indeed did no sign, but everything that John said about this man is true." 42 Many believed in him there.

Now a certain man was sick, Lazarus from Bethany, of the village of Mary and her sister, Martha. 2 It

was that Mary who had anointed the Lord with ointment saving. "She is going to the tomb to weep there." 32 and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus Therefore when Mary came to where Jesus was and was sick. 3 The sisters therefore sent to him, saying, saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, "Lord, behold, he for whom you have great affection is if you would have been here, my brother wouldn't have sick." 4 But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This sickness died." 33 When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and is not to death, but for the glory of God, that God's Son the Jews weeping who came with her, he groaned in may be glorified by it." 5 Now Jesus loved Martha, and the spirit and was troubled, 34 and said, "Where have her sister, and Lazarus. 6 When therefore he heard that you laid him?" They told him, "Lord, come and see." he was sick, he stayed two days in the place where he 35 Jesus wept. 36 The Jews therefore said, "See how was. 7 Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let's go much affection he had for him!" 37 Some of them said, into Judea again." 8 The disciples asked him, "Rabbi, "Couldn't this man, who opened the eyes of him who the Jews were just trying to stone you. Are you going was blind, have also kept this man from dying?" 38 there again?" 9 Jesus answered, "Aren't there twelve Jesus therefore, again groaning in himself, came to the hours of daylight? If a man walks in the day, he doesn't tomb. Now it was a cave, and a stone lay against it. 39 stumble, because he sees the light of this world. 10 But Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister if a man walks in the night, he stumbles, because the of him who was dead, said to him, "Lord, by this time light isn't in him." 11 He said these things, and after that, there is a stench, for he has been dead four days." 40 he said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, Jesus said to her, "Didn't I tell you that if you believed, but I am going so that I may awake him out of sleep." you would see God's glory?" 41 So they took away the 12 The disciples therefore said, "Lord, if he has fallen stone from the place where the dead man was lying. asleep, he will recover." 13 Now Jesus had spoken of Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you his death, but they thought that he spoke of taking rest that you listened to me. 42 I know that you always listen in sleep. 14 So Jesus said to them plainly then, "Lazarus" to me, but because of the multitude standing around is dead. 15 I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, I said this, that they may believe that you sent me." so that you may believe. Nevertheless, let's go to him." 43 When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 16 Thomas therefore, who is called Didymus, said to his "Lazarus, come out!" 44 He who was dead came out, fellow disciples, "Let's also go, that we may die with bound hand and foot with wrappings, and his face was him." 17 So when Jesus came, he found that he had wrapped around with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Free been in the tomb four days already. 18 Now Bethany him, and let him go." 45 Therefore many of the Jews was near Jerusalem, about fifteen stadia away. 19 Many who came to Mary and saw what Jesus did believed in of the Jews had joined the women around Martha and him. 46 But some of them went away to the Pharisees Mary, to console them concerning their brother. 20 Then and told them the things which Jesus had done. 47 The when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went chief priests therefore and the Pharisees gathered a and met him, but Mary stayed in the house. 21 Therefore council, and said, "What are we doing? For this man Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you would have been does many signs. 48 If we leave him alone like this, here, my brother wouldn't have died. 22 Even now I everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." and take away both our place and our nation." 49 But a 23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." 24 certain one of them, Caiaphas, being high priest that Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the year, said to them, "You know nothing at all, 50 nor do resurrection at the last day." 25 Jesus said to her, "I am you consider that it is advantageous for us that one man the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will should die for the people, and that the whole nation not still live, even if he dies. 26 Whoever lives and believes perish." 51 Now he didn't say this of himself, but being in me will never die. Do you believe this?" (aiōn q165) 27 high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus would die She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that for the nation, 52 and not for the nation only, but that he you are the Christ, God's Son, he who comes into the might also gather together into one the children of God world." 28 When she had said this, she went away and who are scattered abroad. 53 So from that day forward called Mary, her sister, secretly, saying, "The Teacher is they took counsel that they might put him to death. here and is calling you." 29 When she heard this, she 54 Jesus therefore walked no more openly among the arose quickly and went to him. 30 Now Jesus had not Jews, but departed from there into the country near the yet come into the village, but was in the place where wilderness, to a city called Ephraim. He stayed there Martha met him. 31 Then the Jews who were with her in with his disciples. 55 Now the Passover of the Jews was the house and were consoling her, when they saw Mary, at hand. Many went up from the country to Jerusalem that she rose up quickly and went out, followed her, before the Passover, to purify themselves. 56 Then they

sought for Jesus and spoke with one another as they time has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 24 and the Pharisees had commanded that if anyone knew where he was, he should report it, that they might seize him.

17 Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, who had been dead, whom he raised from the dead. 2 So they made him a supper there. Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with him. 3 Therefore Mary took a pound of ointment of pure nard, very precious, and anointed Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. 4 Then Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, one of his disciples, who would betray him, said, 5 "Why wasn't this ointment 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. She has kept this for the day of my burial. 8 For you always have the poor with you, but you don't always have me." 9 A large crowd therefore of the Jews learned that he was there; and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might see Lazarus also, whom he had raised from the dead. 10 But the chief priests conspired to put Lazarus to death also, 11 because on account of him many of the Jews went away and believed in Jesus. 12 On the next day a great multitude had come to the feast. When they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, 13 they took the branches of the palm trees and went out to meet him, and cried out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel!" 14 Jesus, having found a young donkey, sat on it. As it is written, 15 "Don't be afraid, daughter of Zion. Behold, your King comes, sitting on a donkey's colt." 16 His disciples didn't 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 multitude 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 multitude went and met him, because they heard that he had done this sign. 19 The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, "See how you accomplish nothing. Behold, the world has gone after him." 20 Now there were certain Greeks among those who went up to worship at the feast. 21 Therefore, these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and asked him, saying, "Sir, we want to see Jesus." 22 Philip came and told Andrew, and in turn, Andrew came with Philip, and they told Jesus. 23 Jesus answered them, "The

stood in the temple, "What do you think—that he isn't Most certainly I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls coming to the feast at all?" 57 Now the chief priests into the earth and dies, it remains by itself alone. But if it dies, it bears much fruit. 25 He who loves his life will lose it. He who hates his life in this world will keep it to eternal life. (aionios g166) 26 If anyone serves me, let him follow me. Where I am, there my servant will also be. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him. 27 "Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say? 'Father, save me from this time'? But I came to this time for this cause. 28 Father, glorify your name!" Then a voice came out of the sky, saying, "I have both glorified it and will glorify it again." 29 Therefore the multitude 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. if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." 33 But he said this, signifying by what kind of death he should die. 34 The multitude answered him, "We have heard out of the law that the Christ remains forever. How do 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 doesn't overtake vou. He who walks in the darkness doesn't 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 didn't believe in him, 38 that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke: "Lord, who has believed our report? To whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?" 39 For this cause they couldn't believe, for Isaiah said again: 40 "He has blinded their eyes and he hardened their heart, lest they should see with their eyes, and perceive with their heart, and would turn, and I would heal them." 41 Isaiah said these things when he saw his glory, and spoke of him. 42 Nevertheless, even many of the rulers believed in him, but because of the Pharisees they didn't confess it, so that they wouldn't be put out of the synagogue. 43 for they loved men's praise more than God's praise. 44 Jesus cried out and said, "Whoever believes in me, believes not in me, but in him who sent me. 45 He who sees me sees him who sent me. 46 I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in me may not remain in the darkness. 47 If anyone listens to my savings and doesn't believe. I don't judge him. For I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. 48 He who rejects me, and doesn't receive my sayings, has one who judges him. The word

commandment, what I should say and what I should speak. 50 I know that his commandment is eternal life. The things therefore which I speak, even as the Father has said to me, so I speak." (aionios g166)

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 During supper, the devil having already put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, 3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he came from God and was going to God, 4 arose from supper, and laid aside 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 don't 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 don't 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 should also do as I have done to you. 16 Most certainly I tell you, a servant is not greater than his lord, whom he spoke. 23 One of his disciples, whom Jesus

that I spoke will judge him in the last day. 49 For I spoke loved, was at the table, leaning against Jesus' chest. not from myself, but the Father who sent me gave me a 24 Simon Peter therefore beckoned to him, and said to him, "Tell us who it is of whom he speaks." 25 He, leaning back, as he was, on Jesus' chest, asked him, "Lord, who is it?" 26 Jesus therefore answered, "It is he to whom I will give this piece of bread when I have dipped it." So when he had dipped the piece of bread, 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 quickly." 28 Now nobody at the table 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 that morsel, he went out immediately. 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 immediately. 33 Little children, I will be with you a little while longer. You will seek me, and as I said to the Jews, 'Where I am going, you can't 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 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 can't follow now, but you will follow afterwards." 37 Peter said to him, "Lord, why can't I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you." 38 Jesus answered him, "Will you lay down your life for me? Most certainly I tell you, the rooster won't crow until you have denied me three times.

1 4 "Don't let your heart be troubled. Believe in God. Believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many homes. If it weren't so, I would have told you. I am going to prepare a place for you. 3 If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will receive you to neither is one who is sent greater than he who sent myself; that where I am, you may be there also. 4 You him. 17 If you know these things, blessed are you if know where I go, and you know the way." 5 Thomas you do them. 18 I don't speak concerning all of you. I said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going. know whom I have chosen; but that the Scripture may How can we know the way?" 6 Jesus said to him, "I am be fulfilled, 'He who eats bread with me has lifted up his the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the heel against me.' 19 From now on, I tell you before it Father, except through me. 7 If you had known me, you happens, that when it happens, you may believe that I would have known my Father also. From now on, you am he. 20 Most certainly I tell you, he who receives know him and have seen him." 8 Philip said to him, whomever I send, receives me; and he who receives "Lord, show us the Father, and that will be enough for me, receives him who sent me." 21 When Jesus had us." 9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you such a said this, he was troubled in spirit, and testified, "Most long time, and do you not know me, Philip? He who certainly I tell you that one of you will betray me." 22 has seen me has seen the Father. How do you say, The disciples looked at one another, perplexed about 'Show us the Father'? 10 Don't you believe that I am in

the Father, and the Father in me? The words that I tell vou, unless you remain in me. 5 I am the vine. You are believes in me, the works that I do, he will do also; and the fire, and they are burned. 7 If you remain in me, am going to my Father;' for the Father is greater than I. for their sin. 23 He who hates me, hates my Father also. me, even so I do. Arise, let's go from here.

15 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the farmer. 2 Every branch in me that doesn't bear fruit, he takes away. Every branch that bears fruit, he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. 3 You are already pruned clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. 4 Remain in me, and I in you. As the branch can't bear

you, I speak not from myself; but the Father who lives the branches. He who remains in me and I in him bears in me does his works. 11 Believe me that I am in the much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If a Father, and the Father in me; or else believe me for the man doesn't remain in me, he is thrown out as a branch very works' sake. 12 Most certainly I tell you, he who and is withered; and they gather them, throw them into he will do greater works than these, because I am going and my words remain in you, you will ask whatever you to my Father. 13 Whatever you will ask in my name, I desire, and it will be done for you. 8 "In this my Father will do it, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 is glorified, that you bear much fruit; and so you will be If you will ask anything in my name, I will do it. 15 If you my disciples. 9 Even as the Father has loved me, I also love me, keep my commandments. 16 I will pray to the have loved you. Remain in my love. 10 If you keep my Father, and he will give you another Counselor, that he commandments, you will remain in my love, even as may be with you forever: (aion g165) 17 the Spirit of truth, I have kept my Father's commandments and remain whom the world can't receive, for it doesn't see him and in his love. 11 I have spoken these things to you, that doesn't know him. You know him, for he lives with you my joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be and will be in you. 18 I will not leave you orphans. I will made full. 12 "This is my commandment, that you love come to you. 19 Yet a little while, and the world will see one another, even as I have loved you. 13 Greater love me no more; but you will see me. Because I live, you has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for will live also. 20 In that day you will know that I am in his friends. 14 You are my friends if you do whatever I my Father, and you in me, and I in you. 21 One who command you. 15 No longer do I call you servants, for has my commandments and keeps them, that person is the servant doesn't know what his lord does. But I have one who loves me. One who loves me will be loved by called you friends, for everything that I heard from my my Father, and I will love him, and will reveal myself to Father, I have made known to you. 16 You didn't choose him." 22 Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, what has me, but I chose you and appointed you, that you should happened that you are about to reveal yourself to us, go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain; that and not to the world?" 23 Jesus answered him, "If a man whatever you will ask of the Father in my name, he may loves me, he will keep my word. My Father will love him, give it to you. 17 "I command these things to you, that and we will come to him and make our home with him. you may love one another. 18 If the world hates you, 24 He who doesn't love me doesn't keep my words. The you know that it has hated me before it hated you. 19 If word which you hear isn't mine, but the Father's who you were of the world, the world would love its own. sent me. 25 "I have said these things to you while still But because you are not of the world, since I chose living with you. 26 But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. 20 whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you Remember the word that I said to you: 'A servant is not all things, and will remind you of all that I said to you. 27 greater than his lord.' If they persecuted me, they will Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you; not as also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also the world gives, I give to you. Don't let your heart be keep yours. 21 But they will do all these things to you troubled, neither let it be fearful. 28 You heard how I told for my name's sake, because they don't know him who you, 'I am going away, and I will come back to you.' If sent me. 22 If I had not come and spoken to them, they you loved me, you would have rejoiced because I said 'I would not have had sin; but now they have no excuse 29 Now I have told you before it happens so that when 24 If I hadn't done among them the works which no one it happens, you may believe. 30 I will no more speak else did, they wouldn't have had sin. But now they have much with you, for the prince of the world comes, and seen and also hated both me and my Father. 25 But this he has nothing in me. 31 But that the world may know happened so that the word may be fulfilled which was that I love the Father, and as the Father commanded written in their law, 'They hated me without a cause.' 26 "When the Counselor has come, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will testify about me. 27 You will also testify, because you have been with me from the beginning.

16 "I have said these things to you so that you wouldn't be caused to stumble. 2 They will put fruit by itself unless it remains in the vine, so neither can you out of the synagogues. Yes, the time is coming

God. 3 They will do these things because they have plainly about the Father. 26 In that day you will ask in my not known the Father nor me. 4 But I have told you name; and I don't say to you that I will pray to the Father these things so that when the time comes, you may for you, 27 for the Father himself loves you, because remember that I told you about them. I didn't tell you you have loved me, and have believed that I came these things from the beginning, because I was with from God. 28 I came from the Father and have come you. 5 But now I am going to him who sent me, and into the world. Again, I leave the world and go to the none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' 6 But Father." 29 His disciples said to him, "Behold, now you because I have told you these things, sorrow has filled are speaking plainly, and using no figures of speech. 30 your heart. 7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth: It is to Now we know that you know all things, and don't need your advantage that I go away; for if I don't go away, for anyone to question you. By this we believe that you the Counselor won't come to you. But if I go, I will came from God." 31 Jesus answered them, "Do you send him to you. 8 When he has come, he will convict now believe? 32 Behold, the time is coming, yes, and the world about sin, about righteousness, and about has now come, that you will be scattered, everyone to judgment; 9 about sin, because they don't believe in his own place, and you will leave me alone. Yet I am not me; 10 about righteousness, because I am going to alone, because the Father is with me. 33 I have told you my Father, and you won't see me any more; 11 about these things, that in me you may have peace. In the judgment, because the prince of this world has been world you have trouble; but cheer up! I have overcome judged. 12 "I still have many things to tell you, but you the world." can't 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 from himself; but whatever he hears, he will speak. 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; therefore I said that he takes of mine and will declare it to you. 16 "A little while, and you will not 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 They said therefore, "What is this that he says, 'A little while'? We don't know what he is saying." 19 Therefore Jesus perceived that they wanted to ask him, and 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 Most certainly I tell you that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy. 21 A woman, when she gives birth, has sorrow because her time has come. But when she has delivered the child, she doesn't remember the anguish any more, for the joy that a human being is born into the world. 22 Therefore you now have sorrow, but I will see you again, and your heart will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you. 23 "In that day you will ask me no questions. Most certainly I tell you, whatever you may ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to 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. But the time is coming when I will no

that whoever kills you will think that he offers service to more speak to you in figures of speech, but will tell you

17 Jesus said these things, then 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, so he will give eternal life to all whom you have given him. (aionios g166) 3 This is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and him whom you sent, Jesus Christ. (aionios g166) 4 I glorified you on the earth. I have accomplished 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 from you. They have believed that you sent me. 9 I pray for them. I don't 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 these 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 in the world, I kept them in your name. I have kept those whom you have given me. None of them is lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. 13 But now I come to you, and I say these things in the world, that they may have my joy made full in themselves. 14 I have given them your word. The world hated them because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. 15 I pray not that you would take them from

the world, but that you would keep them from the evil people, 15 Simon Peter followed Jesus, as did another one. 16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of disciple. Now that disciple was known to the high priest, the world. 17 Sanctify them in your truth. Your word is and entered in with Jesus into the court of the high truth. 18 As you sent me into the world, even so I have priest; 16 but Peter was standing at the door outside. sent them into the world. 19 For their sakes I sanctify So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in went out and spoke to her who kept the door, and who will believe in me through their word, 21 that they said to Peter, "Are you also one of this man's disciples?" your name, and will make it known; that the love with that?" 23 Jesus answered him, "If I have spoken evil, which you loved me may be in them, and I in them."

18 When Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples over the brook 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 out and said to them, "Who are you looking for?" 5 They answered him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am he." Judas also, who betrayed him, was standing with them. 6 When therefore he said to them, "I am he," they went backward and fell to the ground. 7 Again therefore he asked them, "Who are you looking for?" They said, "Jesus of Nazareth." 8 Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. 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, struck the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus. 11 Jesus therefore said to Peter, "Put the sword into its sheath. The cup which the Father has given me, shall I not surely drink it?" 12 So the detachment, the commanding officer, and the officers of the Jews seized Jesus and bound him. 13 and led him to Annas first, for he was father-in-law to Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. 14 Now it was Caiaphas who advised the Jews that it was expedient that one man should perish for the

truth. 20 "Not for these only do I pray, but for those also brought in Peter. 17 Then the maid who kept the door may all be one; even as you, Father, are in me, and I in He said, "I am not." 18 Now the servants and the officers you, that they also may be one in us; that the world were standing there, having made a fire of coals, for it may believe that you sent me. 22 The glory which you was cold. They were warming themselves. Peter was have given me, I have given to them, that they may be with them, standing and warming himself. 19 The high one, even as we are one, 23 l in them, and you in me, priest therefore asked Jesus about his disciples and that they may be perfected into one, that the world may about his teaching. 20 Jesus answered him, "I spoke know that you sent me and loved them, even as you openly to the world. I always taught in synagogues loved me. 24 Father, I desire that they also whom you and in the temple, where the Jews always meet, I said have given me be with me where I am, that they may nothing in secret. 21 Why do you ask me? Ask those see my glory which you have given me, for you loved who have heard me what I said to them. Behold, they me before the foundation of the world. 25 Righteous know the things which I said." 22 When he had said Father, the world hasn't known you, but I knew you; and this, one of the officers standing by slapped Jesus with these knew that you sent me. 26 I made known to them his hand, saying, "Do you answer the high priest like 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 aren't 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, "Didn't I 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 didn't 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 wouldn't have delivered him up to you." 31 Pilate therefore said to them, "Take him yourselves, and judge him according to your law." Therefore the Jews said to him, "It is illegal 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 should die. 33 Pilate therefore entered again into the Praetorium, called Jesus, and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" 34 Jesus answered him, "Do you say this by yourself, or did others tell you about me?" 35 Pilate answered, "I'm not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests delivered you to me. What have you done?" 36 Jesus answered, "My Kingdom is not of this world. If my Kingdom were of this world, then my servants would fight, that I wouldn't be delivered to the Jews. But now my Kingdom is not from here." 37 Pilate

therefore said to him. "Are you a king then?" Jesus side one, and Jesus in the middle. 19 Pilate wrote a this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a robber.

1 Q 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 They kept saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and they kept slapping him. 4 Then Pilate went out again, and said to them, "Behold, I bring him out to you, that you may know that I find no basis for a charge against him." 5 Jesus therefore came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple garment. Pilate said to them, "Behold, the man!" 6 When therefore the chief priests and the officers saw him, they shouted, saying, "Crucify! Crucify!" Pilate said to them. "Take him vourselves and crucify him, for I find no basis for a charge against him." 7 The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God." 8 When therefore Pilate heard this saving. 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, "Aren't you speaking to me? Don't you 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 Jews cried out, saying, "If you release this man, you aren't Caesar's friend! Everyone who makes himself a king speaks against Caesar!" 13 When Pilate therefore heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called "The Pavement", but in Hebrew, "Gabbatha." 14 Now it was the Preparation Day of the Passover, at about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews. "Behold, your King!" 15 They cried out, "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar!" 16 So then he delivered him to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus and led him away. 17 He went out, bearing his cross, to the place called "The Place of a Skull", which is called in Hebrew, "Golgotha", 18 where they crucified him, and with him two others, on either

answered, "You say that I am a king. For this reason I title also, and put it on the cross. There was written, have been born, and for this reason I have come into "JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS." the world, that I should testify to the truth. Everyone 20 Therefore many of the Jews read this title, for the who is of the truth listens to my voice." 38 Pilate said to place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and him, "What is truth?" When he had said this, he went it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. 21 The out again to the Jews, and said to them, "I find no basis chief priests of the Jews therefore said to Pilate, "Don't for a charge against him. 39 But you have a custom write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'he said, "I am King of that I should release someone to you at the Passover. the Jews."" 22 Pilate answered, "What I have written, Therefore, do you want me to release to you the King of I have written." 23 Then the soldiers, when they had the Jews?" 40 Then they all shouted again, saying, "Not crucified Jesus, took his garments 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's not tear it, but cast lots for it to decide whose it will be," that the Scripture might be fulfilled, which says, "They parted my garments among them. They cast lots for my clothing." Therefore the soldiers did these things. 25 But standing by Jesus' cross were his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. 26 Therefore when Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing there, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" 27 Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" From that hour, the disciple took her to his own home. 28 After this, Jesus, seeing that all things were now finished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I am thirsty!" 29 Now a vessel full of vinegar 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!" Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. 31 Therefore the Jews, because it was the Preparation Day, so that the bodies wouldn't 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 didn't break his legs. 34 However, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. 35 He who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, that you may believe. 36 For these things happened that the Scripture might be fulfilled, "A bone of him will not be broken." 37 Again another Scripture says, "They will look on him whom they pierced." 38 After these things, Joseph of Arimathaea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked of Pilate that he might take away Jesus' body. Pilate gave him permission. He came therefore and took away his body. 39 Nicodemus, who at first came to Jesus by night, also came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred Roman

pounds. 40 So they took Jesus' body, and bound it in hands and his side. The disciples therefore were glad there was a garden. In the garden was a new tomb in me, even so I send you." 22 When he had said this, hand), they laid 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 that the stone had been 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 don't know where they have laid 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 there: vet he didn't 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 didn't 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, one at the head and one at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. 13 They asked her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I don't know where they have laid him." 14 When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, and didn't know that it was Jesus. 15 Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Who are you looking for?" She, supposing him to be the gardener, said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." 16 Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him, "Rabboni!" which is to say, "Teacher!" 17 Jesus said to her, "Don't hold me, for I haven't yet ascended to my Father; but go to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." 18 Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had said these things to her. 19 When therefore it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and when the doors were locked where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the middle and said to them, "Peace be to you." 20 When he had said this, he showed them his

linen cloths with the spices, as the custom of the Jews when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus therefore said to is to bury. 41 Now in the place where he was crucified them again, "Peace be to you. As the Father has sent which no man had ever yet been laid. 42 Then, because he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the of the Jews' Preparation Day (for the tomb was near at Holy Spirit! 23 If you forgive anyone's sins, they have been forgiven them. If you retain anyone's sins, they have been retained." 24 But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, wasn't 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 print of the nails, put my finger into the print 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 middle, and said. "Peace be to you." 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Reach here your finger, and see my hands. Reach here your hand, and put it into my side. Don't be unbelieving, but believing." 28 Thomas answered 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 Christ, 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 himself this way. 2 Simon Peter, Thomas called Didymus, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. 3 Simon Peter said to them, "I'm going fishing." They told him, "We are also coming with you." They immediately went out and entered into the boat. That night, they caught nothing. 4 But when day had already come, Jesus stood on the beach; yet the disciples didn't know that it was Jesus. 5 Jesus therefore said to them, "Children, have you anything to eat?" They answered him, "No." 6 He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." They cast it therefore, and now they weren't able to draw it in for the multitude of fish. 7 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 himself (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 two hundred cubits away), dragging the net full of fish. 9 So when they got out on the land, they saw a fire of coals there, with fish and bread laid on it. 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 one hundred

fifty-three great fish. Even though there were so many. the net wasn't 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 Jonah, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I have affection for you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." 16 He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I have affection for you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." 17 He said to him the third time. "Simon, son of Jonah, do you have affection for me?" Peter was grieved because he asked him the third time, "Do you have affection for me?" He said to him, "Lord, you know everything. You know that I have affection for you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. 18 Most certainly 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 don't 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 loved, the one who had also leaned on Jesus' chest at the supper 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 wouldn't die. Yet Jesus didn't say to him that he wouldn't 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 written, I suppose that even the world itself wouldn't have room for the books that would be written.

Acts

1 The first book 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, "Don't 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

Let no 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 also called Justus, and Matthias. 24 They prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all men, show which one of these two you have chosen 25 to take part in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas fell away, that he might go to his own place." 26 They drew lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was counted with the eleven apostles.

2 Now when the day of Pentecost had come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2 Suddenly restoring the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He said to them, "It there came from the sky a sound like the rushing of a isn't for you to know times or seasons which the Father mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were has set within his own authority. 8 But you will receive sitting. 3 Tongues like fire appeared and were distributed power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you. You to them, and one sat on each of them. 4 They were will be witnesses to me in Jerusalem, in all Judea and all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with Samaria, and to the uttermost parts of the earth." 9 other languages, as the Spirit gave them the ability to When he had said these things, as they were looking, speak. 5 Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, he was taken up, and a cloud received him out of their devout men, from every nation under the sky. 6 When sight. 10 While they were looking steadfastly into the this sound was heard, the multitude came together sky as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white and were bewildered, because everyone heard them clothing, 11 who also said, "You men of Galilee, why do speaking in his own language. 7 They were all amazed you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who was and marveled, saying to one another, "Behold, aren't received up from you into the sky, will come back in the all these who speak Galileans? 8 How do we hear, same way as you saw him going into the sky." 12 Then everyone in our own native language? 9 Parthians, they returned to Jerusalem from the mountain called Medes, Elamites, and people from Mesopotamia, Judea, Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey Cappadocia, Pontus, Asia, 10 Phrygia, Pamphylia, away. 13 When they had come in, they went up into Egypt, the parts of Libya around Cyrene, visitors from the upper room where they were staying, that is Peter, Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11 Cretans and John, James, Andrew, Philip, Thomas, Bartholomew, Arabians—we hear them speaking in our languages the Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, mighty works of God!" 12 They were all amazed and and Judas the son of James. 14 All these with one were perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this accord continued steadfastly in prayer and supplication, mean?" 13 Others, mocking, said, "They are filled with along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, new wine." 14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, and with his brothers. 15 In these days, Peter stood up lifted up his voice and spoke out to them, "You men of in the middle of the disciples (and the number of names Judea and all you who dwell at Jerusalem, let this be was about one hundred twenty), and said, 16 "Brothers, known to you, and listen to my words. 15 For these it was necessary that this Scripture should be fulfilled, aren't drunken, as you suppose, seeing it is only the which the Holy Spirit spoke before by the mouth of David third hour of the day. 16 But this is what has been concerning Judas, who was guide to those who took spoken through the prophet Joel: 17 'It will be in the last Jesus. 17 For he was counted with us, and received his days, says God, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. portion in this ministry. 18 Now this man obtained a field Your sons and your daughters will prophesy. Your young with the reward for his wickedness; and falling headlong, men will see visions. Your old men will dream dreams. his body burst open and all his intestines gushed out. 18 Yes, and on my servants and on my handmaidens 19 It became known to everyone who lived in Jerusalem in those days, I will pour out my Spirit, and they will that in their language that field was called 'Akeldama,' prophesy. 19 I will show wonders in the sky above, and that is, 'The field of blood,' 20 For it is written in the signs on the earth beneath: blood, and fire, and billows book of Psalms, 'Let his habitation be made desolate. of smoke. 20 The sun will be turned into darkness, and

the moon into blood, before the great and glorious day were done through the apostles. 44 All who believed of the Lord comes. 21 lt will be that whoever will call were together, and had all things in common. 45 They on the name of the Lord will be saved.' 22 "Men of sold their possessions and goods, and distributed them Israel, hear these words! Jesus of Nazareth, a man to all, according as anyone had need. 46 Day by day, approved by God to you by mighty works and wonders continuing steadfastly with one accord in the temple, and signs which God did by him among you, even as and breaking bread at home, they took their food with you yourselves know, 23 him, being delivered up by the gladness and singleness of heart, 47 praising God and determined counsel and foreknowledge of God, you having favor with all the people. The Lord added to the have taken by the hand of lawless men, crucified and assembly day by day those who were being saved. killed; 24 whom God raised up, having freed him from the agony 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 my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved. 26 Therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced. Moreover my flesh also will dwell in hope, 27 because you will not leave my soul in Hades, neither will you allow your Holy One to see decay. (Hades g86) 28 You made known to me the ways of life. You will make me full of gladness with 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 of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, he would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne, 31 he foreseeing this, spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that his soul wasn't left in Hades, and his flesh didn't see decay. (Hades q86) 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 now see and hear. 34 For David didn't 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 Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified." 37 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" 38 Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is to you 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 gladly 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

2 Peter and John were going up into the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. 2 A certain man who was lame from his mother's womb was being carried, whom they laid daily at the door 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, "I have no silver or gold, but what I have, that I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, 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 As the lame man who was healed 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 do you marvel at this man? Why do vou fasten vour 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 murderer to be granted to you, 15 and killed the Prince 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 Christ 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 presence of the Lord. 20 and that shall we do to these men? Because indeed a notable 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 In the morning, 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 Peter and John 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, "You rulers of the people and elders of Israel, 9 if we are examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, 10 may it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, this man stands here before you whole in him. 11 He is 'the stone which was regarded as worthless by you, the builders, which has become the head of the corner.' 12 There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven that is given among men. 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 marveled. 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 saying, "What

he may send Christ Jesus, who was ordained for you miracle has been done through them, as can be plainly before. 21 whom heaven must receive until the times of seen by all who dwell in Jerusalem, and we can't deny restoration of all things, which God spoke long ago by it. 17 But so that this spreads no further among the the mouth of his holy prophets. (aion g165) 22 For Moses people, let's threaten them, that from now on they don't indeed said to the fathers, 'The Lord God will raise up speak to anyone in this name." 18 They called them, a prophet for you from among your brothers, like me, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in You shall listen to him in all things whatever he says the name of Jesus. 19 But Peter and John answered to you. 23 It will be that every soul that will not listen them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to to that prophet will be utterly destroyed from among you rather than to God, judge for yourselves, 20 for we the people.' 24 Yes, and all the prophets from Samuel can't help telling the things which we saw and heard." and those who followed after, as many as have spoken, 21 When they had further threatened them, they let also told of these days. 25 You are the children of the them go, finding no way to punish them, because of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with people; for everyone glorified God for that which was our fathers, saving to Abraham, 'All the families of the done. 22 For the man on whom this miracle of healing earth will be blessed through your offspring.' 26 God. was performed was more than forty years old. 23 Being having raised up his servant Jesus, sent him to you first let go, they came to their own company and reported all to bless you, in turning away every one of you from your 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, "O Lord, you are God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and all that is in them; 25 who by the mouth of your servant David, said, 'Why do the nations rage, and the peoples plot a vain thing? 26 The kings of the earth take a stand, and the rulers plot together, against the Lord, and against his Christ,' 27 "For truly, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. 28 to do whatever your hand and your counsel 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 The multitude 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 laid them at the apostles' feet; and distribution was made to each, according as anyone had need. 36 Joses, who by the apostles was also called Barnabas (which is, being interpreted. Son of Encouragement), a Levite, a man of Cyprus by race, 37 having a field, sold it and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

5 But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his and the chief priests heard these words, they were price, his wife also being aware of it, then brought a this. 25 One came and told them, "Behold, the men certain part and laid it at the apostles' feet. 3 But Peter whom you put in prison are in the temple, standing and said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie teaching the people." 26 Then the captain went with the to the Holy Spirit and to keep back part of the price officers, and brought them without violence, for they of the land? 4 While you kept it, didn't it remain your were afraid that the people might stone them. 27 When own? After it was sold, wasn't it in your power? How is it they had brought them, they set them before the council. that you have conceived this thing in your heart? You The high priest questioned them, 28 saying, "Didn't we haven't lied to men, but to God." 5 Ananias, hearing strictly command you not to teach in this name? Behold, these words, fell down and died. Great fear came on all you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and intend who heard these things. 6 The young men arose and to bring this man's blood on us." 29 But Peter and the wrapped him up, and they carried him out and buried apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than him. 7 About three hours later, his wife, not knowing men. 30 The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom what had happened, came in. 8 Peter answered her, you killed, hanging him on a tree. 31 God exalted him "Tell me whether you sold the land for so much." She with his right hand to be a Prince and a Savior, to give said, "Yes, for so much." 9 But Peter asked her, "How is repentance to Israel, and remission of sins. 32 We are it that you have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of his witnesses of these things; and so also is the Holy the Lord? Behold, the feet of those who have buried Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him." 33 your husband are at the door, and they will carry you But they, when they heard this, were cut to the heart, out." 10 She fell down immediately at his feet and died. and were determined to kill them. 34 But one stood up The young men came in and found her dead, and they in the council, a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of carried her out and buried her by her husband. 11 Great the law, honored by all the people, and commanded to fear came on the whole assembly, and on all who heard put the apostles out for a little while. 35 He said to them, these things. 12 By the hands of the apostles many "You men of Israel, be careful concerning these men, signs and wonders were done among the people. They what you are about to do. 36 For before these days were all with one accord in Solomon's porch. 13 None Theudas rose up, making himself out to be somebody; of the rest dared to join them; however, the people to whom a number of men, about four hundred, joined honored them. 14 More believers were added to the themselves. He was slain; and all, as many as obeyed Lord, multitudes of both men and women. 15 They even him, were dispersed and came to nothing. 37 After carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on this man, Judas of Galilee rose up in the days of the cots and mattresses, so that as Peter came by, at least enrollment, and drew away some people after him. He his shadow might overshadow some of them. 16 The also perished, and all, as many as obeyed him, were multitude also came together from the cities around scattered abroad. 38 Now I tell you, withdraw from these Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were men and leave them alone. For if this counsel or this tormented by unclean spirits; and they were all healed. work is of men, it will be overthrown. 39 But if it is of 17 But the high priest rose up, and all those who were God, you will not be able to overthrow it, and you would with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and be found even to be fighting against God!" 40 They they were filled with jealousy 18 and laid hands on the agreed with him. Summoning the apostles, they beat apostles, then put them in public custody. 19 But an them and commanded them not to speak in the name of angel of the Lord opened the prison doors by night, and Jesus, and let them go. 41 They therefore departed brought them out and said. 20 "Go stand and speak from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they in the temple to the people all the words of this life." were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for Jesus' name. 21 When they heard this, they entered into the temple 42 Every day, in the temple and at home, they never about daybreak and taught. But the high priest and stopped teaching and preaching Jesus, the Christ. those who were with him came and called the council together, with all the senate of the children of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought. 22 But the officers who came didn't find them in the prison. They returned and reported, 23 "We found the prison shut and locked, and the guards standing before the doors, but when we opened them, we found no one inside!" 24 Now when the high priest, the captain of the temple,

wife, sold a possession, 2 and kept back part of the very perplexed about them and what might become of

6 Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, a complaint arose from the Hellenists against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily service. 2 The twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, "It is not appropriate for us to forsake the word of God and serve tables. 3 Therefore, select from among you, brothers, seven men of good report, full of the Holy Spirit and of

wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. 4 Egypt. God was with him 10 and delivered him out of all like it was the face of an angel.

7 The high priest said, "Are these things so?" 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, 'Get out of your land and away from your relatives, and come into a land which I will show you.' 4 Then he came out of the land of the Chaldaeans and lived in Haran. From there, when his father was dead, God 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 offspring after him, when he still had no child. 6 God spoke in this way: that his offspring would live as aliens in a strange land, and that they would be enslaved and mistreated for four hundred years. 7 'I will judge the nation to which they will be in bondage,' said God, 'and after that they will 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, sold him into

But we will continue steadfastly in prayer and in the his afflictions, and gave him favor and wisdom before ministry of the word." 5 These words pleased the whole Pharaoh, king of Egypt. He made him governor over multitude. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and Egypt and all his house. 11 Now a famine came over all of the Holy Spirit, Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, the land of Egypt and Canaan, and great affliction. Our Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch, 6 fathers found no food. 12 But when Jacob heard that whom they set before the apostles. When they had there was grain in Egypt, he sent out our fathers the first prayed, they laid their hands on them. 7 The word time. 13 On the second time Joseph was made known of God increased and the number of the disciples to his brothers, and Joseph's family was revealed to greatly multiplied in Jerusalem. A great company of the Pharaoh. 14 Joseph sent and summoned Jacob his priests were obedient to the faith. 8 Stephen, full of father and all his relatives, seventy-five souls. 15 Jacob faith and power, performed great wonders and signs went down into Egypt and he died, himself and our among the people. 9 But some of those who were of the fathers; 16 and they were brought back to Shechem and synagogue called "The Libertines", and of the Cyrenians, laid in the tomb that Abraham bought for a price in silver of the Alexandrians, and of those of Cilicia and Asia from the children of Hamor of Shechem. 17 "But as the arose, disputing with Stephen. 10 They weren't able to time of the promise came close which God had sworn to withstand the wisdom and the Spirit by which he spoke. Abraham, the people grew and multiplied in Egypt, 18 11 Then they secretly induced men to say, "We have until there arose a different king who didn't know Joseph. heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses 19 The same took advantage of our race and mistreated and God." 12 They stirred up the people, the elders, our fathers, and forced them to abandon their babies, and the scribes, and came against him and seized him, so that they wouldn't stay alive. 20 At that time Moses then brought him in to the council, 13 and set up false was born, and was exceedingly handsome to God. He witnesses who said, "This man never stops speaking was nourished three months in his father's house. 21 blasphemous words against this holy place and the When he was abandoned, Pharaoh's daughter took law. 14 For we have heard him say that this Jesus of him up and reared him as her own son. 22 Moses was Nazareth will destroy this place, and will change the instructed in all the wisdom of the Egyptians. He was customs which Moses delivered to us." 15 All who sat in mighty in his words and works. 23 But when he was forty the council, fastening their eyes on him, saw his face years old, it came into his heart to visit his 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 didn't understand. 26 "The day following, he appeared to them as they fought, and urged them to be at peace again, saying, 'Sirs, 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 of the Lord 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, the voice of the Lord came to him, 32 'I am the God of your fathers: the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' Moses trembled and dared not look. 33 The Lord said to him, 'Take off your sandals, for the place where you stand is holy ground. 34 I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt, and have heard their groaning. I have come down to deliver them. Now come, I will send you into Egypt.' 35

you a ruler and a judge?'-God has sent him as both their ears, then rushed at him with one accord. 58 They a ruler and a deliverer by the hand of the angel who threw him out of the city and stoned him. The witnesses appeared to him in the bush. 36 This man led them out, having worked wonders and signs in Egypt, in the Red Saul. 59 They stoned Stephen as he called out, saying, Sea, and in the wilderness for forty years. 37 This is that Moses who said to the children of Israel. 'The Lord our God will raise up a prophet for you from among your brothers, like me.' 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 living revelations to give to us, 39 to whom our fathers wouldn't 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 don't 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 away and gave them up to serve the army of the sky, as it is written in the book of the prophets, 'Did you offer to me slain animals and sacrifices forty years in the wilderness, O house of Israel? 43 You took up the tabernacle of Moloch, the star of your god Rephan, the figures which you made to worship, so I will carry you away 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 doesn't 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 Didn't 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 didn't 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 didn't keep it!" 54 Now when they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed at him with their teeth. 55 But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, looked up steadfastly into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, 56 and said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!"

"This Moses whom they refused, saving, "Who made 57 But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped" placed their garments at the feet of a young man named "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!" 60 He kneeled down and cried with a loud voice. "Lord, don't hold this sin against them!" When he had said this, he fell asleep.

> **8** Saul was consenting to his death. A great persecution arose against the assembly 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 assembly, entering into every house and dragged both men and women off to prison. 4 Therefore those who were scattered abroad went around preaching the word. 5 Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed to them the Christ. 6 The multitudes 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 great power of God." 11 They listened to him because for a long time he had amazed them with his sorceries. 12 But when they believed Philip preaching good news concerning God's Kingdom and the name of Jesus Christ, 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 as yet he had fallen on none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of Christ Jesus. 17 Then they laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. 18 Now when Simon saw that the Holy 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 isn't

right before God. 22 Repent therefore of this, your into the city, then you will be told what you must do." wickedness, and ask God if perhaps the thought of your 7 The men who traveled with him stood speechless, heart may be forgiven you. 23 For I see that you are in hearing the sound, but seeing no one. 8 Saul arose the poison of bitterness and in the bondage of iniquity." from the ground, and when his eyes were opened, he 24 Simon answered, "Pray for me to the Lord, that none saw no one. They led him by the hand and brought him of the things which you have spoken happen to me." 25 into Damascus. 9 He was without sight for three days, They therefore, when they had testified and spoken the and neither ate nor drank. 10 Now there was a certain word of the Lord, returned to Jerusalem, and preached disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to the Good News to many villages of the Samaritans. him in a vision, "Ananias!" He said, "Behold, it's me, 26 Then an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, Lord." 11 The Lord said to him, "Arise and go to the "Arise, and go toward the south to the way that goes street which is called Straight, and inquire in the house down from Jerusalem to Gaza. This is a desert." 27 of Judah for one named Saul, a man of Tarsus. For He arose and went; and behold, there was a man of behold, he is praying, 12 and in a vision he has seen a Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace, man named Ananias coming in and laying his hands on queen of the Ethiopians, who was over all her treasure, him, that he might receive his sight." 13 But Ananias who had come to Jerusalem to worship. 28 He was answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this returning and sitting in his chariot, and was reading the man, how much evil he did to your saints at Jerusalem. prophet Isaiah. 29 The Spirit said to Philip, "Go near, 14 Here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all and join yourself to this chariot." 30 Philip ran to him, and who call on your name." 15 But the Lord said to him, "Go heard him reading Isaiah the prophet, and said, "Do you your way, for he is my chosen vessel to bear my name understand what you are reading?" 31 He said, "How before the nations and kings, and the children of Israel. can I, unless someone explains it to me?" He begged 16 For I will show him how many things he must suffer for Philip to come up and sit with him. 32 Now the passage my name's sake." 17 Ananias departed and entered into of the Scripture which he was reading was this, "He was the house. Laying his hands on him, he said, "Brother led as a sheep to the slaughter. As a lamb before his Saul, the Lord, who appeared to you on the road by shearer is silent, so he doesn't open his mouth. 33 In which you came, has sent me that you may receive your his humiliation, his judgment was taken away. Who will sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." 18 Immediately declare His generation? For his life is taken from the something like scales fell from his eyes, and he received earth." 34 The eunuch answered Philip, "Who is the his sight. He arose and was baptized. 19 He took food prophet talking about? About himself, or about someone and was strengthened. Saul stayed several days with else?" 35 Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from the disciples who were at Damascus. 20 Immediately in this Scripture, preached to him about Jesus. 36 As they the synagogues he proclaimed the Christ, that he is the went on the way, they came to some water; and the Son of God. 21 All who heard him were amazed, and eunuch said, "Behold, here is water. What is keeping me said, "Isn't this he who in Jerusalem made havoc of from being baptized?" 38 He commanded the chariot to those who called on this name? And he had come here stand still, and they both went down into the water, both intending to bring them bound before the chief priests!" Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. 39 When 22 But Saul increased more in strength, and confounded they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord the Jews who lived at Damascus, proving that this is caught Philip away, and the eunuch didn't see him any the Christ. 23 When many days were fulfilled, the Jews more, for he went on his way rejoicing. 40 But Philip conspired together to kill him, 24 but their plot became was found at Azotus. Passing through, he preached the known to Saul. They watched the gates both day and Good News to all the cities until he came to Caesarea.

 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, he got close to Damascus, and suddenly a light from the sky shone around him. 4 He fell on the earth, and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" 5 He said, "Who are you, Lord?" The Lord said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. 6 But rise up and enter

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 on the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how at Damascus he had preached boldly in the name of Jesus. 28 He was with them entering into Jerusalem, 29 preaching boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus. He spoke and disputed against the Hellenists, but they were seeking to

kill him. 30 When the brothers knew it, they brought him were preparing, he fell into a trance. 11 He saw heaven with a tanner named Simon.

1 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 the ninth hour of the day, 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 get Simon, who is also called Peter. 6 He is staying with a tanner named Simon, whose house is by the seaside. 7 When the angel who spoke to him had departed, Cornelius called two of his household servants and a devout soldier of those who waited on him continually. 8 Having explained everything to them, he sent them to Joppa. 9 Now on the next day as they were on their journey and got close to the city, Peter went up on the housetop to pray at about noon. 10 He became hungry and desired to eat, but while they

down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus. 31 So the opened and a certain container descending to him, like assemblies throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria a great sheet let down by four corners on the earth, 12 in had peace and were built up. They were multiplied, which were all kinds of four-footed animals of the earth, walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the wild animals, reptiles, and birds of the sky. 13 A voice Holy Spirit. 32 As Peter went throughout all those parts, came to him, "Rise, Peter, kill and eat!" 14 But Peter he came down also to the saints who lived at Lydda. said, "Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that 33 There he found a certain man named Aeneas, who is common or unclean." 15 A voice came to him again had been bedridden for eight years because he was the second time, "What God has cleansed, you must paralyzed. 34 Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ not call unclean." 16 This was done three times, and heals you. Get up and make your bed!" Immediately he immediately the thing was received up into heaven. 17 arose. 35 All who lived at Lydda and in Sharon saw him, Now while Peter was very perplexed in himself what the and they turned to the Lord. 36 Now there was at Joppa vision which he had seen might mean, behold, the men a certain disciple named Tabitha, which when translated who were sent by Cornelius, having made inquiry for means Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and Simon's house, stood before the gate, 18 and called and acts of mercy which she did. 37 In those days, she asked whether Simon, who was also called Peter, was became sick and died. When they had washed her, they lodging there. 19 While Peter was pondering the vision, laid her in an upper room. 38 As Lydda was near Joppa, the Spirit said to him, "Behold, three men seek you. 20 the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two But arise, get down, and go with them, doubting nothing; men to him, imploring him not to delay in coming to for I have sent them." 21 Peter went down to the men, them. 39 Peter got up and went with them. When he and said, "Behold, I am he whom you seek. Why have had come, they brought him into the upper room. All the you come?" 22 They said, "Cornelius, a centurion, a widows stood by him weeping, and showing the tunics righteous man and one who fears God, and well spoken and other garments which Dorcas had made while she of by all the nation of the Jews, was directed by a was with them. 40 Peter sent them all out, and knelt holy angel to invite you to his house, and to listen to down and prayed. Turning to the body, he said, "Tabitha, what you say." 23 So he called them in and provided a get up!" She opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter, place to stay. On the next day Peter arose and went she sat up. 41 He gave her his hand and raised her up. out with them, and some of the brothers from Joppa Calling the saints and widows, he presented her alive. accompanied him. 24 On the next day they entered into 42 This became known throughout all Joppa, and many Caesarea. Cornelius was waiting for them, having called believed in the Lord. 43 He stayed many days in Joppa together his relatives and his near friends. 25 When Peter entered, Cornelius met him, fell down at his feet, and worshiped him. 26 But Peter raised him up. saving. "Stand up! I myself am also a man." 27 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 shouldn't call any man unholy or unclean. 29 Therefore I also came without complaint when I was sent for. I ask therefore, why did you send for me?" 30 Cornelius said, "Four days ago, I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour, I prayed in my house, and behold, 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 also called Peter. He is staying in the house of a tanner named Simon, by the seaside. When he comes, he will speak to you.' 33 Therefore I sent to you at once, and it was good of you to come. Now therefore we are all here present in the sight of God to hear all things that have been commanded you by God." 34 Peter opened

show favoritism; 35 but in every nation he who fears him me to go with them without discriminating. These six and works righteousness is acceptable to him. 36 The brothers also accompanied me, and we entered into the word which he sent to the children of Israel, preaching man's house. 13 He told us how he had seen the angel good news of peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of standing in his house and saying to him, 'Send to Joppa all— 37 you yourselves know what happened, which and get Simon, who is called Peter, 14 who will speak to was proclaimed throughout all Judea, beginning from you words by which you will be saved, you and all your Galilee, after the baptism which John preached; 38 how house.' 15 As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and them, even as on us at the beginning. 16 I remembered with power, who went about doing good and healing all the word of the Lord, how he said, 'John indeed baptized who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. in water, but you will be baptized in the Holy Spirit.' 17 39 We are witnesses of everything he did both in the If then God gave to them the same gift as us when country of the Jews and in Jerusalem; whom they also we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I, that killed, hanging him on a tree. 40 God raised him up the I could withstand God?" 18 When they heard these third day and gave him to be revealed, 41 not to all the things, they held their peace and glorified God, saying, people, but to witnesses who were chosen before by "Then God has also granted to the Gentiles repentance God, to us, who ate and drank with him after he rose to life!" 19 They therefore who were scattered abroad from the dead. 42 He commanded us to preach to the by the oppression that arose about Stephen traveled people and to testify that this is he who is appointed as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, speaking by God as the Judge of the living and the dead. 43 All the word to no one except to Jews only. 20 But there the prophets testify about him, that through his name were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who, everyone who believes in him will receive remission of when they had come to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists, sins." 44 While Peter was still speaking these words, preaching the Lord Jesus. 21 The hand of the Lord was the Holy Spirit fell on all those who heard the word. 45 with them, and a great number believed and turned to They of the circumcision who believed were amazed, the Lord. 22 The report concerning them came to the as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the ears of the assembly which was in Jerusalem. They Holy Spirit was also poured out on the Gentiles. 46 sent out Barnabas to go as far as Antioch. 23 who. For they heard them speaking in other languages and when he had come, and had seen the grace of God, magnifying God. Then Peter answered, 47 "Can anyone was glad. He exhorted them all, that with purpose of forbid these people from being baptized with water? heart they should remain near to the Lord. 24 For he They have received the Holy Spirit just like us." 48 He was a good man, and full of the Holy Spirit and of faith, commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus and many people were added to the Lord. 25 Barnabas Christ. Then they asked him to stay some days.

11 Now the apostles and the brothers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles 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, creeping things, and birds of the sky. 7 I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Rise, Peter, kill and eat!' 8 But I said, 'Not

his mouth and said, "Truly I perceive that God doesn't been sent from Caesarea to me. 12 The Spirit told went out to Tarsus to look for Saul. 26 When he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they were gathered together with the assembly, and taught many people. The disciples were first called Christians 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.

12 Now about that time, King Herod stretched out his hands to oppress some of the assembly. 2 He so, Lord, for nothing unholy or unclean has ever entered killed James, the brother of John, with the sword. 3 into my mouth,' 9 But a voice answered me the second When he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to time out of heaven, 'What God has cleansed, don't you seize Peter also. This was during the days of unleavened call unclean.' 10 This was done three times, and all were bread. 4 When he had arrested him, he put him in prison drawn up again into heaven. 11 Behold, immediately and delivered him to four squads of four soldiers each to three men stood before the house where I was, having guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after

but constant prayer was made by the assembly to God taking with them John who was called Mark. for him. 6 The same night when 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 behold, 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 quickly!" His chains fell off 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 didn't 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 who was called Mark, where many were gathered together and were praying. 13 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 didn't 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 didn't find him, he examined the guards, then commanded that they should be put to death. He went down from Judea to Caesarea, and staved 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, Herod dressed himself in royal clothing, sat on the throne, and gave a speech to them. 22 The people shouted, "The voice of a god, and not of a man!" 23 Immediately an angel of the Lord struck him, because he didn't give God the glory. Then he was eaten by worms and died. 24 But the word of God grew and multiplied. 25 Barnabas and Saul returned to

the Passover. 5 Peter therefore was kept in the prison, Jerusalem when they had fulfilled their service, also

3 Now in the assembly 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 God's word in the Jewish synagogues. They also had John as their attendant. 6 When they had gone through the island to Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew whose name was Bar Jesus, 7 who was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, a man of understanding. 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 the proconsul away from the faith. 9 But Saul, who is also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, fastened his eyes on him 10 and said, "You son of the devil, full of all deceit and all cunning, you enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord? 11 Now, behold, the hand of the Lord is on you, and you will be blind, not seeing the sun for a season!" 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. 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 gesturing with his hand said, "Men of Israel, and you who fear God, listen. 17 The God of this people chose our fathers, and exalted the people when they stayed as aliens in the land of Egypt, and with an uplifted arm, he led them out of it. 18 For a period of about forty years he put up with them in the wilderness. 19 When he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land for an inheritance for about four hundred fifty years. 20 After these things, he gave them judges until Samuel the prophet. 21 Afterward they asked for a king, and God gave to them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years. 22 When he had

whom he also testified, 'I have found David the son of should be spoken to you first. Since indeed you thrust Jesse, a man after my heart, who will do all my will.' 23 it from yourselves, and judge yourselves unworthy of From this man's offspring, God has brought salvation to eternal life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles. (aiōnios q166) Israel according to his promise, 24 before his coming, 47 For so has the Lord commanded us, saying, 'I have when John had first preached the baptism of repentance set you as a light for the Gentiles, that you should bring to Israel. 25 As John was fulfilling his course, he said, salvation to the uttermost parts of the earth." 48 As the What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. But Gentiles heard this, they were glad and glorified the behold, one comes after me, the sandals of whose feet word of God. As many as were appointed to eternal life I am not worthy to untie.' 26 "Brothers, children of the believed. (aionios q166) 49 The Lord's word was spread stock of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, abroad throughout all the region. 50 But the Jews stirred the word of this salvation is sent out to you. 27 For those up the devout and prominent women and the chief men who dwell in Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they of the city, and stirred up a persecution against Paul didn't know him, nor the voices of the prophets which and Barnabas, and threw them out of their borders. 51 are read every Sabbath, fulfilled them by condemning But they shook off the dust of their feet against them, him. 28 Though they found no cause for death, they and came to Iconium, 52 The disciples were filled with still asked Pilate to have him killed. 29 When they had joy and with the Holy Spirit. fulfilled all things that were written about him, they took him down from the tree and laid 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 this to 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 you the holy and sure blessings 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, was laid 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 remission 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 Beware therefore, lest that come on you which is spoken in the prophets: 41 'Behold, you scoffers! Wonder and perish, for I work a work in your days, a work which you will in no way believe, if one declares it to you." 42 So when the Jews went out of the synagogue, the Gentiles begged that these words might be preached to them the next Sabbath. 43 Now when the synagogue broke up, many of the Jews and of the devout proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas; who, speaking to them, urged them to continue in the grace of God. 44 The next Sabbath, almost the whole city was gathered together to hear the word of God. 45 But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with iealousy, and contradicted the things which were spoken by Paul, and blasphemed. 46 Paul and Barnabas spoke

removed him, he raised up David to be their king, to out boldly, and said, "It was necessary that God's word

11 In Iconium, they entered together into the synagogue of the Jews, and so spoke that a great multitude both of Jews and of Greeks believed. 2 But the disbelieving Jews stirred up and embittered the souls of the Gentiles 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 multitude of the city was divided. Part sided with the Jews and part with the apostles. 5 When some of both the Gentiles 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 Good News. 8 At Lystra a certain man sat, impotent in his feet, a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked. 9 He was listening to Paul speaking, who, fastening eyes 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 multitude saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voice, saying in the language of Lycaonia, "The gods have come down to us in the likeness of men!" 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 multitudes. 14 But when the apostles, Barnabas and Paul, heard of it, they tore their clothes and sprang into the multitude, crying out, 15 "Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men of the same nature as you, and bring you good news, that you should turn from these vain things to the living God, who made the sky, the earth, the sea, and all that is in them; 16 who in the generations gone by allowed all the

long time.

15 Some men came down from Judea and taught the brothers, "Unless you are circumcised after the custom of Moses, you can't be saved." 2 Therefore when Paul and Barnabas had no small discord and discussion with them, they appointed Paul, 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 assembly, passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, declaring the conversion of the Gentiles. They caused great joy to all the brothers. 4 When they had come to Jerusalem, they were received by the assembly and the apostles and the elders, and they reported everything 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 to keep the law of Moses." 6 The apostles and the elders were gathered together to see about this matter. 7 When there had been much discussion, Peter rose up and said to them, "Brothers, you know that a good while ago God made a choice among you that by my mouth the nations should hear the word of the Good News and believe. 8 God, who knows the heart, testified about them, giving them

nations to walk in their own ways. 17 Yet he didn't leave the Holy Spirit, just like he did to us. 9 He made no himself without witness, in that he did good and gave distinction between us and them, cleansing their hearts you rains from the sky and fruitful seasons, filling our by faith. 10 Now therefore why do you tempt God, that hearts with food and gladness." 18 Even saying these you should put a yoke on the neck of the disciples things, they hardly stopped the multitudes from making which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear? 11 a sacrifice to them. 19 But some Jews from Antioch But we believe that we are saved through the grace of and Iconium came there, and having persuaded the the Lord Jesus, just as they are." 12 All the multitude multitudes, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of kept silence, and they listened to Barnabas and Paul the city, supposing that he was dead. 20 But as the reporting what signs and wonders God had done among disciples stood around him, he rose up, and entered into the nations through them. 13 After they were silent, the city. On the next day he went out with Barnabas to James answered, "Brothers, listen to me. 14 Simeon Derbe. 21 When they had preached the Good News to has reported how God first visited the nations to take that city and had made many disciples, they returned to out of them a people for his name. 15 This agrees with Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch, 22 strengthening the souls the words of the prophets. As it is written, 16 'After of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, these things I will return. I will again build the tabernacle and that through many afflictions we must enter into of David, which has fallen. I will again build its ruins. I God's Kingdom. 23 When they had appointed elders for will set it up 17 that the rest of men may seek after the them in every assembly, and had prayed with fasting, Lord: all the Gentiles who are called by my name, says they commended them to the Lord on whom they had the Lord, who does all these things.' 18 "All of God's believed. 24 They passed through Pisidia and came to works are known to him from eternity. (aiōn g165) 19 Pamphylia. 25 When they had spoken the word in Perga, Therefore my judgment is that we don't trouble those they went down to Attalia. 26 From there they sailed to from among the Gentiles who turn to God, 20 but that Antioch, from where they had been committed to the we write to them that they abstain from the pollution of grace of God for the work which they had fulfilled. 27 idols, from sexual immorality, from what is strangled, When they had arrived and had gathered the assembly and from blood. 21 For Moses from generations of old together, they reported all the things that God had done has in every city those who preach him, being read in with them, and that he had opened a door of faith to the synagogues every Sabbath." 22 Then it seemed nations. 28 They stayed there with the disciples for a good to the apostles and the elders, with the whole assembly, 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 brothers who are of the Gentiles 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, saying, 'You must be circumcised and keep the law,' 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 men who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. 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, from which if you keep yourselves, it will be well with you. Farewell." 30 So, when they were sent off, they came to Antioch. Having gathered the multitude together, they delivered the letter. 31 When they had read it, they rejoiced over the encouragement. 32 Judas

and Silas, also being prophets themselves, encouraged her heart to listen to the things which were spoken by Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the assemblies.

16 He came to Derbe and Lystra; and behold. a certain disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewess 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 assemblies 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 didn't 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 saving, "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 preach the Good News to them. 11 Setting sail therefore from Troas, we made a straight course to Samothrace, and the day following to Neapolis: 12 and from there to Philippi, which is a city of Macedonia, the foremost of the district, a Roman colony. We were staying some days in this city. 13 On the Sabbath day we went outside of the city by a riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. 14 A certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, one who worshiped God, heard us. The Lord opened

the brothers with many words and strengthened them. Paul. 15 When she and her household were baptized, 33 After they had spent some time there, they were she begged us, saving, "If you have judged me to be dismissed in peace from the brothers to the apostles, faithful to the Lord, come into my house and stay." So 35 But Paul and Barnabas stayed in Antioch, teaching she persuaded us. 16 As we were going to prayer, a and preaching the word of the Lord, with many others certain girl having a spirit of divination met us, who also. 36 After some days Paul said to Barnabas, "Let's brought her masters much gain by fortune telling, 17 return now and visit our brothers in every city in which Following Paul and us, she cried out, "These men are we proclaimed the word of the Lord, to see how they servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us are doing." 37 Barnabas planned to take John, who was a way of salvation!" 18 She was doing this for many called Mark, with them also. 38 But Paul didn't think that days. But Paul, becoming greatly annoyed, turned and it was a good idea to take with them someone who had said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus withdrawn from them in Pamphylia, and didn't go with Christ to come out of her!" It came out that very hour. them to do the work. 39 Then the contention grew so 19 But when her masters saw that the hope of their sharp that they separated from each other. Barnabas gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus. 40 but them into the marketplace before the rulers, 20 When Paul chose Silas and went out, being commended by they had brought them to the magistrates, they said, the brothers to the grace of God. 41 He went through "These men, being Jews, are agitating our city 21 and advocate customs which it is not lawful for us to accept or to observe, being Romans." 22 The multitude rose up together against them and the magistrates tore their clothes from them, then 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 Having received such a command, he 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 cried with a loud voice, saying, "Don't harm yourself, for we are all here!" 29 He called for lights, sprang in, fell down trembling before Paul and Silas, 30 brought them out, and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" 31 They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, 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 house and set food before them, and rejoiced greatly with all his household, having believed in God. 35 But when it was day, the magistrates sent the sergeants, saying, "Let those men go." 36 The jailer reported these words to Paul, saying, "The magistrates have sent to let you go; now therefore come out and go in peace." 37 But Paul said to them, "They have beaten us publicly without a trial, men who are Romans, and have cast

most certainly, but let them come themselves and bring they were Romans, 39 and they came and begged them. When they had brought them out, they asked them to depart from the city. 40 They went out of the prison and brothers, they encouraged them, then 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 Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and saying, "This Jesus, whom I proclaim to you, is the Christ." 4 Some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas: of the devout Greeks a great multitude, and not a few of the chief women. 5 But the unpersuaded Jews 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 didn't 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 multitude 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 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, agitating the multitudes. 14 Then the brothers immediately sent out Paul to go as far as to the sea, and Silas and Timothy still stayed there. 15 But those who escorted Paul brought him as far as Athens. Receiving a commandment to Silas and Timothy that they should come to him very quickly, they departed. 16 Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw the city full of idols. 17 So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who met him. 18 Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also were conversing with him. Some

us into prison! Do they now release us secretly? No, said, "What does this babbler want to say?" Others said, "He seems to be advocating foreign deities," because us out!" 38 The sergeants reported these words to the he preached Jesus and the resurrection. 19 They took magistrates, and they were afraid when they heard that hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is, which you are speaking about? 20 For you bring certain strange things to our ears. We want to know therefore what entered into Lydia's house. When they had seen the 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 also found an altar with this inscription: 'TO AN UNKNOWN GOD.' What therefore you worship in ignorance, I announce to you. 24 The God who made the world and all things in it, he, being Lord of heaven and earth, doesn't dwell in temples made with hands. 25 He isn't served by men's 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 men to dwell on all the surface of the earth, having determined appointed seasons and the boundaries of their dwellings, 27 that they should seek the Lord, 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, 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 art and design of man. 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 all men, in that he has raised 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 certain men joined with him and believed, including Dionysius the Areopagite, and a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

> After these things Paul departed from Athens and came to Corinth. 2 He found a certain Jew named Aguila, a man of Pontus by race, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to depart from Rome. He came to them, 3 and because he practiced the same trade, he lived with them and worked, for by trade they were tent makers. 4 He reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath and persuaded Jews and Greeks. 5

Paul was compelled by the Spirit, testifying to the Jews had determined to pass over into Achaia, the brothers that Jesus was the Christ. 6 When they opposed him encouraged him; and wrote to the disciples to receive and blasphemed, he shook out his clothing and said to him. When he had come, he greatly helped those who them, "Your blood be on your own heads! I am clean. had believed through grace; 28 for he powerfully refuted From now on, I will go to the Gentiles!" 7 He departed the Jews, publicly showing by the Scriptures that Jesus there and went into the house of a certain man named was the Christ. 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, "Don't be afraid, but speak and don't 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 man persuades men 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, you 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 don't want to be a judge of these matters." 16 So he drove them from the judgment seat. 17 Then all the Greeks seized Sosthenes, the ruler of the synagogue, and beat him before the judgment seat. Gallio didn't care about any of these things. 18 Paul, having stayed after this many more days, took his leave of the brothers, and sailed from there for Syria, together with Priscilla and Aquila. He shaved his head in Cenchreae, for he had a vow. 19 He 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 with them a longer time, he declined; 21 but taking his leave of them, he said, "I must by all means keep this coming feast in Jerusalem, but I will return again to you if God wills." Then he set sail from Ephesus. 22 When he had landed at Caesarea, he went up and greeted the assembly, and went down to Antioch. 23 Having spent some time there, he departed and went through the region of Galatia and Phrygia, in order, establishing all the disciples. 24 Now a certain Jew named Apollos, an Alexandrian by race, an eloquent man, came to Ephesus. He was mighty in the Scriptures. 25 This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus, although he knew only the baptism of John. 26 He began to speak boldly in the synagogue. But when Priscilla and Aguila heard him, they took him aside, and explained

When Silas and Timothy came down from Macedonia. to him the way of God more accurately. 27 When he

 $\pmb{19} \text{ While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul, having passed}$ 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 haven't even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." 3 He said, "Into what then were vou 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 Christ 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 languages 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 God's Kingdom. 9 But when some were hardened and disobedient, speaking evil of the Way before the multitude, he departed from them and separated the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus. 10 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 diseases departed from them. 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, saying, "We adjure you 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 The man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, overpowered them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. 17 This became known to all, both Jews and Greeks, who lived at Ephesus. Fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified. 18 Many also of those who had believed came, confessing and declaring their deeds. 19 Many of those who practiced magical arts brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. They counted their price, and found it to be fifty thousand pieces of silver. 20 So the word of the Lord was growing and becoming mighty. 21 Now after

these things had ended, Paul determined in the Spirit, account of this commotion." 41 When he had thus when he had passed through Macedonia and Achaia, to spoken, he dismissed the assembly. 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 disturbance 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, saying 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 her majesty destroyed, whom all Asia and the world worships." 28 When they heard this they were filled with anger, and cried out, saying, "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!" 29 The whole city was filled with confusion, and they rushed with one accord into the theater, having seized Gaius and Aristarchus, men of Macedonia, Paul's companions in travel. 30 When Paul wanted to enter in to the people, the disciples didn't allow him. 31 Certain also of the Asiarchs, being his friends, sent to him and begged him not to venture into the theater. 32 Some therefore cried one thing, and some another, for the assembly was in confusion. Most of them didn't know why they had come together. 33 They brought Alexander out of the multitude, 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 cried out, "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!" 35 When the town clerk had quieted the multitude, he said, "You men of Ephesus, what man is there who doesn't know that the city of the Ephesians is temple keeper of the great goddess Artemis, and of the image which fell down from Zeus? 36 Seeing then that these things can't be denied, you ought to be quiet and to do nothing rash. 37 For you have brought these men here, who are neither robbers of temples nor blasphemers of your goddess. 38 If therefore Demetrius and the craftsmen who are with him have a matter against anyone, the courts are open and there are proconsuls. Let them press charges against one another. 39 But if you seek anything about other matters, it will be settled in the regular assembly. 40 For indeed we are in danger of being accused concerning today's riot, there being no cause. Concerning it, we wouldn't be able to give an

20 After the uproar had ceased, Paul sent for the disciples, 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 These accompanied him as far as Asia: Sopater 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 the disciples 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 room 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 floor and was taken up dead. 10 Paul went down and fell upon him, and embracing him said, "Don't be troubled, for his life is in him." 11 When he had gone up, 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, going 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 touched at Samos and stayed at Trogyllium, 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 assembly. 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, 19 serving the Lord with all humility, with many tears, and with trials which happened to me by the plots of the Jews; 20 how I didn't shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, teaching you publicly and from house to house, 21 testifying both to Jews and to Greeks repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus. 22 Now, behold, I go bound by the Spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me

there: 23 except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every we who were Paul's companions departed and came wolves will enter in among you, not sparing the flock, 30 the Lord Jesus." 14 When he would not be persuaded. three years I didn't cease to admonish everyone night also went with us, bringing one Mnason of Cyprus, the Lord Jesus, that he himself said, 'It is more blessed there are among the Jews of those who have believed, Then they accompanied him to the ship.

21 When we had departed 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 the ship was there to unload her cargo. 4 Having found disciples, we stayed there seven days. These said to Paul through the Spirit that he should not go up to Jerusalem. 5 When those days were over, we departed and went on our journey. They all, with wives and children, brought us on our way until we were out of the city. Kneeling down on the beach, we prayed. 6 After saying goodbye to each other, we went on board the ship, and they returned home again. 7 When we had finished the voyage from Tyre, we arrived at Ptolemais. We greeted the brothers and staved with them one day. 8 On the next day.

city, saying that bonds and afflictions wait for me. 24 But to Caesarea. We entered into the house of Philip the these things don't count; nor do I hold my life dear to evangelist, who was one of the seven, and stayed with myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the him. 9 Now this man had four virgin daughters who ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to fully prophesied. 10 As we stayed there some days, a certain testify to the Good News of the grace of God. 25 "Now, prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. 11 behold, I know that you all, among whom I went about Coming to us and taking Paul's belt, he bound his own preaching God's Kingdom, will see my face no more. 26 feet and hands, and said, "The Holy Spirit says: 'So the Therefore I testify to you today that I am clean from the Jews at Jerusalem will bind the man who owns this belt, blood of all men, 27 for I didn't shrink from declaring to and will deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles." 12 you the whole counsel of God. 28 Take heed, therefore, When we heard these things, both we and the people of to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit that place begged him not to go up to Jerusalem. 13 has made you overseers, to shepherd the assembly of Then Paul answered, "What are you doing, weeping the Lord and God which he purchased with his own and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be blood. 29 For I know that after my departure, vicious bound, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of Men will arise from among your own selves, speaking we ceased, saying, "The Lord's will be done." 15 After perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. these days we took up our baggage and went up to 31 Therefore watch, remembering that for a period of Jerusalem. 16 Some of the disciples from Caesarea and day with tears. 32 Now, brothers, I entrust you to an early disciple, with whom we would stay. 17 When God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build we had come to Jerusalem, the brothers received us up and to give you the inheritance among all those gladly. 18 The day following, Paul went in with us to who are sanctified. 33 I coveted no one's silver, gold, James; and all the elders were present. 19 When he or clothing. 34 You yourselves know that these hands had greeted them, he reported one by one the things served my necessities, and those who were with me. 35 which God had worked among the Gentiles through his In all things I gave you an example, that so laboring you ministry. 20 They, when they heard it, glorified God. They ought to help the weak, and to remember the words of said to him, "You see, brother, how many thousands to give than to receive." 36 When he had spoken these and they are all zealous for the law. 21 They have things, he knelt down and prayed with them all. 37 They been informed about you, that you teach all the Jews all wept freely, and fell on Paul's neck and kissed him, who are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, telling 38 sorrowing most of all because of the word which he them not to circumcise their children and not to walk had spoken, that they should see his face no more. after the customs. 22 What then? The assembly must certainly meet, for 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 Gentiles who believe, we have written our decision that they should observe no such thing, except that they should keep themselves from food offered to idols, from blood, from strangled things, and from sexual immorality." 26 Then Paul took the men, and the next day purified himself and went with them into the temple, declaring the fulfillment of the days of purification, until the offering was offered for every one of them. 27 When the seven days were almost completed, the Jews from Asia, when they saw him in the temple, stirred up all the multitude and laid hands on him, 28 crying out, "Men of Israel, help! This is the man

who teaches all men everywhere against the people. He said to me. 'I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom you and the law, and this place. Moreover, he also brought persecute.' 9 "Those who were with me indeed saw Greeks into the temple and has defiled this holy place!" the light and were afraid, but they didn't understand 29 For they had seen Trophimus the Ephesian, with him the voice of him who spoke to me. 10 I said, 'What in the city, and they supposed that Paul had brought shall I do, Lord?' The Lord said to me, 'Arise, and go him into the temple. 30 All the city was moved and the into Damascus. There you will be told about all things people ran together. They seized Paul and dragged him which are appointed for you to do.' 11 When I couldn't out of the temple. Immediately the doors were shut. 31 see for the glory of that light, being led by the hand of As they were trying to kill him, news came up to the those who were with me, I came into Damascus. 12 commanding officer of the regiment that all Jerusalem "One Ananias, a devout man according to the law, well was in an uproar. 32 Immediately he took soldiers and reported of by all the Jews who lived in Damascus, 13 centurions and ran down to them. They, when they saw came to me, and standing by me said to me, 'Brother the chief captain and the soldiers, stopped beating Paul. Saul, receive your sight!' In that very hour I looked up at 33 Then the commanding officer came near, arrested him. 14 He said, 'The God of our fathers has appointed him, commanded him to be bound with two chains, and you to know his will, and to see the Righteous One, and inquired who he was and what he had done. 34 Some to hear a voice from his mouth. 15 For you will be a shouted one thing and some another, among the crowd. witness for him to all men of what you have seen and When he couldn't find out the truth because of the noise, heard. 16 Now why do you wait? Arise, be baptized, he commanded him to be brought into the barracks, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the 35 When he came to the stairs, he was carried by the Lord.' 17 "When I had returned to Jerusalem and while I soldiers because of the violence of the crowd; 36 for prayed in the temple, I fell into a trance 18 and saw him the multitude of the people followed after, crying out, saying to me, 'Hurry and get out of Jerusalem quickly, "Away with him!" 37 As Paul was about to be brought because they will not receive testimony concerning me into the barracks, he asked the commanding officer, from you.' 19 I said, 'Lord, they themselves know that I "May I speak to you?" He said, "Do you know Greek? imprisoned and beat in every synagogue those who 38 Aren't you then the Egyptian who before these days believed in you. 20 When the blood of Stephen, your stirred up to sedition and led out into the wilderness witness, was shed, I also was standing by, consenting to the four thousand men of the Assassins?" 39 But Paul his death, and quarding the cloaks of those who killed said, "I am a Jew from Tarsus in Cilicia, a citizen of no him." 21 "He said to me, 'Depart, for I will send you out insignificant city. I beg you, allow me to speak to the far from here to the Gentiles." 22 They listened to him people." 40 When he had given him permission, Paul, until he said that; then they lifted up their voice and standing on the stairs, beckoned with his hand to the said, "Rid the earth of this fellow, for he isn't fit to live!" people. When there was a great silence, he spoke to 23 As they cried out, threw off their cloaks, and threw them in the Hebrew language, saying,

22 "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 quiet. 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 tradition of the law of our fathers, being zealous for God, even as you all are today. 4 I persecuted this Way to the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women, 5 as also the high priest and all the council of the elders testify, from whom also I received letters to the brothers, and traveled to Damascus to bring them also who were there to Jerusalem in bonds to be punished. 6 "As I made my journey and came close to Damascus, about noon suddenly a great light shone around me from the sky. 7 I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?' 8 I answered, 'Who are you, Lord?'

dust into the air, 24 the commanding officer commanded him to be brought into the barracks, ordering him to be examined by scourging, that he might know for what crime they shouted against 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. "Watch what you are 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 for a great price." Paul said, "But I was born a Roman." 29 Immediately those who were about to examine him departed from him, and the commanding officer also was afraid when he realized that he was a Roman, because he had bound him. 30 But on the next day, desiring to know the truth about why he was accused by the Jews, he freed him from the bonds and commanded the chief priests and all the council to come

them.

23 Paul, looking steadfastly at the council, said. "Brothers, I have lived before God in all good conscience until today." 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 didn't know, brothers, that he was high priest. For it is written, 'You shall 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 cried out 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 crowd 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. But if a spirit or angel has spoken to him, let's not fight against God!" 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, Paul, for as you have testified about me at Jerusalem, so you must testify also at Rome." 12 When it was day, some of the Jews banded together 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 council inform the commanding officer that he should bring him down to you tomorrow, as though you were going to judge his case more exactly. We are ready to kill him before he comes near." 16 But Paul's sister's son heard they were lying in wait, and he came and entered into the barracks and told Paul. 17 Paul summoned one of the centurions and said, "Bring this young man to the commanding him and brought him to the commanding officer and

together, and brought Paul down and set him before have to tell me?" 20 He said. "The Jews have agreed to ask you to bring Paul down to the council tomorrow, as though intending to inquire somewhat more accurately concerning him. 21 Therefore don't yield to them, for more than forty men lie in wait for him, who have bound themselves under a curse to neither eat nor 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 men armed with spears, at the third hour of the night." 24 He asked them to provide mounts, 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 questions of their law, but not to be charged with anything worthy of death or of imprisonment. 30 When I was told that the Jews lay in wait for 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.

21 After five days, the high priest, Ananias, came down with certain elders and an orator, one Tertullus. They informed the governor against Paul. 2 When he was called, Tertullus began to accuse him, saying, "Seeing that by you we enjoy much peace, and that prosperity is coming to this nation by your foresight. 3 we accept it in all ways and in all places. most excellent Felix, with all thankfulness. 4 But that I don't delay you, I entreat you to bear with us and hear officer, for he has something to tell him." 18 So he took a few words. 5 For we have found this man to be a plague, an instigator of insurrections among all the Jews said, "Paul, the prisoner, summoned me and asked me throughout the world, and a ringleader of the sect of the to bring this young man to you. He has something to tell Nazarenes. 6 He even tried to profane the temple, and vou." 19 The commanding officer took him by the hand, we arrested him. 8 By examining him yourself you may and going aside, asked him privately, "What is it that you ascertain all these things of which we accuse him." 9

The Jews also joined in the attack, affirming that these kept in custody at Caesarea, and that he himself was favor with the Jews, Felix left Paul in bonds.

25 Festus therefore, having come into the province, after three days went up to Jerusalem from Caesarea. 2 Then the high priest and the principal men of the Jews informed him against Paul, and they begged 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

things were so. 10 When the governor had beckoned to about to depart shortly. 5 "Let them therefore", he said, him to speak, Paul answered, "Because I know that "that are in power among you go down with me, and if you have been a judge of this nation for many years, I there is anything wrong in the man, let them accuse cheerfully make my defense, 11 seeing that you can him." 6 When he had stayed among them more than verify that it is not more than twelve days since I went up ten days, he went down to Caesarea, and on the next to worship at Jerusalem. 12 In the temple they didn't find day he sat on the judgment seat, and commanded Paul me disputing with anyone or stirring up a crowd, either in to be brought. 7 When he had come, the Jews who had the synagogues or in the city. 13 Nor can they prove to come down from Jerusalem stood around him, bringing you the things of which they now accuse me. 14 But this against him many and grievous charges which they I confess to you, that according to the Way, which they could not prove, 8 while he said in his defense, "Neither call a sect, so I serve the God of our fathers, believing against the law of the Jews, nor against the temple, all things which are according to the law, and which are nor against Caesar, have I sinned at all." 9 But Festus, written in the prophets; 15 having hope toward God, desiring to gain favor with the Jews, answered Paul which these also themselves look for, that there will be a and said, "Are you willing to go up to Jerusalem and resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust. 16 be judged by me there concerning these things?" 10 In this I also practice always having a conscience void But Paul said, "I am standing before Caesar's judgment of offense toward God and men. 17 Now after some seat, where I ought to be tried. I have done no wrong to years, I came to bring gifts for the needy to my nation, the Jews, as you also know very well. 11 For if I have and offerings; 18 amid which certain Jews from Asia done wrong and have committed anything worthy of found me purified in the temple, not with a mob, nor with death, I don't refuse to die; but if none of those things is turmoil. 19 They ought to have been here before you true that they accuse me of, no one can give me up to and to make accusation if they had anything against me. them. I appeal to Caesar!" 12 Then Festus, when he 20 Or else let these men themselves say what injustice had conferred with the council, answered, "You have they found in me when I stood before the council, 21 appealed to Caesar. To Caesar you shall go." 13 Now unless it is for this one thing that I cried standing among when some days had passed, King Agrippa and Bernice them, 'Concerning the resurrection of the dead I am arrived at Caesarea and greeted Festus. 14 As he being judged before you today!" 22 But Felix, having stayed there many days, Festus laid Paul's case before more exact knowledge concerning the Way, deferred the king, saying, "There is a certain man left a prisoner them, saying, "When Lysias, the commanding officer, by Felix; 15 about whom, when I was at Jerusalem, comes down, I will decide your case." 23 He ordered the chief priests and the elders of the Jews informed the centurion that Paul should be kept in custody and me, asking for a sentence against him. 16 I answered should have some privileges, and not to forbid any of them that it is not the custom of the Romans to give up his friends to serve him or to visit him. 24 After some any man to destruction before the accused has met the days, Felix came with Drusilla his wife, who was a accusers face to face and has had opportunity to make Jewess, and sent for Paul and heard him concerning his defense concerning the matter laid against him. 17 the faith in Christ Jesus. 25 As he reasoned about When therefore they had come together here, I didn't righteousness, self-control, and the judgment to come, delay, but on the next day sat on the judgment seat Felix was terrified, and answered, "Go your way for this and commanded the man to be brought. 18 When the time, and when it is convenient for me, I will summon accusers stood up, they brought no charges against you." 26 Meanwhile, he also hoped that money would him of such things as I supposed; 19 but had certain be given to him by Paul, that he might release him, guestions against him about their own religion and about Therefore also he sent for him more often and talked one Jesus, who was dead, whom Paul affirmed to be with him. 27 But when two years were fulfilled. Felix alive. 20 Being perplexed how to inquire concerning was succeeded by Porcius Festus, and desiring to gain these things, I asked whether he was willing to go to Jerusalem and there be judged concerning these matters. 21 But when Paul had appealed to be kept for the decision of the emperor, I commanded him to be kept until I could send him to Caesar." 22 Agrippa said to Festus, "I also would like to hear the man myself." "Tomorrow," he said, "you shall hear him." 23 So on the next day, when Agrippa and Bernice had come with great pomp, and they had entered into the place of

hearing with the commanding officers and the principal servant and a witness both of the things which you have 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 today 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 the Jews. Therefore I beg you to hear me patiently. 4 "Indeed, all the 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, King Agrippa! 8 Why is it judged incredible with you if God does raise the dead? 9 "I myself most certainly thought that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth. 10 I also did this 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.

men of the city, at the command of Festus, Paul was seen and of the things which I will reveal to you; 17 brought in. 24 Festus said, "King Agrippa, and all men delivering you from the people and from the Gentiles, who are here present with us, you see this man about to whom I send you, 18 to open their eyes, that they whom all the multitude of the Jews petitioned me, both may turn from darkness to light and from the power of at Jerusalem and here, crying that he ought not to live Satan to God, that they may receive remission of sins any longer. 25 But when I found that he had committed and an inheritance among those who are sanctified nothing worthy of death, and as he himself appealed to by faith in me.' 19 "Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not the emperor, I determined to send him, 26 of whom I disobedient to the heavenly vision, 20 but declared first have no certain thing to write to my lord. Therefore I to them of Damascus, at Jerusalem, and throughout have brought him out before you, and especially before all the country of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that you, King Agrippa, that, after examination I may have they should repent and turn to God, doing works worthy something to write. 27 For it seems to me unreasonable, of repentance. 21 For this reason the Jews seized me in sending a prisoner, not to also specify the charges in the temple and tried to kill me. 22 Having therefore obtained the help 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 Christ must suffer, and how, by the resurrection of the dead, he would be first to proclaim light both to these people and to the Gentiles." 24 As he thus made his defense, Festus said with a loud voice, "Paul, you are crazv! 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 Christian?" 29 Paul said, "I pray to God, that whether with little or with much, not only you, but also all that hear me today, 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 to one 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 12 "Whereupon as I traveled to Damascus with the prisoners to a centurion named Julius, of the Augustan authority and commission from the chief priests, 13 at band. 2 Embarking in a ship of Adramyttium, which was noon, O king, I saw on the way a light from the sky, about to sail to places on the coast of Asia, we put to brighter than the sun, shining around me and those sea, Aristarchus, a Macedonian of Thessalonica being who traveled with me. 14 When we had all fallen to with us. 3 The next day, we touched at Sidon. Julius the earth, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew treated Paul kindly and gave him permission to go to language, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It is his friends and refresh himself. 4 Putting to sea from hard for you to kick against the goads.' 15 "I said, 'Who there, we sailed under the lee of Cyprus, because the are you. Lord?' "He said. 'I am Jesus. whom you are winds were contrary. 5 When we had sailed across persecuting. 16 But arise, and stand on your feet, for I the sea which is off Cilicia and Pamphylia, we came have appeared to you for this purpose: to appoint you a to Myra, a city of Lycia. 6 There the centurion found a ship of Alexandria sailing for Italy, and he put us on

had come with difficulty opposite Cnidus, the wind not were trying to flee out of the ship and had lowered the allowing us further, we sailed under the lee of Crete, boat into the sea, pretending that they would lay out opposite Salmone. 8 With difficulty sailing along it we anchors from the bow, 31 Paul said to the centurion and came to a certain place called Fair Havens, near the to the soldiers, "Unless these stay in the ship, you can't city of Lasea. 9 When much time had passed and the be saved." 32 Then the soldiers cut away the ropes of voyage was now dangerous because the Fast had now the boat and let it fall off. 33 While the day was coming already gone by, Paul admonished them 10 and said on, Paul begged them all to take some food, saying, to them, "Sirs, I perceive that the voyage will be with "Today is the fourteenth day that you wait and continue but also of our lives." 11 But the centurion gave more take some food, for this is for your safety; for not a hair heed to the master and to the owner of the ship than to will perish from any of your heads." 35 When he had those things which were spoken by Paul. 12 Because said this and had taken bread, he gave thanks to God in the haven was not suitable to winter in, the majority the presence of all; then he broke it and began to eat. advised going to sea from there, if by any means they 36 Then they all cheered up, and they also took food. 37 could reach Phoenix and winter there, which is a port of In all, we were two hundred seventy-six souls on the Crete, looking southwest and northwest. 13 When the ship. 38 When they had eaten enough, they lightened south wind blew softly, supposing that they had obtained the ship, throwing out the wheat into the sea. 39 When it their purpose, they weighed anchor and sailed along was day, they didn't recognize the land, but they noticed Crete, close to shore. 14 But before long, a stormy wind a certain bay with a beach, and they decided to try to beat down from shore, which is called Euroclydon. 15 drive the ship onto it. 40 Casting off the anchors, they When the ship was caught and couldn't face the wind, left them in the sea, at the same time untying the rudder we gave way to it and were driven along. 16 Running ropes. Hoisting up the foresail to the wind, they made under the lee of a small island called Clauda, we were for the beach. 41 But coming to a place where two seas able, with difficulty, to secure the boat. 17 After they had met, they ran the vessel aground. The bow struck and hoisted it up, they used cables to help reinforce the ship. remained immovable, but the stern began to break up Fearing that they would run aground on the Syrtis sand by the violence of the waves. 42 The soldiers' counsel bars, they lowered the sea anchor, and so were driven was to kill the prisoners, so that none of them would along. 18 As we labored exceedingly with the storm, the swim out and escape. 43 But the centurion, desiring next day they began to throw things overboard. 19 On to save Paul, stopped them from their purpose, and the third day, they threw out the ship's tackle with their commanded that those who could swim should throw own hands. 20 When neither sun nor stars shone on us themselves overboard first to go toward the land; 44 and for many days, and no small storm pressed on us, all the rest should follow, some on planks and some on hope that we would be saved was now taken away. 21 other things from the ship. So they all escaped safely to When they had been long without food, Paul stood up in the land. the middle of them and said, "Sirs, you should have 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 saving, 'Don't be afraid, Paul, You must stand before Caesar. Behold, God has granted you all those who sail with you.' 25 Therefore, sirs, cheer up! For I believe God, that it will be just as it has been spoken to me. 26 But we must run aground on a certain island." 27 But when the fourteenth night had come, as we were driven back and forth in the Adriatic Sea, about midnight the sailors surmised that they were drawing near to some land. 28 They took soundings and found twenty fathoms. After a little while, they took soundings again, and found fifteen fathoms. 29 Fearing that we would run aground on rocky ground, they let go four anchors from

board. 7 When we had sailed slowly many days, and the stern, and wished for daylight. 30 As the sailors injury and much loss, not only of the cargo and the ship, fasting, having taken nothing. 34 Therefore I beg you to

> 28 When we had escaped, then they 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 and laid 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 said to one another, "No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he has escaped from the sea, yet Justice has not allowed to live." 5 However he shook off the creature into the fire, and wasn't harmed. 6 But they expected that he would have swollen or fallen down dead suddenly, but when they watched for a long time and saw nothing bad happen to him, they changed their minds and said that he was a god. 7 Now in the neighborhood of that place were lands belonging to the chief man of the island, named Publius, who received

The father of Publius lay sick of fever and dysentery. eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, Paul entered in to him, prayed, and laying his hands on and would turn again, then I would heal them.' 28 "Be it him, healed him. 9 Then when this was done, the rest known therefore to you that the salvation of God is sent also who had diseases in the island came and were to the nations, and they will listen." 29 When he had cured. 10 They also honored us with many honors; and said these words, the Jews departed, having a great when we sailed, they put on board the things that we dispute among themselves. 30 Paul stayed two whole needed. 11 After three months, we set sail in a ship years in his own rented house and received all who of Alexandria which had wintered in the island, whose were coming to him, 31 preaching God's Kingdom and figurehead was "The Twin Brothers." 12 Touching at teaching the things concerning the Lord Jesus Christ Syracuse, we stayed there three days. 13 From there with all boldness, without hindrance. we circled around 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, the centurion delivered the prisoners to the captain of the guard, but Paul was allowed to stay by himself with the soldier who guarded him. 17 After three days Paul called together those who were the leaders of the Jews. 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 constrained 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 God's Kingdom. and persuading them concerning Jesus, both from the law of Moses and from the prophets, from morning until evening. 24 Some believed the things which were spoken, and some disbelieved. 25 When they didn't agree among themselves, they departed after Paul had spoken one message: "The Holy Spirit spoke rightly through Isaiah the prophet to our fathers, 26 saying, 'Go to this people and say, in hearing, you will hear, but will in no way understand. In seeing, you will see, but will in no way perceive. 27 For this people's heart has grown callous. Their ears are dull of hearing. Their

us and courteously entertained us for three days. 8 eyes they have closed. Lest they should see with their

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1 Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the Good News 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 Christ our Lord, 5 through whom we received grace and apostleship for obedience of faith among all the nations for his name's sake; 6 among whom you are also called to belong to Jesus Christ; 7 to all who are in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 8 First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, that your faith is proclaimed throughout the whole world. 9 For God is my witness, whom I serve in my spirit in the Good News of his Son, how unceasingly I make mention of you always in my prayers, 10 requesting, if by any means now at last I may be prospered 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 the end that you may be established; 12 that is, that I with you may be encouraged in you, each of us by the other's faith, both yours and mine. 13 Now I 2 Therefore you are without excuse, O man, whoever don't desire to have you unaware, brothers, that I often planned to come to you (and was hindered so far), that I might have some fruit among you also, even as among the rest of the Gentiles. 14 I am debtor both to Greeks and to foreigners, both to the wise and to the foolish. 15 So as much as is in me, I am eager to preach the Good News to you also who are in Rome. 16 For I am not ashamed of the Good News of Christ, because it is the power of God for salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first, and also for the Greek. 17 For in it is revealed God's righteousness from faith to faith." 18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, 19 because that which is known of God is revealed in them, for God revealed it to them. 20 For the invisible things of him since the creation of the world are clearly seen, being perceived through the things that are made, even his everlasting power and divinity, that they may be without excuse. (aïdios g126) 21 Because knowing God, they didn't glorify him as God, and didn't give thanks, but

creeping things. 24 Therefore God also gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to uncleanness, that their bodies should be dishonored among themselves; 25 who exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. (aion g165) 26 For this reason, God gave them up to vile passions. For their women changed the natural function into that which is against nature. 27 Likewise also the men, leaving the natural function of the woman, burned in their lust toward one another, men doing what is inappropriate with men, and receiving in themselves the due penalty of their error. 28 Even as they refused to have God in their knowledge, God gave them up to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not fitting; 29 being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, malice; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil habits, secret slanderers, 30 backbiters, hateful to God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, 31 without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, 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.

you are who judge. For in that which you judge another, you condemn yourself. For you who judge practice the same things. 2 We know that the judgment of God is according to truth against those who practice such things. 3 Do you think this, O man who judges those who practice such things, and do the same, that you will escape the judgment of God? 4 Or do you despise the riches of his goodness, forbearance, and patience, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance? 5 But according to your hardness and unrepentant heart you are treasuring up faith. As it is written, "But the righteous shall live by for yourself wrath in the day of wrath, revelation, and of the righteous judgment of God, 6 who "will pay back to everyone according to their works:" 7 to those who by perseverance in well-doing seek for glory, honor, and incorruptibility, eternal life; (aionios g166) 8 but to those who are self-seeking and don't obey the truth. but obey unrighteousness, will be wrath, indignation, 9 oppression, and anguish on every soul of man who does evil, to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. 10 But glory, honor, and peace go to every man who does good, to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. 11 For became vain in their reasoning, and their senseless there is no partiality with God. 12 For as many as have heart was darkened. 22 Professing themselves to be sinned without the law will also perish without the law. wise, they became fools, 23 and traded the glory of As many as have sinned under the law will be judged the incorruptible God for the likeness of an image of by the law. 13 For it isn't the hearers of the law who corruptible man, and of birds, four-footed animals, and are righteous before God, but the doers of the law

Romans 670 the law do by nature the things of the law, these, not sin. 10 As it is written, "There is no one righteous; no, their conscience testifying with them, and their thoughts away. They have together become unprofitable. There 16 in the day when God will judge the secrets of men, "Their throat is an open tomb. With their tongues they according to my Good News, by Jesus Christ. 17 Indeed have used deceit." "The poison of vipers is under their you bear the name of a Jew, rest on the law, glory in lips." 14 "Their mouth is full of cursing and bitterness." excellent, being instructed out of the law, 19 and are and misery are in their ways. 17 The way of peace, they confident that you yourself are a guide of the blind, a haven't known." 18 "There is no fear of God before their You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? 23 You who apart from the law, a righteousness of God has been law? 24 For "the name of God is blasphemed among even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus his uncircumcision be accounted as circumcision? 27 blood, for a demonstration of his righteousness through the law, judge you, who with the letter and circumcision to demonstrate his righteousness at this present time, inwardly, and circumcision is that of the heart, in the by a law of faith. 28 We maintain therefore that a man 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 revelations of God. 3 For what if some were without faith? Will their lack of faith nullify the faithfulness of God? 4 May it never be! Yes, let God be found true, but every man a liar. As it is written, "that you might be we better than they? No, in no way, For we previously are forgiven, whose sins are covered. 8 Blessed is

will be justified 14 (for when Gentiles who don't have warned both Jews and Greeks that they are all under having the law, are a law to themselves, 15 in that not one. 11 There is no one who understands. There is they show the work of the law written in their hearts, no one who seeks after God. 12 They have all turned among themselves accusing or else excusing them) is no one who does good, no, not so much as one." 13 God, 18 know his will, and approve the things that are 15 "Their feet are swift to shed blood. 16 Destruction light to those who are in darkness, 20 a corrector of the eyes." 19 Now we know that whatever things the law foolish, a teacher of babies, having in the law the form of says, it speaks to those who are under the law, that knowledge and of the truth. 21 You therefore who teach every mouth may be closed, and all the world may be another, don't you teach yourself? You who preach that brought under the judgment of God. 20 Because by the a man shouldn't steal, do you steal? 22 You who say a works of the law, no flesh will be justified in his sight; for man shouldn't commit adultery, do you commit adultery? through the law comes the knowledge of sin. 21 But now glory in the law, do you dishonor God by disobeying the revealed, being testified by the law and the prophets; 22 the Gentiles because of you," just as it is written. 25 Christ to all and on all those who believe. For there is For circumcision indeed profits, if you are a doer of no distinction, 23 for all have sinned, and fall short of the law, but if you are a transgressor of the law, your the glory of God; 24 being justified freely by his grace circumcision has become uncircumcision. 26 If therefore through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom the uncircumcised keep the ordinances of the law, won't God sent to be an atoning sacrifice through faith in his Won't those who are physically uncircumcised, but fulfill the passing over of prior sins, in God's forbearance; 26 are a transgressor of the law? 28 For he is not a Jew that he might himself be just and the justifier of him who who is one outwardly, neither is that circumcision which has faith in Jesus. 27 Where then is the boasting? It is outward in the flesh; 29 but he is a Jew who is one is excluded. By what kind of law? Of works? No, but spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not from men, is justified by faith apart from the works of the law. 29 Or is God the God of Jews only? Isn't he the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles 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? May it never be! No, we establish the law.

⚠ What then will we say that Abraham, our forefather, has found according to the flesh? 2 For if Abraham justified in your words, and might prevail when you come was justified by works, he has something to boast about, into judgment." 5 But if our unrighteousness commends but not toward God. 3 For what does the Scripture the righteousness of God, what will we say? Is God say? "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted unrighteous who inflicts wrath? I speak like men do. 6 to him for righteousness." 4 Now to him who works, May it never be! For then how will God judge the world? the reward is not counted as grace, but as something 7 For if the truth of God through my lie abounded to his owed. 5 But to him who doesn't work, but believes in glory, why am I also still judged as a sinner? 8 Why not him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted (as we are slanderously reported, and as some affirm for righteousness. 6 Even as David also pronounces that we say), "Let's do evil, that good may come?" Those blessing on the man to whom God counts righteousness who say so are justly condemned. 9 What then? Are apart from works: 7 "Blessed are they whose iniquities

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written that it was accounted to him for his sake alone. 24 but for our sake also, to whom it will be accounted, who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, 25 who was delivered up for our trespasses, and was raised for our justification.

S Being therefore justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ; 2 through whom we also have our access by faith into this grace in which we stand. We rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3 Not only this, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces perseverance; 4 and

the man whom the Lord will by no means charge hope; 5 and hope doesn't disappoint us, because God's with sin." 9 Is this blessing then pronounced only love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy on the circumcised, or on the uncircumcised also? Spirit who was given to us. 6 For while we were yet For we say that faith was accounted to Abraham for weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For righteousness. 10 How then was it counted? When one will hardly die for a righteous man. Yet perhaps he was in circumcision, or in uncircumcision? Not in for a good person someone would even dare to die. circumcision, but in uncircumcision. 11 He received the 8 But God commends his own love toward us, in that sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much faith which he had while he was in uncircumcision, that more then, being now justified by his blood, we will be he might be the father of all those who believe, though saved from God's wrath through him. 10 For if while they might be in uncircumcision, that righteousness we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through might also be accounted to them. 12 He is the father the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we of circumcision to those who not only are of the will be saved by his life. 11 Not only so, but we also circumcision, but who also walk in the steps of that faith rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through of our father Abraham, which he had in uncircumcision. whom we have now received the reconciliation. 12 13 For the promise to Abraham and to his offspring Therefore, as sin entered into the world through one that he would be heir of the world wasn't through the man, and death through sin, so death passed to all law, but through the righteousness of faith. 14 For if men because all sinned. 13 For until the law, sin was those who are of the law are heirs, faith is made void, in the world; but sin is not charged when there is no and the promise is made of no effect. 15 For the law law. 14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until produces wrath; for where there is no law, neither is Moses, even over those whose sins weren't like Adam's there disobedience. 16 For this cause it is of faith, that it disobedience, who is a foreshadowing of him who was may be according to grace, to the end that the promise to come. 15 But the free gift isn't like the trespass. For if may be sure to all the offspring, not to that only which by the trespass of the one the many died, much more is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of did the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Abraham, who is the father of us all. 17 As it is written, man, Jesus Christ, abound to the many. 16 The gift is "I have made you a father of many nations." This is in not as through one who sinned; for the judgment came the presence of him whom he believed: God, who gives by one to condemnation, but the free gift followed many life to the dead, and calls the things that are not, as trespasses to justification. 17 For if by the trespass of the though they were. 18 Against hope, Abraham in hope one, death reigned through the one; so much more will believed, to the end that he might become a father of those who receive the abundance of grace and of the many nations, according to that which had been spoken, gift of righteousness reign in life through the one, Jesus "So will your offspring be." 19 Without being weakened Christ. 18 So then as through one trespass, all men were in faith, he didn't consider his own body, already having condemned; even so through one act of righteousness, been worn out, (he being about a hundred years old), all men were justified to life. 19 For as through the one and the deadness of Sarah's womb. 20 Yet, looking to man's disobedience many were made sinners, even so the promise of God, he didn't waver through unbelief, through the obedience of the one, many will be made but grew strong through faith, giving glory to God, 21 righteous. 20 The law came in that the trespass might and being fully assured that what he had promised, abound; but where sin abounded, grace abounded more he was also able to perform. 22 Therefore it also was exceedingly, 21 that as sin reigned in death, even so "credited to him for righteousness." 23 Now it was not grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord, (aionios g166)

What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? 2 May it never be! We who died to sin, how could we live in it any longer? 3 Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were buried therefore with him through baptism into death, that just as Christ 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 him in the likeness of his death, we will also be part of perseverance, proven character; and proven character, his resurrection; 6 knowing this, that our old man was

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7 Or don't you know, brothers (for I speak to men who know the law), that the law has dominion over a man for as long as he lives? 2 For the woman that has a husband is bound by law to the husband while he lives, but if the husband dies, she is discharged from the law of the husband. 3 So then if, while the husband lives, she is joined to another man, she would be called an adulteress. But if the husband dies, she is free from the law, so that she is no adulteress, though she is joined to

crucified with him, that the body of sin might be done were through the law worked in our members to bring away with, so that we would no longer be in bondage to out fruit to death. 6 But now we have been discharged sin. 7 For he who has died has been freed from sin. 8 from the law, having died to that in which we were But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also held; so that we serve in newness of the spirit, and live with him, 9 knowing that Christ, being raised from not in oldness of the letter. 7 What shall we say then? the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion. Is the law sin? May it never be! However, I wouldn't over him! 10 For the death that he died, he died to sin have known sin except through the law. For I wouldn't one time; but the life that he lives, he lives to God. 11 have known coveting unless the law had said, "You Thus consider yourselves also to be dead to sin, but shall not covet." 8 But sin, finding occasion through the alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord. 12 Therefore don't commandment, produced in me all kinds of coveting. let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey For apart from the law, sin is dead. 9 I was alive apart it in its lusts. 13 Also, do not present your members from the law once, but when the commandment came, to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present sin revived and I died. 10 The commandment which was yourselves to God as alive from the dead, and your for life, this I found to be for death; 11 for sin, finding members as instruments of righteousness to God. 14 occasion through the commandment, deceived me, and For sin will not have dominion over you, for you are not through it killed me. 12 Therefore the law indeed is under law, but under grace. 15 What then? Shall we sin holy, and the commandment holy, righteous, and good. because we are not under law but under grace? May it 13 Did then that which is good become death to me? never be! 16 Don't you know that when you present May it never be! But sin, that it might be shown to be yourselves as servants and obey someone, you are the sin, was producing death in me through that which is servants of whomever you obey, whether of sin to death, good; that through the commandment sin might become or of obedience to righteousness? 17 But thanks be to exceedingly sinful. 14 For we know that the law is God that, whereas you were bondservants of sin, you spiritual, but I am fleshly, sold under sin. 15 For I don't became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching understand what I am doing. For I don't practice what I to which you were delivered. 18 Being made free from desire to do; but what I hate, that I do. 16 But if what sin, you became bondservants of righteousness. 19 I I don't desire, that I do, I consent to the law that it is speak in human terms because of the weakness of your good. 17 So now it is no more I that do it, but sin which flesh; for as you presented your members as servants dwells in me. 18 For I know that in me, that is, in my to uncleanness and to wickedness upon wickedness, flesh, dwells no good thing. For desire is present with even so now present your members as servants to me, but I don't find it doing that which is good. 19 For righteousness for sanctification. 20 For when you were the good which I desire, I don't do; but the evil which I servants of sin, you were free from righteousness. 21 don't desire, that I practice. 20 But if what I don't desire, What fruit then did you have at that time in the things that I do, it is no more I that do it, but sin which dwells of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those in me. 21 I find then the law that, while I desire to do things is death. 22 But now, being made free from sin good, evil is present. 22 For I delight in God's law after and having become servants of God, you have your fruit the inward person, 23 but I see a different law in my of sanctification and the result of eternal life. (aionios members, warring against the law of my mind, and q166) 23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of bringing me into captivity under the law of sin which is in God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (aionios g166) my members. 24 What a wretched man I am! Who will deliver me out of the body of this death? 25 I thank God through Jesus Christ, our Lord! So then with the mind, I myself serve God's law, but with the flesh, sin's law,

R There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who don't walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus made me free from the law of sin and of death. 3 For what the law couldn't do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God did, sending another man. 4 Therefore, my brothers, you also were his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he made dead to the law through the body of Christ, that condemned sin in the flesh, 4 that the ordinance of the you would be joined to another, to him who was raised law might be fulfilled in us who don't walk according to from the dead, that we might produce fruit to God. 5 For the flesh, but according to the Spirit. 5 For those who when we were in the flesh, the sinful passions which live according to the flesh set their minds on the things

the things of the Spirit. 6 For the mind of the flesh is those he also justified. Whom he justified, those he also death, but the mind of the Spirit is life and peace; 7 glorified. 31 What then shall we say about these things? because the mind of the flesh is hostile toward God, for If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who it is not subject to God's law, neither indeed can it be. didn't spare his own Son, but delivered him up for us 8 Those who are in the flesh can't please God. 9 But all, how would he not also with him freely give us all you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if it is so that things? 33 Who could bring a charge against God's the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if any man doesn't chosen ones? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is he have the Spirit of Christ, he is not his. 10 If Christ is in who condemns? It is Christ who died, yes rather, who you, the body is dead because of sin, but the spirit is was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of alive because of righteousness. 11 But if the Spirit of God, who also makes intercession for us. 35 Who shall him who raised up Jesus from the dead dwells in you, separate us from the love of Christ? Could oppression, he who raised up Christ Jesus from the dead will also or anguish, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who peril, or sword? 36 Even as it is written, "For your sake dwells in you. 12 So then, brothers, we are debtors, we are killed all day long. We were accounted as sheep not to the flesh, to live after the flesh, 13 For if you live for the slaughter." 37 No, in all these things we are more after the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor children of God. 15 For you didn't receive the spirit of powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of thing will be able to separate us from God's love which adoption, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" 16 The Spirit is in Christ Jesus our Lord. himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God: 17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, 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 toward us. 19 For the creation waits with eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. 20 For the creation was subjected to vanity, 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 liberty of the glory of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation groans and travails in pain together until now. 23 Not only so, 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 don't see, we wait for it with patience. 26 In the same way, the Spirit also helps our weaknesses, for we don't know how to pray as we ought. But the Spirit himself makes intercession for us with groanings which can't be uttered. 27 He who searches the hearts knows what is on the Spirit's mind, because he makes intercession for the saints according to God. 28 We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, for 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 be the firstborn among many brothers. 30 Whom he

of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, predestined, those he also called. Whom he called,

9 I tell the truth in Christ. I am not lying, my conscience testifying with me in the Holy Spirit 2 that I have great sorrow and unceasing pain in my heart. 3 For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brothers' sake, my relatives according to the flesh 4 who are Israelites; whose is the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the service, and the promises; 5 of whom are the fathers, and from whom is Christ 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 offspring, are they all children. But, "your offspring will be accounted as from Isaac." 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 heirs. 9 For this is a word of promise: "At the appointed time I will come, and Sarah will have a son." 10 Not only so, but Rebekah also conceived by one, by 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 shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? May it never be! 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 who has mercy. 17 For

after righteousness, attained to righteousness, even the my hands to a disobedient and contrary people." righteousness which is of faith; 31 but Israel, following after a law of righteousness, didn't arrive at the law of righteousness. 32 Why? Because they didn't seek it by faith, but as it were by works of the law. They stumbled over the stumbling stone, 33 even as it is written, "Behold, I lay in Zion a stumbling stone and a rock of offense; and no one who believes in him will be disappointed."

is for Israel, that they may be saved. 2 For I testify about them that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. 3 For being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, they didn't subject themselves to the righteousness of God. 4 For Christ is the fulfillment of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. 5 For Moses writes about the righteousness of the law, "The one who does them will live by them." 6 But the righteousness which is of faith says this, "Don't say in

the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "For this very purpose I abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead.)" caused you to be raised up, that I might show in you my (Abyssos g12) 8 But what does it say? "The word is power, and that my name might be proclaimed in all the near you, in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the earth." 18 So then, he has mercy on whom he desires, word of faith which we preach: 9 that if you will confess and he hardens whom he desires. 19 You will say then with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your to me, "Why does he still find fault? For who withstands heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be his will?" 20 But indeed, O man, who are you to reply saved. 10 For with the heart one believes resulting against God? Will the thing formed ask him who formed in righteousness; and with the mouth confession is it, "Why did you make me like this?" 21 Or hasn't the made resulting in salvation. 11 For the Scripture says, potter a right over the clay, from the same lump to make "Whoever believes in him will not be disappointed." 12 one part a vessel for honor, and another for dishonor? For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for 22 What if God, willing to show his wrath and to make the same Lord is Lord of all, and is rich to all who call his power known, endured with much patience vessels on him. 13 For, "Whoever will call on the name of the of wrath prepared for destruction, 23 and that he might Lord will be saved." 14 How then will they call on him in make known the riches of his glory on vessels of mercy, whom they have not believed? How will they believe which he prepared beforehand for glory— 24 us, whom in him whom they have not heard? How will they hear he also called, not from the Jews only, but also from without a preacher? 15 And how will they preach unless the Gentiles? 25 As he says also in Hosea, "I will call they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the them 'my people,' which were not my people; and her feet of those who preach the Good News of peace, who 'beloved,' who was not beloved." 26 "It will be that in bring glad tidings of good things!" 16 But they didn't all the place where it was said to them, 'You are not my listen to the glad news. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has people,' there they will be called 'children of the living believed our report?" 17 So faith comes by hearing, and God." 27 Isaiah cries concerning Israel, "If the number hearing by the word of God. 18 But I say, didn't they of the children of Israel are as the sand of the sea, it hear? Yes, most certainly, "Their sound went out into all is the remnant who will be saved; 28 for he will finish the earth, their words to the ends of the world." 19 But I the work and cut it short in righteousness, because ask, didn't Israel know? First Moses says, "I will provoke the Lord will make a short work upon the earth." 29 you to jealousy with that which is no nation. I will make As Isaiah has said before, "Unless the Lord of Armies you angry with a nation void of understanding." 20 Isaiah had left us a seed, we would have become like Sodom, is very bold and says, "I was found by those who didn't and would have been made like Gomorrah." 30 What seek me. I was revealed to those who didn't ask for me." shall we say then? That the Gentiles, who didn't follow 21 But about Israel he says, "All day long I stretched out

11 I ask then, did God reject his people? May it never be! For I also am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. 2 God didn't reject his people, whom he foreknew. Or don't you 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. I am left alone, and they seek my life." 4 But how does God answer him? 10 Brothers, my heart's desire and my prayer to God "I have reserved for myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal." 5 Even so too at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace. 6 And if by grace, then it is no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace. But if it is of works, it is no longer grace; otherwise work is no longer work. 7 What then? That which Israel seeks for, that he didn't obtain, but the chosen ones obtained it, and the rest were hardened. 8 According as it is written, "God gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear, to this very your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' (that is, to day." 9 David says, "Let their table be made a snare, bring Christ down); 7 or, 'Who will descend into the a trap, a stumbling block, and a retribution to them.

Always keep their backs bent." 11 I ask then, did they counselor?" 35 "Or who has first given to him, and it will stumble that they might fall? May it never be! But by be repaid to him again?" 36 For of him and through him their fall salvation has come to the Gentiles, to provoke and to him are all things. To him be the glory for ever! them to jealousy. 12 Now if their fall is the riches of the Amen. (aion g165) world, and their loss the riches of the Gentiles, how much more their fullness! 13 For I speak to you who are Gentiles. Since then as I am an apostle to Gentiles, 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 fruit is holy, so is the lump. 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 root and of the richness of the olive tree, 18 don't boast over the branches. But if you boast, remember that 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. Don't be conceited, but fear; 21 for if God didn't 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 don't 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 don't 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 Gentiles has come in, 26 and so all Israel will be saved. Even as it is written, "There will come out of Zion the Deliverer, and he will turn away ungodliness from Jacob. 27 This is my covenant with them, when I will take away their sins." 28 Concerning the Good News, they are enemies for your sake. But concerning the election, they are beloved 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 also obtain mercy. 32 For God has bound all to disobedience, that he might have mercy on all. (eleese **q1653)** 33 Oh the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and the knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past tracing out! 34 "For who

10 Let their eyes be darkened, that they may not see. has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his

2 Therefore I urge you, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service. 2 Don't 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 who is among you, not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think; but to think reasonably, 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 don't have the same function, 5 so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. 6 having gifts differing according to the grace that was given to us: if prophecy, let's prophesy according to the proportion of our faith; 7 or service, let's give ourselves to service; or he who teaches, to his teaching; 8 or he who exhorts, to his exhorting; he who gives, let him do it with generosity; he who rules, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with 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 to one another; in honor prefer one another, 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, and given to hospitality. 14 Bless those who persecute you; bless, and don't curse. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice. Weep with those who weep. 16 Be of the same mind one toward another. Don't set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Don't be wise in your own conceits. 17 Repay no one evil for evil. Respect what is honorable in the sight of all men. 18 If it is possible, as much as it is up to you, be at peace with all men. 19 Don't seek revenge yourselves, beloved, but give place to God's 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 in doing so, you will heap coals of fire on his head." 21 Don't be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

13 Let every soul be in subjection to the higher authorities, for there is no authority except from God, and those who exist are ordained by God. 2 Therefore he who resists the authority withstands the ordinance of God; and those who withstand will receive

to themselves judgment. 3 For rulers are not a terror to do you judge your brother? Or you again, why do you the good work, but to the evil. Do you desire to have no despise your brother? For we will all stand before the fear of the authority? Do that which is good, and you will judgment seat of Christ. 11 For it is written, "'As I live,' have praise from the authority, 4 for he is a servant of says the Lord, 'to me every knee will bow. Every tongue God to you for good. But if you do that which is evil, will confess to God." 12 So then each one of us will be afraid, for he doesn't bear the sword in vain; for he give account of himself to God. 13 Therefore let's not is a servant of God, an avenger for wrath to him who judge one another any more, but judge this rather, that does evil. 5 Therefore you need to be in subjection, no man put a stumbling block in his brother's way, or an not only because of the wrath, but also for conscience' occasion for falling. 14 I know and am persuaded in the sake. 6 For this reason you also pay taxes, for they Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean of itself; except that are servants of God's service, continually doing this to him who considers anything to be unclean, to him it very thing. 7 Therefore give everyone what you owe: if is unclean. 15 Yet if because of food your brother is you owe taxes, pay taxes; if customs, then customs; grieved, you walk no longer in love. Don't destroy with if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor. 8 Owe your food him for whom Christ died. 16 Then don't let no one anything, except to love one another; for he your good be slandered, 17 for God's Kingdom is not who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law. 9 For the eating and drinking, but righteousness, peace, and joy commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You in the Holy Spirit. 18 For he who serves Christ in these shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not things is acceptable to God and approved by men. 19 covet," and whatever other commandments there are. So then, let's follow after things which make for peace, are all summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall and things by which we may build one another up. 20 love your neighbor as yourself." 10 Love doesn't harm a Don't overthrow God's work for food's sake. All things neighbor. Love therefore is the fulfillment of the law. indeed are clean, however it is evil for that man who 11 Do this, knowing the time, that it is already time for creates a stumbling block by eating. 21 It is good to not you to awaken out of sleep, for salvation is now nearer eat meat, drink wine, nor do anything by which your to us than when we first believed. 12 The night is far brother stumbles, is offended, or is made weak. 22 Do gone, and the day is near. Let's therefore throw off the you have faith? Have it to yourself before God. Happy is deeds of darkness, and let's put on the armor of light. he who doesn't judge himself in that which he approves. 13 Let's walk properly, as in the day; not in reveling and 23 But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and lustful acts, it isn't of faith; and whatever is not of faith is sin. and not in strife and jealousy. 14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, for its lusts.

eat all things, but he who is weak eats only vegetables. another's servant? To his own lord he stands or falls. Lord of both the dead and the living. 10 But you, why

15 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 14 Now accept one who is weak in faith, but not for that which is good, to be building him up. 3 For even disputes over opinions. 2 One man has faith to Christ didn't please himself. But, as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me." 4 3 Don't let him who eats despise him who doesn't eat. For whatever things were written before were written for Don't let him who doesn't eat judge him who eats, for our learning, that through perseverance and through God has accepted him. 4 Who are you who judge encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. 5 Now the God of perseverance and of encouragement Yes, he will be made to stand, for God has power to grant you to be of the same mind with one another make him stand. 5 One man esteems one day as according to Christ Jesus, 6 that with one accord you more important. Another esteems every day alike. Let may with one mouth glorify the God and Father of our each man be fully assured in his own mind. 6 He who Lord Jesus Christ. 7 Therefore accept one another, observes the day, observes it to the Lord; and he who even as Christ also accepted you, to the glory of God. does not observe the day, to the Lord he does not 8 Now I say that Christ has been made a servant of observe it. He who eats, eats to the Lord, for he gives the circumcision for the truth of God, that he might God thanks. He who doesn't eat, to the Lord he doesn't confirm the promises given to the fathers, 9 and that the eat, and gives God thanks. 7 For none of us lives to Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, himself, and none dies to himself. 8 For if we live, we "Therefore I will give praise to you among the Gentiles live to the Lord. Or if we die, we die to the Lord. If and sing to your name." 10 Again he says, "Rejoice, you therefore we live or die, we are the Lord's. 9 For to this Gentiles, with his people." 11 Again, "Praise the Lord, all end Christ died, rose, and lived again, that he might be you Gentiles! Let all the peoples praise him." 12 Again,

be with you all. Amen.

16 I commend to you Phoebe, our sister, who is a servant of the assembly that is at Cenchreae, 2

Isaiah says, "There will be the root of Jesse, he who that you receive her in the Lord in a way worthy of the arises to rule over the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles will saints, and that you assist her in whatever matter she hope." 13 Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy may need from you, for she herself also has been a and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope helper of many, and of my own self. 3 Greet Prisca in the power of the Holy Spirit. 14 I myself am also and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, 4 who persuaded about you, my brothers, that you yourselves risked their own necks for my life, to whom not only I are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also give thanks, but also all the assemblies of the Gentiles. to admonish others. 15 But I write the more boldly to 5 Greet the assembly that is in their house. Greet you in part as reminding you, because of the grace that Epaenetus, my beloved, who is the first fruits of Achaia was given to me by God, 16 that I should be a servant to Christ. 6 Greet Mary, who labored much for us. of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles, serving as a priest of the 7 Greet Andronicus and Junia, my relatives and my Good News of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles fellow prisoners, who are notable among the apostles, might be made acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit. who were also in Christ before me. 8 Greet Amplias, 17 I have therefore my boasting in Christ Jesus in things my beloved in the Lord. 9 Greet Urbanus, our fellow pertaining to God. 18 For I will not dare to speak of any worker in Christ, and Stachys, my beloved. 10 Greet things except those which Christ worked through me Apelles, the approved in Christ. Greet those who are of for the obedience of the Gentiles, by word and deed, the household of Aristobulus. 11 Greet Herodion, my 19 in the power of signs and wonders, in the power of kinsman. Greet them of the household of Narcissus, God's Spirit; so that from Jerusalem and around as far who are in the Lord. 12 Greet Tryphaena and Tryphosa, as to Illyricum, I have fully preached the Good News of who labor in the Lord. Greet Persis, the beloved, who Christ; 20 yes, making it my aim to preach the Good labored much in the Lord. 13 Greet Rufus, the chosen in News, not where Christ was already named, that I might the Lord, and his mother and mine. 14 Greet Asyncritus, not build on another's foundation. 21 But, as it is written, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, and the brothers "They will see, to whom no news of him came. They who are with them. 15 Greet Philologus and Julia, who haven't heard will understand." 22 Therefore also I Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints was hindered these many times from coming to you, 23 who are with them. 16 Greet one another with a holy but now, no longer having any place in these regions, kiss. The assemblies of Christ greet you. 17 Now I and having these many years a longing to come to you, beg you, brothers, look out for those who are causing 24 whenever I travel to Spain, I will come to you. For I the divisions and occasions of stumbling, contrary to hope to see you on my journey, and to be helped on my the doctrine which you learned, and turn away from way there by you, if first I may enjoy your company for them. 18 For those who are such don't serve our Lord a while. 25 But now, I say, I am going to Jerusalem, Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by their smooth serving the saints. 26 For it has been the good pleasure and flattering speech they deceive the hearts of the of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution innocent. 19 For your obedience has become known to for the poor among the saints who are at Jerusalem. 27 all. I rejoice therefore over you. But I desire to have you Yes, it has been their good pleasure, and they are their wise in that which is good, but innocent in that which is debtors. For if the Gentiles have been made partakers evil. 20 And the God of peace will quickly crush Satan of their spiritual things, they owe it to them also to under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ serve them in material things. 28 When therefore I have be with you. 21 Timothy, my fellow worker, greets you, accomplished this, and have sealed to them this fruit, I as do Lucius, Jason, and Sosipater, my relatives. 22 I, will go on by way of you to Spain. 29 I know that when I Tertius, who write the letter, greet you in the Lord. 23 come to you. I will come in the fullness of the blessing Gaius, my host and host of the whole assembly, greets of the Good News of Christ. 30 Now I beg you, brothers, you. Erastus, the treasurer of the city, greets you, as by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, does Quartus, the brother. 24 The grace of our Lord that you strive together with me in your prayers to God Jesus Christ be with you all! Amen. 25 Now to him who for me, 31 that I may be delivered from those who are is able to establish you according to my Good News disobedient in Judea, and that my service which I have and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the for Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints, 32 that I revelation of the mystery which has been kept secret may come to you in joy through the will of God, and through long ages, (aionios g166) 26 but now is revealed, together with you, find rest. 33 Now the God of peace and by the Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the eternal God, is made known for obedience of faith to all the nations; (aionios g166) 27 to

the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen. (ai \bar{o} n g165)

1 Corinthians

1 Paul, called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, 2 to the assembly of God which is at Corinth—those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called saints, with all who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ in every place, both theirs and ours: 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 41 always thank my God concerning you for the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus, 5 that in everything you were enriched in him, in all speech and all knowledge— 6 even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you— 7 so that you come behind in no gift, waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, 8 who will also confirm you until the end, blameless in the day God: 25 because the foolishness of God is wiser than But we have Christ's mind. men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

26 For you see your calling, brothers, that not many are wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, and not many noble; 27 but God chose the foolish things of the world that he might put to shame those who are wise. God chose the weak things of the world that he might put to shame the things that are strong. 28 God chose the lowly things of the world, and the things that are despised, and the things that don't exist, that he might bring to nothing the things that exist, 29 that no flesh should boast before God. 30 Because of him, you are in Christ Jesus, who was made to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption, 31 that, as it is written, "He who boasts, let him boast in the Lord."

2 When I came to you, brothers, I didn't come with excellence of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, through whom you the testimony of God. 2 For I determined not to you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus know anything among you except Jesus Christ and him Christ our Lord. 10 Now I beg you, brothers, through the crucified. 3 I was with you in weakness, in fear, and name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, that you all speak the in much trembling. 4 My speech and my preaching same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, were not in persuasive words of human wisdom, but in but that you be perfected together in the same mind and demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5 that your in the same judgment. 11 For it has been reported to faith wouldn't stand in the wisdom of men, but in the me concerning you, my brothers, by those who are from power of God. 6 We speak wisdom, however, among Chloe's household, that there are contentions among those who are full grown, yet a wisdom not of this you. 12 Now I mean this, that each one of you says, world nor of the rulers of this world who are coming to "I follow Paul," "I follow Apollos," "I follow Cephas," nothing, (aion g165) 7 But we speak God's wisdom in a and, "I follow Christ." 13 Is Christ divided? Was Paul mystery, the wisdom that has been hidden, which God crucified for you? Or were you baptized into the name of foreordained before the worlds for our glory, (aion g165) Paul? 14 I thank God that I baptized none of you except 8 which none of the rulers of this world has known. For Crispus and Gaius, 15 so that no one should say that I had they known it, they wouldn't have crucified the Lord had baptized you into my own name. 16 (I also baptized of glory. (aion g165) 9 But as it is written, "Things which the household of Stephanas; besides them, I don't know an eye didn't see, and an ear didn't hear, which didn't whether I baptized any other.) 17 For Christ sent me enter into the heart of man, these God has prepared for not to baptize, but to preach the Good News-not in those who love him." 10 But to us, God revealed them wisdom of words, so that the cross of Christ wouldn't be through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, made void. 18 For the word of the cross is foolishness yes, the deep things of God. 11 For who among men to those who are dying, but to us who are being saved it knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man is the power of God. 19 For it is written, "I will destroy which is in him? Even so, no one knows the things of the wisdom of the wise. I will bring the discernment God except God's Spirit. 12 But we received not the of the discerning to nothing." 20 Where is the wise? spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is from God, that Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? we might know the things that were freely given to us Hasn't God made foolish the wisdom of this world? (aion by God. 13 We also speak these things, not in words g165) 21 For seeing that in the wisdom of God, the world which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit through its wisdom didn't know God, it was God's good teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual things. pleasure through the foolishness of the preaching to 14 Now the natural man doesn't receive the things of save those who believe. 22 For Jews ask for signs, God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to him; and he Greeks seek after wisdom, 23 but we preach Christ can't know them, because they are spiritually discerned. crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to 15 But he who is spiritual discerns all things, and he Greeks, 24 but to those who are called, both Jews and himself is to be judged by no one. 16 "For who has Greeks, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of known the mind of the Lord that he should instruct him?" their craftiness." 20 And again, "The Lord knows the a rod, or in love and a spirit of gentleness? reasoning of the wise, that it is worthless." 21 Therefore let no one boast in men. For all things are yours, 22 whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come. All are yours, 23 and you are Christ's, and Christ is God's.

▲ So let a man think of us as Christ's servants and stewards of God's mysteries. 2 Here, 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 a human court. Yes, I don't even judge my own self. 4 For I know nothing against myself. Yet I am not justified by this, but he who judges me is the Lord. 5 Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of

3 Brothers, I couldn't speak to you as to spiritual, darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then but as to fleshly, as to babies in Christ. 2 I fed each man will get his praise from God. 6 Now these you with milk, not with solid food, for you weren't yet things, brothers, I have in a figure transferred to myself ready. Indeed, you aren't ready even now, 3 for you are and Apollos for your sakes, that in us you might learn still fleshly. For insofar as there is jealousy, strife, and not to think beyond the things which are written, that factions among you, aren't you fleshly, and don't you none of you be puffed up against one another. 7 For walk in the ways of men? 4 For when one says, "I follow who makes you different? And what do you have that Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," aren't you fleshly? you didn't receive? But if you did receive it, why do you 5 Who then is Apollos, and who is Paul, but servants boast as if you had not received it? 8 You are already through whom you believed, and each as the Lord gave filled. You have already become rich. You have come to to him? 6 I planted. Apollos watered. But God gave the reign without us. Yes, and I wish that you did reign, that increase. 7 So then neither he who plants is anything, we also might reign with you! 9 For I think that God has nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. 8 displayed us, the apostles, last of all, like men sentenced Now he who plants and he who waters are the same, to death. For we are made a spectacle to the world, but each will receive his own reward according to his both to angels and men. 10 We are fools for Christ's own labor, 9 For we are God's fellow workers. You are sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you God's farming, God's building. 10 According to the grace are strong. You have honor, but we have dishonor. 11 of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder Even to this present hour we hunger, thirst, are naked, I laid a foundation, and another builds on it. But let each are beaten, and have no certain dwelling place. 12 We man be careful how he builds on it. 11 For no one can toil, working with our own hands. When people curse lay any other foundation than that which has been laid, us, we bless. Being persecuted, we endure. 13 Being which is Jesus Christ. 12 But if anyone builds on the defamed, we entreat. We are made as the filth of the foundation with gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay, or world, the dirt wiped off by all, even until now. 14 I don't straw, 13 each man's work will be revealed. For the Day write these things to shame you, but to admonish you will declare it, because it is revealed in fire; and the fire as my beloved children. 15 For though you have ten itself will test what sort of work each man's work is. 14 lf thousand tutors in Christ, you don't have many fathers. any man's work remains which he built on it, he will For in Christ Jesus, I became your father through the receive a reward. 15 If any man's work is burned, he will Good News. 16 I beg you therefore, be imitators of me. suffer loss, but he himself will be saved, but as through 17 Because of this I have sent Timothy to you, who fire. 16 Don't you know that you are God's temple and is my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, who will that God's Spirit lives in you? 17 If anyone destroys remind you of my ways which are in Christ, even as I God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is teach everywhere in every assembly. 18 Now some are holy, which you are. 18 Let no one deceive himself. If puffed up, as though I were not coming to you. 19 But anyone thinks that he is wise among you in this world, I will come to you shortly, if the Lord is willing. And I let him become a fool that he may become wise. (aion will know, not the word of those who are puffed up, but q165) 19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness the power. 20 For God's Kingdom is not in word, but in with God. For it is written, "He has taken the wise in power. 21 What do you want? Shall I come to you with

5 It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and such sexual immorality as is not even named among the Gentiles, that one has his father's wife. 2 You are arrogant, and didn't mourn instead, that he who had done this deed might be removed from among 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 Christ, when you are gathered together with my spirit with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, 5 you 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 Jesus. 6 Your boasting is not good. Don't you know that a little yeast leavens the whole lump? 7 Purge out the old yeast, that For indeed Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed in body? For, "The two", he says, "will become one flesh." our place. 8 Therefore let's keep the feast, not with old 17 But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit. 18 Flee yeast, neither with the yeast of malice and wickedness, sexual immorality! "Every sin that a man does is outside but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. 9 I the body," but he who commits sexual immorality sins wrote to you in my letter to have no company with sexual against his own body. 19 Or don't you know that your sinners; 10 yet not at all meaning with the sexual sinners body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom of this world, or with the covetous and extortionists, or you have from God? You are not your own, 20 for you with idolaters, for then you would have to leave the were bought with a price. Therefore glorify God in your world. 11 But as it is, I wrote to you not to associate body and in your spirit, which are God's. with anyone who is called a brother who is a sexual drunkard, or an extortionist. Don't even eat with such a person. 12 For what do I have to do with also judging those who are outside? Don't you judge those who are within? 13 But those who are outside, God judges. "Put away the wicked man from among yourselves."

members of a prostitute? May it never be! 16 Or don't Has anyone been called in uncircumcision? Let him

you may be a new lump, even as you are unleavened, you know that he who is joined to a prostitute is one

sinner, or covetous, or an idolater, or a slanderer, or a **7** Now concerning the things about which you wrote to me: 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 give his wife the affection owed her, and likewise also the wife her husband. 4 The wife doesn't have authority over her own body, but \pmb Dare any of you, having a matter against his neighbor, the husband does. Likewise also the husband doesn't go to law before the unrighteous, and not before have authority over his own body, but the wife does. 5 the saints? 2 Don't you know that the saints will judge Don't deprive one another, unless it is by consent for a the world? And if the world is judged by you, are you season, that you may give yourselves to fasting and unworthy to judge the smallest matters? 3 Don't you prayer, and may be together again, that Satan doesn't know that we will judge angels? How much more, things tempt you because of your lack of self-control. 6 But that pertain to this life? 4 If then you have to judge things this I say by way of concession, not of commandment. pertaining to this life, do you set them to judge who are 7 Yet I wish that all men were like me. However, each of no account in the assembly? 5 I say this to move you man has his own gift from God, one of this kind, and to shame. Isn't there even one wise man among you another of that kind. 8 But I say to the unmarried and to who would be able to decide between his brothers? 6 widows, it is good for them if they remain even as I am. But brother goes to law with brother, and that before 9 But if they don't have self-control, let them marry. For unbelievers! 7 Therefore it is already altogether a defect it's better to marry than to burn with passion. 10 But in you that you have lawsuits one with another. Why to the married I command—not I, but the Lord—that not rather be wronged? Why not rather be defrauded? the wife not leave her husband 11 (but if she departs, 8 No, but you yourselves do wrong and defraud, and let her remain unmarried, or else be reconciled to her that against your brothers. 9 Or don't you know that the husband), and that the husband not leave his wife. unrighteous will not inherit God's Kingdom? Don't be 12 But to the rest I—not the Lord—say, if any brother deceived. Neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor has an unbelieving wife, and she is content to live adulterers, nor male prostitutes, nor homosexuals, 10 with him, let him not leave her. 13 The woman who nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor slanderers, has an unbelieving husband, and he is content to live nor extortionists, will inherit God's Kingdom. 11 Some with her, let her not leave her husband. 14 For the of you were such, but you were washed. You were unbelieving husband is sanctified in the wife, and the sanctified. You were justified in the name of the Lord unbelieving wife is sanctified in the husband. Otherwise Jesus, and in the Spirit of our God. 12 "All things are your children would be unclean, but now they are holy. lawful for me," but not all things are expedient. "All 15 Yet if the unbeliever departs, let there be separation. things are lawful for me," but I will not be brought under The brother or the sister is not under bondage in such the power of anything. 13 "Foods for the belly, and the cases, but God has called us in peace. 16 For how do belly for foods," but God will bring to nothing both it and you know, wife, whether you will save your husband? Or them. But the body is not for sexual immorality, but for how do you know, husband, whether you will save your the Lord, and the Lord for the body. 14 Now God raised wife? 17 Only, as the Lord has distributed to each man, up the Lord, and will also raise us up by his power. 15 as God has called each, so let him walk. So I command Don't you know that your bodies are members of Christ? in all the assemblies. 18 Was anyone called having Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them been circumcised? Let him not become uncircumcised. uncircumcision is nothing, but what matters is keeping God's commandments, 20 Let each man stay in that love builds up, 2 But if anyone thinks that he knows calling in which he was called. 21 Were you called being anything, he doesn't yet know as he ought to know. 3 a bondservant? Don't let that bother you, but if you get But anyone who loves God is known by him. 4 Therefore an opportunity to become free, use it. 22 For he who concerning the eating of things sacrificed to idols, we was called in the Lord being a bondservant is the Lord's know that no idol is anything in the world, and that there free man. Likewise he who was called being free is is no other God but one. 5 For though there are things Christ's bondservant. 23 You were bought with a price. that are called "gods", whether in the heavens or on Don't become bondservants of men. 24 Brothers, let earth—as there are many "gods" and many "lords"—6 each man, in whatever condition he was called, stay in yet to us there is one God, the Father, of whom are that condition with God. 25 Now concerning virgins. I all things, and we for him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, have no commandment from the Lord, but I give my through whom are all things, and we live through him. 7 judgment as one who has obtained mercy from the Lord However, that knowledge isn't in all men. But some, to be trustworthy. 26 Therefore I think that because of with consciousness of an idol until now, eat as of a thing the distress that is on us, it's good for a man to remain sacrificed to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, as he is. 27 Are you bound to a wife? Don't seek to be is defiled. 8 But food will not commend us to God. For freed. Are you free from a wife? Don't seek a wife. 28 neither, if we don't eat are we the worse, nor if we eat But if you marry, you have not sinned. If a virgin marries, are we the better. 9 But be careful that by no means she has not sinned. Yet such will have oppression in does this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to the flesh, and I want to spare you. 29 But I say this, the weak. 10 For if a man sees you who have knowledge brothers: the time is short. From now on, both those sitting in an idol's temple, won't his conscience, if he who have wives may be as though they had none; 30 is weak, be emboldened to eat things sacrificed to and those who weep, as though they didn't weep; and idols? 11 And through your knowledge, he who is weak those who rejoice, as though they didn't rejoice; and those who buy, as though they didn't possess; 31 and Thus, sinning against the brothers, and wounding their those who use the world, as not using it to the fullest. For the mode of this world passes away. 32 But I desire to have you to be free from cares. He who is unmarried is concerned for 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 There is also a difference between a wife and a virgin. The unmarried woman cares about the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit. But she who is married cares about the things of the world—how she may please her husband. 35 This I say for your own benefit, 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 any man 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 doesn't sin. Let them marry. 37 But he who stands steadfast in his heart. having no urgency, but has power over his own will, and has determined in 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 doesn't give her in marriage does better. 39 A wife is bound by law for as long as her husband 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.

not be circumcised. 19 Circumcision is nothing, and R Now concerning things sacrificed to idols: We know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but perishes, the brother for whose sake Christ died. 12 conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. 13 Therefore, if food causes my brother to stumble, I will eat no meat forever more, that I don't cause my brother to stumble. (aion g165)

9 Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Haven't I seen Jesus Christ, our Lord? Aren't you my work in the Lord? 2 If to others I am not an apostle, vet at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship 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 doesn't eat of its fruit? Or who feeds a flock, and doesn't drink from the flock's milk? 8 Do I speak these things according to the ways of men? Or doesn't the law also say the same thing? 9 For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall 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 hope should partake of his hope. 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, don't we yet more? Nevertheless we didn't use this right. but

others, I myself should be disqualified.

10 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 Christ. 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 Don't 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 Let's not commit sexual immorality, as some of them committed,

we bear all things, that we may cause no hindrance to test Christ, as some of them tested, and perished by the Good News of Christ. 13 Don't you know that those the serpents. 10 Don't grumble, as some of them also who serve around sacred things eat from the things of grumbled, and perished by the destroyer. 11 Now all the temple, and those who wait on the altar have their these things happened to them by way of example, portion with the altar? 14 Even so the Lord ordained and they were written for our admonition, on whom the that those who proclaim the Good News should live ends of the ages have come. (aion g165) 12 Therefore let from the Good News. 15 But I have used none of these him who thinks he stands be careful that he doesn't things, and I don't write these things that it may be done fall. 13 No temptation has taken you except what is so in my case; for I would rather die, than that anyone common to man. God is faithful, who will not allow you should make my boasting void. 16 For if I preach the to be tempted above what you are able, but will with the Good News, I have nothing to boast about, for necessity temptation also make the way of escape, that you may is laid on me; but woe is to me if I don't preach the be able to endure it. 14 Therefore, my beloved, flee from Good News. 17 For if I do this of my own will, I have a idolatry. 15 I speak as to wise men. Judge what I say. reward. But if not of my own will, I have a stewardship 16 The cup of blessing which we bless, isn't it a sharing entrusted to me. 18 What then is my reward? That when of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, isn't I preach the Good News, I may present the Good News it a sharing of the body of Christ? 17 Because there is of Christ without charge, so as not to abuse my authority one loaf of bread, we, who are many, are one body; for in the Good News. 19 For though I was free from all, I we all partake of the one loaf of bread. 18 Consider brought myself under bondage to all, that I might gain Israel according to the flesh. Don't those who eat the the more. 20 To the Jews I became as a Jew, that I sacrifices participate in the altar? 19 What am I saying might gain Jews; to those who are under the law, as then? That a thing sacrificed to idols is anything, or that under the law, that I might gain those who are under an idol is anything? 20 But I say that the things which the law; 21 to those who are without law, as without the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons and not law (not being without law toward God, but under law to God, and I don't desire that you would have fellowship toward Christ), that I might win those who are without with demons. 21 You can't both drink the cup of the law. 22 To the weak I became as weak, that I might gain Lord and the cup of demons. You can't both partake of the weak, I have become all things to all men, that I the table of the Lord and of the table of demons, 22 Or may by all means save some. 23 Now I do this for the do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger sake of the Good News, that I may be a joint partaker of than he? 23 "All things are lawful for me," but not all it. 24 Don't you know that those who run in a race all things are profitable. "All things are lawful for me," but run, but one receives the prize? Run like that, so that not all things build up. 24 Let no one seek his own, but you may win. 25 Every man who strives in the games each one his neighbor's good. 25 Whatever is sold in exercises self-control in all things. Now they do it to the butcher shop, eat, asking no question for the sake receive a corruptible crown, but we an incorruptible. 26 I of conscience, 26 for "the earth is the Lord's, and its therefore run like that, not aimlessly. I fight like that, not fullness." 27 But if one of those who don't believe invites beating the air, 27 but I beat my body and bring it into you to a meal, and you are inclined to go, eat whatever submission, lest by any means, after I have preached to is set before you, asking no questions for the sake of conscience. 28 But if anyone says to you, "This was offered to idols," don't eat it for the sake of the one who told you, and for the sake of conscience. For "the earth is the Lord's, with all its fullness." 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 something I give thanks for? 31 Whether therefore you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. 32 Give no occasion for stumbling, whether to Jews, to Greeks, or to the assembly of God; 33 even as I also please all men 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 Christ. 2 Now I praise you, brothers, that you remember and in one day twenty-three thousand fell. 9 Let's not me in all things, and hold firm the traditions, even as I the head of every man is Christ, and the head of the and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. 29 woman is man, and the head of Christ is God. 4 Every For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy way eats man praving or prophesying, having his head covered, and drinks judgment to himself if he doesn't discern dishonors his head. 5 But every woman praying or the Lord's body. 30 For this cause many among you prophesying with her head uncovered dishonors her are weak and sickly, and not a few sleep. 31 For if we head. For it is one and the same thing as if she were discerned ourselves, we wouldn't be judged. 32 But shaved. 6 For if a woman is not covered, let her hair when we are judged, we are disciplined by the Lord, that also be cut off. But if it is shameful for a woman to have we may not be condemned with the world. 33 Therefore, her hair cut off or be shaved, let her be covered. 7 my brothers, when you come together to eat, wait for For a man indeed ought not to have his head covered, one another. 34 But if anyone is hungry, let him eat at because he is the image and glory of God, but the home, lest your coming together be for judgment. The woman is the glory of the man. 8 For man is not from rest I will set in order whenever I come. woman, but woman from man: 9 for man wasn't created for the woman, but woman for the man. 10 For this cause the woman ought to have authority over her own 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 any man seems to be contentious, we have no such custom. neither do God's assemblies. 17 But in giving you this command I don't praise you, because you come together not for the better but for the worse. 18 For first of all, when you come together in the assembly, 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 drunken. 22 What, don't you have houses to eat and to drink in? Or do you despise God's assembly and put them to shame who don't have enough? What shall I tell you? Shall I praise you? In this I don't praise vou. 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, "Take, eat. This is my body, which is broken for you. Do this in memory of me." 25 In the same way he also took the cup after supper, 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 way unworthy of the Lord will be guilty of the body and

delivered them to you. 3 But I would have you know that the blood of the Lord. 28 But let a man examine himself.

Now concerning spiritual things, brothers, I don't want you to be ignorant. 2 You know that when you were heathen, you were led away to those mute idols, however you might be led. 3 Therefore I make known to you that no man 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 same Spirit, 10 and to another workings of miracles, and to another prophecy, and to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of languages, and to another the interpretation of languages. 11 But the one and the same Spirit produces 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 Christ. 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 into one Spirit. 14 For the body is not one member. but many. 15 If the foot would say, "Because I'm not the hand, I'm not part of the body," it is not therefore not part of the body. 16 If the ear would say, "Because I'm not the eye, I'm not part of the body," it's not therefore not part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eve, where would the hearing be? If the whole were hearing, where would the smelling be? 18 But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body, just as he desired. 19 If they were all one member, where would the body be? 20 But now they are many members, but one body. 21 The eye can't tell the hand, "I have no need for you," or again the head to the feet, "I have no need for you." 22 No, much rather, those

members of the body which seem to be weaker are speaks mysteries. 3 But he who prophesies speaks to you.

13 If I speak with the languages of men and of angels, but don't have love, I have become sounding brass 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 don't have love, I am nothing. 3 If I give away all my goods to feed the poor, and if I give my body to be burned, but don't have love, it profits me nothing. 4 Love is patient and is kind. Love doesn't envy. Love doesn't brag, is not proud, 5 doesn't behave itself inappropriately, doesn't seek its own way, is not provoked, takes no account of evil; 6 doesn't rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; 7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things. 8 Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will be done away with. Where there are various languages, 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, then 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 a man, 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 1 Follow after love and earnestly desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy. 2 For he who speaks in another language speaks not to men. but to God, for no one understands, but in the Spirit he or unlearned comes in, he is reproved by all, and he is

necessary. 23 Those parts of the body which we think to men for their edification, exhortation, and consolation. 4 be less honorable, on those we bestow more abundant He who speaks in another language edifies himself, but honor; and our unpresentable parts have more abundant he who prophesies edifies the assembly. 5 Now I desire modesty, 24 while our presentable parts have no such to have you all speak with other languages, but even need. But God composed the body together, giving more that you would prophesy. For he is greater who more abundant honor to the inferior part, 25 that there prophesies than he who speaks with other languages, should be no division in the body, but that the members unless he interprets, that the assembly may be built up. should have the same care for one another. 26 When 6 But now, brothers, if I come to you speaking with other one member suffers, all the members suffer with it. languages, what would I profit you unless I speak to When one member is honored, all the members rejoice you either by way of revelation, or of knowledge, or of with it. 27 Now you are the body of Christ, and members prophesying, or of teaching? 7 Even lifeless things that individually. 28 God has set some in the assembly: first make a sound, whether pipe or harp, if they didn't give a apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracle distinction in the sounds, how would it be known what is workers, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, and piped or harped? 8 For if the trumpet gave an uncertain various kinds of languages. 29 Are all apostles? Are all sound, who would prepare himself for war? 9 So also prophets? Are all teachers? Are all miracle workers? 30 you, unless you uttered by the tongue words easy to Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with various understand, how would it be known what is spoken? For languages? Do all interpret? 31 But earnestly desire the you would be speaking into the air. 10 There are, it may best gifts. Moreover, I show a most excellent way to be, so many kinds of languages in the world, and none of them is without meaning. 11 If then I don't know the meaning of the language, 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 gifts, seek that you may abound to the building up of the assembly. 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 should I do? 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 doesn't know what you say? 17 For you most certainly give thanks well, but the other person is not built up. 18 I thank my God, I speak with other languages more than you all. 19 However, in the assembly I would rather speak five words with my understanding, that I might instruct others also, than ten thousand words in another language. 20 Brothers, don't be children in thoughts, yet in malice be babies, but in thoughts be mature. 21 In the law it is written, "By men of strange languages and by the lips of strangers I will speak to this people. They won't even listen to me that way, says the Lord." 22 Therefore other languages 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 assembly is assembled together and all speak with other languages, and unlearned or unbelieving people come in, won't they say that you are crazy? 24 But if all prophesy, and someone unbelieving

judged by all. 25 And thus the secrets of his heart are 12 Now if Christ is preached, that he has been raised revealed. So he will fall down on his face and worship from the dead, how do some among you say that there God, declaring that God is among you indeed. 26 What is no resurrection of the dead? 13 But if there is no is it then, brothers? When you come together, each one resurrection of the dead, neither has Christ been raised. of you has a psalm, has a teaching, has a revelation, 14 If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is has another language, or has an interpretation. Let all in vain and your faith also is in vain. 15 Yes, we are things be done to build each other up. 27 If any man also found false witnesses of God, because we testified speaks in another language, let there be two, or at about God that he raised up Christ, whom he didn't raise the most three, and in turn; and let one interpret. 28 up if it is true that the dead are not raised. 16 For if the But if there is no interpreter, let him keep silent in the dead aren't raised, neither has Christ been raised. 17 If assembly, and let him speak to himself and to God. Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain; you are 29 Let two or three of the prophets speak, and let the still in your sins. 18 Then they also who are fallen asleep others discern. 30 But if a revelation is made to another in Christ have perished. 19 If we have only hoped in sitting by, let the first keep silent. 31 For you all can Christ in this life, we are of all men most pitiable. 20 But prophesy one by one, that all may learn and all may now Christ has been raised from the dead. He became be exhorted. 32 The spirits of the prophets are subject the first fruit of those who are asleep. 21 For since death to the prophets, 33 for God is not a God of confusion came by man, the resurrection of the dead also came but of peace, as in all the assemblies of the saints. by man. 22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ 34 Let the wives be quiet in the assemblies, for it has all will be made alive. 23 But each in his own order: not been permitted for them to be talking except in Christ the first fruits, then those who are Christ's at his submission, as the law also says, 35 if they desire to coming. 24 Then the end comes, when he will deliver learn anything. "Let them ask their own husbands at up the Kingdom to God the Father, when he will have home, for it is shameful for a wife to be talking in the abolished all rule and all authority and power. 25 For he assembly." 36 What!? Was it from you that the word must reign until he has put all his enemies under his of God went out? Or did it come to you alone? 37 If feet. 26 The last enemy that will be abolished is death. any man thinks himself to be a prophet or spiritual, let 27 For, "He put all things in subjection under his feet." him recognize the things which I write to you, that they But when he says, "All things are put in subjection", it is are the commandment of the Lord. 38 But if anyone is evident that he is excepted who subjected all things to ignorant, let him be ignorant. 39 Therefore, brothers, him. 28 When all things have been subjected to him, desire earnestly to prophesy, and don't forbid speaking then the Son will also himself be subjected to him who with other languages. 40 Let all things be done decently subjected all things to him, that God may be all in all. and in order.

15 Now I declare to you, brothers, the Good News 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 vou—unless you believed in vain. 3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ 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 Then he appeared to over five hundred brothers at once, most of whom remain until now, but some have also fallen asleep. 7 Then 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 assembly of God. 10 But by the grace of God I am what I am. His grace which was given to 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 is I or they, so we preach, and so you believed.

29 Or else what will they do who are baptized for the dead? If the dead aren't raised at all, why then are they baptized for the dead? 30 Why do we also stand in jeopardy every hour? 31 I affirm, by the boasting in you which I have in Christ 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's eat and drink, for tomorrow we die." 33 Don't be deceived! "Evil companionships corrupt good morals." 34 Wake up righteously and don't sin, for some have no knowledge of 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 don't 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 men, 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

the sun, another glory of the moon, and another glory Now if Timothy comes, see that he is with you without of the stars; for one star differs from another star in fear, for he does the work of the Lord, as I also do. 11 glory. 42 So also is the resurrection of the dead. The Therefore let no one despise him. But set him forward body is sown perishable; it is raised imperishable. 43 It on his journey in peace, that he may come to me; for is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in I expect him with the brothers. 12 Now concerning weakness; it is raised in power. 44 It is sown a natural Apollos the brother, I strongly urged him to come to you body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural with the brothers, but it was not at all his desire to come body and there is also a spiritual body. 45 So also it now; but he will come when he has an opportunity. is written, "The first man Adam became a living soul." 13 Watch! Stand firm in the faith! Be courageous! Be The last Adam became a life-giving spirit. 46 However, strong! 14 Let all that you do be done in love. 15 Now I that which is spiritual isn't first, but that which is natural, beg you, brothers—you know the house of Stephanas, then that which is spiritual. 47 The first man is of the that it is the first fruits of Achaia, and that they have earth, made of dust. The second man is the Lord from set themselves to serve the saints— 16 that you also heaven. 48 As is the one made of dust, such are those be in subjection to such, and to everyone who helps who are also made of dust; and as is the heavenly, such in the work and labors. 17 I rejoice at the coming of are they also that are heavenly. 49 As we have borne Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus; for that which the image of those made of dust, let's also bear the was lacking on your part, they supplied. 18 For they image of the heavenly. 50 Now I say this, brothers, that refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore acknowledge flesh and blood can't inherit God's Kingdom; neither those who are like that. 19 The assemblies of Asia greet does the perishable inherit imperishable. 51 Behold, you. Aquila and Priscilla greet you warmly in the Lord, I tell you a mystery. We will not all sleep, but we will together with the assembly that is in their house. 20 All all be changed, 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an the brothers greet you. Greet one another with a holy eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound and kiss. 21 This greeting is by me, Paul, with my own hand. the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we will be 22 If any man doesn't love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him changed. 53 For this perishable body must become be cursed. Come, Lord! 23 The grace of the Lord Jesus imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality. Christ be with you. 24 My love to all of you in Christ 54 But when this perishable body will have become Jesus. Amen. imperishable, 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 sting? Hades, where is your victory?" (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 Christ. 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 assemblies of Galatia, you do likewise. 2 On the first day of every week, let each one of you save as he may prosper, that no collections are 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 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 with you, or even winter with you, 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

from that of the terrestrial. 41 There is one glory of opened to me, and there are many adversaries. 10

2 Corinthians

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus through the will of God, and Timothy our brother, to the assembly 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 Christ. 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort. 4 who comforts therefore planned this, did I show fickleness? Or the sight of God, we speak in Christ. things that I plan, do I plan according to the flesh, that with me there should be the "Yes, yes" and the "No, no?" 18 But as God is faithful, our word toward you was not "Yes and no." 19 For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, 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 is the "Yes." Therefore also through him is the "Amen", to

the glory of God through us. 21 Now he who establishes us with you in Christ 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 for a witness to my soul, that to spare you, I didn't come to Corinth. 24 We don't control your faith, but are fellow workers with you for your joy. For you stand firm in faith.

2 But I determined this for myself, that I would not come to you again in sorrow. 2 For if I make you us in all our affliction, that we may be able to comfort grieve, then who will make me glad but he who is made those who are in any affliction, through the comfort with to grieve by me? 3 And I wrote this very thing to you, so which we ourselves are comforted by God. 5 For as the that when I came, I wouldn't have sorrow from them sufferings of Christ abound to us, even so our comfort of whom I ought to rejoice; having confidence in you also abounds through Christ. 6 But if we are afflicted, it all that my joy would be shared by all of you. 4 For is for your comfort and salvation. If we are comforted, it out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to is for your comfort, which produces in you the patient you with many tears, not that you should be made to enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer. 7 grieve, but that you might know the love that I have so Our hope for you is steadfast, knowing that, since you abundantly for you. 5 But if any has caused sorrow, are partakers of the sufferings, so you are also of the he has caused sorrow not to me, but in part (that I not comfort. 8 For we don't desire to have you uninformed, press too heavily) to you all. 6 This punishment which brothers, concerning our affliction which happened to was inflicted by the many is sufficient for such a one; 7 us in Asia: that we were weighed down exceedingly, so that, on the contrary, you should rather forgive him beyond our power, so much that we despaired even of and comfort him, lest by any means such a one should life. 9 Yes, we ourselves have had the sentence of death be swallowed up with his excessive sorrow. 8 Therefore within ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, I beg you to confirm your love toward him. 9 For to this but in God who raises the dead, 10 who delivered us out end I also wrote, that I might know the proof of you, of so great a death, and does deliver, on whom we have whether you are obedient in all things. 10 Now I also set our hope that he will also still deliver us, 11 you also forgive whomever you forgive anything. For if indeed I helping together on our behalf by your supplication; that, have forgiven anything, I have forgiven that one for your for the gift given to us by means of many, thanks may sakes in the presence of Christ, 11 that no advantage be given by many persons on your behalf. 12 For our may be gained over us by Satan, for we are not ignorant boasting is this: the testimony of our conscience that of his schemes. 12 Now when I came to Troas for the in holiness and sincerity of God, not in fleshly wisdom Good News of Christ, and when a door was opened to but in the grace of God, we behaved ourselves in the me in the Lord, 13 I had no relief for my spirit, because I world, and more abundantly toward you. 13 For we didn't find Titus my brother, but taking my leave of them, write no other things to you than what you read or even I went out into Macedonia. 14 Now thanks be to God acknowledge, and I hope you will acknowledge to the who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and reveals end— 14 as also you acknowledged us in part—that through us the sweet aroma of his knowledge in every we are your boasting, even as you also are ours, in place. 15 For we are a sweet aroma of Christ to God in the day of our Lord Jesus. 15 In this confidence, I was those who are saved and in those who perish: 16 to determined to come first to you, that you might have a the one a stench from death to death, to the other a second benefit, 16 and by you to pass into Macedonia, sweet aroma from life to life. Who is sufficient for these and again from Macedonia to come to you, and to be things? 17 For we are not as so many, peddling the sent forward by you on my journey to Judea. 17 When I word of God. But as of sincerity, but as of God, in the

> 2 Are we beginning again to commend ourselves? Or do we need, as do some, letters of commendation to you or from you? 2 You are our letter, written in our hearts, known and read by all men, 3 being revealed that you are a letter of Christ, served by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tablets of stone, but in tablets that are hearts of flesh. 4

wouldn't look steadfastly on the end of that which was g166) 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 Christ it passes away. 15 But to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart. 16 But whenever someone 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 seeing the glory of the Lord as in a mirror, are transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord, the Spirit.

Jesus, that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in to themselves, but to him who for their sakes died and

Such confidence we have through Christ toward God. our body. 11 For we who live are always delivered to 5 not that we are sufficient of ourselves to account death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus may be anything as from ourselves; but our sufficiency is from revealed in our mortal flesh. 12 So then death works God, 6 who also made us sufficient as servants of a in us, but life in you. 13 But having the same spirit of new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the faith, according to that which is written, "I believed, and letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. 7 But if the service of therefore I spoke." We also believe, and therefore we death, written engraved on stones, came with glory, so also speak, 14 knowing that he who raised the Lord that the children of Israel could not look steadfastly on Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will present us the face of Moses for the glory of his face, which was with you. 15 For all things are for your sakes, that the passing away, 8 won't service of the Spirit be with much grace, being multiplied through the many, may cause more glory? 9 For if the service of condemnation has the thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God. 16 glory, the service of righteousness exceeds much more Therefore we don't faint, but though our outward person in glory. 10 For most certainly that which has been made is decaying, yet our inward person is renewed day by glorious has not been made glorious in this respect, by day. 17 For our light affliction, which is for the moment, reason of the glory that surpasses. 11 For if that which works for us more and more exceedingly an eternal passes away was with glory, much more that which weight of glory, (aiōnios g166) 18 while we don't look at remains is in glory. 12 Having therefore such a hope, the things which are seen, but at the things which are we use great boldness of speech, 13 and not as Moses, not seen. For the things which are seen are temporal, who put a veil on his face so that the children of Israel but the things which are not seen are eternal. (aionios

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, eternal, in the heavens. (aionios g166) 2 For most certainly in this we groan, longing to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven, 3 if indeed being clothed, 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 ⚠ Therefore, seeing we have this ministry, even as is God, who also gave to us the down payment of the we obtained mercy, we don't faint. 2 But we have Spirit. 6 Therefore we are always confident and know renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in that while we are at home in the body, we are absent craftiness nor handling the word of God deceitfully, but from the Lord; 7 for we walk by faith, not by sight. 8 by the manifestation of the truth commending ourselves We are courageous, I say, and are willing rather to to every man's conscience in the sight of God. 3 Even if be absent from the body and to be at home with the our Good News is veiled, it is veiled in those who are Lord. 9 Therefore also we make it our aim, whether dying, 4 in whom the god of this world has blinded the at home or absent, to be well pleasing to him. 10 For minds of the unbelieving, that the light of the Good News we must all be revealed before the judgment seat of of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should Christ that each one may receive the things in the body not dawn on them. (aion g165) 5 For we don't preach according to what he has done, whether good or bad. ourselves, but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves 11 Knowing therefore the fear of the Lord, we persuade as your servants for Jesus' sake, 6 seeing it is God men, but we are revealed to God, and I hope that we who said, "Light will shine out of darkness," who has are revealed also in your consciences. 12 For we are shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of not commending ourselves to you again, but speak as the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 7 But we giving you occasion of boasting on our behalf, that you have this treasure in clay vessels, that the exceeding may have something to answer those who boast in greatness of the power may be of God and not from appearance and not in heart. 13 For if we are beside ourselves. 8 We are pressed on every side, yet not ourselves, it is for God. Or if we are of sober mind, it is crushed; perplexed, yet not to despair; 9 pursued, yet for you. 14 For the love of Christ compels us; because not forsaken; struck down, yet not destroyed; 10 always we judge thus: that one died for all, therefore all died. 15 carrying in the body the putting to death of the Lord He died for all, that those who live should no longer live rose again. 16 Therefore we know no one according to the flesh from now on. Even though we have known might become the righteousness of God.

6 Working together, we entreat also that you do not receive the grace of God in vain. 2 For he says, "At an acceptable time I listened to you. In a day of salvation I helped you." Behold, now is the acceptable time. Behold, now is the day of salvation. 3 We give 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 afflictions, in hardships, in distresses, 5 in beatings, in imprisonments, in riots, in labors, in watchings, in fastings, 6 in pureness, in knowledge, in perseverance, in kindness, in the Holy Spirit, in sincere love, 7 in the word of truth, in the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left. 8 by glory and dishonor, by evil report and good report, as deceivers and vet true. 9 as unknown and vet well known, as dying and behold—we live, as punished and not killed, 10 as sorrowful yet always rejoicing as poor yet making many rich, as having nothing and yet possessing all things. 11 Our mouth is open to you, Corinthians. Our heart is enlarged. 12 You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted by your own affections. 13 Now in return—I speak as to my children-you also open your hearts. 14 Don't be unequally yoked with unbelievers, for what fellowship do righteousness and iniquity have? Or what fellowship does light have with darkness? 15 What agreement does Christ have with Belial? Or what portion does a believer have with an unbeliever? 16 What agreement does a temple of God have with idols? For you are a temple of the living God. Even as God said, "I will dwell in them and walk in them. I will be their God and they will be my people." 17 Therefore "Come out from among them, and be separate,' says the Lord. 'Touch Lord Almiahtv."

7 Having therefore these promises, beloved, let's cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know him so spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. 2 Open no more. 17 Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new your hearts to us. We wronged no one. We corrupted no creation. The old things have passed away. Behold, one. We took advantage of no one. 3 I say this not to all things have become new. 18 But all things are of condemn you, for I have said before that you are in our God, who reconciled us to himself through Jesus Christ, hearts to die together and live together. 4 Great is my and gave to us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 namely, boldness of speech toward you. Great is my boasting that God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, on your behalf. I am filled with comfort. I overflow with not reckoning to them their trespasses, and having joy in all our affliction. 5 For even when we had come committed to us the word of reconciliation. 20 We are into Macedonia, our flesh had no relief, but we were therefore ambassadors on behalf of Christ, as though afflicted on every side. Fightings were outside. Fear God were entreating by us: we beg you on behalf of was inside. 6 Nevertheless, he who comforts the lowly, Christ, be reconciled to God. 21 For him who knew no God, comforted us by the coming of Titus, 7 and not by sin he made to be sin on our behalf, so that in him we his coming only, but also by the comfort with which he was comforted in you while he told us of your longing. your mourning, and your zeal for me, so that I rejoiced still more. 8 For though I grieved you with my letter, I do not regret it, though I did regret it. For I see that my letter made you grieve, though just for a while. 9 I now rejoice, not that you were grieved, but that you were grieved to repentance. For you were grieved in a godly way, that you might suffer loss by us in nothing. 10 For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, which brings no regret. But the sorrow of the world produces death. 11 For behold, this same thing, that you were grieved in a godly way, what earnest care it worked in you. Yes, what defense, indignation, fear, longing, zeal, and vindication! In everything you demonstrated yourselves to be pure in the matter. 12 So although I wrote to you, I wrote not for his cause that did the wrong, nor for his cause that suffered the wrong, but that your earnest care for us might be revealed in you in the sight of God. 13 Therefore we have been comforted. In our comfort we rejoiced the more exceedingly for the joy of Titus, because his spirit has been refreshed by you all. 14 For if in anything I have boasted to him on your behalf, I was not disappointed. But as we spoke all things to 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 him. 16 I rejoice that in everything I am confident concerning you.

Moreover, brothers, we make known to you the grace of God which has been given in the assemblies of Macedonia, 2 how in a severe ordeal of affliction, the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded to the riches of their generosity. 3 For according to their power, I testify, yes and beyond their power, they gave no unclean thing. I will receive you. 18 I will be to you a of their own accord, 4 begging us with much entreaty to Father. You will be to me sons and daughters,' says the receive this grace and the fellowship in the service to the saints. 5 This was not as we had expected, but first they

is served by us to the glory of the Lord himself, and to unspeakable gift! show our readiness. 20 We are avoiding this, that any man should blame us concerning this abundance which is administered by us. 21 Having regard for honorable things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men. 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 the apostles of the assemblies, the glory of Christ. 24 Therefore show the proof of your love to them before the assemblies, and of our boasting on your behalf.

• 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 those of Macedonia, that Achaia has been prepared for the past year. Your zeal has stirred up very many of them. 3 But I have sent the brothers so that our boasting on your behalf may not be in vain in this respect, that, just somewhat abundantly concerning our authority, which

gave their own selves to the Lord, and to us through as I said, you may be prepared, 4 lest by any means, if the will of God. 6 So we urged Titus, that as he had anyone from Macedonia comes there with me and finds made a beginning before, so he would also complete in you unprepared, we (to say nothing of you) would be you this grace. 7 But as you abound in everything—in disappointed in this confident boasting. 5 I thought it faith, utterance, knowledge, all earnestness, and in your necessary therefore to entreat the brothers that they love to us—see that you also abound in this grace. 8 would go before to you and arrange ahead of time the I speak not by way of commandment, but as proving generous gift that you promised before, that the same through the earnestness of others the sincerity also might be ready as a matter of generosity, and not of of your love. 9 For you know the grace of our Lord greediness. 6 Remember this: he who sows sparingly Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes will also reap sparingly. He who sows bountifully will he became poor, that you through his poverty might also reap bountifully. 7 Let each man give according become rich. 10 I give advice in this: it is expedient for as he has determined in his heart, not grudgingly or you who were the first to start a year ago, not only to do, under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 but also to be willing. 11 But now complete the doing And God is able to make all grace abound to you, also, that as there was the readiness to be willing, so that you, always having all sufficiency in everything, there may be the completion also out of your ability. 12 may abound to every good work. 9 As it is written, For if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according "He has scattered abroad. He has given to the poor. to what you have, not according to what you don't have. His righteousness remains forever." (aion g165) 10 Now 13 For this is not that others may be eased and you may he who supplies seed to the sower and bread distressed, 14 but for equality. Your abundance at this for food, supply and multiply your seed for sowing, present time supplies their lack, that their abundance and increase the fruits of your righteousness, 11 you also may become a supply for your lack, that there being enriched in everything for all generosity, which may be equality. 15 As it is written, "He who gathered produces thanksgiving to God through us. 12 For this much had nothing left over, and he who gathered little service of giving that you perform not only makes up for had no lack." 16 But thanks be to God, who puts the lack among the saints, but abounds also through much same earnest care for you into the heart of Titus. 17 For giving of thanks to God, 13 seeing that through the proof he indeed accepted our exhortation, but being himself given by this service, they glorify God for the obedience very earnest, he went out to you of his own accord. of your confession to the Good News of Christ and 18 We have sent together with him the brother whose for the generosity of your contribution to them and to praise in the Good News is known throughout all the all, 14 while they themselves also, with supplication on assemblies. 19 Not only so, but he was also appointed your behalf, yearn for you by reason of the exceeding by the assemblies to travel with us in this grace, which grace of God in you. 15 Now thanks be to God for his

> Now I Paul, myself, entreat you by the humility and gentleness of Christ, I who in your presence am lowly among you, but being absent am bold toward you. 2 Yes, I beg you that I may not, when present, show courage with the confidence with which I intend to be bold against some, who consider us to be walking according to the flesh. 3 For though we walk in the flesh, we don't wage war according to the flesh; 4 for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but mighty before God to the throwing 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 Christ, 6 and being in readiness to avenge all disobedience when your obedience is made full. 7 Do you look at things only as they appear in front of your face? If anyone trusts in himself that he is Christ's, let him consider this again with himself, that even as he is Christ's, so we also are Christ's. 8 For even if I boast

the Lord gave for building you up and not for casting who desire an opportunity, that in which they boast. you down, I will not be ashamed, 9 that I may not they may be recognized just like us. 13 For such men seem as if I desire to terrify you by my letters. 10 For, are false apostles, deceitful workers, masquerading as "His letters", they say, "are weighty and strong, but his Christ's apostles. 14 And no wonder, for even Satan bodily presence is weak, and his speech is despised." masquerades as an angel of light. 15 It is no great thing 11 Let such a person consider this, that what we are therefore if his servants also masquerade as servants bold to number or compare ourselves with some of so, yet receive me as foolish, that I also may boast a themselves with themselves, are without understanding. boasting. 18 Seeing that many boast after the flesh, I 13 But we will not boast beyond proper limits, but within will also boast. 19 For you bear with the foolish gladly, reach even to you. 14 For we don't stretch ourselves too you into bondage, if he devours you, if he takes you much, as though we didn't reach to you. For we came captive, if he exalts himself, or if he strikes you on the even as far as to you with the Good News of Christ, 15 face. 21 To my shame, I speak as though we had been not boasting beyond proper limits in other men's labors, weak. Yet in whatever way anyone is bold (I speak in but having hope that as your faith grows, we will be foolishness), I am bold also. 22 Are they Hebrews? abundantly enlarged by you in our sphere of influence, So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they the 16 so as to preach the Good News even to the parts offspring of Abraham? So am I. 23 Are they servants of beyond you, not to boast in what someone else has Christ? (I speak as one beside himself.) I am more so: already done. 17 But "he who boasts, let him boast in in labors more abundantly, in prisons more abundantly, 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 promised you in marriage to one husband, that I might present you as a pure virgin to Christ. 3 But I am afraid that somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve in his craftiness, so your minds might be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. 4 For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we didn't preach, or if you receive a different spirit which you didn't receive, or a different "good news" which you didn't accept, you put up with that well enough. 5 For I reckon that I am not at all behind the very best apostles. 6 But though I am unskilled in speech, yet I am not unskilled in knowledge. No, in every way we have been revealed 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 Good News free of charge? 8 I robbed other assemblies, taking wages from them that I might serve you. 9 When I was present with you and was in need, I wasn't a burden on anyone, for the brothers,

in word by letters when we are absent, such are we of righteousness, whose end will be according to their also in deed when we are present. 12 For we are not works. 16 I say again, let no one think me foolish. But if those who commend themselves. But they themselves, little. 17 That which I speak, I don't speak according to measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing the Lord, but as in foolishness, in this confidence of the boundaries with which God appointed to us, which being wise. 20 For you bear with a man if he brings the Lord." 18 For it isn't he who commends himself who in stripes above measure, and in deaths often. 24 Five times I received forty stripes minus one from the Jews. 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 the Gentiles, 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 assemblies. 29 Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is caused to stumble, and I don't 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 Christ, he who is blessed forever more, knows that I don't lie. (aion g165) 32 In Damascus the governor under King Aretas guarded the Damascenes' city, desiring to arrest me. 33 I was let down in a basket through a window by the wall, and escaped his hands.

12 It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast, but I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord. 2 when they came from Macedonia, supplied the measure I know a man in Christ who was caught up into the third of my need. In everything I kept myself from being heaven fourteen years ago—whether in the body, I don't burdensome to you, and I will continue to do so. 10 As know, or whether out of the body, I don't know; God the truth of Christ is in me, no one will stop me from this knows. 3 I know such a man (whether in the body, or boasting in the regions of Achaia. 11 Why? Because I outside of the body, I don't know; God knows), 4 how don't love you? God knows. 12 But what I do, that I will he was caught up into Paradise and heard unspeakable continue to do, that I may cut off opportunity from those words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. 5 On

will not boast, except in my weaknesses. 6 For if I would being absent, I write to those who have sinned before desire to boast, I will not be foolish; for I will speak the now and to all the rest that if I come again, I will not truth. But I refrain, so that no man may think more of me spare, 3 seeing that you seek a proof of Christ who than that which he sees in me or hears from me. 7 By speaks in me who is not weak, but is powerful in you. 4 reason of the exceeding greatness of the revelations, For he was crucified through weakness, yet he lives that I should not be exalted excessively, a thorn in through the power of God. For we also are weak in the flesh was given to me: a messenger of Satan to him, but we will live with him through the power of God torment me, that I should not be exalted excessively. 8 toward you. 5 Examine your own selves, whether you Concerning this thing, I begged the Lord three times that are in the faith. Test your own selves. Or don't you it might depart from me. 9 He has said to me, "My grace know about your own selves, that Jesus Christ is in is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in you?—unless indeed you are disqualified. 6 But I hope weakness." Most gladly therefore I will rather glory in my that you will know that we aren't disgualified. 7 Now I weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest on me. pray to God that you do no evil; not that we may appear 10 Therefore I take pleasure in weaknesses, in injuries, approved, but that you may do that which is honorable, in necessities, in persecutions, and in distresses, for though we may seem to have failed. 8 For we can do Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then am I strong. 11 nothing against the truth, but for the truth. 9 For we I have become foolish in boasting. You compelled me, rejoice when we are weak and you are strong. We also for I ought to have been commended by you, for I am in pray for this: your becoming perfect. 10 For this cause no way inferior to the very best apostles, though I am I write these things while absent, that I may not deal nothing. 12 Truly the signs of an apostle were worked sharply when present, according to the authority which among you in all perseverance, in signs and wonders the Lord gave me for building up and not for tearing and mighty works. 13 For what is there in which you down. 11 Finally, brothers, rejoice! Be perfected. Be were made inferior to the rest of the assemblies, unless comforted. Be of the same mind. Live in peace, and the it is that I myself was not a burden to you? Forgive me God of love and peace will be with you. 12 Greet one this wrong! 14 Behold, this is the third time I am ready another with a holy kiss. 13 All the saints greet you. 14 to come to you, and I will not be a burden to you; for I The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, God's love, and the seek not your possessions, but you. For the children fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen. 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 Even so, I myself didn't burden you. But you might say that being crafty, I caught you with deception. 17 Did I take advantage of you by anyone of those whom I have sent to you? 18 I exhorted Titus, and I sent the brother with him. Did Titus take any advantage of you? Didn't we walk in the same spirit? Didn't we walk in the same steps? 19 Again, do you think that we are excusing ourselves to you? In the sight of God we speak in Christ. But all things, beloved, are for your edifying. 20 For I am afraid that perhaps when I come. I might find you not the way I want to, and that I might be found by you as you don't desire, that perhaps there would be strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, factions, slander, whisperings, proud thoughts, or riots, 21 that again when I come my God would humble me before you, and I would mourn for many of those who have sinned before now, and not repented of the uncleanness, sexual immorality, and lustfulness which they committed.

13 This is the third time I am coming to you. "At the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established." 2 I have warned previously, and I warn

behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I again, as when I was present the second time, so now,

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1 Paul, an apostle—not from men, nor through man. but through Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead— 2 and all the brothers who are with me, to the assemblies of Galatia: 3 Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ, 4 who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us out of this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father— (aion g165) 5 to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen. (aion g165) 6 l marvel that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ to a different "good news". 7 but there isn't another "good news." Only there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the Good News of Christ. 8 But even though we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you any "good news" other than that which we preached to you, let him be cursed. 9 As we have said before, so I now say again: if any man preaches to you any "good news" other than that which you received, let him be cursed. 10 For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I striving to please men? For if I were still pleasing men, I wouldn't be a servant of Christ. 11 But I make known to you, brothers, concerning the Good News which was preached by me, that it is not according to man. 12 For I didn't receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came to me through revelation of Jesus Christ. 13 For you have heard of my way of living in time past in the Jews' religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the assembly of God and rayaged it. 14 I advanced in the Jews' religion beyond many of my own age among my countrymen, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers. 15 But when it was the good pleasure of God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through his grace. 16 to reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the Gentiles. I didn't 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 visit Peter, and stayed 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, behold, 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 assemblies of Judea which were in Christ, 23 but they only heard, "He who once persecuted us now preaches the faith that he once tried to destroy." 24 So they glorified God in me.

2 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 laid before them the Good News which I preach among the Gentiles, 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 Christ 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 Good News might continue with you. 6 But from those who were reputed to be important—whatever they were, it makes no difference to me; God doesn't show partiality to man-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 Good News for the uncircumcised, even as Peter with the Good News for the circumcised— 8 for he who worked through Peter in the apostleship with the circumcised also worked through me with the Gentiles- 9 and when they perceived the grace that was given to me, James and Cephas and John, those who were reputed to be pillars, gave to Barnabas and me the right hand of fellowship, that we should go to the Gentiles, and they to the circumcision. 10 They only asked us to remember the poor—which very thing I was also zealous to do. 11 But when Peter came to Antioch. I resisted him to his face, because he stood condemned. 12 For before some people came from James, he ate with the Gentiles. But when they came, he drew back and separated himself. fearing those who were of the circumcision. 13 And the rest of the Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, so that even Barnabas was carried away with their hypocrisy. 14 But when I saw that they didn't walk uprightly according to the truth of the Good News. I said to Peter before them all, "If you, being a Jew, live as the Gentiles do, and not as the Jews do, why do you compel the Gentiles to live as the Jews do? 15 "We, being Jews by nature and not Gentile sinners, 16 yet knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ 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 Christ, we ourselves also were found sinners, is Christ a servant of sin? Certainly not! 18 For if I build up again those things which I destroyed. I prove myself a lawbreaker. 19 For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. 20 I have been crucified with Christ, and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. That life which I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself up for me. 21 I

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don't reject the grace of God. For if righteousness is we were kept in custody under the law, confined for the through the law, then Christ died for nothing!"

 ${f 3}$ Foolish Galatians, who has bewitched you not to obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was openly portrayed among you 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 does miracles among you, does he do it by the works of the law, or by hearing of faith? 6 Even so, Abraham "believed God, and it was counted to him for righteousness." 7 Know therefore that those who are of faith are children of Abraham. 8 The Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the Good News beforehand given to those who believe. 23 But before faith came, Abraham had two sons, one by the servant, and one by

faith which should afterwards be revealed. 24 So that the law has become our tutor to bring us to Christ, 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 children of God, through faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 If you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring and heirs according to promise.

⚠ But I say that so long as the heir is a child, he is no different from a bondservant, though he is lord of all, 2 but is under guardians and stewards until the day appointed by the father. 3 So we also, when we were children, were held in bondage under the elemental to Abraham, saying, "In you all the nations will be principles of the world. 4 But when the fullness of the blessed." 9 So then, those who are of faith are blessed time came, God sent out his Son, born to a woman, with the faithful Abraham. 10 For as many as are of the born under the law, 5 that he might redeem those who works of the law are under a curse. For it is written, were under the law, that we might receive the adoption "Cursed is everyone who doesn't continue in all things as children. 6 And because you are children, God sent that are written in the book of the law, to do them." 11 out the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, "Abba, Now that no man is justified by the law before God is Father!" 7 So you are no longer a bondservant, but a evident, for, "The righteous will live by faith." 12 The law son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ. is not of faith, but, "The man who does them will live by 8 However at that time, not knowing God, you were them." 13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law, in bondage to those who by nature are not gods. 9 having become a curse for us. For it is written, "Cursed But now that you have come to know God, or rather is everyone who hangs on a tree," 14 that the blessing to be known by God, why do you turn back again to of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Christ the weak and miserable elemental principles, to which Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit you desire to be in bondage all over again? 10 You through faith. 15 Brothers, speaking of human terms, observe days, months, seasons, and years. 11 I am though it is only a man's covenant, yet when it has afraid for you, that I might have wasted my labor for been confirmed, no one makes it void or adds to it. 16 you. 12 l beg you, brothers, become as I am, for I also Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his have become as you are. You did me no wrong, 13 offspring. He doesn't say, "To descendants", as of many, but you know that because of weakness in the flesh I but as of one, "To your offspring", which is Christ. 17 preached the Good News to you the first time. 14 That Now I say this: A covenant confirmed beforehand by which was a temptation to you in my flesh, you didn't God in Christ, the law, which came four hundred thirty despise nor reject; but you received me as an angel of years after, does not annul, so as to make the promise God, even as Christ Jesus. 15 What was the blessing of no effect. 18 For if the inheritance is of the law, it is you enjoyed? For I testify to you that, if possible, you no more of promise; but God has granted it to Abraham would have plucked out your eyes and given them to by promise. 19 Then why is there the law? It was added me. 16 So then, have I become your enemy by telling because of transgressions, until the offspring should you the truth? 17 They zealously seek you in no good come to whom the promise has been made. It was way. No, they desire to alienate you, that you may seek ordained through angels by the hand of a mediator. 20 them. 18 But it is always good to be zealous in a good Now a mediator is not between one, but God is one. 21 cause, and not only when I am present with you. 19 My Is the law then against the promises of God? Certainly little children, of whom I am again in travail until Christ not! For if there had been a law given which could make is formed in you— 20 but I could wish to be present with alive, most certainly righteousness would have been of you now, and to change my tone, for I am perplexed the law. 22 But the Scripture imprisoned all things under about you. 21 Tell me, you that desire to be under the sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be law, don't you listen to the law? 22 For it is written that

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the free woman, 23 However, the son by the servant flesh are obvious, which are: adultery, sexual immorality, woman was born through promise. 24 These things strife, jealousies, outbursts of anger, rivalries, divisions, children of promise. 29 But as then, he who was born another. according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, so also it is now. 30 However. what does the Scripture say? "Throw out the servant and her son, for the son of the servant will not inherit with the son of the free woman." 31 So then, brothers, we are not children of a servant, but of the free woman.

5 Stand firm therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and don't be entangled again with a voke of bondage. 2 Behold, I. Paul, tell vou that if you receive circumcision, Christ will profit you nothing. 3 Yes, I testify again to every man who receives circumcision that he is a debtor to do the whole law. 4 You are alienated from Christ, you who desire to be justified by the law. You have fallen away from grace. 5 For we through the Spirit, by faith wait for the hope of righteousness. 6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision amounts to anything, but faith working through love. 7 You were running well! Who interfered with you that you should not obey the truth? 8 This persuasion is not from him who calls you. 9 A little yeast grows through the whole lump. 10 I have confidence toward you in the Lord that you will think no other way. But he who troubles you will bear his judgment, whoever he is. 11 But I, brothers, if I still preach circumcision, why am I still persecuted? Then the stumbling block of the cross has been removed. 12 I wish that those who disturb you would cut themselves off. 13 For you, brothers, were called for freedom. Only don't use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love be servants to one another. 14 For the whole law is fulfilled in one word, in this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." 15 But if you bite and devour one another, be careful that you don't consume one another. 16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you won't fulfill the lust of the flesh. 17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, that you 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 the deeds of the

was born according to the flesh, but the son by the free uncleanness, lustfulness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contain an allegory, for these are two covenants. One is heresies, 21 envy, murders, drunkenness, orgies, and from Mount Sinai, bearing children to bondage, which things like these; of which I forewarn you, even as I also is Hagar. 25 For this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, forewarned you, that those who practice such things will and answers to the Jerusalem that exists now, for she not inherit God's Kingdom. 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is is in bondage with her children. 26 But the Jerusalem love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, 23 that is above is free, which is the mother of us all. 27 gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there For it is written, "Rejoice, you barren who don't bear. is no law. 24 Those who belong to Christ have crucified Break out and shout, you who don't travail. For the the flesh with its passions and lusts. 25 If we live by the desolate women have more children than her who has Spirit, let's also walk by the Spirit. 26 Let's not become a husband." 28 Now we, brothers, as Isaac was, are conceited, provoking one another, and envying one

> **6** Brothers, even if a man is caught in some fault, you who are spiritual must restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, looking to yourself so that you also aren't tempted. 2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. 3 For if a man thinks himself to be something when he is nothing, he deceives himself. 4 But let each man examine his own work, and then he will have reason to boast in himself, and not in someone else. 5 For each man will bear his own burden. 6 But let him who is taught in the word share all good things with him who teaches. 7 Don't be deceived. God is not mocked, for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. 8 For he who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption. But he who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. (aionios q166) 9 Let's not be weary in doing good, for we will reap in due season if we don't give up. 10 So then, as we have opportunity, let's do what is good toward all men, and especially toward those who are of the household of the faith. 11 See with what large letters I write to you with my own hand. 12 As many as desire to make a good impression in the flesh compel you to be circumcised, just so they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. 13 For even they who receive circumcision don't keep the law themselves, but they desire to have you circumcised, so that they may boast in your flesh. 14 But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. 15 For in Christ Jesus neither is circumcision anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. 16 As many as walk by this rule, peace and mercy be on them, and on God's Israel. 17 From now on, let no one cause me any trouble, for I bear the marks of the Lord Jesus branded on my body. 18 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

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1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus through the will of God, to the saints who are at Ephesus, and the faithful in Christ Jesus: 2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, 4 even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and without defect before him in love, 5 having predestined us for adoption as children through Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his desire, 6 to the praise of the glory of his grace, by which he freely gave us favor in the Beloved. 7 In him we have our redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace 8 which he made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, 9 making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he purposed in him 10 to an administration of the fullness of the times, to sum up all things in Christ, the things in the heavens and the things on the earth, in him. 11 We were also assigned an inheritance in him, having been foreordained according to the purpose of him who does all things after the counsel of his will, 12 to the end that we should be to the praise of his glory, we who had before hoped in Christ. 13 In him you also, having heard the word of the truth, the Good News of your salvation—in whom, having also believed, you were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is a pledge of our inheritance, to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of his glory. 15 For this cause I also, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which is among you and the love which you have toward all the saints, 16 don't cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers, 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him, 18 having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope of his calling, and what are the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the exceeding greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to that working of the strength of his might 20 which he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and made him to sit at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule, authority, power, dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age, but also in that which is to come. (aion g165) 22 He put all things in subjection under his feet, and gave him to be head over all things for the assembly, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

You were made alive when you were dead in transgressions and sins, 2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the children of disobedience. (aion g165) 3 We also all once lived among them in the lusts of our flesh, doing the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest. 4 But God, being rich in mercy, for his great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-by grace you have been saved— 6 and raised us up with him, and made us to sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 that in the ages to come he might show the exceeding riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus; (aion g165) 8 for by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, that no one would boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared before that we would walk in them. 11 Therefore remember that once you, the Gentiles in the flesh, who are called "uncircumcision" by that which is called "circumcision" (in the flesh, made by hands), 12 that you were at that time separate from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of the promise, having no hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off are made near in the blood of Christ. 14 For he is our peace, who made both one, and broke down the middle wall of separation, 15 having abolished in his flesh the hostility, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man of the two, making peace, 16 and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, having killed the hostility through it. 17 He came and preached peace to you who were far off and to those who were near. 18 For through him we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father. 19 So then you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and of the household of God, 20 being built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets. Christ Jesus himself being the chief cornerstone; 21 in whom the whole building, fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord; 22 in whom you also are built together for a habitation of God in the Spirit.

3 For this cause I, Paul, am the prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles, **2** if it is so that 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 wrote before in few words, **4** by which, when you read, you can perceive my understanding in the mystery of Christ, **5** which in other

generations was not made known to the children of men. things. 11 He gave some to be apostles; and some. as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, shepherds and fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of work of serving, to the building up of the body of Christ, in confidence through our faith in him. 13 Therefore I of their mind, 18 being darkened in their understanding, which are your glory. 14 For this cause, I bow my knees that is in them, because of the hardening of their hearts. generations, forever and ever. Amen. (aion g165)

▲ I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to walk worthily of the calling with which you were called, 2 with all lowliness and humility, 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 us all. 7 But to each one of us, the grace was given according to the measure of the gift of Christ. 8 Therefore he says, "When he ascended on high, he led captivity captive, and gave but that he also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? 10 He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all

prophets in the Spirit, 6 that the Gentiles are fellow heirs and teachers; 12 for the perfecting of the saints, to the his promise in Christ Jesus through the Good News, 7 13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the of which I was made a servant according to the gift of knowledge of the Son of God, to a full grown man, to that grace of God which was given me according to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, 14 the working of his power. 8 To me, the very least of all that we may no longer be children, tossed back and saints, was this grace given, to preach to the Gentiles forth and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the unsearchable riches of Christ, 9 and to make all the trickery of men, in craftiness, after the wiles of error; men see what is the administration of the mystery which 15 but speaking truth in love, we may grow up in all for ages has been hidden in God, who created all things things into him who is the head, Christ, 16 from whom through Jesus Christ, (aiōn q165) 10 to the intent that now all the body, being fitted and knit together through that through the assembly the manifold wisdom of God might which every joint supplies, according to the working be made known to the principalities and the powers in measure of each individual part, makes the body in the heavenly places, 11 according to the eternal increase to the building up of itself in love. 17 This I say purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you no longer Lord. (aion g165) 12 In him we have boldness and access walk as the rest of the Gentiles also walk, in the futility ask that you may not lose heart at my troubles for you, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 from whom 19 They, having become callous, gave themselves up to every family in heaven and on earth is named, 16 that lust, to work all uncleanness with greediness. 20 But he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, you didn't learn Christ that way, 21 if indeed you heard that you may be strengthened with power through his him and were taught in him, even as truth is in Jesus: Spirit in the inner person, 17 that Christ may dwell in 22 that you put away, as concerning your former way of your hearts through faith, to the end that you, being life, the old man that grows corrupt after the lusts of rooted and grounded in love, 18 may be strengthened deceit, 23 and that you be renewed in the spirit of your to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and mind, 24 and put on the new man, who in the likeness length and height and depth, 19 and to know Christ's of God has been created in righteousness and holiness love which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled of truth. 25 Therefore, putting away falsehood, speak with all the fullness of God. 20 Now to him who is able truth each one with his neighbor, for we are members of to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or one another. 26 "Be angry, and don't sin." Don't let the think, according to the power that works in us, 21 to him sun go down on your wrath, 27 and don't give place be the glory in the assembly and in Christ Jesus to all to the devil. 28 Let him who stole steal no more; but rather let him labor, producing with his hands something 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 only what is good for building others up as the need may be, that it may give grace to those who hear. 30 Don't 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, tender hearted, forgiving each other, just as God also in Christ forgave you.

Be therefore imitators of God, as beloved children. 2 Walk in love, even as Christ also loved us and gave gifts to people." 9 Now this, "He ascended", what is it himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling fragrance. 3 But sexual immorality, and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it 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 6 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is for sure, that no sexually immoral person, nor unclean Nevertheless each of you must also love his own wife Jesus Christ with incorruptible love. Amen. even as himself; and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

right. 2 "Honor your father and mother," which is the person, nor covetous man (who is an idolater), has any first commandment with a promise: 3 "that it may be inheritance in the Kingdom of Christ and God. 6 Let well with you, and you may live long on the earth." 4 no one deceive you with empty words, for because of You fathers, don't provoke your children to wrath, but these things the wrath of God comes on the children nurture them in the discipline and instruction of the of disobedience. 7 Therefore don't be partakers with Lord. 5 Servants, be obedient to those who according them. 8 For you were once darkness, but are now light to the flesh are your masters, with fear and trembling, in in the Lord. Walk as children of light, 9 for the fruit of singleness of your heart, as to Christ, 6 not in the way the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth, of service only when eyes are on you, as men pleasers, 10 proving what is well pleasing to the Lord. 11 Have but as servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the no fellowship with the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but heart, 7 with good will doing service as to the Lord and rather even reprove them. 12 For it is a shame even to not to men, 8 knowing that whatever good thing each speak of the things which are done by them in secret. 13 one does, he will receive the same good again from the But all things, when they are reproved, are revealed by Lord, whether he is bound or free. 9 You masters, do the the light, for everything that reveals is light. 14 Therefore same things to them, and give up threatening, knowing he says, "Awake, you who sleep, and arise from the that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, dead, and Christ will shine on you." 15 Therefore watch and there is no partiality with him. 10 Finally, be strong carefully how you walk, not as unwise, but as wise, in the Lord and in the strength of his might. 11 Put on 16 redeeming the time, because the days are evil. 17 the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand Therefore, don't be foolish, but understand what the will against the wiles of the devil. 12 For our wrestling is not of the Lord is. 18 Don't be drunken with wine, in which against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit, 19 speaking against the powers, against the world's rulers of the to one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs; darkness of this age, and against the spiritual forces singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; of wickedness in the heavenly places. (aion q165) 13 20 giving thanks always concerning all things in the Therefore put on the whole armor of God, that you may name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father; be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, 21 subjecting yourselves to one another in the fear of to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having the utility belt of Christ. 22 Wives, be subject to your own husbands, truth buckled around your waist, and having put on the as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having fitted your wife, as Christ also is the head of the assembly, being feet with the preparation of the Good News of peace, 16 himself the savior of the body. 24 But as the assembly above all, taking up the shield of faith, with which you is subject to Christ, so let the wives also be to their will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the evil one. own husbands in everything. 25 Husbands, love your 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of wives, even as Christ also loved the assembly and gave the Spirit, which is the word of God; 18 with all prayer himself up for her, 26 that he might sanctify her, having and requests, praying at all times in the Spirit, and being cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, 27 watchful to this end in all perseverance and requests for that he might present the assembly to himself gloriously, all the saints. 19 Pray for me, that utterance may be not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that given to me in opening my mouth, to make known with she should be holy and without defect. 28 Even so boldness the mystery of the Good News, 20 for which husbands also ought to love their own wives as their I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself. 29 boldly, as I ought to speak. 21 But that you also may For no man ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and know my affairs, how I am doing, Tychicus, the beloved cherishes it, even as the Lord also does the assembly, brother and faithful servant in the Lord, will make known 30 because we are members of his body, of his flesh to you all things. 22 I have sent him to you for this very and bones. 31 "For this cause a man will leave his purpose, that you may know our state and that he may father and mother and will be joined to his wife. Then comfort your hearts. 23 Peace be to the brothers, and the two will become one flesh." 32 This mystery is great, love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus but I speak concerning Christ and the assembly. 33 Christ. 24 Grace be with all those who love our Lord

Philippians

1 Paul and Timothy, servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and servants: 2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 3 I thank my God whenever I remember you, 4 always in every request of mine on behalf of you all, making my requests with joy, 5 for your partnership in furtherance of the Good News 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 Jesus Christ. 7 It is even right for me to think this way on behalf of all

Jesus in me through my presence with you again. 27 Only let your way of life be worthy of the Good News of Christ, 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 Good News; 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 Christ, 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 therefore there is any exhortation in Christ, if any consolation of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if of you. because I have you in my heart, because both in any tender mercies and compassion, 2 make my joy full my bonds and in the defense and confirmation of the by being like-minded, having the same love, being of Good News, you all are partakers with me of grace. 8 one accord, of one mind; 3 doing nothing through rivalry For God is my witness, how I long after all of you in the or through conceit, but in humility, each counting others tender mercies of Christ Jesus. 9 This I pray, that your better than himself; 4 each of you not just looking to love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and his own things, but each of you also to the things of all discernment, 10 so that you may approve the things others. 5 Have this in your mind, which was also in that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without Christ Jesus, 6 who, existing in the form of God, didn't offense to the day of Christ, 11 being filled with the fruits consider equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 of righteousness which are through Jesus Christ, to but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being the glory and praise of God. 12 Now I desire to have made in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in you know, brothers, that the things which happened to human form, he humbled himself, becoming obedient me have turned out rather to the progress of the Good to the point of death, yes, the death of the cross. 9 News, 13 so that it became evident to the whole palace Therefore God also highly exalted him, and gave to guard, and to all the rest, that my bonds are in Christ, him the name which is above every name, 10 that at 14 and that most of the brothers in the Lord, being the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in confident through my bonds, are more abundantly bold heaven, those on earth, and those under the earth, 11 to speak the word of God without fear. 15 Some indeed and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ preach Christ even out of envy and strife, and some also is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. 12 So then, my out of good will. 16 The former insincerely preach Christ beloved, even as you have always obeyed, not only in from selfish ambition, thinking that they add affliction to my presence, but now much more in my absence, work my chains; 17 but the latter out of love, knowing that I out your own salvation with fear and trembling. 13 For it am appointed for the defense of the Good News. 18 is God who works in you both to will and to work for his What does it matter? Only that in every way, whether in good pleasure. 14 Do all things without complaining pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed. I rejoice in and arguing, 15 that you may become blameless and this, yes, and will rejoice. 19 For I know that this will harmless, children of God without defect in the middle turn out to my salvation through your prayers and the of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, 20 according to my you are seen as lights in the world, 16 holding up the earnest expectation and hope, that I will in no way be word of life, that I may have something to boast in the disappointed, but with all boldness, as always, now also day of Christ that I didn't run in vain nor labor in vain. 17 Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by Yes, and if I am poured out on the sacrifice and service death. 21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. 18 In the 22 But if I live on in the flesh, this will bring fruit from same way, you also should be glad and rejoice with my work; yet I don't know what I will choose. 23 But I me. 19 But I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to am hard pressed between the two, having the desire to you soon, that I also may be cheered up when I know depart and be with Christ, which is far better. 24 Yet to how you are doing. 20 For I have no one else likeremain in the flesh is more needful for your sake. 25 minded, who will truly care about you. 21 For they all Having this confidence, I know that I will remain, yes, seek their own, not the things of Jesus Christ. 22 But and remain with you all for your progress and joy in you know that he has proved himself. As a child serves the faith, 26 that your boasting may abound in Christ a father, so he served with me in furtherance of the

as soon as I see how it will go with me. 24 But I trust in already attained, let's walk by the same rule. Let's be of the Lord that I myself also will come shortly. 25 But I the same mind. 17 Brothers, be imitators together of thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my me, and note those who walk this way, even as you brother, fellow worker, fellow soldier, and your apostle have us for an example. 18 For many walk, of whom and servant of my need, 26 since he longed for you all, I told you often, and now tell you even weeping, as and was very troubled because you had heard that he the enemies of the cross of Christ, 19 whose end is was sick. 27 For indeed he was sick nearly to death, but destruction, whose god is the belly, and whose glory is God had mercy on him, and not on him only, but on me in their shame, who think about earthly things. 20 For also, that I might not have sorrow on sorrow. 28 I have our citizenship is in heaven, from where we also wait for sent him therefore the more diligently, that when you a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who will change the see him again, you may rejoice, and that I may be the body of our humiliation to be conformed to the body of less sorrowful. 29 Receive him therefore in the Lord his glory, according to the working by which he is able with all joy, and hold such people in honor, 30 because even to subject all things to himself. for the work of Christ he came near to death, risking his life to supply that which was lacking in your service toward me.

3 Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord! To write the same things to you, to me indeed is not tiresome, but for you it is safe. 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 Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh; 4 though I myself might have confidence even in the flesh. If any other man thinks that he has confidence in the flesh, I yet more: 5 circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews: concerning the law, a Pharisee: 6 concerning zeal, persecuting the assembly; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, found blameless. 7 However, I consider those things that were gain to me as a loss for Christ. 8 Yes most certainly, and I count all things to be a loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus, my Lord, for whom I suffered the loss of all things, and count them nothing but refuse, that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own, that which is of the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith, 10 that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, becoming conformed to his death, 11 if by any means I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. 12 Not that I have already obtained, or am already made perfect; but I press on, that I may take hold of that for which also I was taken hold of by Christ Jesus. 13 Brothers, I don't regard myself as yet having taken hold, but one thing I do: forgetting the things which are behind and stretching forward to the things which are before, 14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. 15 Let us therefore, as many as are perfect, think this way. If in anything you think otherwise, God will also reveal

Good News. 23 Therefore I hope to send him at once. that to you, 16 Nevertheless, to the extent that we have

⚠ Therefore, my brothers, beloved and longed for my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. 2 I exhort Euodia, and I exhort Syntyche, to think the same way in the Lord. 3 Yes, I beg you also, true partner, help these women, for they labored with me in the Good News 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 known to all men. The Lord is at hand. 6 In nothing be anxious, 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 guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, brothers, whatever things are true, whatever things are honorable, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report: if there is any virtue and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. 9 Do the things which you learned, received, heard, and saw in me, and the God of peace will be with you. 10 But I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your thought for me; in which you did indeed take thought, but you lacked opportunity. 11 Not that I speak because of lack, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content in it. 12 I know how to be humbled, and I also know how to abound. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret both to be filled and to be hungry, both to abound and to be in need. 13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. 14 However you did well that you shared in my affliction. 15 You yourselves also know, you Philippians, that in the beginning of the Good News. when I departed from Macedonia, no assembly shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving but you only. 16 For even in Thessalonica you sent once and again to my need. 17 Not that I seek for the gift, but I seek for the fruit that increases to your account. 18 But I have all things and abound. I am filled, having received from Epaphroditus the things that came from you, a sweet-smelling fragrance, an acceptable and well-pleasing sacrifice to God. 19 My God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. 20 Now to our God and Father be the glory forever and ever! Amen. (aion g165) 21 Greet every saint in Christ 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 Christ be with you all. Amen.

Colossians

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus through the will of God, and Timothy our brother, 2 to the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 3 We give thanks to God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, 4 having heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love which you have toward all the saints, 5 because of the hope which is laid up for you in the heavens, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the Good News 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 from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant, who is a faithful servant of Christ on your behalf, 8 who also declared to us your love in the Spirit. 9 For this cause, we also, since the day we heard this, don't cease praying and making requests for you, that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, 10 that you may walk worthily of the Lord, to please him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God, 11 strengthened with all power, according to the might of his glory, for all endurance and perseverance with joy, 12 giving thanks to the Father, who made us fit to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light, 13 who delivered us out of the power of darkness, and translated us into the Kingdom of the Son of his love, 14 in whom we have our redemption, the forgiveness of our sins. 15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. 16 For by him all things were created in the heavens and on the earth, visible things and invisible things, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things have been created through him and for him. 17 He is before all things, and in him all things are held together. 18 He is the head of the body, the assembly, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things he might have the preeminence. 19 For all the fullness was pleased to dwell in him, 20 and through him to reconcile all things to himself by him, whether things on the earth or things in the heavens. having made peace through the blood of his cross. 21 You, being in past times alienated and enemies in your mind in your evil deeds, 22 yet now he has reconciled in the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and without defect and blameless before him, 23 if it is so that you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and not moved away from the hope of the Good News which you heard, which is being proclaimed in all creation under heaven, of which I, Paul, was made

a servant. 24 Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and fill up on my part that which is lacking of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the assembly, 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, (aiōn g165) 27 to whom God was pleased to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. 28 We proclaim him, admonishing every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus; 29 for which I also labor, striving according to his working, which works in me mightily.

2 For I desire to have you know how greatly I struggle for you and for those at Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh: 2 that their hearts may be comforted, they being knit together in love, and gaining all riches of the full assurance of understanding, that they may know the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ, 3 in whom all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hidden. 4 Now I say this that no one may delude you with persuasiveness of speech. 5 For though I am absent in the flesh, yet I am with you in the spirit, rejoicing and seeing your order, and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ. 6 As therefore you received Christ Jesus the Lord, walk in him, 7 rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, even as you were taught, abounding in it in thanksgiving. 8 Be careful that you don't let anyone rob you through his philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the elemental spirits of the world, and not after Christ. 9 For in him all the fullness of the Deity dwells bodily, 10 and in him you are made full, who is the head of all principality and power. 11 In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not made with hands, in the putting off of the body of the sins of the flesh, in the circumcision of Christ, 12 having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead. 13 You were dead through your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh. He made you alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, 14 wiping out the handwriting in ordinances which was against us. He has taken it out of the way, nailing it to the cross. 15 Having stripped the principalities and the powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it. 16 Let no one therefore judge you in eating or drinking, or with respect to a feast day or a new moon or a Sabbath day, 17 which are a shadow of the things to come; but the body is Christ's. 18 Let

no one rob you of your prize by self-abasement and that they won't be discouraged. 22 Servants, obey in worshiping of the angels, dwelling in the things which all things those who are your masters according to the he has not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, flesh, not just when they are looking, as men pleasers, 19 and not holding firmly to the Head, from whom all but in singleness of heart, fearing God. 23 And whatever the body, being supplied and knit together through the you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, joints and ligaments, grows with God's growth. 20 If 24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward you died with Christ from the elemental spirits of the of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ. 25 But world, why, as though living in the world, do you subject he who does wrong will receive again for the wrong that yourselves to ordinances, 21 "Don't handle, nor taste, he has done, and there is no partiality. nor touch" 22 (all of which perish with use), according to the precepts and doctrines of men? 23 These things indeed appear like wisdom in self-imposed worship, humility, and severity to the body, but aren't of any value against the indulgence of the flesh.

Lord. 17 Whatever you do, in word or in deed, do all in the name of the 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 don't be bitter against them. 20 Children, obey your parents in all things, for this pleases the Lord. 21 Fathers, don't provoke your children, so

4 Masters, give to your servants that which is just 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 the 3 If then you were raised together with Christ, seek the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds, 4 that I things that are above, where Christ is, seated on the may reveal it as I ought to speak. 5 Walk in wisdom right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on the things that are toward those who are outside, redeeming the time. 6 above, not on the things that are on the earth. 3 For you Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each Christ, our life, is revealed, then you will also be revealed one. 7 All my affairs will be made known to you by with him in glory. 5 Put to death therefore your members Tychicus, the beloved brother, faithful servant, and fellow which are on the earth: sexual immorality, uncleanness, bondservant in the Lord. 8 I am sending him to you for depraved passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which this very purpose, that he may know your circumstances is idolatry. 6 For these things' sake the wrath of God and comfort your hearts, 9 together with Onesimus, the comes on the children of disobedience. 7 You also faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They once walked in those, when you lived in them, 8 but will make known to you everything that is going on here. now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, 10 Aristarchus, my fellow prisoner, greets you, and Mark slander, and shameful speaking out of your mouth. 9 the cousin of Barnabas (concerning whom you received Don't lie to one another, seeing that you have put off instructions, "if he comes to you, receive him"), 11 and the old man with his doings, 10 and have put on the Jesus who is called Justus. These are my only fellow new man, who is being renewed in knowledge after the workers for God's Kingdom who are of the circumcision, image of his Creator, 11 where there can't be Greek men who have been a comfort to me. 12 Epaphras, and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, salutes you, Scythian, bondservant, or free person; but Christ is all, always striving for you in his prayers, that you may and in all. 12 Put on therefore, as God's chosen ones, stand perfect and complete in all the will of God. 13 For holy and beloved, a heart of compassion, kindness, I testify about him that he has great zeal for you, and for lowliness, humility, and perseverance; 13 bearing with those in Laodicea, and for those in Hierapolis. 14 Luke one another, and forgiving each other, if any man has the beloved physician and Demas greet you. 15 Greet a complaint against any; even as Christ forgave you, the brothers who are in Laodicea, with Nymphas and so you also do. 14 Above all these things, walk in the assembly that is in his house. 16 When this letter love, which is the bond of perfection. 15 And let the has been read among you, cause it to be read also in peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you the assembly of the Laodiceans, and that you also read were called in one body, and be thankful. 16 Let the the letter from Laodicea. 17 Tell Archippus, "Take heed word of Christ dwell in you richly; in all wisdom teaching to the ministry which you have received in the Lord, that and admonishing one another with psalms, hymns, and you fulfill it." 18 I, Paul, write this greeting with my own spiritual songs, singing with grace in your heart to the hand. Remember my chains. Grace be with you. Amen.

> 705 Colossians

1 Thessalonians

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the assembly of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 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 perseverance of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, before our God and Father. 4 We know, brothers loved by God, that you are chosen, 5 and that our Good News 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 men 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 need not 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.

? For you yourselves know, brothers, our visit to you wasn't 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 Good News 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 Good News, so we speak—not as pleasing men, but God, who tests our hearts. 5 For neither were we at any time found using words of flattery, as you know, nor a cloak of covetousness (God is witness), 6 nor seeking alory from men (neither from you nor from others), when we might have claimed authority as apostles of Christ. 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 Good News 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 Good News of God. 10 You are witnesses with God how holy, righteously, and blamelessly we behaved ourselves toward you who believe. 11 As you know, we exhorted, comforted, and implored every one of you, as a father does his own

children. 12 to the end that you should walk worthily 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 the word of men, but as it is in truth, God's word, which also works in you who believe. 14 For you, brothers, became imitators of the assemblies of God which are in Judea in Christ Jesus; for you also suffered the same things from your own countrymen, even as they did from the Jews 15 who killed both the Lord Jesus and their own prophets, and drove us out, and don't please God, and are contrary to all men, 16 forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles 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? Isn't it even you, before our Lord Jesus at his coming? 20 For you are our glory and our joy.

3 Therefore when we couldn't stand it any longer, we thought it good to be left behind at Athens alone, 2 and sent Timothy, our brother and God's servant in the Good News of Christ, to establish you and to comfort you concerning your faith, 3 that no one would be moved by these afflictions. For you know that we are appointed to this task. 4 For most certainly, 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 couldn't 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 Timothy has just now come to us from you, 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, if you stand fast 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 Christ, direct our way to you. 12 May the Lord make you to increase and abound in love toward one another and toward all men, 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.

ought to walk and to please God, that you abound more to the obtaining of salvation through our Lord Jesus and more. 2 For you know what instructions we gave Christ, 10 who died for us, that, whether we wake or you through the Lord Jesus. 3 For this is the will of sleep, we should live together with him. 11 Therefore God: your sanctification, that you abstain from sexual exhort one another, and build each other up, even as immorality, 4 that each one of you know how to control you also do. 12 But we beg you, brothers, to know his own body in sanctification and honor, 5 not in the those who labor among you, and are over you in the passion of lust, even as the Gentiles who don't know Lord and admonish you, 13 and to respect and honor God, 6 that no one should take advantage of and wrong them in love for their work's sake. Be at peace among a brother or sister in this matter; because the Lord is an yourselves. 14 We exhort you, brothers: Admonish the avenger in all these things, as also we forewarned you disorderly; encourage the faint-hearted; support the and testified. 7 For God called us not for uncleanness, weak; be patient toward all. 15 See that no one returns but in sanctification. 8 Therefore he who rejects this evil for evil to anyone, but always follow after that which doesn't reject man, but God, who has also given his is good for one another and for all. 16 Always rejoice. Holy Spirit to you. 9 But concerning brotherly love, you 17 Pray without ceasing. 18 In everything give thanks, have no need that one write to you. For you yourselves for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus toward you. 19 are taught by God to love one another, 10 for indeed you Don't quench the Spirit. 20 Don't despise prophecies. do it toward all the brothers who are in all Macedonia. 21 Test all things, and hold firmly that which is good. But we exhort you, brothers, that you abound more and 22 Abstain from every form of evil. 23 May the God of more: 11 and that you make it your ambition to lead a peace himself sanctify you completely. May your whole quiet life, and to do your own business, and to work with spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the your own hands, even as we instructed you, 12 that you coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 He who calls you is may walk properly toward those who are outside, and faithful, who will also do it. 25 Brothers, pray for us. 26 may have need of nothing. 13 But we don't want you to Greet all the brothers with a holy kiss. 27 I solemnly be ignorant, brothers, concerning those who have fallen command you by the Lord that this letter be read to all asleep, so that you don't grieve like the rest, who have the holy brothers. 28 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose be with you. Amen. again, even so God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus. 15 For this we tell you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until 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 Christ 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 For when they are saying, "Peace and safety," then sudden destruction will come on them, like birth pains on a pregnant woman. Then they will in no way escape. 4 But you, brothers, aren't in darkness, that the day should overtake you like a thief. 5 You are all children of light and children of the day. We don't belong to the night, nor to darkness, 6 so then let's not sleep, as the rest do, but let's 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 since we belong to the day, let's be sober, putting on the

 $m{\varLambda}$ Finally then, brothers, we beg and exhort you in the $\,$ breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet, the hope Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you of salvation. 9 For God didn't appoint us to wrath, but

2 Thessalonians

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the assembly of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: 2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 3 We are bound to 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 toward one another abounds, 4 so that we ourselves boast about you in the assemblies of God for your perseverance 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 God's Kingdom, for which you also suffer. 6 For 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 punishing those who don't know God, and to those who don't obey the Good News of our Lord Jesus, 9 who will pay the penalty: eternal destruction from the face of the Lord and from the glory of his might, (aionios g166) 10 when he comes in that day to be glorified in his saints and to be admired 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 of our God and the brother who walks in rebellion and not after the tradition Lord Jesus Christ.

7 Now, brothers, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to him, we ask you 2 not to be quickly shaken in your mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter as if from us, saying that the day of Christ has already come. 3 Let no one deceive you in any way. For it will not be unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of destruction. 4 He opposes and exalts himself against all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, setting himself up as God. 5 Don't you 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 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 being lost, because they didn't receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11 Because of this, God sends them a powerful delusion, that they should believe a lie, 12 that they all might be judged who didn't 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 Good News, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. 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 Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, (aionios g166) 17 comfort your hearts and establish you in every good work and word.

3 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 men; 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 God's love and into the perseverance of Christ. 6 Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you withdraw yourselves from every which they received from us. 7 For you know how you ought to imitate us. For we didn't behave ourselves rebelliously among you, 8 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 This was not because we don't 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 is not willing to work, don't let him eat." 11 For we hear of some who walk among you in rebellion, who don't work at all, but are busybodies. 12 Now those who are that way, we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ, that they work with quietness and eat their own bread. 13 But you, brothers, don't be weary in doing what is right. 14 If any man doesn't obey our word in this letter, note that man and have no company with him, to the end that he may be ashamed. 15 Don't 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 I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand, which is the sign in every letter. This is how I write. ${\bf 18}\, {\rm The}$ grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

1 Timothy

1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ according to the commandment of God our Savior and the Lord Jesus Christ our hope, 2 to Timothy, my true child in faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. 3 As I urged you when I was going into Macedonia, stay at Ephesus that you might command certain men not to teach a different doctrine, 4 and not to pay attention to myths and endless genealogies, which cause disputes rather than God's stewardship, which is in faith. 5 But the goal of this command is love from a pure heart, a good conscience, and sincere faith, 6 from which things some, having missed the mark, have turned away 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 a person 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 murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, 10 for the sexually immoral, for homosexuals, for slavetraders, for liars, for perjurers, and for any other thing contrary to the sound doctrine, 11 according to the Good News of the glory of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust. 12 I thank him who enabled me, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he counted me faithful, appointing me to service, 13 although I used to be a blasphemer, a persecutor, and insolent. However, I obtained mercy because I did it ignorantly in unbelief. 14 The grace of our Lord abounded exceedingly with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. 15 The saying is faithful and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. 16 However, for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first, Jesus Christ might display all his patience for an example of those who were going to believe in him for eternal life. (aionios g166) 17 Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen. (aion g165) 18 I commit this instruction to you, my child Timothy, according to the prophecies which were given to you before, that by them you may wage the good warfare, 19 holding faith and a good conscience, which some having thrust away made a shipwreck concerning the faith, 20 of whom are 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 givings of thanks be made for all men, **2** for kings and all who are in high places, that we may lead a tranquil and quiet 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 men, the man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave himself as a ransom for all, the testimony at the proper time, 7 to which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle—I am telling the truth in Christ, not lying-a teacher of the Gentiles 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 with braided hair, gold, pearls, or expensive clothing, 10 but with good works, which is appropriate for women professing godliness. 11 Let a woman learn in quietness with full submission. 12 But I don't permit a woman to teach, nor to exercise authority over a man, but to be in quietness. 13 For Adam was formed first, then Eve. 14 Adam wasn't deceived, but the woman, being deceived, has fallen into disobedience; 15 but she will be saved through her childbearing, if they continue in faith, love, and holiness with sobriety.

3 This is a faithful saying: someone who seeks to be an overseer desires a good work. 2 The overseer therefore must be without reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, sensible, modest, hospitable, good at teaching; 3 not a drinker, not violent, not greedy for money, but gentle, not guarrelsome, not covetous; 4 one who rules his own house well, having children in subjection with all reverence; 5 (for how could someone who doesn't know how to rule his own house take care of God's assembly?) 6 not a new convert, lest being puffed up he fall into the same condemnation as the devil. 7 Moreover he must have good testimony from those who are outside, to avoid falling into reproach and the snare of the devil. 8 Servants, in the same way. must be reverent, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for money, 9 holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience. 10 Let them also first be tested; then let them serve if they are blameless. 11 Their wives in the same way must be reverent, not slanderers, temperate, and faithful in all things. 12 Let servants be husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well. 13 For those who have served well gain for themselves a good standing and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ 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 men ought to behave themselves in God's house, which is the assembly of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth. 16 Without controversy, the mystery of godliness is great: God was revealed in the flesh, justified in the believed on in the world, and received up in glory.

⚠ 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 men who speak lies, 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 Christ Jesus, nourished in the words of the faith and of the good doctrine which you have followed. 7 But refuse profane and old wives' fables. Exercise yourself toward 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 suffer reproach, because we have set our trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. 11 Command and teach these things. 12 Let no man despise your youth; but be an example to those who believe, in word, in your way of life, in love, in spirit, in faith, and in purity. 13 Until I come, pay attention to reading, to exhortation, and to teaching. 14 Don't 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 yourself and those who hear you.

Spon't rebuke an older man, but exhort him as a father; the younger men as brothers; 2 the elder 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 toward 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, that they may be without reproach. 8 But if anyone doesn't 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. 10 being approved by good works, if she has brought

spirit, seen by angels, preached among the nations, 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 when they have grown wanton against Christ, 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 insulting. 15 For already some have turned away after Satan. 16 If any man or woman who believes has widows, let them relieve them, and don't let the assembly be burdened, that it might relieve those who are widows indeed. 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, "You shall not muzzle the ox when it treads out the grain." And, "The laborer is worthy of his wages." 19 Don't 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 the Lord Jesus Christ, and the chosen angels, that you observe these things without prejudice, doing nothing by partiality. 22 Lay hands hastily on no one. Don't be a participant in other people's sins. 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 Some men's sins are evident, preceding them to judgment, and some also follow later. 25 In the same way also there are good works that are obvious, and those that are otherwise can't be hidden.

> **6** Let as many as are bondservants under the voke 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 doesn't consent to sound words, the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, 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, insulting, evil suspicions, 5 constant friction of people of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain. Withdraw yourself from such. 6 But godliness with contentment is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into the world, and we certainly can't 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, a snare, and many foolish and harmful lusts, such as drown men in 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, perseverance, and gentleness. 12 Fight the good fight of faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called, and you confessed the good confession in the sight of many witnesses. (aionios g166) 13 I command you before God who gives life to all things, and before Christ 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 Christ, 15 which at the right time he will show, who is the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords. 16 He alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen nor can see, to whom be honor and eternal power. Amen. (aionios g166) 17 Charge those who are rich in this present age that they not be arrogant, nor have their hope set on the uncertainty of riches, but on the living 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 share: 19 laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold of eternal life. 20 Timothy, guard that which is committed to you, turning away from the empty chatter and oppositions of what is falsely called knowledge, 21 which some profess, and thus have wandered from the faith. Grace be with you. Amen.

2 Timothy

1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, according to the promise of the life which is in Christ Jesus, 2 to Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and Christ 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 sincere 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 didn't give us a spirit of fear. but of power, love, and self-control. 8 Therefore don't be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner; but endure hardship for the Good News 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 Christ Jesus before times eternal, (aionios g166) 10 but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who abolished death, and brought life and immortality to light through the Good News. 11 For this I was appointed as a preacher, an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles. 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 Christ 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 very well.

2 You therefore, my child, be strengthened in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. 2 The things which you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit the same things to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. 3 You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Christ 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 isn't crowned unless

he has competed by the rules. 6 The farmer who labors must be the first to get a share of the crops. 7 Consider what I say, and may the Lord give you understanding in all things. 8 Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, of the offspring of David, according to my Good News. 9 in which I suffer hardship to the point of chains as a criminal. But God's word isn't chained. 10 Therefore I endure all things for the chosen ones' sake, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. (aionios g166) 11 This saying is trustworthy: "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 can't deny himself." 14 Remind them of these things, charging them in the sight of the Lord that they don't argue about words to no profit, to the subverting of those who hear. 15 Give diligence to present yourself approved by God. a workman who doesn't need to be ashamed, properly handling the Word of Truth. 16 But shun empty chatter, for it will go further in ungodliness, 17 and those words will consume like gangrene, of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus: 18 men 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 toward 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 do his will.

3 But know this: that in the last days, grievous times will come. **2** For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, **3** without natural affection, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, fierce, not lovers of good, **4** traitors, headstrong, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, **5** holding a form of godliness but having denied its power. Turn away from these, also. **6** For some of these are people who creep

into houses and take captive gullible women loaded one came to help me, but all left me. May it not be down with sins, led away by various lusts, 7 always held against them. 17 But the Lord stood by me and learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the strengthened me, that through me the message might truth. 8 Even as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, be fully proclaimed, and that all the Gentiles might hear. so these also oppose the truth, men corrupted in mind, So I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion. 18 And who concerning the faith are rejected. 9 But they will the Lord will deliver me from every evil work and will proceed no further. For their folly will be evident to all preserve me for his heavenly Kingdom. To him be the men, as theirs also came to be. 10 But you followed glory forever and ever. Amen. (aiōn g165) 19 Greet Prisca my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love, and Aquila, and the house of Onesiphorus. 20 Erastus steadfastness, 11 persecutions, and sufferings—those remained at Corinth, but I left Trophimus at Miletus sick. things that happened to me at Antioch, Iconium, and 21 Be diligent to come before winter. Eubulus salutes Lystra. I endured those persecutions. The Lord delivered you, as do Pudens, Linus, Claudia, and all the brothers. me out of them all. 12 Yes, and all who desire to live 22 The Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Grace be godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. 13 But with you. Amen. evil men 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 Christ Jesus. 16 Every Scripture is Godbreathed and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for instruction in righteousness, 17 that each person who belongs to God may be complete. thoroughly equipped for every good work.

▲ I command you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at 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 away to fables. 5 But you be sober in all things, suffer hardship, do the work of an evangelist, and 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, the crown of righteousness is stored up for me, 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 deeds. 15 Beware of him, for he greatly opposed our words. 16 At my first defense, no

Titus

1 Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's chosen ones and the knowledge of the truth which is according to godliness, 2 in hope of eternal life, which God, who can't lie, promised before time began; (aionios g166) 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, mercy, and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ 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, a lover of good, sober minded, fair, holy, self-controlled, 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 also many unruly men, vain talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision, 11 whose mouths must be stopped: men who overthrow whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for dishonest gain's sake. 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 fables and commandments of men who turn away from 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 deeds they deny him, being abominable, disobedient, and unfit for any good work.

older men should be temperate, sensible, sober minded, sound in faith, in love, and in perseverance, 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 be sober minded, chaste, workers at home, kind, being in subjection to their own husbands, that God's word may not be blasphemed. 6 Likewise, exhort the younger men to be sober minded. 7 In all things show yourself an example of good works. In your teaching, show integrity,

seriousness, incorruptibility. 8 and soundness of speech that can't 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 men, 12 instructing us to the intent that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we would 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 Christ, 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.

3 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 all humility toward all men. 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 our Savior and his love toward mankind appeared, 5 not by works of righteousness which we did ourselves, but according to his mercy, he saved us through the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, 6 whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior; 7 that being justified by his grace, we might be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. (aionios g166) 8 This saying is faithful, and concerning these things I desire that you insist confidently, so that those who have believed God may be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable to men; 9 but shun foolish questionings, genealogies, strife, and disputes about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain. 10 Avoid a factious man after a first and second warning, 11 knowing that such a one is perverted and sinful, 2 But say the things which fit sound doctrine, 2 that 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 lawyer and Apollos on their journey speedily, that nothing may be lacking for them. 14 Let our people also learn to maintain good works to meet necessary needs, wives to love their husbands, to love their children, 5 to 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. Amen.

> 715 **Titus**

Philemon

1 Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to Philemon, our beloved fellow worker, 2 to the beloved Apphia, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the assembly in your house: 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4 I thank my God always, making mention of 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 us in Christ Jesus. 7 For we 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 Christ to command you that which is appropriate, 9 yet for love's sake I rather appeal to you, being such a one as Paul, the aged, but also a prisoner of Jesus Christ. 10 I appeal to you for my child Onesimus, whom I have become the father of in my chains, 11 who once was useless to you, but now is useful to you and to me. 12 I am sending him back. Therefore receive him, that is, my own heart, 13 whom I desired to keep with me, that on your behalf he might serve me in my chains for the Good News. 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 the Lord. 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 Christ Jesus, greets you, 24 as do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my fellow workers. 25 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

Philemon

Hebrews

1 God, having in the past spoken to the fathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, 2 has at the end of these days spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom also he made the worlds. (aion g165) 3 His Son is the radiance of his glory, the very image of his substance, and upholding all things by the word of his power, who. when he had by himself purified us of our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high. 4 having become as much better than the angels as the more excellent name he has inherited is better than theirs. 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 to him a Father, and he will be to me a Son?" 6 When he again brings in the firstborn into the world he says. "Let all the angels of God worship him." 7 Of the angels he says, "He 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. The scepter of uprightness 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 fellows." 10 And, "You, Lord, in the beginning, laid the foundation of the earth. The heavens are the works of your hands. 11 They will perish, but you continue. They all will grow old like a garment does. 12 You will roll them up like a mantle. and they will be changed; but you are the same. Your vears won't fail." 13 But which of the angels has he told at any time, "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies the footstool of your feet?" 14 Aren't they all serving spirits, sent out to do service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?

Therefore we qualit to pay greater attention to the things that were heard, lest perhaps we drift away. 2 For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast. and every transgression and disobedience received a just penalty, 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 didn't subject the world to come, of which we speak, to angels. 6 But one has somewhere testified, saving. "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 subjected all things to him, he left nothing

that is not subject to him. But now we don't vet see all things subjected to 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 children 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 saving, "I will declare your name to my brothers, Among the congregation I will sing your praise." 13 Again, "I will put my trust in him." Again, "Behold, here I am with the children whom God has given me." 14 Since then the children have shared in flesh and blood, he also himself in the same way 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 most certainly, he doesn't give help to angels, but he gives help to 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.

? Therefore, holy brothers, partakers of a heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession: Jesus. 2 who was faithful to him who appointed him, as also Moses was in all his house. 3 For he has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, because he who built the house has more honor than the 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 Christ is faithful as a Son over his house. We are his house. if we hold fast our confidence and the glorying of our hope firm to the end. 7 Therefore, even as the Holy Spirit says, "Today if you will hear his voice, 8 don't harden your hearts as in the rebellion, in the day of the trial in the wilderness. 9 where your fathers tested me and tried me, and saw my deeds for forty years. 10 Therefore I was displeased with that generation, and said, 'They always err in their heart, but they didn't know my ways.' 11 As I swore in my wrath, 'They will not enter into my rest." 12 Beware, brothers, lest perhaps there might 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.

the beginning of our confidence firm to the end, 15 while it is said, "Today if you will hear his voice, don't harden that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins. 2 your hearts, as in the rebellion." 16 For who, when they The high priest can deal gently with those who are heard, rebelled? Wasn't it all those who came out of ignorant and going astray, because he himself is also Egypt led by Moses? 17 With whom was he displeased surrounded with weakness. 3 Because of this, he must forty years? Wasn't it with those who sinned, whose offer sacrifices for sins for the people, as well as for bodies fell in the wilderness? 18 To whom did he swear himself. 4 Nobody takes this honor on himself, but he is that they wouldn't enter into his rest, but to those who called by God, just like Aaron was. 5 So also Christ were disobedient? 19 We see that they weren't able to didn't glorify himself to be made a high priest, but it was enter in because of unbelief.

▲ Let's 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 didn't profit them, because it wasn't mixed with faith by 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, "God rested on the seventh day from all his works;" 5 and in this place again, "They will not enter into my rest." 6 Seeing therefore it remains that some should enter into it, and they to whom the good news was preached before failed to enter in because of disobedience, 7 he again defines a certain day, "today", saying through David so long a time afterward (just as has been said), "Today if you will hear his voice, don't 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 works, as God into that rest, lest anyone fall after the same example of disobedience. 12 For the word of God is living and of need.

is appointed for men in things pertaining to God, 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 He, in the days of his flesh, having offered up prayers and petitions with strong crying and tears to him who was able to save him from death, and having been heard for his godly fear, 8 though he was a Son, yet learned obedience by the things which he suffered. 9 Having been made perfect, he became to all of those who obey him the author of eternal 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 although by this time you should be teachers, you again need to have someone teach you the rudiments of the first principles of the revelations of God. You have come to need milk, and 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 teaching of the first principles of Christ, let's press on to perfection—not laying did from his. 11 Let's therefore give diligence to enter again a foundation of repentance from dead works, of faith toward God, 2 of the teaching of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal active, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing judgment. (aionios g166) 3 This will we do, if God permits. even to the dividing of soul and spirit, of both joints 4 For concerning those who were once enlightened and and marrow, and is able to discern the thoughts and tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers intentions of the heart. 13 There is no creature that is of the Holy Spirit, 5 and tasted the good word of God hidden from his sight, but all things are naked and laid and the powers of the age to come, (aion g165) 6 and open before the eyes of him to whom we must give then fell away, it is impossible to renew them again an account. 14 Having then a great high priest who to repentance; seeing they crucify the Son of God for has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of themselves again, and put him to open shame. 7 For God, let's hold tightly to our confession. 15 For we don't the land which has drunk the rain that comes often on it have a high priest who can't be touched with the feeling and produces a crop suitable for them for whose sake of our infirmities, but one who has been in all points it is also tilled, receives blessing from God; 8 but if it tempted like we are, yet without sin. 16 Let's therefore bears thorns and thistles, it is rejected and near being draw near with boldness to the throne of grace, that we cursed, whose end is to be burned. 9 But, beloved, may receive mercy and may find grace for help in time 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

could swear by no one greater, he swore by himself, 14 but after the power of an endless life; 17 for it is testified, the hope set before us. 19 This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast and entering into that which is within the veil, 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 all (being first, by interpretation, "king of righteousness", and then also "king of Salem", which means "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 best plunder. 5 They indeed of the sons of Levi who receive the priest's office have a commandment to take tithes from 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 perfection was 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 Aaron? 12 For the priesthood being changed, there is of necessity a change made also in the law. 13 For he of whom these

work and the labor of love which you showed toward his things are said belongs to another tribe, from which no name, in that you served the saints, and still do serve one has officiated at the altar. 14 For it is evident that them. 11 We desire that each one of you may show the our Lord has sprung out of Judah, about which tribe same diligence to the fullness of hope even to the end, Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood. 15 This 12 that you won't be sluggish, but imitators of those who is yet more abundantly evident, if after the likeness of through faith and perseverance inherited the promises. Melchizedek there arises another priest, 16 who has 13 For when God made a promise to Abraham, since he been made, not after the law of a fleshly commandment, saying, "Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying "You are a priest forever, according to the order of I will multiply you." 15 Thus, having patiently endured, Melchizedek." (aion g165) 18 For there is an annulling of he obtained the promise. 16 For men indeed swear a foregoing commandment because of its weakness by a greater one, and in every dispute of theirs the and uselessness 19 (for the law made nothing perfect), oath is final for confirmation. 17 In this way God, being and a bringing in of a better hope, through which we determined to show more abundantly to the heirs of draw near to God. 20 Inasmuch as he was not made the promise the immutability of his counsel, interposed priest without the taking of an oath 21 (for they indeed with an oath, 18 that by two immutable things, in which have been made priests without an oath), but he with it is impossible for God to lie, we may have a strong an oath by him that says of him, "The Lord swore and encouragement, who have fled for refuge to take hold of will not change his mind, 'You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." (aion g165) 22 By so much, Jesus has become the guarantee 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 to the uttermost 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 fitting for us: holy, quiltless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; 27 who doesn't need, like those high priests, to offer up sacrifices daily, first for his own sins, and then for the sins 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)

> **R** 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 pitched, 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 For 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 by God when he was about to make the tabernacle, for he said, "See, you shall 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 as much as he is also the

vanishing away.

Now indeed even the first covenant had ordinances of divine service and an earthly sanctuary. 2 For a tabernacle was prepared. In the first part were the lamp stand, the table, and the show bread, which is called the Holy Place. 3 After the second veil was the tabernacle which is called the Holy of Holies, 4 having a golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which was a golden pot holding 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 can't speak now in detail. 6 Now these things having been thus prepared, the priests go in continually into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the services, 7 but into the second the high priest alone, once in the year, not without blood, which he offers for himself and for the errors of the people. 8 The Holy Spirit is indicating this, that the way into the Holy Place wasn't yet revealed while the first tabernacle was still standing. 9 This is a symbol of the present age, where gifts and sacrifices are offered that are incapable, concerning the conscience, of making the worshiper perfect, 10 being only (with foods and drinks and various washings) fleshly ordinances, imposed until a time of reformation. 11 But Christ having come as a high priest of the coming good things, through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation, 12 nor yet through the blood of goats and calves, but through his having obtained eternal redemption. (aionios g166) 13 For

mediator of a better covenant, which on better promises if the blood of goats and bulls, and the ashes of a heifer has been given as law. 7 For if that first covenant had sprinkling those who have been defiled, sanctify to the been faultless, then no place would have been sought cleanness of the flesh, 14 how much more will the blood for a second. 8 For finding fault with them, he said, of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself "Behold, the days are coming", says the Lord, "that without defect to God, cleanse your conscience from I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel dead works to serve the living God? (aiōnios g166) 15 and with the house of Judah; 9 not according to the For this reason he is the mediator of a new covenant, covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I since a death has occurred for the redemption of the took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of transgressions that were under the first covenant, that Egypt; for they didn't continue in my covenant, and I those who have been called may receive the promise of disregarded them," says the Lord. 10 "For this is the the eternal inheritance. (aionios g166) 16 For where a covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after last will and testament is, there must of necessity be those days," says the Lord: "I will put my laws into the death of him who made it. 17 For a will is in force their mind; I will also write them on their heart. I will where there has been death, for it is never in force be their God, and they will be my people. 11 They will while he who made it lives. 18 Therefore even the first not teach every man his fellow citizen and every man covenant has not been dedicated without blood. 19 his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for all will know For when every commandment had been spoken by me, from their least to their greatest. 12 For I will be Moses to all the people according to the law, he took merciful to their unrighteousness. I will remember their the blood of the calves and the goats, with water and sins and lawless deeds no more." 13 In that he says, "A scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book new covenant", he has made the first obsolete. But that itself and all the people, 20 saying, "This is the blood which is becoming obsolete and grows aged is near to of the covenant which God has commanded you." 21 He sprinkled the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry in the same way with the blood. 22 According to the law, nearly everything is cleansed with blood, and apart from shedding of blood there is no remission. 23 lt 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 Christ 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 men to die once, and after this, judgment, 28 so Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

No For the law, having a shadow of the good to come, not the very image of the things, can never with the same sacrifices year by year, which they offer continually, make perfect those who draw near. 2 Or else wouldn't they have ceased to be offered, because the worshipers, having been once cleansed, would have had no more consciousness of sins? 3 But in those sacrifices there is a yearly reminder of sins. 4 own blood, entered in once for all into the Holy Place, For it is impossible that the blood of bulls and goats

into the world, he says, "You didn't desire sacrifice and the former days, in which, after you were enlightened, offering, but you prepared a body for me. 6 You had you endured a great struggle with sufferings: 33 partly, no pleasure in whole burnt offerings and sacrifices for being exposed to both reproaches and oppressions, sin. 7 Then I said, 'Behold, I have come (in the scroll of and partly, becoming partakers with those who were the book it is written of me) to do your will, O God." 8 treated so. 34 For you both had compassion on me in Previously saying, "Sacrifices and offerings and whole my chains and joyfully accepted the plundering of your burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin you didn't desire, possessions, knowing that you have for yourselves a neither had pleasure in them" (those which are offered better possession and an enduring one in the heavens. according to the law), 9 then he has said, "Behold, I 35 Therefore don't throw away your boldness, which have come to do your will." He takes away the first, that has a great reward. 36 For you need endurance so he may establish the second, 10 by which will we have that, having done the will of God, you may receive the been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus promise. 37 "In a very little while, he who comes will Christ once for all. 11 Every priest indeed stands day come and will not wait. 38 But the righteous one will live by day serving and offering often the same sacrifices, by faith. If he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in which can never take away sins. 12 but he, when he him." 39 But we are not of those who shrink back to had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on destruction, but of those who have faith to the saving of the right hand of God. 13 from that time waiting until his the soul. enemies are made the footstool 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 heart. I will also write them on their mind:" then he says, 17 "I will remember their sins and their iniquities no more." 18 Now where remission 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 veil, that is to say, his flesh, 21 and having a great priest over God's house, 22 let's 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's hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering; for he who promised is faithful. 24 Let's consider how to provoke 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 A man who disregards Moses' law dies without compassion on the word of two or three witnesses. 29 How much worse punishment do you think he will 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 unholy thing, and has insulted the Spirit of grace? 30 For we know him who said, "Vengeance belongs to me. I will repay," says the Lord. Again, "The Lord will judge his people." 31 It is a fearful thing to

should take away sins. 5 Therefore when he comes fall into the hands of the living God. 32 But remember

Now faith is assurance of things hoped for, proof of things not seen. 2 For by this, the elders obtained approval. 3 By faith we understand that the universe has been framed 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 more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he had testimony given to him that he was righteous. God testifying with respect to his gifts; and through it he, being dead, still speaks. 5 By faith Enoch was taken away, so that he wouldn't see death, and he was not found, because God translated him. For he has had testimony given to him that before his translation he had been well pleasing to God. 6 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, moved with godly fear, prepared a ship for the saving of his house, through which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith. 8 By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed to go out to the place which he was to receive for an inheritance. He went out, not knowing where he went. 9 By faith he lived as an alien in the land of promise, as in a land not his own, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise. 10 For he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. 11 By faith even Sarah herself received power to conceive, and she bore a child when she was past age. since she counted 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

them from afar, and having confessed that they were sawn apart. They were tempted. They were slain with strangers and pilgrims on the earth. 14 For those who the sword. They went around in sheep skins and in say such things make it clear that they are seeking a goat skins; being destitute, afflicted, ill-treated— 38 of country of their own. 15 If indeed they had been thinking whom the world was not worthy—wandering in deserts, of that country from which they went out, they would mountains, caves, and the holes of the earth. 39 These have had enough time to return. 16 But now they desire all, having been commended for their faith, didn't receive a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God the promise, 40 God having provided some better thing is not ashamed of them, to be called their God, for he concerning us, so that apart from us they should not be has prepared a city for them. 17 By faith, Abraham, made perfect. being tested, offered up Isaac. Yes, he who had gladly received the promises was offering up his only born son, 18 to whom it was said, "Your offspring will be accounted as from Isaac," 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 worshiped, leaning on 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 reproach of Christ 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 didn't perish with those who were disobedient, having received the spies in peace. 32 What more shall I say? 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 quenched 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. Others were tortured, not accepting their deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. 36 Others were tried by mocking and scourging, yes, moreover by bonds

the promises, but having seen them and embraced and imprisonment, 37 They were stoned. They were

2 Therefore let's also, seeing we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, lay aside every weight and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let's run with perseverance the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising its shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 For consider him who has endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, that you don't grow weary, fainting in your souls. 4 You have not yet resisted to blood, striving against sin. 5 You have forgotten the exhortation which reasons with you as with children, "My son, don't take lightly the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when you are reproved by him; 6 for whom the Lord loves, he disciplines, and chastises every son whom he receives." 7 It is for discipline that you endure. God deals with you as with children, for what son is there whom his father doesn't discipline? 8 But if you are without discipline, of which all have been made partakers, then you are illegitimate, and not children. 9 Furthermore, we had the fathers of our flesh to chasten us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much rather be in subjection 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 chastening seems for the present to be not iovous but grievous; yet afterward it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. 12 Therefore lift up the hands that hang down and the feeble knees, 13 and make straight paths for your feet, so what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed. 14 Follow after peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no man will see the Lord, 15 looking carefully lest there be any man who falls short of the grace of God, lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you and many be defiled by it, 16 lest there be any sexually immoral person or profane person, like Esau, who sold his 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 it diligently with tears.

18 For you have not come to a mountain that might be sin, are burned outside of the camp. 12 Therefore Jesus touched and that burned with fire, and to blackness, also, that he might sanctify the people through his own darkness, storm, 19 the sound of a trumpet, and the blood, suffered outside of the gate. 13 Let's therefore go voice of words; which those who heard it begged that out to him outside of the camp, bearing his reproach. not one more word should be spoken to them, 20 14 For we don't have here an enduring city, but we for they could not stand that which was commanded, seek that which is to come. 15 Through him, then, let's "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be offer up a sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, stoned". 21 So fearful was the appearance that Moses the fruit of lips which proclaim allegiance to his name. said, "I am terrified and trembling." 22 But you have 16 But don't forget to be doing good and sharing, for come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, with such sacrifices God is well pleased. 17 Obey your the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable multitudes leaders and submit to them, for they watch on behalf of of angels, 23 to the festal gathering and assembly of your souls, as those who will give account, that they the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, to God the may do this with joy and not with groaning, for that Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, 24 would be unprofitable for you. 18 Pray for us, for we are to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the persuaded that we have a good conscience, desiring to blood of sprinkling that speaks better than that of Abel. live honorably in all things. 19 I strongly urge you to 25 See that you don't refuse him who speaks. For if they do this, that I may be restored to you sooner. 20 Now didn't escape when they refused him who warned on may the God of peace, who brought again from the the earth, how much more will we not escape who turn dead the great shepherd of the sheep with the blood of away from him who warns from heaven, 26 whose voice an eternal covenant, our Lord Jesus, (aiōnios g166) 21 shook the earth then, but now he has promised, saying, make you complete in every good work to do his will, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth, but also working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, the heavens." 27 This phrase, "Yet once more" signifies through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and the removing of those things that are shaken, as of ever. Amen. (aion g165) 22 But I exhort you, brothers, things that have been made, that those things which endure the word of exhortation, for I have written to you are not shaken may remain. 28 Therefore, receiving a in few words. 23 Know that our brother Timothy has Kingdom that can't be shaken, let's have grace, through been freed, with whom, if he comes shortly, I will see which we serve God acceptably, with reverence and you. 24 Greet all of your leaders and all the saints. The awe, 29 for our God is a consuming fire.

13 Let brotherly love continue. 2 Don't 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; but 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 in no way leave you, neither will I in any way forsake you." 6 So that with good courage we say, "The Lord is my helper. I will not fear. What can man do to me?" 7 Remember your leaders, men who spoke to you the word of God, and considering the results of their conduct, imitate their faith. 8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. (aion g165) 9 Don't be carried away by various and strange teachings, for it is good that the heart be established by grace, not by foods, 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

Italians greet you. 25 Grace be with you all. Amen.

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1 James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ. to the twelve tribes which are in the Dispersion: Greetings. 2 Count it all joy, my brothers, when you fall into various temptations, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. 4 Let endurance have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. 5 But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. 6 But let him ask in faith, without any doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, driven by the wind and tossed. 7 For that man shouldn't think that he will receive anything from the Lord. 8 He is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways. 9 Let the brother in humble circumstances glory in his high position; 10 and the rich, in that he is made humble, because like the flower in the grass, he will pass away. 11 For the sun arises with the scorching wind and withers the grass; and the flower in it falls, and the beauty of its appearance perishes. So the rich man will also fade away in his pursuits. 12 Blessed is a person who endures temptation, for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord promised to those who love him. 13 Let no man say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God," for God can't be tempted by evil, and he himself tempts no one. 14 But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own lust and enticed. 15 Then the lust, when it has conceived, bears sin. The sin, when it is full grown, produces death. 16 Don't be deceived, my beloved brothers. 17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom can be no variation nor turning shadow. 18 Of his own will he gave birth to us by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures. 19 So, then, my beloved brothers, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, and slow to anger; 20 for the anger of man doesn't produce the righteousness of God. 21 Therefore, putting away all filthiness and overflowing of wickedness, receive with humility the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. 22 But be doers of the word, and not only hearers, deluding your own selves. 23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man looking at his natural face in a mirror; 24 for he sees himself, and goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. 25 But he who looks into the perfect law of freedom and continues, not being a hearer who forgets but a doer of the work, this man will be blessed in what he does. 26 If anyone among you thinks himself to be religious while he doesn't bridle his tongue, but deceives his heart, this man'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, don't hold the faith of our glorious Lord Jesus Christ with partiality. 2 For if a man with a gold ring, in fine clothing, comes into your synagogue, and a poor man in filthy clothing also comes in, 3 and you pay special attention to him who wears the fine clothing and say, "Sit here in a good place;" and you tell the poor man. "Stand there." or "Sit by my footstool" 4 haven't you shown partiality among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? 5 Listen, my beloved brothers. Didn't God choose those who are poor in this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the Kingdom which he promised to those who love him? 6 But you have dishonored the poor man. Don't the rich oppress you and personally drag you before the courts? 7 Don't they blaspheme the honorable name by which you are called? 8 However, if you fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you do well. 9 But if you show partiality, you commit sin, being convicted by the law as transgressors. 10 For whoever keeps the whole law, and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all. 11 For he who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not commit murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. 12 So speak and so do as men who are to be judged by the law of freedom. 13 For judgment is without mercy to him who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment. 14 What good is it, my brothers, if a man says he has faith, but has no works? Can faith save him? 15 And if a brother or sister is naked and in lack of daily food. 16 and one of you tells them, "Go in peace. Be warmed and filled;" yet you didn't give them the things the body needs, what good is it? 17 Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead in itself. 18 Yes, a man will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without works, and I will show you my faith by my works. 19 You believe that God is one. You do well. The demons also believe—and shudder. 20 But do you want to know, vain man, that faith apart from works is dead? 21 Wasn't Abraham our father justified by works, in that he offered up Isaac his son on the altar? 22 You see that faith worked with his works, and by works faith was perfected. 23 So the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him as righteousness," and he was called the friend of God. 24 You see then that by works a man is justified, and not only by faith. 25 In the same way, wasn't Rahab the prostitute also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out another way? 26 For

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as the body apart from the spirit is dead, even so faith 6 But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God apart from works is dead.

3 Let not many of you be teachers, my brothers. knowing that we will receive heavier judgment. 2 For we all stumble in many things. Anyone who doesn't stumble in word is a perfect person, able to bridle the whole body also. 3 Indeed, we put bits into the horses' mouths so that they may obey us, and we guide their whole body. 4 Behold, 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 Gehenna. (Geenna g1067) 7 For every kind of animal, bird, creeping thing, and sea creature is tamed, and has been tamed by mankind; 8 but nobody can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. 9 With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men who are made in the image of God. 10 Out of the same mouth comes 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, yield olives, or a vine figs? Thus no spring yields both salt water and fresh water. 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, don't boast and don't 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, and without hypocrisy. 18 Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

Don't they come from your pleasures that war in your members? 2 You lust, and don't have. You murder and covet, and can't obtain. You fight and make war. You you may spend it on your pleasures. 4 You adulterers

resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble." 7 Be subject therefore to God. 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. 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 Don't speak against one another, brothers. He who speaks against a brother and 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, who is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge another? 13 Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow let's go into this city and spend a year there, trade, and make a profit." 14 Yet you don't know what your life will be like tomorrow. For 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 you glory in your boasting. All such boasting is evil. 17 To him therefore who knows to do good and doesn't do it. to him it is sin.

Come now, you rich, weep and howl 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 Behold, 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 Armies. 5 You have lived in luxury on the earth, and taken your pleasure. You have nourished your hearts as in a day of slaughter. 6 You have condemned and you have murdered the righteous one. He doesn't resist you. 7 Be patient therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. Behold, the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient over it, until it ⚠ Where do wars and fightings among you come from? receives the early and late rain. 8 You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. 9 Don't grumble, brothers, against one another, so that you won't be judged. Behold, the judge stands at don't have, because you don't ask. 3 You ask, and don't the door. 10 Take, brothers, for an example of suffering receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that and of perseverance, the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. 11 Behold, we call them blessed who and adulteresses, don't you know that friendship with endured. You have heard of the perseverance of Job the world is hostility toward God? Whoever therefore and have seen the Lord in the outcome, and how the wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an Lord is full of compassion and mercy. 12 But above all enemy of God. 5 Or do you think that the Scripture says things, my brothers, don't swear-not by heaven. or in vain, "The Spirit who lives in us yearns jealously"? by the earth, or by any other oath; but let your "yes"

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be "yes", and your "no", "no", so that you don't fall into hypocrisy. 13 Is any among you suffering? Let him pray. Is any cheerful? Let him sing praises. 14 Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the assembly, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; 15 and the prayer of faith will heal him who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. If he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. 16 Confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The insistent prayer of a righteous person is powerfully effective. 17 Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain, and it didn't rain on the earth for three years and six months. 18 He prayed again, and the sky gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit. 19 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 a soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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1 Peter

1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the chosen ones who are living as foreigners in the Dispersion 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 Christ and be sprinkled with his blood: Grace to you and peace be multiplied. 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his great mercy caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an incorruptible and undefiled inheritance that doesn't fade away, reserved in Heaven for you. 5 who by the power of God are guarded through faith for this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved in various trials. 7 that the proof of your faith, which is more precious than gold that perishes, even though it is tested by fire, known, you love. In him, though now you don't see him, yet believing, you rejoice greatly with joy that is unspeakable and full of glory, 9 receiving the result of salvation, the prophets sought and searched diligently. They prophesied of the grace that would come to you, 11 searching for who or what kind of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them pointed to when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow them. 12 To them it was revealed that they served not themselves, but you, in these things, which now have been announced to you through those who preached the Good News to you by the Holy Spirit sent out from heaven; which things angels desire to look into. 13 Therefore prepare your minds for action. Be sober, and set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ— 14 as children of obedience, not conforming yourselves according to your former lusts as in your ignorance, 15 but just as he who called you is holy, you yourselves also be holy in all of your behavior, 16 because it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." 17 If you call on him as Father, who without respect of persons judges according to each man's work, pass the time of your living as foreigners here in reverent fear, 18 knowing that you were redeemed, not with corruptible things like silver or

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 through the Spirit in sincere brotherly affection, love one another from the heart fervently, 23 having been born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, through the word of God, which lives and remains forever. (aion g165) 24 For, "All flesh is like grass, and all of man's glory like the flower in the grass. The grass withers, and its flower falls; 25 but the Lord's word endures forever." This is the word of Good News which was preached to you. (aion g165)

? Putting away therefore all wickedness, all deceit, hypocrisies, envies, and all evil speaking, 2 as a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In newborn babies, long for the pure spiritual milk, that with it you may grow, 3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious. 4 Come to him, a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God, precious. 5 You also as living stones are built up as a spiritual may be found to result in praise, glory, and honor at house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual the revelation of Jesus Christ— 8 whom, not having sacrifices, acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 Because it is contained in Scripture, "Behold, I lay in Zion a chief cornerstone, chosen and precious. He who believes in him will not be disappointed." 7 For vour faith, the salvation of your souls. 10 Concerning this vou who believe therefore is the honor, but for those who are disobedient, "The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone," 8 and, "a stumbling stone and a rock of offense." For they stumble at the word, being disobedient, to which also they were appointed. 9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 10 In the past, you were not a people, but now are God's people, who had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy. 11 Beloved, I beg you as foreigners and pilgrims to abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, 12 having good behavior among the nations, so in that of which they speak against you as evildoers. they may see your good works and glorify God in the day of visitation. 13 Therefore subject yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether to the king, as supreme, 14 or to governors, as sent by him for vengeance on evildoers and for praise to those who do well. 15 For this is the will of God, that by well-doing you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish men. 16 Live as free people, yet not using your freedom for a gold, from the useless way of life handed down from cloak of wickedness, but as bondservants of God. 17 vour fathers, 19 but with precious blood, as of a lamb Honor all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor without blemish or spot, the blood of Christ, 20 who was the king. 18 Servants, be in subjection to your masters foreknown indeed before the foundation of the world, with all respect, not only to the good and gentle, but but was revealed in this last age for your sake, 21 who also to the wicked. 19 For it is commendable if someone

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toward God. 20 For what glory is it if, when you sin, you will, that you suffer for doing what is right than for doing patiently endure beating? But if when you do well, you evil. 18 Because Christ also suffered for sins once, the patiently endure suffering, this is commendable with righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring you to God. 21 For you were called to this, because Christ also God, being put to death in the flesh, but made alive in suffered for us, leaving you an example, that you should the Spirit, 19 in whom he also went and preached to follow his steps, 22 who didn't sin, "neither was deceit the spirits in prison, 20 who before were disobedient found in his mouth." 23 When he was cursed, he didn't when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the curse back. When he suffered, he didn't threaten, but ship was being built. In it, few, that is, eight souls, were committed himself to him who judges righteously. 24 saved through water. 21 This is a symbol of baptism, He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that which now saves you—not the putting away of the filth we, having died to sins, might live to righteousness. of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward You were healed by his wounds. 25 For you were going God—through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22 who astray like sheep; but now you have returned to the is at the right hand of God, having gone into heaven, Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

? In the same way, wives, be in subjection to your own they may be won by the behavior of their wives without beauty come not from the outward adorning of braiding your hair, and of wearing gold ornaments or of putting on fine clothing, 4 but from the hidden person of the heart, in the incorruptible adornment of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in God's sight. 5 For this is how in the past the holy women who hoped in God also adorned themselves, being in subjection to their own husbands. 6 So Sarah obeved Abraham, calling him lord, whose children you now are if you do well and are not put in fear by any terror. 7 You husbands. in the same way, live with your wives according to knowledge, giving honor to the woman as to the weaker vessel, as also being joint heirs of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered. 8 Finally, all of you be like-minded, compassionate, loving as brothers, tenderhearted, courteous, 9 not rendering evil for evil or insult for insult; but instead blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing. 10 For, "He who would love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit. 11 Let him turn away from evil and do good. Let him seek peace and pursue it. 12 For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears open to their prayer; but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil." 13 Now who will harm you if you become imitators of that which is good? 14 But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you are blessed. "Don't fear what they fear, neither be troubled." 15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts. Always be ready to give an answer to everyone who asks you a reason concerning the hope that is in you, with humility and fear, 16 having a good conscience. Thus, while you are spoken against as evildoers, they may be disappointed who curse your

endures pain, suffering unjustly, because of conscience good way of life in Christ, 17 For it is better, if it is God's angels and authorities and powers being made subject to him.

husbands, so that, even if any don't obey the Word. 1 Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind; for he who a word, 2 seeing your pure behavior in fear. 3 Let your has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, 2 that you no longer should live the rest of your time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God. 3 For we have spent enough of our past time doing the desire of the Gentiles, and having walked in lewdness, lusts, drunken binges, orgies, carousings, and abominable idolatries. 4 They think it is strange that you don't run with them into the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you. 5 They will give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. 6 For to this end the Good News was preached even to the dead, that they might be judged indeed as men in the flesh, but live as to God in the spirit. 7 But the end of all things is near. Therefore be of sound mind, self-controlled, and sober in prayer. 8 And above all things be earnest in your love among yourselves, for love covers a multitude of sins. 9 Be hospitable to one another without grumbling. 10 As each has received a gift, employ it in serving one another, as good managers of the grace of God in its various forms. 11 If anyone speaks, let it be as it were the very words of God. If anyone serves, let it be as of the strength which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen. (aion g165) 12 Beloved, don't be astonished at the fiery trial which has come upon you to test you, as though a strange thing happened to you. 13 But because you are partakers of Christ's sufferings, rejoice, that at the revelation of his glory you also may rejoice with exceeding joy. 14 If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. On their part he is blasphemed, but on your part he is glorified. 15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or an evil doer, or a meddler in other men's matters. 16 But if one of you

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5 Therefore I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, 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; not for dishonest gain, but willingly; 3 not 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 doesn't fade away. 5 Likewise, you younger ones, be subject to the elder. Yes, all of you clothe yourselves with humility and subject yourselves to one another; for "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble." 6 Humble yourselves 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 But may the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a little while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you. (aionios g166) 11 To him be the glory and the power forever and ever. 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 in which you stand. 13 She who is in Babylon, chosen together with you, greets you. So does Mark, my son. 14 Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace be to all of you who are in Christ Jesus. Amen.

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1 Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ. to those who have obtained a like precious faith with us in the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ: 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 not be idle or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 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 eternal Kingdom of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. (aionios g166) 12 Therefore I will not be negligent 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 Christ 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 didn't follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, 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 the will of man, but holy men of God spoke, 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 doesn't linger, and their destruction will not slumber. 4 For if God didn't spare angels when they sinned, but cast them down to Tartarus, and committed them to pits of darkness to be reserved for judgment; (Tartaroo g5020) 5 and didn't 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 to those who would live in an ungodly way, 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 then 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 speak evil of dignitaries, 11 whereas angels, though greater in might and power, don't bring a slanderous 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 receiving the wages of unrighteousness; people who count it pleasure to revel in the daytime, spots and defects, reveling in their deceit while they feast with you; 14 having eyes full of adultery, and who can't cease from sin, enticing unsettled souls, having a heart trained in greed, accursed children! 15 Forsaking the right way, they went astray, having followed the way of Balaam the son of Beor, who loved the wages of wrongdoing: 16 but he was rebuked for his own disobedience. A speechless donkey spoke with a man's voice and stopped the madness of the prophet. 17 These are wells without water, clouds driven by a storm, for whom the blackness of darkness has been reserved forever. (questioned) 18 For, uttering great swelling words of emptiness, they entice in the lusts of the flesh, by licentiousness, those who are indeed escaping from those who live in error; 19 promising them liberty, while they themselves are bondservants of corruption; for a man is brought into bondage by whoever overcomes him. 20 For if, after they have escaped the defilement

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of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and ignorant and unsettled twist, as they also do to the other Savior Jesus Christ, 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 fall to have known the way of righteousness, than after from your own steadfastness. 18 But grow in the grace knowing it, to turn back from the holy commandment and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To delivered to them. 22 But it has happened to them him be the glory both now and forever. Amen. (aion g165) according to the true proverb, "The dog turns to his own vomit 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 us, the apostles of the Lord and Savior, 3 knowing this first, that in the last days mockers will come, 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 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 existed then, being overflowed with water, perished. 7 But the heavens that exist now and the earth, by the same word have been stored up for fire, being reserved against the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men. 8 But don't 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 he is patient with us, not wishing that anyone should perish, but that all should come to repentance. 10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, 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 that are in it will be burned up. 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 defect 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

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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, that you also may have fellowship with us. Yes, and our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. 4 And we write these things to you, 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 don't 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 Christ 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 haven't sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

and in you, because the darkness is passing away and been born of him. the true light already shines. 9 He who says 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 doesn't 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 write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you,

voung men, 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 men, because you are strong, and the word of God remains in you, and you have overcome the evil one. 15 Don't love the world or the things that are in the world. If anyone loves the world, the Father's love isn't 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—isn't 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 Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have arisen. By this we know that it is the final hour. 19 They went out from us, but they didn't 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 You have an anointing from the Holy One, and you all have knowledge. 21 I have not written to you because you don't 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 Christ? This is the Antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son. 23 Whoever denies the Son doesn't have the Father. $m{2}$ My little children, I write these things to you so that He who confesses the Son has the Father also. 24 you may not sin. If anyone sins, we have a Counselor Therefore, as for you, let that remain in you which you with the Father, Jesus Christ, the righteous. 2 And he heard from the beginning. If that which you heard from is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours the beginning remains in you, you also will remain in the only, but also for the whole world. 3 This is how we Son, and in the Father. 25 This is the promise which he know that we know him: if we keep his commandments. promised us, the eternal life. (aionios g166) 26 These 4 One who says, "I know him," and doesn't keep his things I have written to you concerning those who would commandments, is a liar, and the truth isn't in him. 5 But lead you astray. 27 As for you, the anointing which you God's love has most certainly been perfected in whoever received from him remains in you, and you don't need keeps his word. This is how we know that we are in him: for anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches 6 he who says he remains in him ought himself also you concerning all things, and is true, and is no lie, and to walk just like he walked. 7 Brothers, I write no new even as it taught you, you will remain in him. 28 Now, commandment to you, but an old commandment which little children, remain in him, that when he appears, we you had from the beginning. The old commandment is may have boldness and not be ashamed before him at the word which you heard from the beginning. 8 Again, I his coming. 29 If you know that he is righteous, you write a new commandment to you, which is true in him know that everyone who practices righteousness has

> 3 See how great a love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God! For this cause the world doesn't know us, because it didn't know him. 2 Beloved, now we are children of God. It is not yet revealed what we will be; but 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

so whatever we ask, we receive from him, because we God should also love his brother. 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 Christ, and love one another, even as he commanded. 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.

▲ Beloved, don't believe every spirit, but test the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world: prophets have gone out into the world. 2 By this you he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? 6 This is know the Spirit of God: every spirit who confesses that he who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ; not with Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, 3 and the water only, but with the water and the blood. It is the every spirit who doesn't confess that Jesus Christ has Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. 7 For come in the flesh is not of God; and this is the spirit of there are three who testify: 8 the Spirit, the water, and the Antichrist, of whom you have heard that it comes. the blood; and the three agree as one. 9 If we receive Now it is in the world already. 4 You are of God, little the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for

You know that he was revealed to take away our sins. children, and have overcome them, because greater is and no sin is in him. 6 Whoever remains in him doesn't he who is in you than he who is in the world. 5 They are sin. Whoever sins hasn't seen him and doesn't know of the world. Therefore they speak of the world, and the him. 7 Little children, let no one lead you astray. He world hears them. 6 We are of God. He who knows God who does righteousness is righteous, even as he is listens to us. He who is not of God doesn't listen to us. righteous. 8 He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has By this we know the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error. been sinning from the beginning. To this end the Son of 7 Beloved, let's love one another, for love is of God; and God was revealed: that he might destroy the works of everyone who loves has been born of God and knows the devil. 9 Whoever is born of God doesn't commit God. 8 He who doesn't love doesn't know God, for God sin, because his seed remains in him, and he can't sin, is love. 9 By this God's love was revealed in us, that because he is born of God. 10 In this the children of God God has sent his only born Son into the world that we are revealed, and the children of the devil. Whoever might live through him. 10 In this is love, not that we doesn't do righteousness is not of God, neither is he loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son as the who doesn't love his brother. 11 For this is the message atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God loved which you heard from the beginning, that we should love us in this way, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one another— 12 unlike Cain, who was of the evil one one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, and killed his brother. Why did he kill him? Because his God remains in us, and his love has been perfected deeds were evil, and his brother's righteous. 13 Don't in us. 13 By this we know that we remain in him and be surprised, my brothers, if the world hates you. 14 We he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. 14 We know that we have passed out of death into life, because have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son we love the brothers. He who doesn't love his brother as the Savior of the world. 15 Whoever confesses that remains in death. 15 Whoever hates his brother is a Jesus is the Son of God, God remains in him, and he in murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal God. 16 We know and have believed the love which life remaining in him. (aionios g166) 16 By this we know God has for us. God is love, and he who remains in love, because he laid down his life for us. And we ought love remains in God, and God remains in him. 17 In to lay down our lives for the brothers. 17 But whoever this, love has been made perfect among us, that we has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, may have boldness in the day of judgment, because as then closes his heart of compassion against him, how he is, even so we are in this world. 18 There is no fear does God's love remain in him? 18 My little children, in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear has let's not love in word only, or with the tongue only, but in punishment. He who fears is not made perfect in love. deed and truth. 19 And by this we know that we are 19 We love him, because he first loved us. 20 If a man of the truth and persuade our hearts before him, 20 says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for because if our heart condemns us, God is greater than he who doesn't love his brother whom he has seen, our heart, and knows all things. 21 Beloved, if our hearts how can he love God whom he has not seen? 21 This don't condemn us, we have boldness toward God; 22 commandment we have from him, that he who loves

5 Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been 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 keep his commandments. 3 For this is loving God, that we keep his commandments. His commandments are not grievous. 4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the spirits, whether they are of God, because many false your faith. 5 Who is he who overcomes the world, but

this is God's testimony which he has testified concerning his Son. 10 He who believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. He who doesn't 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 eternal life, and this life is in his Son. (aionios a166) 12 He who has the Son has the life. He who doesn't have God's Son doesn't 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 eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God. (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 shall ask, and God will give him life for those who sin not leading to death. There is sin leading to death. I don't say that he should make a request concerning this. 17 All unrighteousness is sin, and there is sin not leading to death. 18 We know that whoever is born of God doesn't sin, but he who was born of God keeps himself, and the evil one doesn't 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 Christ. This is the true God and eternal life. (aionios g166) 21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols.

2 John

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 the Lord Jesus Christ, 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 Now I beg 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 don't confess that Jesus Christ came in the flesh. This is the deceiver and the Antichrist. 8 Watch yourselves, that we don't lose the things which we have accomplished, but that we receive a full reward. 9 Whoever transgresses and doesn't remain in the teaching of Christ doesn't have God. He who remains in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. 10 If anyone comes to you and doesn't bring this teaching, don't receive him into your house, and don't welcome him, 11 for he who welcomes him participates in his evil deeds. 12 Having many things to write to you, I don't 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. Amen.

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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 healthy, 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 assembly. You will do well to send them forward on their journey in a way worthy of God, 7 because for the sake of the Name they went out, taking nothing from the Gentiles. 8 We therefore ought to receive such, that we may be fellow workers for the truth. 9 I wrote to the assembly, but Diotrephes, who loves to be first among them, doesn't 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, he doesn't receive the brothers himself, and those who would, he forbids and throws out of the assembly. 11 Beloved, don't 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. Then we will speak face to face. Peace be to you. The friends greet you. Greet the friends by name.

Jude

1 Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to those who are called, sanctified by God the Father, and kept for Jesus Christ: 2 May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you. 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 men who crept in secretly, even those who were long ago written about for this condemnation: ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into indecency, and denying our only Master, God, and Lord, Jesus Christ, 5 Now I desire to remind you, though you already know this, that the Lord, having saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who didn't believe. 6 Angels who didn't 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 shown as an example, suffering the punishment of eternal fire. (aionios g166) 8 Yet in the same way, these also in their dreaming defile the flesh, despise authority, and slander celestial beings. 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 don't know. They are destroyed in these things that they understand naturally, like the creatures without reason. 11 Woe to them! For they went in the way of Cain, and ran riotously in the error of Balaam for hire, 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 trees 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, "Behold, the Lord came with ten thousands of his holy ones, 15 to execute judgment on all, and to convict all the ungodly 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 Christ. 18 They said to you, "In the last time there will be mockers, walking after their own ungodly lusts." 19 These are those who cause divisions and are sensual, not having the Spirit. 20 But you, beloved, keep building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit. 21 Keep yourselves in God's love, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life. (aionios g166) 22 On some have compassion, making a distinction, 23 and some save, snatching them out of the fire with fear, hating even the clothing stained by the flesh. 24 Now to him who is able to keep them from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory in great joy, 25 to God our Savior, who alone is wise, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen. (aion g165)

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1 This is the Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things which must happen soon, which he sent and made known by his angel to his servant, John, 2 who testified to God's word and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, about everything that he saw. 3 Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and keep the things that are written in it, for the time is near. 4 John, to the seven assemblies that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from God, who is and who was and who is to come; and from the seven Spirits who are before his throne; 5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us, and washed us from our sins by his blood— 6 and he made us to be a Kingdom, priests to his God and Father—to him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen. (aion g165) 7 Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, including those who pierced him. All the tribes of the earth will mourn over him. Even so, Amen. 8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega," savs the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." 9 I John, your brother and partner with you in the oppression, Kingdom, and perseverance in Christ Jesus, was on the isle that is called Patmos because of God's Word and the testimony of Jesus Christ. 10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, like a trumpet 11 saying, "What you see, write in a book and send to the seven assemblies: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and to Laodicea." 12 I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. Having turned, I saw seven golden lamp stands. 13 And among the lamp stands was one like a son of man, clothed with a robe reaching down to his feet, and with a golden sash around his chest. 14 His head and his hair were white as white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire. 15 His feet were like burnished brass, as if it had been refined in a furnace. His voice was like the voice of many waters. 16 He had seven stars in his right hand. Out of his mouth proceeded a sharp two-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining at its brightest. 17 When I saw him, I fell at his feet like a dead man. He laid his right hand on me, saying, "Don't be afraid. I am the first and the last, 18 and the Living one. I was dead, and behold, I am alive forever and ever. Amen. I have the keys of Death and of Hades. (aion g165, Hades g86) 19 Write therefore the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will happen hereafter. 20 The mystery of the seven stars which you saw in my right hand, and the seven golden lamp

stands is this: The seven stars are the angels of the seven assemblies. The seven lamp stands are seven assemblies.

9 "To the angel of the assembly in Ephesus write: "He who holds the seven stars in his right hand, he who walks among the seven golden lamp stands says these things: 2 "I know your works, and your toil and perseverance, and that you can't tolerate evil men, and have tested those who call themselves apostles, and they are not, and found them false. 3 You have perseverance and have endured for my name's sake, and have not grown weary. 4 But I have this against you, that you left your first love. 5 Remember therefore from where you have fallen, and repent and do the first works; or else I am coming to you swiftly, and will move your lamp stand out of its place, unless you repent. 6 But this you have, that you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. 7 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the Paradise of my God. 8 "To the angel of the assembly in Smyrna write: "The first and the last, who was dead, and has come to life says these things: 9 "I know your works, oppression, and your poverty (but you are rich), and the blasphemy of those who say they are Jews, and they are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. 10 Don't be afraid of the things which you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested; and you will have oppression for ten days. Be faithful to death, and I will give you the crown of life. 11 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies. He who overcomes won't be harmed by the second death. 12 "To the angel of the assembly in Pergamum write: "He who has the sharp two-edged sword says these things: 13 "I know your works and where you dwell, where Satan's throne is. You hold firmly to my name, and didn't deny my faith in the days of Antipas my witness, my faithful one, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells. 14 But I have a few things against you, because you have there some who hold the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to throw a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit sexual immorality. 15 So also you likewise have some who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans. 16 Repent therefore, or else I am coming to you quickly and I will make war against them with the sword of my mouth. 17 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies. To him who overcomes, to him I will give of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows but he who receives it. 18 "To the angel of the assembly in Thyatira write; "The Son are not, but lie—behold, I will make them to come and of God, who has his eyes like a flame of fire, and his worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved endurance, and that your last works are more than the come on the whole world, to test those who dwell on the first. 20 But I have this against you, that you tolerate earth. 11 I am coming quickly! Hold firmly that which your woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess. you have, so that no one takes your crown. 12 He who She teaches and seduces my servants to commit sexual overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my immorality and to eat things sacrificed to idols. 21 I God, and he will go out from there no more. I will write oppression, unless they repent of her works. 23 I will He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says know that I am he who searches the minds and hearts. I in Laodicea write: "The Amen, the Faithful and True But to you I say, to the rest who are in Thyatira—as things: 15 "I know your works, that you are neither cold not putting any other burden on you. 25 Nevertheless, you out of my mouth. 17 Because you say, 'I am rich, hold that which you have firmly until I come. 26 He who and have gotten riches, and have need of nothing,' and overcomes, and he who keeps my works to the end, to don't know that you are the wretched one, miserable, him I will give authority over the nations. 27 He will rule poor, blind, and naked; 18 I counsel you to buy from them with a rod of iron, shattering them like clay pots, me gold refined by fire, that you may become rich; and hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies.

3 "And to the angel of the assembly 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 strengthen the things that remain, which you were about to throw away, 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 won't watch, I will come as a thief, and you won't know what hour I will come upon that didn't defile their garments. They will walk with me in white, for they are worthy. 5 He who overcomes will be arrayed in white garments, and I will in no way blot his name out of the book of life, and I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels. 6 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies. 7 "To the angel of the assembly in Philadelphia write: "He who is holy, he who is true, he

feet are like burnished brass, says these things: 19 you. 10 Because you kept my command to endure, I "I know your works, your love, faith, service, patient also will keep you from the hour of testing which is to gave her time to repent, but she refuses to repent of on him the name of my God and the name of the city of her sexual immorality. 22 Behold, I will throw her and my God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down out those who commit adultery with her into a bed of great of heaven from my God, and my own new name. 13 kill her children with Death, and all the assemblies will to the assemblies. 14 "To the angel of the assembly will give to each one of you according to your deeds. 24 Witness, the Beginning of God's creation, says these many as don't have this teaching, who don't know what nor hot. I wish you were cold or hot. 16 So, because some call 'the deep things of Satan'-to you I say, I am you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will vomit as I also have received of my Father; 28 and I will give white garments, that you may clothe yourself, and that him the morning star. 29 He who has an ear, let him the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and eye salve to anoint your eyes, that you may see. 19 As many as I love, I reprove and chasten. Be zealous therefore, and repent. 20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, then 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 assemblies."

▲ After these things I looked and saw a door opened in heaven; and the first voice that I heard, like a trumpet you. 4 Nevertheless you have a few names in Sardis speaking with me, was one saying, "Come up here, and I will show you the things which must happen after this." 2 Immediately I was in the Spirit. Behold, there was a throne set in heaven, and one sitting on the throne 3 that looked like a jasper stone and a sardius. There was a rainbow around the throne, like an emerald to look at. 4 Around the throne were twenty-four thrones. On the thrones were twenty-four elders sitting, dressed in white garments, with crowns of gold on their heads. who has the key of David, he who opens and no one 5 Out of the throne proceed lightnings, sounds, and can shut, and who shuts and no one opens, says these thunders. There were seven lamps of fire burning before things: 8 "I know your works (behold, I have set before his throne, which are the seven Spirits of God. 6 Before you an open door, which no one can shut), that you the throne was something like a sea of glass, similar have a little power, and kept my word, and didn't deny to crystal. In the middle of the throne, and around the my name. 9 Behold, I make some of the synagogue throne were four living creatures full of eyes before and of Satan, of those who say they are Jews, and they behind. 7 The first creature was like a lion, the second

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creature like a calf, the third creature had a face like a (aion g165) 14 The four living creatures said, "Amen!" man, and the fourth was like a flying eagle. 8 The four living 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, the Almighty, who was and who is and who is to come!" 9 When the living creatures give glory, 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, the Holy One, to receive the glory, the honor, and the power, for you created all things, and because of your desire they existed and were created!"

5 I saw, in the right hand of him who sat on the throne, a book written inside and outside, sealed shut with seven seals. 2 I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the book, and to break its seals?" 3 No one in heaven above, or on the earth, or under the earth, was able to open the book or to look in it. 4 Then I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open the book or to look in it. 5 One of the elders said to me, "Don't weep. Behold, the Lion who is of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome: he who opens the book and its seven seals." 6 I saw in the middle of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the middle of the elders, a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God, sent out into all the earth. 7 Then he came, and he took it out of the right hand of him who sat on the throne. 8 Now when he had taken the book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each one having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. 9 They sang a new song, saying, "You are worthy to take the book and to open its seals, for you were killed, and bought us for God with your blood out of every tribe, language, people, and nation, 10 and made us kings and priests to our God; and we will reign on the earth." 11 I looked, and I heard something like a voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders. The number of them was ten thousands of ten thousands, and thousands of thousands, 12 saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who has been killed to receive the power, wealth, wisdom, strength, honor, glory, and blessing!" 13 I heard every created thing which is in heaven, on the earth, under the earth, on the sea, and everything in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be the blessing, the honor, the glory, and the dominion, forever and ever! Amen!"

Then the elders fell down and worshiped.

 $\boldsymbol{6}$ I saw that 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 and see!" 2 Then a white horse appeared, and he who sat on it had a bow. A crown was given to him, and he came out conquering, and to conquer. 3 When he opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come!" 4 Another came out, a 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 creature saving, "Come and see!" And behold, a black horse, and he who sat on it had a balance in his hand. 6 I heard a voice in the middle of the four living creatures saying, "A choenix of wheat for a denarius, and three choenix of barley for a denarius! Don't damage the oil and the wine!" 7 When he opened the fourth seal, I heard the fourth living creature saying, 'Come and see!" 8 And behold, a pale horse, and the name of he who sat on it was Death. Hades followed with him. Authority over one fourth of the earth, to kill with the sword, with famine, with death, and by the wild animals of the earth was given to him. (Hades g86) 9 When he opened the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of those who had been killed for the Word of God, and for the testimony of the Lamb which they had. 10 They cried with a loud voice, saving, "How long, Master, the holy and true, until you judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" 11 A long white robe was given to each of them. They were told that they should rest yet for a while, until their fellow servants and their brothers, who would also be killed even as they were, should complete their course. 12 I saw when he opened the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake. The sun became black as sackcloth made of hair, and the whole moon became as blood. 13 The stars of the sky fell to the earth, like a fig tree dropping its unripe figs when it is shaken by a great wind. 14 The sky was removed like a scroll when it is rolled up. Every mountain and island was moved out of its place. 15 The kings of the earth, the princes, the commanding officers, the rich, the strong, and every slave and free person, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains. 16 They told the mountains and the rocks, "Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb, 17 for the great day of his wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

7 After this, I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the

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the sunrise, having the seal of the living God. He cried fire of the altar, then threw it on the earth. Thunders, living creatures; and they fell on their faces before his the three angels, who are yet to sound!" 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 the white robes, who are they, and where did they come from?" 14 I told him, "My lord, you know." He said to me, "These are those who came out of the great suffering. They washed their robes and made them white in the Lamb's blood. 15 Therefore they are before the throne of God, and they serve him day and night in his temple. He who sits on the throne will spread his tabernacle over them. 16 They will never be hungry or thirsty any more. The sun won't beat on them, nor any heat: 17 for the Lamb who is in the middle of the throne shepherds them and leads them to springs of life-giving waters. 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 were

earth, so that no wind would blow on the earth, or on the saints, went up before God out of the angel's hand. sea, or on any tree. 2 I saw another angel ascend from 5 The angel took the censer, and he filled it with the with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was given sounds, lightnings, and an earthquake followed. 6 The to harm the earth and the sea, 3 saying, "Don't harm seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared the earth, the sea, or the trees, until we have sealed the themselves to sound. 7 The first sounded, and there bondservants of our God on their foreheads!" 4 I heard followed hail and fire, mixed with blood, and they were the number of those who were sealed, one hundred thrown to the earth. One third of the earth was burned forty-four thousand, sealed out of every tribe of the up, and one third of the trees were burned up, and children of Israel: 5 of the tribe of Judah twelve thousand all green grass was burned up. 8 The second angel were sealed, of the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand, sounded, and something like a great burning mountain of the tribe of Gad twelve thousand, 6 of the tribe of was thrown into the sea. One third of the sea became Asher twelve thousand, of the tribe of Naphtali twelve blood, 9 and one third of the living creatures which were thousand, of the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand, 7 in the sea died. One third of the ships were destroyed. of the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand, of the tribe of 10 The third angel sounded, and a great star fell from Levi twelve thousand, of the tribe of Issachar twelve the sky, burning like a torch, and it fell on one third of thousand, 8 of the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand, of the rivers, and on the springs of water. 11 The name of the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand, and of the tribe of the star is "Wormwood." One third of the waters became Benjamin twelve thousand were sealed. 9 After these wormwood. Many people died from the waters, because things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no they were made bitter. 12 The fourth angel sounded, man could count, out of every nation and of all tribes, and one third of the sun was struck, and one third of the peoples, and languages, standing before the throne and moon, and one third of the stars, so that one third of before the Lamb, dressed in white robes, with palm them would be darkened; and the day wouldn't shine for branches in their hands. 10 They cried with a loud one third of it, and the night in the same way. 13 I saw, voice, saying, "Salvation be to our God, who sits on and I heard an eagle, flying in mid heaven, saying with the throne, and to the Lamb!" 11 All the angels were a loud voice, "Woe! Woe! Woe to those who dwell on standing around the throne, the elders, and the four the earth, because of the other blasts of the trumpets of

 ${f 9}$ 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 pit of the abyss, and smoke went up out of the pit, like the smoke from a burning furnace. The sun and the air were darkened because of the smoke from the pit. (Abyssos g12) 3 Then out of the smoke came 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 don't 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 in no way find it. They will desire to die, and death will flee from them. 7 The **Q** When he opened the seventh seal, there was silence shapes of the locusts were like horses prepared for war. On their heads were something like golden crowns, and their faces were like people's faces. 8 They had given to them. 3 Another angel came and stood over hair like women's hair, and their teeth were like those the altar, having a golden censer. Much incense was of lions. 9 They had breastplates like breastplates of given to him, that he should add it to the prayers of all iron. The sound of their wings was like the sound of the saints on the golden altar which was before the many chariots and horses rushing to war. 10 They have throne. 4 The smoke of the incense, with the prayers of tails like those of scorpions, with stingers. In their tails

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they have power to harm men for five months. 11 They me. "Take it and eat it. It will make your stomach bitter. have over them as king the angel of the abyss. His but in your mouth it will be as sweet as honey." 10 I name in Hebrew is "Abaddon", but in Greek, he has the took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it. Behold, there are still two woes coming after this. 13 eaten it, my stomach was made bitter. 11 They told me, The sixth angel sounded. I heard a voice from the horns of the golden altar which is before God, 14 saying to the languages, and kings." sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Free the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates!" 15 The four angels were freed who had been prepared for that hour and day and month and year, so that they might kill one third of mankind. 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, hvacinth blue, and sulfur vellow; and the horses' heads resembled lions' heads. Out of their mouths proceed fire, smoke, and sulfur. 18 By these three plagues, one third of mankind was killed: by 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 mankind, who were not killed with these plagues, didn't repent of the works of their hands, that they wouldn't worship demons, and the idols of gold, and of silver, and of brass, and of stone, and of wood, which can't see, hear, or walk. 21 They didn't repent of their murders, their sorceries, their sexual immorality, or their thefts.

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\] clothed with a cloud. A rainbow was on his head. His face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire. 2 He had in his hand a little open book. He set his right foot on the sea, and his left on the land. 3 He cried with a loud voice, as a lion roars. When he cried, 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 don't 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 finished, as he declared to his servants the prophets. 8 The voice which I heard from heaven, again speaking with me, said, "Go, take the book which is open in the hand of the angel who stands on the sea and on the land." 9 I went to the angel, telling him to give me the little book. He said to

name "Apollyon". (Abyssos q12) 12 The first woe is past. It was as sweet as honey in my mouth. When I had "You must prophesy again over many peoples, nations,

> 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 don't 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 lamp stands, 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 laid in a tomb. 10 Those who dwell on the earth will 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 a cloud, and their enemies saw them. 13 In that day 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. Behold, the third woe comes quickly. 15 The seventh angel sounded, and great voices in heaven followed, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the Kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ. He will reign forever and ever!" (aion g165) 16 The twenty-four elders, who sit on their thrones before God's throne, fell on their faces and worshiped God, 17 saying: "We give you thanks, Lord God, the Almighty, the one who is and who

to the small and the great, and to destroy those who and hold Jesus' testimony. destroy the earth." 19 God's temple that is in heaven was opened, and the ark of the Lord's 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 cried out in pain, laboring to give birth. 3 Another sign was seen in heaven. Behold, a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and on to rule all the nations with a rod of iron. Her child was caught up to God and to his throne. 6 The woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that there they may nourish her one thousand two hundred sixty days. 7 There was war in the sky. dragon and his angels made war. 8 They didn't prevail. No place was found for them any more in heaven. 9 whole world. He was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. 10 I heard a has been thrown down, who accuses them before our God day and night. 11 They overcame him because testimony. They didn't love their life, even to death. 12 Therefore rejoice, heavens, and you who dwell in them. Woe to the earth and to the sea, because the devil has gone down to you, having great wrath, knowing that he has but a short time." 13 When the dragon saw that

was, because you have taken your great power and 16 The earth helped the woman, and the earth opened reigned. 18 The nations were angry, and your wrath its mouth and swallowed up the river which the dragon came, as did the time for the dead to be judged, and to spewed out of his mouth. 17 The dragon grew angry give your bondservants the prophets, their reward, as with the woman, and went away to make war with the well as to the saints and those who fear your name, rest of her offspring, who keep God's commandments

13 Then I stood on the sand of the sea. 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 which I saw 12 A great sign was seen in heaven: a woman clothed was like a leopard, and his feet were like those of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon 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 marveled at the beast. 4 They worshiped the dragon because he his heads seven crowns. 4 His tail drew one third of gave his authority to the beast; and they worshiped the the stars of the sky, and threw them to the earth. The beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to dragon stood before the woman who was about to give make war with him?" 5 A mouth speaking great things birth, so that when she gave birth he might devour her and blasphemy was given to him. Authority to make war child. 5 She gave birth to a son, a male child, who is for forty-two months was given to him. 6 He opened his mouth for blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, his dwelling, and those who dwell in heaven. 7 It was given to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. Authority over every tribe, people, language, and nation was given to him. 8 All who dwell Michael and his angels made war on the dragon. The on the earth will worship him, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who has been killed. 9 If The great dragon was thrown down, the old serpent, he anyone has an ear, let him hear. 10 If anyone is to go who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the into captivity, he will go into captivity. If anyone is to be killed with the sword, he must be killed. Here is the endurance and the faith of the saints. 11 I saw another loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation, the beast coming up out of the earth. He had two horns like power, and the Kingdom of our God, and the authority a lamb and it spoke like a dragon. 12 He exercises all of his Christ has come; for the accuser of our brothers the authority of the first 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 of the Lamb's blood, and because of the word of their great signs, even making fire come down out of the sky to the earth in the sight of people. 14 He deceives my own people 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 the sword wound and lived. he was thrown down to the earth, he persecuted the 15 lt was given to him to give breath to the image of the woman who gave birth to the male child. 14 Two wings beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, of the great eagle were given to the woman, that she and cause as many as wouldn't worship the image of might fly into the wilderness to her place, so that she the beast to be killed. 16 He causes all, the small and might be nourished for a time, times, and half a time, the great, the rich and the poor, and the free and the from the face of the serpent. 15 The serpent spewed slave, to be given marks on their right hands or on their water out of his mouth after the woman like a river, that foreheads; 17 and that no one would be able to buy he might cause her to be carried away by the stream. or to sell unless he has that mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of his name. 18 Here is

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wisdom. He who has understanding, let him calculate earth was reaped. 17 Another angel came out of the the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man. temple which is in heaven. He also had a sharp sickle. His number is six hundred sixty-six.

1 1 saw, and behold, the Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with him a number, one hundred fortyfour thousand, having his name and the name of his Father written on their foreheads. 21 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 he goes. These were redeemed by Jesus from among men, the first fruits to God and to the Lamb. 5 In their mouth was found no lie, for they are blameless, 6 I saw an angel flying in mid heaven, having an eternal Good News to proclaim to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language, and people. (aionios g166) 7 He said with a loud voice, "Fear the Lord, and give him glory, for the hour of his judgment has come. Worship springs of waters!" 8 Another, a second angel, followed, the beast and his image, and receives a mark on his 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 presence of the Lamb. 11 The smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever. They have no rest day and night, those who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name. (aion g165) 12 Here is the perseverance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus." 13 I heard a 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 I looked, and saw a white cloud, and on the cloud one sitting like a son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle. 15 Another angel came out of the temple. crying with a loud voice to him who sat on the cloud, "Send your sickle and reap, for the hour to reap has come; for the harvest of the earth is ripe!" 16 He who sat on the cloud thrust his sickle on the earth, and the

18 Another angel came out from the altar, he who has power over fire, and he called with a great voice to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, "Send your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for the earth's 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 wine press of the wrath of God. 20 The wine press was trodden outside of the city, and blood came out of the wine press, up to the bridles of the horses, as far as one thousand six hundred stadia.

1 L I saw another great and marvelous sign in the sky: seven angels having the seven last plagues, for in virgins. These are those who follow the Lamb wherever 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 your works, Lord God, the Almighty! Righteous and true are your ways, you King of the nations. 4 Who wouldn't fear you, Lord, and glorify your name? him who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and the For you only are holy. For all the nations will come and worship before you. For your righteous acts have saying, "Babylon the great has fallen, which has made been revealed." 5 After these things I looked, and the all the nations to drink of the wine of the wrath of her temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven sexual immorality." 9 Another angel, a third, followed was opened. 6 The seven angels who had the seven them, saying with a great voice, "If anyone worships plagues came out, clothed with pure, bright linen, and wearing 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 to enter into the temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels would be finished.

> 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 painful sore on the people who had the mark of the beast, and who worshiped his image. 3 The second angel poured out his bowl into the sea. and it became blood as of a dead man. Every living thing in the sea died. 4 The third poured out his bowl into the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood. 5 I heard the angel of the waters saying, "You are righteous, who are and who were, O Holy One, because you have judged these things. 6 For they poured out the blood of saints and prophets, and you have given them blood to drink. They deserve this." 7 I heard the

because of the plaque of the hail, for this plague was great city which reigns over the kings of the earth." exceedingly severe. 17 One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and spoke with me, saying, "Come here.

I will show you the judgment of the great prostitute who sits on many waters, 2 with whom the kings of the earth committed sexual immorality. Those who dwell in the earth were made drunken with the wine of her sexual immorality." 3 He carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness. I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet-colored beast, full of blasphemous names, having seven heads and ten horns. 4 The woman was dressed in purple and scarlet, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the impurities of the sexual immorality of the earth. 5 And on her forehead a the sky, and God has remembered her iniquities. 6

altar saving, "Yes, Lord God, the Almighty, true and name was written, "MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, righteous are your judgments." 8 The fourth poured out THE MOTHER OF THE PROSTITUTES AND OF THE his bowl on the sun, and it was given to him to scorch ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH." 6 I saw the woman men with fire. 9 People were scorched with great heat, drunken with the blood of the saints and with the blood and people blasphemed the name of God who has of the martyrs of Jesus. When I saw her, I wondered the power over these plagues. They didn't repent and with great amazement. 7 The angel said to me, "Why give him glory. 10 The fifth poured out his bowl on the do you wonder? I will tell you the mystery of the woman throne of the beast, and his kingdom was darkened. and of the beast that carries her, which has the seven They gnawed their tongues because of the pain, 11 and heads and the ten horns. 8 The beast that you saw was, they blasphemed the God of heaven because of their and is not; and is about to come up out of the abyss and pains and their sores. They still didn't repent of their to go into destruction. Those who dwell on the earth and works. 12 The sixth poured out his bowl on the great whose names have not been written in the book of life river, the Euphrates. Its water was dried up, that the from the foundation of the world will marvel when they way might be prepared for the kings that come from the see that the beast was, and is not, and shall be present. sunrise. 13 I saw coming out of the mouth of the dragon, (Abyssos g12) 9 Here is the mind that has wisdom. The and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman of the false prophet, three unclean spirits, something sits. 10 They are seven kings. Five have fallen, the one like frogs; 14 for they are spirits of demons, performing is, and the other has not yet come. When he comes, he signs, which go out to the kings of the whole inhabited must continue a little while. 11 The beast that was, and earth, to gather them together for the war of that great is not, is himself also an eighth, and is of the seven; day of God the Almighty. 15 "Behold, I come like a thief. and he goes to destruction. 12 The ten horns that you Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his clothes, so saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as that he doesn't walk naked, and they see his shame." 16 yet, but they receive authority as kings with the beast He gathered them together into the place which is called for one hour. 13 These have one mind, and they give in Hebrew, "Harmagedon". 17 The seventh poured out their power and authority to the beast. 14 These will war his bowl into the air. A loud voice came out of the temple against the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for of heaven, from the throne, saying, "It is done!" 18 There he is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are were lightnings, sounds, and thunders; and there was a with him are called, chosen, and faithful." 15 He said to great earthquake such as has not happened since there me, "The waters which you saw, where the prostitute were men on the earth—so great an earthquake and so sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and languages. mighty. 19 The great city was divided into three parts, 16 The ten horns which you saw, they and the beast and the cities of the nations fell. Babylon the great was will hate the prostitute, will make her desolate, will strip remembered in the sight of God, to give to her the cup her naked, will eat her flesh, and will burn her utterly of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath. 20 Every with fire. 17 For God has put in their hearts to do what island fled away, and the mountains were not found. 21 he has in mind, to be of one mind, and to give their Great hailstones, about the weight of a talent, came kingdom to the beast, until the words of God should be down out of the sky on people. People blasphemed God accomplished. 18 The woman whom you saw is the

> 1 After these things, I saw another angel coming down out of the sky, having great authority. The earth was illuminated with his glory. 2 He cried with a mighty voice, saying, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, and she has become a habitation of demons, a prison of every unclean spirit, and a prison of every unclean and hated bird! 3 For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her sexual immorality, the kings of the earth committed sexual immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth grew rich from the abundance of her luxury." 4 I heard another voice from heaven, saying, "Come out of her, my people, that you have no participation in her sins, and that you don't receive of her plagues, 5 for her sins have reached to

745 Revelation as she did, and according to her works. In the cup which nations were deceived. 24 In her was found the blood of she mixed, mix to her double. 7 However much she prophets and of saints, and of all who have been slain glorified herself and grew wanton, so much give her of torment and mourning. For she says in her heart, 'I sit a queen, and am no widow, and will in no way see mourning.' 8 Therefore in one day her plagues 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 brass, and iron, and marble; 13 and cinnamon, incense, perfume, frankincense, wine, olive oil, fine flour, wheat, cattle, sheep, horses, chariots, and people's bodies and souls. 14 The fruits which your soul lusted after have been lost to you. All things that were dainty and sumptuous have perished from you, and you will find them no more at all. 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 ship master, and everyone who sails anywhere, and mariners, and as many as gain their living by sea, stood far away, 18 and cried out as they looked at the smoke of her burning, saying, 'What is like the great city?' 19 They cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and mourning, saying, '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 she is made desolate in one hour. 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 the sea, saying, "Thus with violence will Babylon, the great city, be thrown down, and will be found no more at all. 22 The voice of harpists, minstrels, flute players, and trumpeters will be heard no more at all in you. No craftsman of whatever craft will be found any more at all in you. The sound of a mill will be heard no more at all in you. 23 The light of a lamp will shine no more at all in you. The voice of the bridegroom and of the bride will be heard no more at all in you, for your merchants were

Return to her just as she returned, and repay her double the princes of the earth; for with your sorcery all the on the earth."

> 19 After these things I heard something like a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, "Hallelujah! Salvation, power, and glory belong to our God; 2 for his judgments are true and righteous. 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 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's rejoice and be exceedingly glad, and let's give the glory to him. For the wedding 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 wedding 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! Don't do it! I am a fellow bondservant 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 behold, 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 has names written and a name written which no one knows but he himself. 13 He is clothed in a garment sprinkled with blood. His name is called "The Word of God." 14 The armies which are in heaven, clothed in white, pure, fine linen, followed him on white horses. 15 Out of his mouth proceeds a sharp, double-edged sword that with it he should strike the nations. He will rule them with an iron rod. He treads the wine press of the fierceness of the wrath of God, the Almighty. 16 He has on his garment and on his thigh a name written, "KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS." 17 I saw an angel standing in the sun. He cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the sky, "Come! Be gathered together to the great supper of God, 18 that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses and of

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free and slave, small and great." 19 I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against 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 q3041 q4442) 21 The rest were killed with the sword of him who sat on the horse, the sword which came out of his mouth. So 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 dragon, the old serpent, who is the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole inhabited earth, 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 l 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 didn't worship the beast nor his image, and didn't receive the mark on their forehead and on their hand. They lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. 5 The rest of the dead didn't 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 Christ, 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 corners of the earth. God and Magog, to gather them together to the war, whose number is as the sand of the sea. 9 They went up over the width of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. Fire came down out of heaven from God 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 I saw a great white throne and him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. There was found no place for them. 12 I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and they opened books. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged out of the things which were written in the books, according to their works. 13 The sea gave up

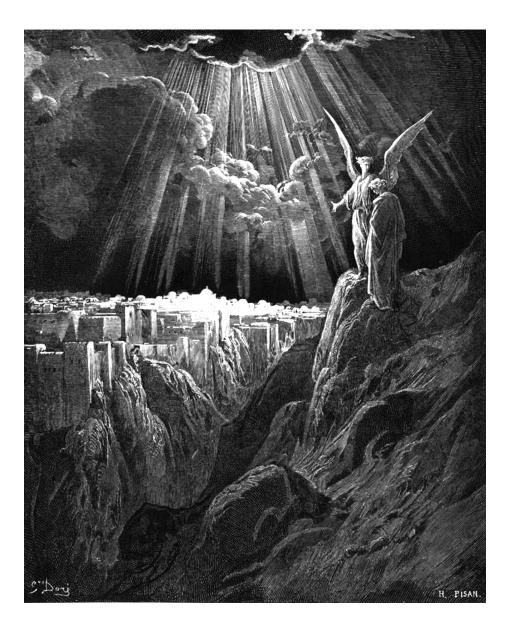
those who sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both the dead who were in it. Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them. They were judged, each one according to his works. (Hades g86) 14 Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. (Hades g86, 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 Pvr q3041 q4442)

> 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, prepared like a bride adorned for her husband. 3 I heard a loud voice out of heaven saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with people; and he will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. 4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; neither will there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain any more. The first things have passed away." 5 He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." He said, "Write, for these words of God are faithful and true." 6 He said to me, "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 for the cowardly, unbelieving, sinners, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their part is 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 which were loaded with the seven last plagues came, and he spoke with me, saying, "Come here. I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife." 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, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal; 12 having a great and high wall with 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 twelve names of the twelve Apostles of the Lamb. 15 He who spoke with me had for a measure a golden reed to measure the city, its gates, and its walls. 16 The city is square. Its length is as great as its width. He measured the city with the reed: twelve thousand twelve stadia. Its length, width, and height are equal. 17 Its wall is one hundred forty-four cubits, by the measure of a man, that is, of an angel. 18 The construction of its wall was jasper. The city was pure gold, like pure glass. 19 The foundations of the city's

747 Revelation 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 chrysoprase, 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 assemblies. I am the root twelve gates were twelve pearls. Each one of the gates and the offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star." was made of one pearl. The street of the city was pure 17 The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" He who hears, gold, like transparent glass. 22 I saw no temple in it, for let him say, "Come!" He who is thirsty, let him come. He the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. who desires, let him take the water of life freely. 18 I 23 The city has no need for the sun or moon to shine, testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy for the very glory of God illuminated it and its lamp is of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the Lamb. 24 The nations will walk in its light. The kings the plagues which are written in this book. 19 If anyone of the earth bring the glory and honor of the nations takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, into it. 25 Its gates will in no way be shut by day (for God will take away his part from the tree of life, and there will be no night there), 26 and they shall bring the out of the holy city, which are written in this book. 20 glory and the honor of the nations into it so that they He who testifies these things says, "Yes, I am coming may enter. 27 There will in no way enter into it anything soon." Amen! Yes, come, Lord Jesus! 21 The grace of profane, or one who causes an abomination or a lie, but the Lord Jesus Christ be with all the saints. Amen. only those who are written in 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 will serve him. 4 They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. 5 There will be no night, and they need no lamp light or sun light; for the Lord God will illuminate them. 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 bondservants the things which must happen soon." 7 "Behold, I am coming soon! 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, "You must not do that! I am a fellow bondservant with you and with your brothers, the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book. Worship God." 10 He said to me, "Don't seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is at hand. 11 He who acts unjustly, let him act unjustly still. He who is filthy, let him be filthy still. He who is righteous, let him do righteousness still. He who is holy, let him be holy still." 12 "Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, to repay to each man according to his work. 13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. 14 Blessed are those who do his commandments, that they

wall were adorned with all kinds of precious stones. may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter



The New Jerusalem

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and God himself will be with them as their God.

Revelation 21:2-3

Reader's Guide

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The Aionian Bible republishes public domain and Creative Common Bible texts that are 100% free to copy and print. The original translation is unaltered and notes are added to help your study. The notes show the location of eleven special Greek and Hebrew Aionian Glossary words to help us better understand God's love for individuals and for all mankind, and the nature of afterlife destinies.

Who has the authority to interpret the Bible and examine the underlying Hebrew and Greek words? That is a good question! We read in 1 John 2:27, "As for you, the anointing which you received from him remains in you, and you do not need for anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is no lie, and even as it taught you, you remain in him." Every Christian is qualified to interpret the Bible! Now that does not mean we will all agree. Each of us is still growing in our understanding of the truth. However, it does mean that there is no infallible human or tradition to answer all our questions. Instead the Holy Spirit helps each of us to know the truth and grow closer to God and each other.

The Bible is a library with 66 books in the Protestant Canon. The best way to learn God's word is to read entire books. Read the book of Genesis. Read the book of John. Read the entire Bible library. Topical studies and cross-referencing can be good. However, the safest way to understand context and meaning is to read whole Bible books. Chapter and verse numbers were added for convenience in the 16th century, but unfortunately they can cause the Bible to seem like an encyclopedia. The Aionian Bible is formatted with simple verse numbering, minimal notes, and no cross-referencing in order to encourage the reading of Bible books.

Bible reading must also begin with prayer. Any Christian is qualified to interpret the Bible with God's help. However, this freedom is also a responsibility because without the Holy Spirit we cannot interpret accurately. We read in 1 Corinthians 2:13-14, "And we speak of these things, not with words taught by human wisdom, but with those taught by the Spirit, comparing spiritual things with spiritual things. Now the natural person does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned." So we cannot understand in our natural self, but we can with God's help through prayer.

The Holy Spirit is the best writer and he uses literary devices such as introductions, conclusions, paragraphs, and metaphors. He also writes various genres including historical narrative, prose, and poetry. So Bible study must spiritually discern and understand literature. Pray, read, observe, interpret, and apply. Finally, "Do your best to present yourself approved by God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, properly handling the word of truth." 2 Timothy 2:15. "God has granted to us his precious and exceedingly great promises; that through these you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world by lust. Yes, and for this very cause adding on your part all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence; and in moral excellence, knowledge; and in knowledge, self-control; and in self-control patience; and in patience godliness; and in godliness brotherly affection; and in brotherly affection, love. For if these things are yours and abound, they make you to be not idle nor unfruitful to the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ," 2 Peter 1:4-8.

Glossary

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Abyssos q12

Greek: proper noun, place

Usage: 9 times in 3 books, 6 chapters, and 9 verses

Meaning:

Temporary prison for special fallen angels such as Apollyon, the Beast, and Satan.

aïdios g126 Greek: adjective

Usage: 2 times in Romans 1:20 and Jude 6

Meaning:

Lasting, enduring forever, eternal.

aiōn g165 Greek: noun

Usage: 127 times in 22 books, 75 chapters, and 102 verses

Meaning:

A lifetime or time period with a beginning and end, an era, an age, the completion of which is beyond human perception, but known only to God the creator of the aions, Hebrews 1:2. Never meaning simple endless or infinite chronological time in Greek usage. Read Dr. Heleen Keizer and Ramelli and Konstan for proofs.

aiōnios g166 Greek: adjective

Usage: 71 times in 19 books, 44 chapters, and 69 verses

Meaning:

From start to finish, pertaining to the age, lifetime, entirety, complete, or even consummate. Never meaning simple endless or infinite chronological time in Koine Greek usage. Read Dr. Heleen Keizer and Ramelli and Konstan for proofs.

eleēsē g1653

Greek: verb, aorist tense, active voice, subjunctive mood, 3rd person singular

Usage: 1 time in this conjugation, Romans 11:32

Meaning:

To have pity on, to show mercy. Typically, the subjunctive mood indicates possiblity, not certainty. However, a subjunctive in a purpose clause is a resulting action as certain as the causal action. The subjunctive in a purpose clause functions as an indicative, not an optative. Thus, the grand conclusion of grace theology in Romans 11:32 must be clarified. God's mercy on all is not a possibility, but a certainty. See ntgreek.org.

Geenna g1067

Greek: proper noun, place

Usage: 12 times in 4 books, 7 chapters, and 12 verses

Meaning:

Valley of Hinnom, Jerusalem's trash dump, a place of ruin, destruction, and judgment in this life, or the next, though not eternal to Jesus' audience.

Hadēs q86

Greek: proper noun, place

Usage: 11 times in 5 books, 9 chapters, and 11 verses

Meaning:

Synonomous with Sheol, though in New Testament usage Hades is the temporal place of punishment for deceased unbelieving mankind, distinct from Paradise for deceased believers.

Limnē Pyr g3041 g4442

Greek: proper noun, place

Usage: Phrase 5 times in the New Testament

Meaning:

Lake of Fire, final punishment for those not named in the Book of Life, prepared for the Devil and his angels, Matthew 25:41.

Sheol h7585

Hebrew: proper noun, place

Usage: 66 times in 17 books, 50 chapters, and 64 verses

Meaning:

The grave or temporal afterlife world of both the righteous and unrighteous, believing and unbelieving, until the general resurrection.

Tartaroō q5020

Greek: proper noun, place Usage: 1 time in 2 Peter 2:4

Meaning:

Temporary prison for particular fallen angels awaiting final judgment.

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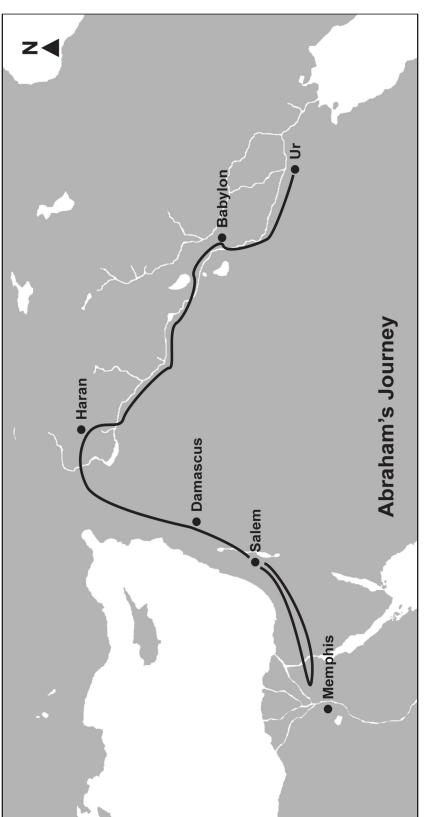
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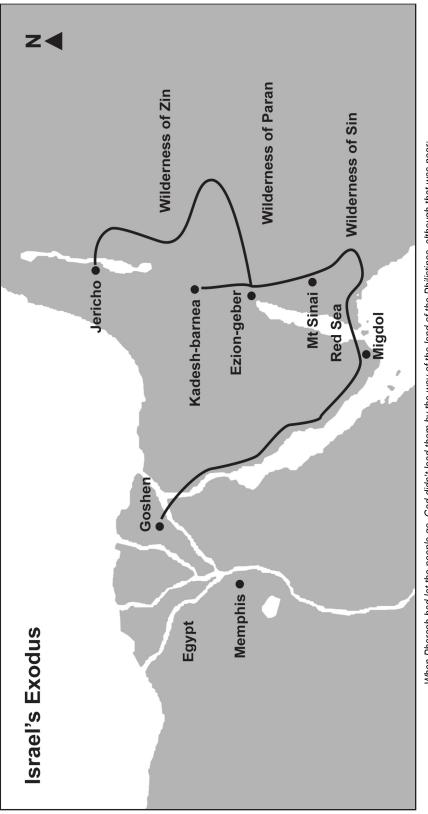
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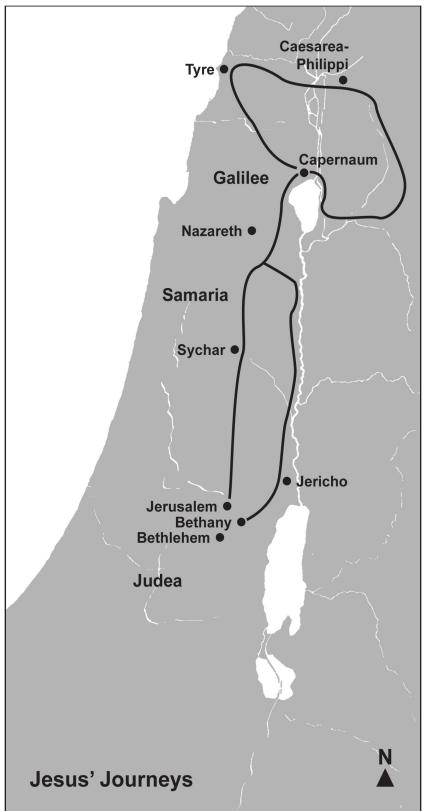
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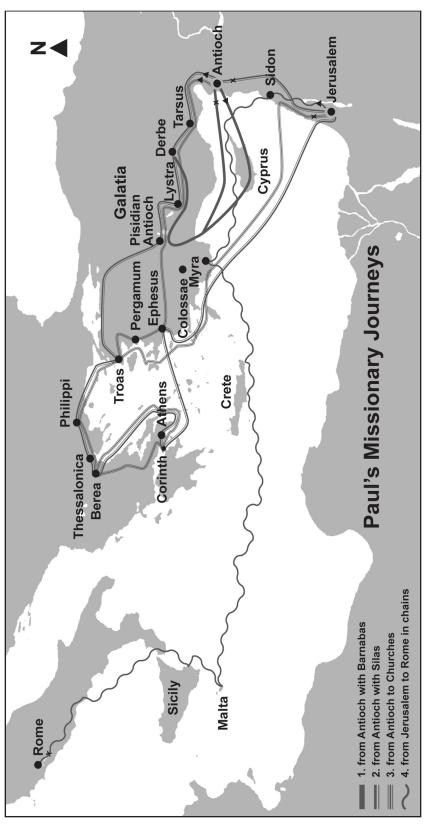
By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed to go out to the place which he was to receive for an inheritance. He went out, not knowing where he went. - Hebrews 11:8



When Pharaoh had let the people go, God didn't lead them by the way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near; 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 came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. - Mark 10:45



Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the Good News of God, - Romans 1:1

Creation 4004 B.C.

Adam and Eve created	4004	
Tubal-cain forges metal	3300	
Enoch walks with God	3017	
Methuselah dies at age 969	2349	
God floods the Earth	2349	
Tower of Babel thwarted	2247	
Abraham sojourns to Canaan	1922	
Jacob moves to Egypt	1706	
Moses leads Exodus from Egypt	1491	
Gideon judges Israel	1245	
Ruth embraces the God of Israel	1168	
David installed as King	1055	
King Solomon builds the Temple	1018	
Elijah defeats Baal's prophets	896	
Jonah preaches to Nineveh	800	
Assyrians conquer Israelites	721	
King Josiah reforms Judah	630	
Babylonians capture Judah	605	
Persians conquer Babylonians	539	
Cyrus frees Jews, rebuilds Temple	537	
Nehemiah rebuilds the wall	454	
Malachi prophecies the Messiah	416	
Greeks conquer Persians	331	
Seleucids conquer Greeks	312	
Hebrew Bible translated to Greek	250	
Maccabees defeat Seleucids	165	
Romans subject Judea	63	
Herod the Great rules Judea	37	,

Jesus Christ born 4 B.C.

(The Annals of the World, James Uusher)

New Heavens and Earth



Resurrected 33 A.D.

What are we?			Genesis 1:26 - 2:3		
How are we sinful?			Romans 5:12-19		
Where are we?			Innocence		
			Eternity Past	Creation 4004 B.C.	
Who are we?	God	Father	John 10:30 God's perfect fellowship	Genesis 1:31 God's perfect fellowship with Adam in The Garden of Eden	
		Son			
		Holy Spirit			
	Mankind	Living			
		Deceased believing			
		Deceased unbelieving			
	Angels	Holy	Genesis 1:1		
		Imprisoned	No Creation	Genesis 1:31 No Fall No unholy Angels	
		Fugitive	No people		
		First Beast			
		False Prophet			
		Satan			
Why are we?			Romans 11:25-36, Ephesian 2:7		

Mankind is created in God's image, male and female He created us

Sin entered the world through Adam and then death through sin

When are we?					
Fallen				Glory	
Fall to sin No Law	Moses' Law 1500 B.C.	Christ 33 A.D.	Church Age Kingdom Age	New Heavens and Earth	
1 Timothy 6:16 Living in unapproachable light				Acts 3:21	
John 8:58 Pre-incarnate		John 1:14 Incarnate	Luke 23:43 Paradise	Philippians 2:11 Revelation 20:3	
Psalm 139:7 John 14:17 Everywhere Living in believ			ievers	God's perfectly	
Ephesians 2:1-5 Serving the Savior or Satan on Earth				restored fellowship with all Mankind praising Christ as Lord in the Holy City	
Luke 16:22 Blessed in Paradise					
Luke 16:23, Revelation 20:5,13 Punished in Hades until the final judgment					
Hebrews 1:14 Serving mankind at God's command					
2 Peter 2:4, Jude 6 Imprisoned in Tartarus					
1 Peter 5:8, Revelation 12:10 Rebelling against Christ Accusing mankind		Revelation 20:13 Thalaasa	Matthew 25:41 Revelation 20:10		
		Revelation 19:20 Lake of Fire	Lake of Fire prepared for the Devil and his Angels		
		Revelation 20:2 Abyss	, 11g010		

For God has bound all over to disobedience in order to show mercy to all

Destiny

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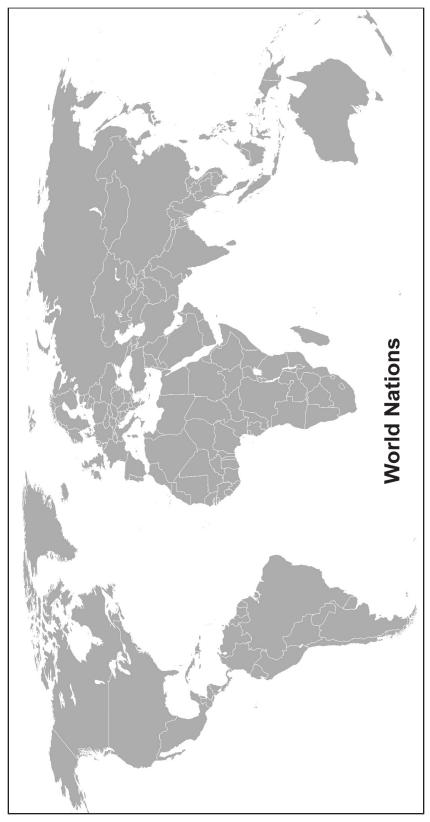
The Aionian Bible shows the location of eleven special Greek and Hebrew Aionian Glossary words to help us better understand God's love for individuals and for all mankind, and the nature of after-life destinies. The underlying Hebrew and Greek words typically translated as *Hell* show us that there are 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 *Hadē*s, 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.



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